



River Views

St. Hubert's Episcopal Church

April 2017

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Spiritual Growth

St. Hubert's
Traditions



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Dear Parish Family,

Every Sunday I am very overjoyed to worship together at St. Hubert's and to celebrate God's love for each of us and for the world. In this month when we move through the final week of Lent, Holy Week and then to Easter Day, we think of resurrection and what it means for us. To remind you, EACH Sunday is the day of resurrection, THE central message of our walk with Christ. So, how do we approach Easter? Let me suggest that we shed skepticism, cynicism, analytic approaches and instead take on the childlike faith that God can do anything God wants! Though the word 'creed' can imply the sense of trust that a point of Christianity works for the person next to me in the pew while I think it's foolishness, try dispensing with that. Enter into the certainty that the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ has changed the world and it has changed us, and then see what happens to your faith!

The theologian, Henri Nouwen, puts it best:

"The friends of Jesus saw him and heard him only a few times after that Easter morning, but their lives were completely changed. What seemed to be the end proved to be the beginning; what seemed to be a cause for fear proved to be a cause for courage; what seemed to be defeat proved to be victory and what seemed to be the basis for despair proved to be the basis for hope. Suddenly a wall becomes a gate, and although we are not able to say with much clarity or precision what lies beyond the gate, the tone of all that we do and say on our way to the gate changes drastically."

from "Seeds of Hope"

I love the image of the gate between this world and the next. We are all, to use Nouwen's words, 'making our way to the gate.' Sometimes the path is filled with peril, sometimes it is a walk in the park. In either case, our lives are changed when we take on Christ and when we serve as Christ in the world around us. One day, each of us will pass through the gate, where there will be no end to Easter joy! Hope and trust in the resurrection opens wide that gate both in the here and now and on the day of our resurrection!

Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Faithfully, in Easter joy!

Dan+



United Thank Offering

(UTO) – Ingathering May 21st
(aka Blue Boxes)

Think about what it would be like if you only woke up with the things for which you gave thanks to God the day before. What would be there? Who, or what, might be missing? As you think about all the thankful things in your life, drop a coin in your United Thank Offering Box. As the coins add up, you will be given a visual reminder of how blessed you are to have friends, family, a wonderful home and many thankful blessings.

Be Thankful

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire if you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times during those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge which will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes they will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary because it means you've given your all.

It's easy to be thankful for the 'good' things yet, a life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are thankful for the setbacks.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive find a way to be thankful for your troubles and they can become your blessings.

Author Unknown

Blue boxes are available in the River Room, year-round!



Save The Date
St. Hubert's Third Dinner and Auction
Saturday, October 21
Treasures Needed! Keep us in mind!

STATION HOPE

April 29, 2017, 6:30-10:00pm,
St. John's in Ohio City & surrounding blocks
2600 Church Ave. Cleveland, OH 44113

A Beacon of Freedom. A Convening of Community. A Celebration of Hope.

One night a year, 250 artists from across Northeast Ohio inhabit historic St. John's Episcopal Church—Cleveland's first authenticated Underground Railroad site and a beacon of freedom symbolizing the city's social justice heritage. Station Hope celebrates hope and addresses many of the most important issues of our time through powerful theatre, spoken word, dance, music and multimedia performances inspired by contemporary issues of freedom and justice. Audiences are invited to explore the historic buildings and surrounding grounds while visual art installations, choir performances and other interactive activities set the atmosphere around the church.

For more information go to
<http://www.cptonline.org/performances/season/s/2016-2017/station-hope-2017/>

2017 Directory in Print, Soon Online

The new print Directories are available in the River Room! Look for these little booklets with a Green cover and take one home with you.

In early April, the new online directory will also be available. Watch for more information in St. Hubert's weekly email *This Week at St. Hubert's*. If you are not on the mailing list for *This Week*, you can sign up at sthuberts.net/news_and_events/.

A link for the directory will be added to the website home page and be accessible only with a password. All data and transmissions, including username and password entry, is encrypted. Members will be able to edit their own family and personal information, including control over the information you want to be shared. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Denise Miller at 440-256-1280 or denisemiller@sthuberts.net.

Directory Updates

As soon as a new directory is printed it is out of date! Here are the changes:

Tim and Carla Garfield do not have a home telephone. Please delete that number.

Brittany Merkley's telephone number is incorrect. Correct number is 440-983-3832.

Sheryl and Geoff Weaver live at 8043 Chardon Road. Just white out the '75' in front of the 8043!

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING May 7, 2017

The Annual Meeting of St. Hubert's Episcopal Church will be held on Sunday, May 7, 2017 following the 10:00 service in the Sanctuary of the church. Get a front row seat to hear about the last year during which this church has run a successful Capital Campaign and worked tirelessly with an architect to design the building of your hopes and dreams. All of this amidst the daily business of running your church, and being the hands and feet of Christ.

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate for vestry to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting. Biographies for these nominees will be printed in the May newsletter.

To fulfill a one-year term: Jim Hoyt

For full three year terms: Jenna Bing, Sheila Black, Sheryl Weaver, Doris Webster.

Cookies for College Students Sunday April 23

Bring your baked-with-love cookies to church on Sunday, April 23 for shipping to our students away at school. They love the way we love them!



Easter Take on Give Up

Our news editor, Denise Miller, asked that I derive an Easter season list of behaviors to take on and give up, a follow-on to the Lenten list published in March.



TAKE ON

Faith
Hope
Acts that help others
Comforting those who suffer
Attending church to be with others on this journey
Trusting in God and in others
Thinking about your legacy
Enjoying spring
Prayer
Love



GIVE UP

Fear
Guilt and shame
Behaviors that separate us from God's love
Unreasonable skepticism
Complacency
Isolationism



Note that the take on list is longer! What would you add?

Outdoor Clean Up Day Saturday, April 22 9-12 (Rain Date – May 6)

All ages are needed. Come armed with your favorite rake, along with work gloves and lots of energy.





Holy Week SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 9

8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday, April 13

Dinner in the Evan's Room 6:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14

Good Friday Liturgy 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16

8:30, Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30, Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Easter Egg Hunt following
10 a.m. service*



All Women of the Episcopal Church

are
invited to attend the

**140th Annual Meeting of
The Diocese of Ohio
Episcopal Church Women**

"Celebrating the Bicentennial of our Diocese"

April 22, 2017

Grace Episcopal Church
41 Bowman Street
Mansfield, OH

Please review the Schedule of Events and the Registration Form under ECW on the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio Website.

AGENDA FOR April/May

Lenten Book Discussion (Final)

April 4, 6:30-8:00p
Nine Essential Things...

Palm Sunday, April 9

Services at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 13

Dinner and Service beg. at 6 p.m.

Marion Sterling Food Pantry

Friday, April 14, 3-5, at Marion Sterling School in Cleveland

Good Friday, April 14

Service at 7 p.m.

Brown Bag Lunches for St. James

Saturday, April 15, 9-11 a.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16

Services at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt, April 16

Following 10:00 service

Boys Hope Girls Hope Dinner

Tuesday, April 18, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Outdoor Clean Up

Saturday, April 22 9-12 noon

Cookies for College Students

Sunday, April 23

Vestry Meeting

Monday, April 24, 6 p.m.

St. James Sunday Supper

At St. James Episcopal Church, Painesville
Sunday, April 30, 9-3p

Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 7 following 10 service
ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 a.m.

Marion Sterling Food Pantry

Friday, May 12, 3-5, at Marion Sterling School in Cleveland

Boys Hope Girls Hope Dinner

Tuesday, May 16, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Brown Bag Lunches for St. James

Saturday, May 20, 9-11 a.m.

If you have questions or need further information about any of these events, you can check our website at www.sthuberts.net, or call St. Hubert's at 440-256-1280.

Tuesday Night Book Discussion Quotes from Kushner's Book

The Tuesday night group has been reading *Nine Essential Things I've Learned About Life*, by Harold S. Kushner. They were asked to share their favorite quotes from each chapter.

Chapter 1

"The agenda for religion today will be set not by yesterday's answers but by today's questions." p. 12

Chapter 2

"God's role is not to make our lives easier, to make the hard things go away, or to do them for us. God's role is to give us the vision to know what we need to do, to bless us with the qualities of soul that we will need in order to do them ourselves, no matter how hard they may be, and to accompany us on that journey." p. 34

Chapter 3

"I find God not in the tests that life imposes on us but in the ability of ordinary people to rise to the challenge, to find within themselves qualities of soul, qualities of courage they did not know they had until the day they needed them." p. 43

"The God who is with us in our struggles, the God who is with us in our grieving, the God who is with us when we reach inside ourselves to find the capacity for forgiveness, the God who answers our prayers not by giving us what we ask for but by helping us realize that we already have it is a God I have often met in my own life and in the experiences of many congregants." p. 55.

Chapter 4

"The thirst for revenge is not about justice, it is about power." pp 65-6

Chapter 5

"The God I believe in says to me, 'I have given you an incomparably valuable gift, the ability to know the difference between good and bad, between things that should be done and things that should not be done, the freedom no other creature has to use willpower to override temptation. And when you find that too hard to do, when you stumble and fall, when you are led astray by the pleasure of the moment rather than the long-term good, I will be there to pick you up, clean you off, and give you a fresh start, because I am a God of forgiveness, a God of second chances. Then when you are able to forgive yourself and to forgive the people around you for not being perfect, I will recognize you as My child.'" p. 101

Chapter 6

"Rabbi David Wolpe said, spirituality is what you feel, theology is what you believe, religion is what you do." p. 103

To believe in God means to trust God, to rely on God to be there when you are afflicted by despair, to lighten your path when you are uncertain as to what to do." p.116

Chapter 7

Faith in God is lot like a marriage, which is faith in another person. It means giving God a rock-solid commitment to giving God the benefit of the doubt, not because God needs it (I'm pretty sure God could get along with out us if He had to) but because we need it. p. 121

Architectural Review Committee has final meeting with Michael Tomsik

The Architectural Review Committee met in late March to finalize the finishes to be used throughout the building in order to have a clear scope of work for the bidding process for St. Hubert's remodeling and construction work. As has been pointed out over and over, it is much less expensive to amend and modify a floor plan with the architect than to engage in expensive change orders once the project has begun.

Members of the committee include Tim, Garfield, Jim Hoyt, Martha Marsh, Denise Miller, George Patton, Jim Robinson, Dan Schoonmaker, Karen Sippola, and Mark Young, The committee along with architect, Michael Tomsik, worked diligently to consider the practical needs of a growing parish along with the aesthetics of retaining the feel of a country church. Carpeting, molding, flooring in trafficked areas, lighting, the use of beadboard wainscoting, sufficient storage space, windows, spacing of pews in the sanctuary and more were considered.

The bids for the project should be returned by the end of April, and it is the hope to break ground at the Annual Meeting to be held on May 7, 2017. It is time for each of us to think of all that could happen in these marvelous new spaces!



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