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St. Hubert's Episcopal Church

February 2019

The 5 Pillars

*Congregational
Development*

Resource Stewardship

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*St. Hubert's
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Dear Parish Family,

I look for signs of God's work among us each and every day. I think that is why I love the Season of Epiphany, that time when the wise men arrived at the manger and offered gifts in the certainty that God was at work in sending Jesus Christ to live among us. The season is marked with continuing signs of The Holy in our midst. The joy of Christ's baptism in The River Jordan, and the miracles of Christ's ministry starting with the transformation of water into wine at The Wedding at Cana in Galilee show us that amazing signs occur in the midst of ordinary events.

Some spiritual exercises during Epiphany:

If Epiphany is an 'aha' moment, when was it that you realized that the child in the manger was The Messiah? How did that make you feel?

What gifts would you bring to Christ? What gifts can you give to others to echo all that Christ has gifted to you?

Open The Book of Common Prayer to the baptismal service on p. 299. Look over the service and think about those parts that give you energy, wonder or deeper questions. Pay particular attention to The Baptismal Covenant and see what was promised in your name. How are you living out that covenant?

Lastly, echoing the miracle of changing water into wine, what moments in your life have offered miracles for you? It could be a relationship, a mentor, a friend, a loved one. It could have been a life changing moment or series of events...where are the miracles in your life today?

Lastly, the season begins and ends with God proclaiming in Scripture: 'This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him.' What is Christ saying to you in 2019? Are you being quiet enough to listen?

May you enjoy this special Epiphany season and revel in those aha moments in your spiritual journey!

Peace,

Dan+

Aha moment



Epiphany Soup-er Coffee Hour

On Sunday, January 6, 30-35 parishioners, young and old, stayed for soup, bread, and cake following services. Organized by Jenna Bing and Susan Patton, four soups were served: Jan Cochrac brought chicken noodle soup, Mary Katz brought potato soup, Susan Patton brought bean soup, and Jenna provided the Epiphany Soup. The traditional trinket filled cake was also served. Everyone left full and happy.



The committee is already planning for next year after their success, and they promise more soups!

February 2, St. Hubert's Annual Caribbean Party!

Are you dreaming of turquoise water and sitting on white sandy beaches (where that coconut is so out of reach)? Please join us for some warm and friendly fellowship at our midwinter Caribbean Party on Saturday, February 2, 2019 in St. Hubert's River Room from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Dress up in your island attire; bring your favorite beverage and a dish to share. 'Welcum to de party.'



Pastoral Care and Communication

Each parishioner under my pastoral care is a treasure to me. Last Sunday, for instance, I baptized Hazel Cox. I had also baptized her sister Claire, and before that officiated at the marriage of their parents Ryan and Julie. It is a joy to see you in the long term, and to be helpful at those moments of need, or sickness as well as those moments of great joy! Spiritual comfort, though, requires you to keep me informed of need. Please do not assume that your absence from worship means that I know you are in the hospital or sick. Actually, my default is that you're traveling! Please call me, email me, let Denise know, and we can then work together as pastor and parishioner! Happy 2019!

Adult Discussion February 5 and 12 Grace: Not just a Prayer at mealtime!

Join us for a two week potluck/discussion on the role of grace in our lives. Grace is one of those church words bandied about...but what does it mean? How do we manifest a sense of grace in our lives and how do we think of God as giving us this gift freely, knowing that there is nothing we can do to merit God's grace? An article clipped recently from the news, along with some text from Scripture and talk or definitions and examples of grace in literature will offer us more grist for the spiritual mill...please sign up! Potluck dinner at 6:30, discussion to follow.

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 cancelations on our Facebook page (St. Hubert's Episcopal Church) and Twitter account (@StHubertsEC).



The Flag and Sung Prayer in Worship

Though rarely seen in current Episcopal worship, the flag is a treasured element of our tradition as a parish. It dates, or so it is thought, to World War II, when prayers for those in the armed service touched so many in parishes across the U.S. At St. Hubert's we remember the military who serve each day and those from the past who served and offered us the promise of this country in our own day. We remember those in the public service who offer their best for us all, people like fallen President James A. Garfield, who paid the ultimate price, when assassinated only months after being elected to office. The words of the 4th stanza of 'My Country Tis of Thee' accompany the flag's presentation and the words form a prayer:

Our fathers' God to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God our King.

We pray these words mindful that God acts in the lives of men and women through time and place. It happens that our place is The Village of Kirtland Hills, in The State of Ohio, in The United States of America. This is less a patriotic act, hence the hand over a heart is not necessary, but rather this is an act of worship, of hope and prayer in good times and bad. This act transcends politics, and appeals instead to God who liberates, protects and guides us as servant leaders no matter what our walk of life. This part of our worship also has antecedents in the Church of England yet The Episcopal Church is not the Church of State but rather exists in a land that extols the separation of Church and State.



Vestry Actions: January 2019

The Vestry met in January with the main task of approving the 2019 Budget, which it approved. The budget of \$332,936 reflects a deficit of expenses over revenue from all sources of \$36,119. In approving the budget, the Vestry concurred with The Finance Committee that the budget contained nothing in the way of superfluous expenses but that the emphasis should be on increasing revenue to meet the need. Losses in the stock market coupled with cost overruns in the building project have meant that there is some \$20,000 less in available funds from the endowment. The Vestry intends to increase financial awareness on stewardship throughout the year, hold an auction in November of 2019 to fund outreach and music, and to reinvigorate planned giving in the Easter season. The good news is that once the balance of the capital campaign pledges are paid, that the endowment will return to an estimated corpus of roughly \$940,000. Insurance expenses will also drop by \$12,000 by the end of 2019.

Please think creatively about our new financial situation. Just like the cowardly lion, we all need courage to face the truth about our resources. Stewardship has been well supported by the parish, with increases in annual giving of some 21% since 2014. Some of us can do more, however, and one Vestry member pointed out that if each of the 101 pledgers were to give an extra \$360, the deficit would be zeroed out! Is there a ministry you would like to help underwrite? Music expenses have increased from \$15,000 in 2012 to just over \$30,000 today. We all agree that the music program has strengthened in these years, yet it costs money. As a community, we can do so very much when we pull together to support the ministries and mission we all know make such a difference!

You will hear more from the leadership in the months ahead and they hope to hear from you as well.

Marion Sterling School Food for Families Collection Wish List

Fill a need takes on many different forms in the life of the church. Prior to Christmas St. Hubert's collected uniforms for Maple Elementary School in Painesville, Ohio. These items fill a genuine need at this school where 100% of the children qualify for free breakfast and lunch. Spending money on the required uniforms

often is not within the family budget. In addition, when children have accidents during school hours they are given dry/clean clothes which do not return to the school. The generous outpouring of pants, shirts, socks, and underwear was gratefully received by the school on their first day back after the holiday. There is now a need with another one of our partner schools. The Cleveland Food Bank supplies food for Mobile Food Pantries in schools throughout greater Cleveland. We have been working with them at the Marion Sterling Elementary School in the Cedar Central area. Because this food pantry is housed in a school a decision was made by the Food Bank to concentrate on providing fresh fruits and vegetables which are often lacking in children's diets. However, they discontinued providing staples such as cereal, rice, beans, macaroni and cheese, tomato and chicken noodle soup, peanut butter and jelly etc. Therefore, in conjunction with Trinity Cathedral and Fairmount Temple, our partners on this project, we have decided to help supplement what the Food Bank is offering. Each month all three congregations will collect the above items. Since we serve approximately 100 families, we will provide an assortment of these items which reach the amount needed each month. This is a work in progress. We may need to purchase some additional items in order to meet the 100 mark. We will reassess as we see how this is working.

Thanks to all of you who have already brought in donations. In order to keep creepy critters from those items not in a can, please

place Mac and Cheese, Oatmeal packets, Rice, Corn Flakes and Cheerios in the tubs provided. Be sure to lock the tops on tightly. If you have further questions don't hesitate to contact Bitty Dorr at 216-401-1523 or bittydorr@gmail.com.



AGENDA FOR February/March 2019

Caribbean Party

Saturday, February 2, 5-8 p.m.

Tuesday Adult Class

Grace: Not Just A Prayer at Dinnertime
February 5, 6:30 – 8pm

Tuesday Adult Class

Grace: Not Just A Prayer at Dinnertime
February 12, 6:30 – 8pm

Boys Hope Girls Hope Dinner

Tuesday, February 12, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Bunko

Wednesday, February 13, 6:30pm

Brown Bag Lunches for St. James

Saturday, February 16, 9-11 a.m.

Vestry Meeting

Monday, February 25, 6 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 6

Marion Sterling Food Pantry

Friday, March 8, 3-5, at Marion Sterling School in Cleveland

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Spring Forward
Sunday, March 10

Watch for Lent programs Tuesdays during Lent

Boys Hope Girls Hope Dinner

Tuesday, March 12, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Bunko

Wednesday, March 13, 6:30pm

Brown Bag Lunches for St. James

Saturday, March 16, 9-11 a.m.

Vestry Meeting (tentative)

Monday, March 25, 6 p.m.

St. James Sunday Supper

At St. James Episcopal Church, Painesville
Sunday, March 31, 9-3p

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.