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St. Hubert's Episcopal Church

December 2019

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Dear Parish Family,

1600 years ago, St. Leo (400-461AD) wrote the central truth of Christmas: God so united Himself to us and us to Him, that the descent of God to the human level was at the same time the ascent of man to the divine level (The Eternal Vision, p. 198). The holy and the ordinary collide each and every day, but we are particularly struck by this truth at Christmas! How interesting that God chose divinity to appear as a baby to make this union between us and God complete.

Babies always give us hope, capture our attention, streamline our lives and offer us a sense of purpose and mission. Babies help us to reach beyond ourselves to a much broader view of the world, one that transcends our individual needs and desires. The littlest ones in our lives help us to touch the future, one we may not see but can shape.

I give thanks that this Christmas I get to be at home in Northeast Ohio with my church family. I celebrate that we will gather early on Christmas Eve at one service, all together, with the energy and the verve that the season commands. I travel in hope for us as we grow in faith and live out the dream of keeping the Christmas spirit in our hearts all the year long, but how? One way is summarized in the words of the well-known hymn, one that has played over and over in my mind for the past two weeks:

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing!

May your joy be complete as we prepare room in our hearts and celebrate the Feast of The Nativity together!

Faithfully,

Dan+



Sunday January 5, 2020
Christmas II, Epiphany Eve to be Celebrated

On January 5, 2020 we will celebrate Christmas II using the service of light to start the 10 am service with the entrance of 'The Wiseguys' bearing gifts, and the singing of "We Three Kings of Orient Are." Epiphany Soup and cake follow church. The 8:30 service will use the same lessons and proceed as always. The Feast of The Epiphany occurs on Monday, January 6th, but given the potential for inclement weather, Sunday the 5th will mark our celebration of Epiphany Eve! Come one come all!

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 17 if you would like a loved one named in the Christmas Eve Bulletin. Envelopes are available in the entry hallway, call or email the office at info@sthuberts.net.



Christmas Break for Lectionary Group

There will be no lectionary class on Thursdays, December 26 (Happy Kwanzaa) and January 2. We will resume in the new year at 10:00 a.m. on January 9.

A Sacred Trust

Here at St. Hubert's we take our outreach programs as a core of our Christian witness of servanthood and charity to those who need it most for they live on the margins of society. I need to relate to you that for our Harvest Home Ingathering for Thanksgiving 60 bags were taken to be filled with food yet only 50 were returned. Fortunately, the numbers worked out at The Marion Sterling School so that food was not in short supply. In the future, if you make such a commitment yet cannot fulfill it, let others know so that we can help pick up the slack. We are all in these projects together and there will be someone to help!

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, p. 826).

Christmas Service Schedule
All are Welcome

December 8

10:00 a.m. Advent Lessons and Carols

December 22

10:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant

December 24

One Service at 4:00 p.m.



St. Augustus of Hippo (354-430 a.d.) wrote this poem which sought to capture the mystery of the Incarnation.

Maker of the sun,
He is made under the sun.
In the Father he remains,
From his mother he goes forth.
Creator of heaven and earth,
He was born on earth under heaven.
Unspeakably wise,
He is wisely speechless.
Filling the world,
He lies in a manger.
Ruler of the stars,
He nurses at his mother's bosom.
He is both great in the nature of God,
and small in the form of a servant

(The Book of Jesus, p. 134)



United Thank Offering

Drop off your UTO Blue Boxes anytime on or before December 15! Put them in the collection basket, or leave them in Denise's office. Thank you for your prayerful collections.



2020 Stewardship Campaign

St. Hubert's is in the midst of the annual program to proclaim how much St. Hubert's means to each of us and then to respond with stewardship gifts of our treasure, and with a prayerful mind to how we will also share of our talents and time in the year ahead. You have received very creative letters from your Stewardship Committee and many have already responded, yet with which approach.

I suggest that we use the classic model of 'The Middle Way,' or the via media, a hallmark of The Episcopal tradition. Using our hearts lead us to a posture of gratitude as expressed in the Thanksgiving season now past along with the generosity of God's gift of Jesus Christ to be delivered anew at Christmas. The middle way might lead us to combine the hearts of our faith along with the mindfulness of the dollars and cents that it takes to run the ministry of any church, but especially a smaller one like St. Hubert's. The middle way combines thoughts and prayers for the welfare of the parish along with the practice of generous giving to a wonderful church which means so very much to each of us!

Pray, calculate, sign a pledge card and respond generously, reverently and gratefully to a loving God on Pledge Sunday, December 22!

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).



2019 CHRISTMAS FILL THE NEED

This year St. Hubert's *Christmas "Fill the Need"* campaign will benefit Forbes House, a domestic violence shelter in Lake County. It provides a place for survivors to heal from the trauma of abuse and rebuild their lives. They are asking for gifts for both adults and children. A flyer listing the wish list items can be found on the desk in the foyer of the church or in your bulletin. The gifts should be wrapped with a tag stating what the item is, gender, and age. Gift cards do not need to be wrapped. If you choose not to or are unable to wrap the gift, please bring it in and we will be happy to wrap it for you. Any gift will be appreciated. **Gifts should be brought to the church no later than December 15.**

"FILL THE NEED"

GIFT SUGGESTIONS FOR CHILDREN

Crafts, painting, coloring books and colored pencils & crayons

Legos, board games, card games and puzzles
Any Disney or "G" rated DVD movies & cartoons
Nerf balls, footballs, basketballs, and soccer balls with pumps

Dolls, including Barbie, My Little Pony, and Monster High dolls

Hot Wheels, toy cars, and toy trains

Tennis shoes and boots

Clothing such as sweatpants and pants

Gift cards/passes for movies, fast food restaurants

GIFT SUGGESTIONS FOR ADULTS

Sleepwear, robes & slippers

Sweaters, cardigans, hooded sweatshirts

Clothing, such as sweatshirts and sweatpants

Gift sets for adults and teens (colognes, perfumed soaps, shower gels, lotions, etc.)

Make up and nail polish.

Journals and diaries

Purses and umbrellas

Curling irons, hair dryers, and flat irons

Adult coloring books and colored pencils

Adult board and card games

Adult craft, painting, art and sketching kits

Gift cards to stores, such as Walmart and Target

Gift cards/passes for movies, fast food restaurants, etc.

Gas station gift cards

Laketran bus passes

AGENDA FOR December 2019/January 2020

Advent Service of Lessons & Carols
Sunday, December 8 at 10:00AM

Boys Hope Girls Hope Dinner
Tuesday, December 10, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Vestry Meeting
Monday, December 16, 6 p.m.

Brown Bag Lunches for St. James
Saturday, December 21, 9-11 a.m.

Pledge Sunday
December 22, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Children's Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve – One Service at 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 24

St. James Sunday Supper
At St. James Episcopal Church, Painesville
Sunday, December 29

January Sunday Fun for Kids
Sunday, January 5, 10:00AM

Christmas II – Epiphany Eve
Sunday, January 5

Boys Hope Girls Hope Dinner
Tuesday, January 14, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Brown Bag Lunches for St. James
Saturday, January 18, 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.

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