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St. Hubert's Episcopal Church

December 2018

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Outreach

Spiritual Growth

*St. Hubert's
Traditions*



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Dear Parish Family,

One of my favorite expressions is this: 'It is often better to travel in hope, than to arrive.' The seasons of Advent and Christmas focus the need to travel spiritually, always in hope! Christ comes anew into our hearts at Christmas, but not without the anticipation and hope of waiting for the birth during the four weeks of Advent. The idea of our journey of faith begins with the expectation of The Messiah, the anointed one, who will change our faith and thereby give us a newness to our lives! Whether you are 9 or 99, embrace the newness of the season.

Advent is a time to capture what in our lives needs to be filled with hope and to name what needs to change in our spirit so that we will be truly be ready to welcome the Christ child at the manger at Christmas! Christ changes everything in our lives, when we realize that the world is turned on its head by the arrival of this baby. How do we respond? Preparation involves a change of attitude, a posture towards kindness, generosity and service to others. Advent calls us to slow down and to take the time to listen to God who loves us desperately, loves us enough to send a physical presence into the world who lives like us, ministers to us, and ultimately dies for us: Jesus Christ.

Christmas, like Advent, is filled with hope as we join in the story of all those amazing characters gathered at the manger to welcome love into the world. The shepherds who lived at the margins of society are unlikely messengers, just as unlikely as we might feel as we pass on the message that Jesus Christ is born to Save us, born to give us new birth. If that isn't hope incarnate, what is?

The impetus to travel in hope begins with each of us. It is a decision to embrace our faith in a new way in this new season! Take the risk to travel to yourselves in introspection, and to God in praise and thanksgiving!

May you have a joyous Advent Season and a blessed Christmas!

Faithfully,
Dan+



Christmas Service Schedule All are Welcome

December 9

10:00 a.m. Advent Lessons and Carols

December 23

8:30 a.m. Advent IV

10:00 a.m. Advent IV, Children's Christmas Pageant

December 24

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve, Holy Eucharist

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve, Holy Eucharist



Epiphany 2019

by Jenna Bing

Come celebrate Epiphany Sunday, January 6, with a Souper coffee hour. The traditional Epiphany soup and other tasty soups will be provided, as well as the Epiphany cake. Bring friends, bring family.

Stewardship Program 2019

Thanks to your generosity, so far we have heard from 61 families with pledges amounting \$139,508! The ongoing program still needs to hear from others. Please reflect prayerfully on all that St. Hubert's means to you and your family, and then give generously! Give proportionally with respect to income, give until it feels right and give to this beloved small parish which has a very big heart, a deep faith and a commitment to God.

If you need envelopes, please ask Denise.

Lectionary Class on Christmas break

Our Fall Lectionary class takes a break to celebrate Christmas and Epiphany. The concluding class meets on Thursday December 20th and reconvenes on Thursday January 10th.

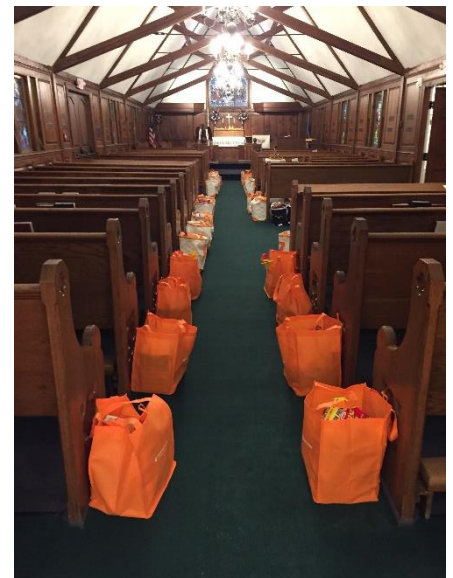
Thanksgiving Food Collection

by Bitty Dorr

St. Hubert's responded with open arms and caring hearts to the call for Thanksgiving bags of food for the families at Marion Sterling Elementary School. In partnership with Trinity Cathedral and Fairmount Temple all the fixings

for a delicious meal were stuffed into handy reusable bags provided by Sheryl Weaver. Our goal of 60 bags was met. In addition to the food in the bags, a \$10 gift card to Dave's Supermarkets was also provided for each family.

Students from Marion Sterling met our cars with smiles on their faces and strong arms and unloaded the bags.



Bad Weather Alert

During the week, if the Kirtland and/or 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 cancellations on our Facebook page (St. Hubert's Episcopal Church) and Twitter account (@StHubertsEC).



Advent/Christmas/Epiphany: 3 Liturgical Seasons in 6 weeks!

Tuesday December 11, 6:30 potluck followed by discussion and compline

The Church celebrates three different seasons, grounded in Scripture, celebrated through much of the 2000 years of church tradition, and grounded in reason as it relates to the life of Jesus Christ. Come and explore these seasons together, all in one night...with God all things are possible! Sign up at church.

Advent/Christmas Worship

- Advent Lessons and Carols, Sunday December 9th at the 10:00 a.m. The Service of Advent Lessons and Carols, drawn from The Church of England, is a combination of Bible readings recounting salvation history foretelling the Birth of Christ, choral anthems and congregational carols of the season.
- Children's Christmas Pageant, Sunday December 23rd Our youngest members offer this brief pageant to begin our celebration of Christmas. Meaningful, fun, and formative for us all!
- Christmas Eve:
4 pm Festive Holy Eucharist with Carols
7 pm Festive Holy Eucharist with Carols and candlelight

Christmas Flower Donations

A donation to the Altar Flower Fund for Christmas Poinsettias and Greens is a wonderful way to remember loved ones. To help the church cover the cost of Christmas decorations, we suggest a \$20 donation. Deadline is Tuesday, December 18 if you would like a loved one named in the Christmas Eve Bulletins. Envelopes are available in the entry hallway, call or email the office at info@sthuberts.net or sign up online at http://sthuberts.net/worship_schedules/christmas_flowers.



Fill The Need – Christmas Outreach

by Susan Patton

The theme for the St. Hubert's holiday giving this year is "Fill the Need." Parishioners will be invited to help *Fill the Need* for students at Maple Elementary. On Sunday, December 3, we will include the information in the Sunday bulletin along with Maple's "wish list." Parishioners are asked to bring in the items and put them into the boxes (decorated in holiday wrap) which we will make available. No one needs to wrap anything.

Using St. Hubert's Online Directory

By Denise Miller

In May of 2017 the St. Hubert's Online Directory became available to members. It is very user friendly.

How do I access the directory?

1. Go to www.sthuberts.net
2. Click "Member Login" on our home page at the top right.
3. Enter your Username and Password:
 - If you don't know your username and/or password, contact Denise Miller at 440-256-1280 or denisemiller@sthuberts.net.
4. Press Go

Please change your password and update your profile. Instructions can be found below or in this video: [Member Guide to Updating Your Profile](#)

How do I change my password:

1. Click the "My Profile" tab
2. Change your password to something you can easily remember. Enter your new password in the password field and click update. (Your password is encrypted and is not visible to anyone, including church staff.)

To Update Your Profile:

1. Please verify that your information is correct, and update if necessary. Click update.
2. Upload a photo. Click "Change Photo," then "Upload New Photo." Click "Choose A Photo," size it so that it fills the box, and select "Save."
3. Click on your Family name, below your photo. If there is no family photo, please upload a family photo (see instructions from #2 above).
4. Please verify that your family information is correct, and update if necessary. Click update.

Mobile App

Download the free mobile app by searching "CTRN Online Directory" at your app store. You will be asked for our mobile privacy code which is available from Denise Miller by email or text (440-479-3993). When the app opens, enter your username and password, and select "remember me."

Mobile App for Giving!

To get started, download GivePlus Church for free from the App Store or Google Play. Simply search for "GivePlus Church" to quickly find and download the app today. Search for St. Hubert's (I used the zip code). Then, you can easily make donations directly from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.

You can also choose to donate as a guest or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently schedule recurring donations and manage and review your giving history.

We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry, and thank you for your support.

Online giving through the St. Hubert's website will be up and running very soon as well. Watch *This Week at St. Hubert's* for up to the minute information!

Consider shifting your newsletter delivery from snail mail to email in order to defray postage costs.

Let Denise know if a change needs to be made.

Advent Party On December 9th

By Sheila Black

From 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 9th, St. Hubert's will be hosting an Advent party at the Church to put you in the mood spiritually and mentally for the joyous Christmas season. You can learn to make reindeer cookies that come out of the oven already decorated. We will also have cut out cookies – wreaths, polar bears, maybe more – that you will be able to decorate. What a delicious way to find out if you're really an artist!



We also encourage people to bring their musical instruments and entertain us while we bake and decorate. (We already have a piano so you don't need to bring your own.) Voices are also instruments, so if you sing, either by yourself or in a group, we want to hear you too! We are eager to hear Christmas songs, Advent carols, and other music of the season.



We will have winter type beverages, like hot chocolate and hot cider. We would also

like some people to bring appetizers so we can munch the afternoon away.

This party is an ideal time to show off St. Hubert's so, if you want to bring a friend, either adult or child, please do so. But help us, by signing up, so we know how much cookie dough and other goodies to bring.

AGENDA FOR December 2018/January 2019

Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 9, 10:00 a.m.

Advent Party

Sunday, December 9, 3-5 p.m.

Tuesday Adult Class

3 Liturgical Seasons in 6 weeks
December 11, 6:30 – 8pm

Building Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 12, 5:30pm

Bunko

Wednesday, December 12, 6:30pm

Marion Sterling Food Pantry

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

Brown Bag Lunches for St. James

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

Vestry Meeting

Monday, December 17, 6 p.m.

Boys Hope Girls Hope Dinner

Tuesday, December 18, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 23 at 10a.m. service

Christmas Eve Services

4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Please note time change.

No Lectionary

Thursday, December 27

St. James Sunday Supper

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

No Lectionary

Thursday, January 3

Epiphany Souper Coffee Hour

Sunday, January 6, following 10:00 service

Bunko

Wednesday, January 9, 6:30pm

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.

