



River Views

St. Hubert's Episcopal Church

December 2016

The 5 Pillars Congregational Development

Resource Stewardship

Outreach

Spiritual Growth

St. Hubert's Traditions



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Dear Parish Family,

In early December, when our minds turn from Thanksgiving Dinner to Christmas and the gifts to be thoughtfully bought, let's open some of the gifts that the congregation brings to the manger, just like the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh brought so long ago by the Magi:

The gift of love would be the largest gift. Agapé or spiritual love for God and all of God's people is in our first box. We echo that sense of God's steadfast love for us in our worship, in our care for each other and for the outreach to a culture that always needs to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The present next opened is that of faith. Faith in the abilities God has given us to minister in the church and the wider world comes to mind. Faith in each other as good people, God's people, and the faith that the future is exceedingly bright.

A third gift is the gift of generosity. We give liberally of our time, talent and treasure. It is no accident that we are 94.5% of the way to the capital campaign goal or that we are already 53% of the way to the annual stewardship goal. Generosity, however, is much more than money...just think of how many people volunteer their efforts in Sunday worship, the many programs of outreach and gardening. These name but a few ways in which we offer our skills and our time, this in the midst of lives that are way too busy to begin with already!

The gift of wisdom echoes the magi wise perspective of learned men of long ago. People of St. Hubert's are balanced in view, thoughtful, insightful and happy to learn and listen. It is no accident that we offer creative Sunday School programs, interesting Christian formation for adults and a craving to learn more about our faith and the world in which we live.

Another gift is the present of hope. Hope has brought us so far in our common life together, and the hope of God in our midst is kept alive at St. Hubert's not just at Christmas, but all the year long! Hope has helped us in these three years past to dream of what God is calling us to become and then to act upon those hopes to bring dreams to life!

Finally, we bring the gift of humor to our Lord. Mirth is an excellent gift that springs from the reality that God has created the world for our joy. Part of that joy is so evident here at St. Hubert's as for years we have laughed together, at ourselves, at life's vagaries and even at the unexpected. In a world so lonely, the ability to be part of a community of caring, that can laugh together is indeed a great gift!!

What gifts would you add to the gifts the parish can offer which I have described above? As the beautifully wrapped presents are placed beneath the Caring Tree in the River Room at church, think of them as symbolic of the gifts each of us and the congregation together might offer to God in 2016.

May you enjoy this blessed time of gift giving and receiving and please know that I consider each and every one of you a gift indeed!

Faithfully,

Dan+

Use #giftstothemanger on Facebook or Twitter to share your thoughts.



Bicentennial Year for Diocese of Ohio #Whatsyour200

by Rebecca Miller, Parish Missioner

November 11th we jump-started our Bicentennial year with the opening of the Diocese of Ohio's 200th Annual Convention! Did you know, Ohio was the first state to establish an Episcopal diocese beyond the 13 colonies all those years ago? So, we celebrate! There will be several special events throughout the year honoring our bicentennial around the diocese. In addition to events, each parish is called to submit a Bicentennial prayer to be compiled into a book. St. Hubert's chose to use our Capital Campaign prayer to represent what we pray for the future of our parish. The diocese also began a very exciting social media campaign called, "What's your 200?". This is an easy, everyday way to share what we are doing in service of others, our parish, or even ourselves. The idea is to set various goals for 2017 and to upload pictures or messages showing our progress. This diocese has plenty of joy as well as hard work to share throughout this bicentennial year. Join the movement! #Whatsyour200

December 7th 7:00 p.m. Cleveland Museum of Art

Meet our wonderful friend and docent, Todd Urban, at the information desk in the atrium for a tour of art of the Christmas season. We are blessed with a rich collection of paintings, sculptures and more that remind us of a season that is indeed a sacred time. The group is limited to 30 participants...currently we have a few spaces left. Sign up at church.

Lectionary Christmas break

Lectionary class takes its break in a few weeks. Our last class will occur on Thursday, December 22nd and reconvene on Thursday, January 12th, 2017

Christmas Service Schedule

Saturday, Christmas Eve, December 24

Children's Pageant at 4 p.m.
(There is always room for another angel or shepherd)
Candlelight Service at 10 p.m.

Sunday, Christmas Day, December 25

One Service at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2017

The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Services at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 8

The Baptism of Christ/Epiphany
Services at 8:30 and 10:00
a.m.
Special Coffee Hour with
Epiphany soup and cake
following the later service

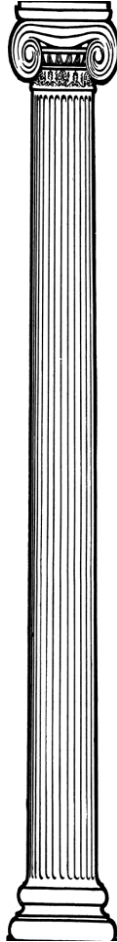


Advent II, Lessons and Carols, Sunday December 4th at the 10 am service

Our choir, led by Music Director Jim Robinson, offers us this rich collection of hymns and anthems along with selected readings from Scripture that mark the season. Begun in the depths of despair of World War I in Cambridge, England, this services brings light and hope at a time of the year when it is dark and dreary!.. Come ready to sing!

Vestry Pillar Talk

- After an opening meditation Maurice Seaton, **Capital Campaign** Consultant from Episcopal Church Foundation, shared his End of Service Report with the vestry. He feels that we are still making progress on our goal and is encouraged. His report offered several recommendations for following up on the campaign, planned giving and a development program.
- **Congregational Development** was thankful to have nothing to report.
- **Resource Stewardship** will have someone from buildings take care of the grate to the crawl space that is broken on the east end of the church.
- **Outreach** reviewed the successful Thanksgiving Dinner in a Bag program (55 bags this year), and reminded everyone to check the Christmas Caring Tree.
- **Spiritual Growth** has many events coming up, Hymn-sing on 11/29, Lessons & Carols on 12/4, Al Muller will preach at both services on 12/11, there is a Baptism on 12/18, Pageant at 4 p.m. and Candlelight Service at 10 on 12/24, and one service at 10 a.m. on 12/25.
- **Jr. Warden** Al Muller reported that the 2017 Stewardship Campaign is going well with 49 of 132 units pledging/gifting a total of \$109,336. The average pledge amount is up at \$2,231 and 26 have increased their pledge/gift.
- **Sr. Warden** Tim Garfield stated that the Architectural Review Committee would meet with Architect Michael Tomsik on Wednesday 11/30 to review final input to prepare plans for bid. It was suggested that chalk be used to show the changes to the front entrance as has been done with tape at the side entrance. It is hoped ground will be broken in spring 2017.



- **Administrator** Denise Miller reported that the church Facebook page has 96 LIKES and she would really like to get it over 100. It was suggested she include that request in "This Week at St. Hubert's" email.
- John Murchie gave the **Treasurer's Report**. Total Income YTD is \$7,500 below budget (\$250,000 vs 257,500), related to transfers that have not been made from the Outreach Fund. Total Expenses YTD are \$241,000 compared to budget of \$253,000. We are \$4,000 ahead of budget overall. Our endowments were down \$18,900 in October, but up \$49,800 YTD (4.14%). Total invested funds are \$1,421,000.
- **Rector's Report** Dan will vacation after Christmas and John Hayden will fill in on January 1. John Hayden has asked to be removed as Priest Associate at St. Hubert's. This will not change his status in any way, just remove his name from paperwork.

Christmas Flowers

Donations for Christmas Poinsettias are a wonderful way to remember loved ones. A suggested donation of \$20 will help the church cover the costs of "greening" the church this Christmas and secure the name of your loved one in the Christmas bulletin. Envelopes specifically for Christmas flower donations are available on the table outside the sanctuary, or you can send a check to the church with a note stating in whose name the flowers are donated. Flowers can also be donated through http://www.sthuberts.net/worship_schedules/christmas_flowers. All donations must be received by December 19th.



Advent III, December 11th, Preacher, Al Muller

Al has taken a course in lay preaching offered by The Diocese of Ohio and will preach at both services on the 11th. Please come and hear his thoughts and reflections!

Ministry Updates

After 8 years of faithful service, The Rev. John Hayden has asked to be relieved of his title of Priest Associate. John will continue as a parishioner and will share his gifts of ministry among us. We are very appreciative of his years of service!

On December 14th, Dan Schoonmaker celebrates 20 years of ordination to the priesthood! He still feels like it's a very new experience and finds joy in serving God as preacher, teacher and pastor at St. Hubert's!

Dan will be away from the parish in Florida from December 28th, returning on January 5th. John Hayden will preach and celebrate on New Year's Day at 8:30 and 10:00 am.

BAU WEATHER ALERT



During the week, if the Mentor Schools are closed, so is St. Hubert's. For evenings and weekends, please check voicemail at 440-256-1280 and

our website at www.sthuberts.net. We will also announce scheduling changes or cancelations on our Facebook page (St. Hubert's Episcopal Church) and Twitter account (@StHubertsEC).

AGENDA FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY

Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 4 at 10:00 am

Sacred Art at CMA

Wednesday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.

Marion Sterling Food Pantry

Friday, December 9, 3-5, at Marion Sterling School in Cleveland

Advent III, Preacher Al Muller

Sunday, December 11, both services

Brown Bag Lunches for St. James

Saturday, December 17, 9-11 a.m.

Advent IV, Baptism

Sunday, December 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Boys Hope Girls Hope Dinner

Tuesday, December 20, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Lectionary Break

Thursdays, December 29 and January 5

Children's Christmas Pageant

Saturday, December 24, 4 p.m.

Candlelight Christmas Service

Saturday, December 24, 10 p.m.

Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 25, 10 a.m. only

Marion Sterling Food Pantry

Friday, January 13, 3-5, at Marion Sterling School in Cleveland

Boys Hope Girls Hope Dinner

Tuesday, January 17, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Brown Bag Lunches for St. James

Saturday, January 21, 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.