



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK,
NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

ALTAR FLOWER OFFERING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Alex Lawler and Breanne Lane by their families.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tabletalk: Faith and Food – New Formation Offering beginning Wednesday, September 29, 4:00PM - Four weeks of classes, offered via Zoom, will look at some of our associations with food and with faith. At our first gathering we will bring a recipe, a kitchen tool, a movie or short story reference by which we will introduce ourselves to each other. The second week we will look at the book of Esther and the pivotal meal in her story. Then on week three we will watch the woman with the alabaster jar interrupt a dinner party. The fourth and final week will look at the meal of Jesus and his disciples which has shaped our worship. Woven throughout will be our own stories and the echoes of other table times with Jesus and the people of God. his four-week session is led by the Rev'd Dr. Linda Privitera, an artist, a teacher, a writer, a free-range chicken priest who frequently offers classes and retreats in the US and Canada. Contact office@stmaryofthehills.org to register.

Rector's Forum & Lemonade on the Lawn – As we respond to the increase in COVID-19 cases throughout our community by seeking to limit large gatherings outside of public worship, the Rector's Forum and Lemonade on the Lawn are suspended until further notice.

Morning Prayer – Two Options (In-Person and Online) – Morning Prayer is offered each weekday, Monday-Friday, at 8:30AM in the Church. Morning Prayer is offered at 7:30AM via Zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Owene Courtney (owene_courtney@yahoo.com) for more information and for Zoom log-in information.

Responding to Natural Disaster – Our nation is experiencing multiple natural disasters, from fires on the West Coast to hurricanes in the Southeast to the pandemic that is ravaging communities from shore to shore wondering how you can help? Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) is the compassionate response of The Episcopal Church to human suffering in the world. Learn more about efforts to respond to these crises and find out how you can support and participate in important work being done by Episcopalians at www.episcopalrelief.org.

Would You Like to be a Lector/Intercessor at St. Mary's?

A vital part of our worship services at St. Mary's is reading the lessons and leading the prayers of the people. If you would like to be part of this, contact Chip Myers (10:10 service) at chipmyers@bellsouth.net or cell: 828-434-0038.

Flower Offering Opportunities – Is there an important person or a significant event happening in your life? Sponsoring the flowers placed at the altar each week is a great way to offer thanks for life's many gifts. Many dates are available for 2021. Please contact Greta Wilson, parish administrator, for more information and available dates.

We want to hear from you! – We are using a new bulletin and announcement sheet format and we want your feedback. What do you like? What is helpful? What is missing? What is not helpful? Visit www.stmaryofthehills.org/bulletins to share your comments.

Giving – Your faithful generosity funds our mission and ministry in this community. If you'd like to give online, visit www.stmaryofthehills.org/donate.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Michael our Presiding Bishop, José our Bishop, Andrew, Sam and Gary our clergy, for our Vestry and staff.

For our nation and those in positions of public trust: Joseph, our President, Roy, our Governor, and all those who hold elected office.

For all medical personnel and all ministering to the needs of those affected by COVID-19.

For healing: Gary, Maha, Chris, Mary, Ashlyn, Susan, Len B., Kay S., Pam, Ham, Lin, Joelle, Charles, Lucy, Ashlyn, Carolyn, Pat R., Richard G., Carole G., Jan, Mary, Jim Shine, Burt Mulford, Hendree, Sterling, John Rundell, Virginia, Joseph Stiefel, John and Terry Smallwood, Susie, Greg Puhl, Skip Rose

****Please note that the names on this list will remain for four weeks, unless the office is notified that the person(s) needs to remain on the list for a longer period of time.)****

For those with other concerns: Laura

For those traveling: Luba

For those who have died: Becky, Kevin, John, Bob, Martha

For safe pregnancy and delivery for: Jen

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

9/20 Tom Rankin

9/21 Miriam Lemnouni

9/22 Betty Green, Audrey Stone

9/23 Barbre McGill Hoar

9/25 Bob Miller, Renee Lyons

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

9/25 Tom and Tina Barrett

Parish Prayer Cycle:

9/19 Sam Tallman and Mike Zuravel

9/20 Bill and Cynthia Tessien, Genya, Billy and Tommy

9/21 John and Christine Thacker, Evan

9/22 Frank and Annie Helen Thomas

9/23 John Thompson and Lee Rocamora

9/24 John and Patti Turner

9/25 Wayne and Lee Harper Vason