



# River Views

## St. Hubert's Episcopal Church

February 2020

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Dear Parish Family,

I hope your new year goes well and in the whirl of Advent/Christmas/Epiphany, it does seem that life is being lived at a quickened pace! We have been working on fun, innovative worship services; stewardship ingathering (thanks for your generosity!); financial requirements for budgeting and reporting to the national church; and planning the program year. Phew!

I think that the motif of 'enlightenment' ties all our disparate strands together. The imagery of light is true for the Advent lessons describing the people walking in darkness who have seen a great light. The heavenly host gathered over the manger proclaiming the birth of Jesus Christ is always filled with light. The star which guided the wise men to the manger to pay homage and offer gifts to the Savior is a central symbol of our current season of epiphany, which means appearances or manifestations of the holy in our midst. The collect used on the second Sunday of Epiphany is filled with light:

Almighty God, whos Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The use of lighted candles in the singing of Silent Night on Christmas Eve, during the start of our Epiphany service and at the start of the service for The presentation of Our Lord is powerful. I get to see you from my vantage point with the glow of candlelight on these occasions and I am overwhelmed with the sense of enlightenment that I get to see you on Holy ground and filled with the love of God as you venture forth into the world, proclaiming, serving, witnessing and caring for a world that can at times appear very dark. You remind that world that light always triumphs over darkness, and that God's love and light has come near to us all!

Bless you in this Epiphany season!

Faithfully,

Dan+



## Now the Work of Christmas Begins By Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among the people,  
To make music in the heart.

### St. Hubert's Episcopal Church Alcohol Policy Adopted by the Vestry May 23, 2016 Amended November 26, 2019

The people of St. Hubert's Episcopal Church are committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all people, including those who are in alcohol recovery. Therefore, we shall implement the following policy with respect to the use of alcohol during activities and events held on the premises of St. Hubert's and during all parish activities and ministries irrespective of where they take place.

1. We will obey all applicable federal, state and local laws governing the use of alcohol, including, but not limited, to restrictions on serving minors.
2. Unless otherwise prohibited by this policy, with clergy or Vestry approval a limited amount of alcoholic beverages may be served at church-sponsored events or gatherings.
3. If clergy or the Vestry has approved the serving of alcohol at a congregational social event, the following procedures shall be implemented:
  - a. Service of alcohol must be monitored and those showing signs of intoxication must not be served.
  - b. The rector, vicar, priest-in-charge, or, where there is no clergy on site, the senior warden, must appoint an adult to oversee the service of alcohol. That adult is prohibited from drinking alcoholic beverages during the time of his or her execution of his or her responsibilities. Such an adult shall have attended a class or program concerning issues encountered in the serving of alcoholic beverages and the handling of individuals who may have overindulged. For an Event, such an adult cannot be the Clergy in attendance at the Event or a volunteer who has key responsibilities at the Event.
  - c. If minors are present at a congregational social event and alcohol use has been approved, alcohol must be served at a separate station or location that is

monitored at all times to prevent underage drinking.

- d. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages must be clearly labeled as such.
  - e. Non-alcoholic alternatives must always be offered with equal prominence and accessibility.
  - f. Food must be served when alcohol is present.
  - g. Alcohol must be either placed in a secure location or removed from the premises after the event.
4. Food prepared with alcohol at any parish event must be clearly marked to show to those consuming it that alcohol was used in preparing the item offered.
  5. Alcohol consumption will not be the focus of any St. Hubert's ministry or event conducted inside or outside the parish. Promotion and advertising of events, functions, or ministries will not promote alcohol consumption nor create the perception that drinking alcohol is expected.
  6. Recognizing the effects of alcohol as a mood-altering drug, alcoholic beverages will not be served at Vestry meetings or other times when the business of the Church is being conducted.
  7. When celebrating the Eucharist, clergy shall consecrate an appropriate amount of wine and perform ablutions in a way that does not foster or model misuse. Clergy will make known in various ways, such as communications and education offerings, the efficacy of receiving the sacrament in one kind (namely the bread only).
  8. Outside groups using parish facilities, shall be informed that alcohol use is prohibited.



**You're invited to  
St. Hubert's  
Pajama Party for  
Grownups  
Saturday, February  
22, 2020!**

No matter what the groundhog said, it's time to put your winter blues to bed. Please join us for some warm and friendly fellowship at St Hubert's midwinter Pajama Party in the River Room from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Dress up in your pj's, bring your favorite beverage and a side dish to share.



**16th Annual  
Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake  
Supper**

St. Hubert's youth serving pancakes and  
sausage  
February 25, from 6-7 pm

**Summer 2020 Planning Starts in Winter**

Plans for an antique car show this summer as well as a concert along the river are in the initial planning phases. The Vestry, in reviewing our Strategic Plan, now in year five, concluded that these events were very positive signs of our interest in reaching out to the community in new ways. Stay tuned for further details on these fun events!

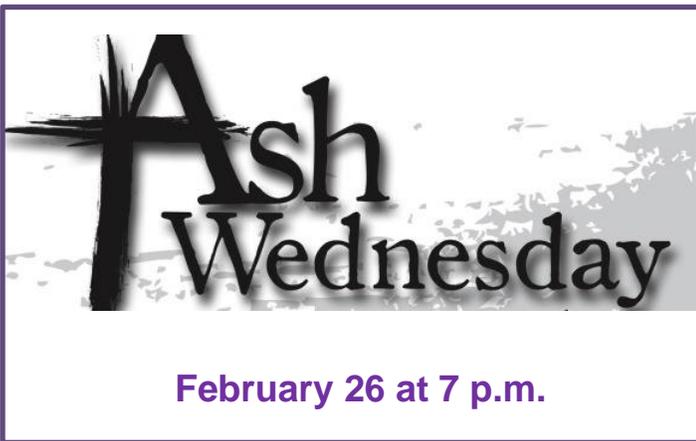
**Stewardship – Pledge Breakdown**

To date, we have received \$195,964 from 88 families in the parish! This represents a wonderful response, but we always wait to hear from each of you. In 2018, the average pledge across The Episcopal Church was \$2,661, according to statistics from The National Church. Our average is \$2,227 and represents an increase of 7% from 2019! While the Vestry, the Finance Committee and of course the Stewardship Committee, have worked diligently to raise the awareness and education about stewardship, none of this would be possible without you.

Below is a wonderful depiction of levels of giving along with the average and median pledge for 2020. While many cannot raise their pledge/gift, please prayerfully consider that you make all the difference and that our financial gifts, as well as ability to share our time and talents are a call from God as well as a spiritual discipline. What we give back to God is akin to a prayer and your leadership thanks you!



If you have yet to give, please we need to hear from you!



**February 26 at 7 p.m.**

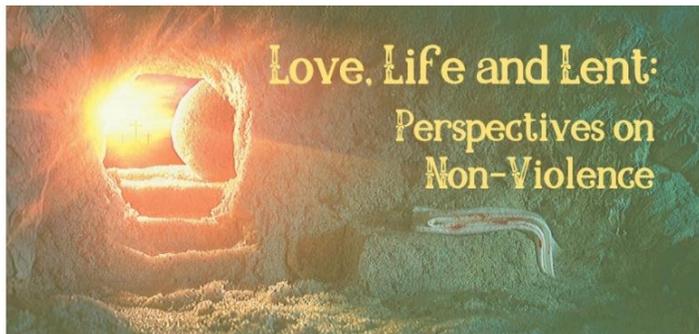
**St. James Lunch Program**

For years, St. Hubert's has prepared and served a lovely meal to the hungry at St. James Church, Painesville, when there is a fifth Sunday in the month. Through the years, many here have offered service to others. We now find that the principle members of this ministry have needed to step away through matters concerning health and normal changes in life. Therefore, our December meal was the last.

Meanwhile, St. Hubert's is but one of two church groups still serving at St. James. New groups, whether the Girl Scouts, people who need community service hours or corporations have all stepped in to fill the need. We realize that all programs have a life cycle and it is time to step down for us. If you would like to continue to offer help, you certainly can be in touch with St. James.

The sandwich making ministry continues! The rector of St. James, Mother Vanessa, has stressed how important it is for the hungry to be able to take away a

lunch and that this forms a wonderful bond between volunteers and those attending the dinner.



Violence is a daily occurrence in American public life. All of it affects us, whether we choose to accept it or not. The creeds and doctrines of faith can be used as justification for perpetrating violence against our neighbors, despite admonitions from all the greatest faith leaders to love one another.

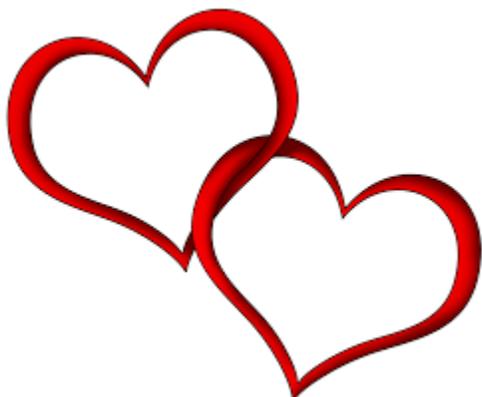
### **Wednesdays during Lent 7:00 to 8:30 PM**

Each week, we will meet at a different church to hear from a different tradition about ways that our views of violence influence our spirituality and practices.

- **March 4: East Shore Unitarian Church**  
10848 Chilllicothe Road
- **March 11: Divine Word Roman Catholic Church**  
8100 Eagle Road
- **March 18: Old South United Church of Christ**  
9802 Chilllicothe Road
- **March 25: Kirtland Temple Visitor Center**  
7809 Joseph Street
- **April 1: St. Hubert's Episcopal Church**  
8870 Baldwin Road

### **Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates!**

Not just a beloved hymn from the late 1600's, this also points to the need to attend to our gates and the stonework that hold them up. The Building Committee has identified the need to repair one and to refurbish all of them. Also, the stone pillars need some work. Two angels have offered to underwrite this project and a contractor will be doing the hard work once the weather improves.



## **AGENDA FOR February/March 2020**

**Boys Hope Girls Hope Dinner**  
Tuesday, February 11, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

**\*Family\* Brown Bag Lunches  
for St. James**  
Saturday, February 15, 9-11 a.m.

**Pajama Party!**  
Saturday, February 22, 5-7 PM

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**  
Tuesday, February 25, 6-7:30 PM

**Ash Wednesday Service**  
Wednesday, February 26, 7 PM

**Vestry Meeting**  
Sunday, March 1, @ 11 a.m.

**March Sunday Fun for Kids**  
Sunday, March 1, 10:00AM

**Love, Life, Lent: Perspectives on Non-Violence,**  
East Shore Unitarian Church  
Wednesday, March 4, 7-8:30 p.m.

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

**Love, Life, Lent: Perspectives on Non-Violence,**  
Divine Word Roman Catholic Church, Wednesday,  
March 11, 7-8:30 p.m.

**Love, Life, Lent: Perspectives on Non-Violence,**  
Old South UCC  
Wednesday, March 18, 7-8:30 p.m.

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

**Love, Life, Lent: Perspectives on Non-Violence,**  
Kirtland Temple Visitor Center  
Wednesday, March 25, 7-8:30 p.m.

**Love, Life, Lent: Perspectives on Non-Violence, St.**  
Hubert's Episcopal Church  
Wednesday, April 1, 7-8:30 p.m.

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