



River Views

St. Hubert's Episcopal Church

July 2019

The 5 Pillars *Congregational* *Development*

Resource Stewardship

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St. Hubert's
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Dear Parish Family,

As we turn from our Independence Day celebrations, I give thanks for the wonders, the freedoms and the joys of The United States. The fourth is also a call to rise to a better place as those of a great country which can only become greater through our actions as well as our thoughts and prayers. The Fourth of July calls each and every one of us to rise to our better selves, and to ensure that all people are included. As Christ summarizes the law, we are called to love God with all our heart, mind and soul; and to love our neighbors as ourselves. As Christians and citizens privileged to live in a country of great wealth and power, along with a huge heart, how do we interweave these strands of our culture? Independence Day points to the imperative of Scripture: 'To those much is given much is expected.' (Luke 12:48).

Last week, I joined 1400 of my colleagues in signing a letter decrying the treatment of children at the Southern border of The U.S. The letter approached the issue as clergy whose role is to serve as reporters of child abuse in our own parishes. It went on to posit that as a group we also must report abuses wherever they may occur. As a church family, we know that we are God's children and that we have much more in common than anything which separates us. We also have a strong history of helping children grow in faith and valuing their presence and opinions.

Our faith calls us to advocate for those on the margins and to offer a best version of ourselves. For me, the 4th of July is a clarion call to us all to echo the holiday's call that we are on a journey toward greater freedom and justice. I am heartened by our work with human trafficking, feeding the hungry, tutoring children, ministering to those who are ill and our new initiative to extol the right for clean water. We can do more. Where is God calling us to serve, to act, to pray for a better world?

I reprint the Prayers of The People used Sunday July 7, found in The Book of Common Prayer, page 838 (see page 2).



For the Nation

Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

Heal us.

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

Forgive us.

We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

Inspire us.

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

Enlighten us.

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

Renew us.

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name.

Amen.

Happy Fourth and Happy Summer!

Faithfully,

Dan+

River Society Sunday, July 21st at 8:30 and 10:00 am services

We speak often of our stewardship in terms of time, talent and treasure. While the treasure component is often centered on the Fall Ingathering for annual stewardship, the Endowment of St. Hubert's is vital to our well being. In 2018 28% of our revenue was provided by the Endowments. At present, the three funds have been generously established over time. The funds and balances as of May 2019 are as follows:

The Ellen Long Fund for the garden: \$35,185

The Frances White Gale Endowment for Ministry: \$478,027

The St. Hubert's Unrestricted Endowment: \$329,357

The Vestry has applied a spending rule to these funds, usually keeping to the use of 5% of the corpus of the funds for annual expenses. Now that we are in the midst of summer, harking back to the days of St. Hubert's as a summer chapel, we would be at the midpoint of a season's ministry. It seems highly appropriate, therefore, to give thanks for those who have provided these endowed funds, and also to those who have let us know of future planned gifts to the endowment. These parishioners are members of The River Society.

You have also heard recently of The Dear Society, which is a program to honor friends and relatives, give thanks or to memorialize someone with a gift to the endowment. Since its inception this spring, Dear Society Gifts equal \$275.00.

Leading efforts for The River Society are Jenna Bing, and Chad Cooper. You will hear much in the months ahead about participating. We have been given much by the generations gone before us. It is now our turn to strengthen the financial base of St. Hubert's to ensure a continued vibrant mission and ministry in the future! Speak to Jenna, Chad, Dan or Sheila Black and Alison Stipkovich, our wardens, for further information.

Putt-Putt Golf Tournament Fun Saturday, July 13

On Saturday, July 13 from 2-4p St. Hubert's will be hosting its first Putt-Putt Golf Tournament at Chip's Clubhouse located at 214 5th Avenue in Chardon. There is a prize for the lowest team score and light refreshments will be provided by the church. Cost is \$5.50 for children and seniors (60+) and \$6.50 for adults (with a family limit of \$20) payable to St. Hubert's. If we have over 20 people we get a discount! Let us know if you can join us - we would love to see you! Contact Denise Miller at 440-256-1280 or denisemiller@sthuberts.net.

Fall 2019 Adult Formation: A Study of The Book of Acts

Dates are to be determined but several have asked to study this important Book which begins with The Feast of The Pentecost and offers descriptions of the rise of what later would be called 'the church.' Stay tuned!

Summertime and the Living's Easy!



Jigsaw puzzles, a Sunday in August when we will gather as a group to paint after church, and cool drinks at coffee hour all mark a lazy season of fun!

SOAP and All-Stars

By Jenna Bing

The Major League Baseball All-Star game came to Cleveland! Very exciting, lots of people coming to Cleveland, partying all around town, money flowing into Northeast Ohio. But not all that money is spent on legal activities and not all the people coming to town want to be here. Major events like the All-Star game attract the sordid business of human sexual trafficking, with girls being brought from all over to “service” the event. Yikes!

Two weeks ago, the organization Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution, SOAP, held a day-long event in downtown Cleveland to educate people about sex trafficking and to “SOAP UP” Cleveland. Four from St. Hubert’s attended the event, Jenna Bing, Sherry Martin, Karen Murphy, and Tony Vitolo. We learned all about the scourge of trafficking from the founder of SOAP, Theresa Flores, myths of trafficking from the NEO Human Trafficking Law Clinic (affiliated with Renee Jones Empowerment Center), and the current state of the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking by the founder, Sister Anne Victory.

With our eyes wide open, we headed out to hotels in Lake County. That day, we focused on the hotels at 306 and I-90. We provided two photo sheets of missing adolescent girls who might have been sucked into human trafficking for front desk workers to watch out for. We also provided cards, in English and Spanish, for the front desk and housekeeping listing signs of someone being trafficked. And, we dropped off little hotel soaps that had been stickered with the national human trafficking hotline number, 1-888-373-7888. Sadly, often the only time someone being trafficked is alone is to use the bathroom and clean up. That week, we “soaped up” two other hotels in Mentor.

SOAP has been active in the area for a few years. But the majority of those we spoke to were not aware of this major problem. Most welcomed learning about trafficking and are willing to help by placing stickered soaps in the hotel rooms and to share the information we provided. Given the ongoing need to build awareness at hotels and to provide the hotline number to victims, we are pursuing how to conduct hotel visits for SOAP on an ongoing basis, basically every 4-6 weeks.

A few weeks ago on Pentecost Sunday, I announced a new ministry for stewardship of clean water at St. Hubert’s. So, I wanted to take this opportunity to give my vision of the need for this ministry and what it could be in skeletal form. Over the next few weeks, a small group of St. Hubert’s parishioners will gather to put meat on these bones, and it is my hope that before the end of this summer, this ministry will be actively at work.

Successful Summer Sale

On Sunday June 23 St. Hubert’s welcomed guests from within and without our parish family to shop the wonderful and unique items donated by the congregation. We asked you to clean out your basements and attics and you responded! Items from golf clubs to all styles of artwork, jewelry to spittoons, lamps to kitchenware. And books! We had books! Total raise at our sale was over \$2,000 which will be added to the Outreach Fund. Thank you to everyone who loaned us tables, donated, shopped, and helped with the sale.



Appetizers on the Patio Saturday, August 24

Practice your Tailgating skills on Saturday August 24 at St. Hubert’s Appetizers on the Patio. Wear your favorite team swag and bring an appetizer suitable for serving in the parking lot of your team’s stadium. From what I’ve seen, that doesn’t rule out anything! Ohio State doesn’t play until the 31st so we will have to find another game to follow while we eat, drink and be merry together on St. Hubert’s patio on a lovely Saturday afternoon from 5-6:30p.



Thursday Morning Lectionary Study will be on hiatus the month of August. Join us up to and including July 25 and reconvene with the group on September 5.



Welcome
Back Sunday
Sunday, September 8
Carnival & Ice Cream Truck!

Water Ministry

By Al Muller



Why Water? No substance evokes the different aspects of the deity of God better than water: salvation, eternal life, mercy, the Holy Spirit, and so on. We humans are made mostly of water and are instinctually and viscerally attracted to clean water bodies. Carl Jung, the Swiss psychiatrist, had a sign over the doorway of his home saying: "Bidden unbidden, God is present". I do believe that God is everywhere; but, as any realtor (the parish has a few) will tell you: "location is everything..." and the presence of God seems to be more easily felt in places like St. Hubert's located along a stretch of one of our Ohio's 15 Scenic Rivers - the Chagrin. I believe St. Hubert's has a unique opportunity to do meaningful ministry of stewardship and promotion of essential life giving clean water starting by deepening its relationship to the river flowing through its own backyard.

Why Stewardship of a Natural Resource –Water? Supplies of clean potable drinking water are at risk, locally, nationally, and around the world because of outdated/inadequate or non-existent infrastructure (e.g., water treatment facilities and piping – including lead piping), poor agricultural practice and storm water management causing harmful algal blooms (HABs), and climate change (shifting availability/ demand for water and contributes to HAB problem). Supplies of clean potable water are at greatest risk for the poor (e.g., US cities like Flint, Michigan, many rural water systems in places like the Appalachians and in countries on every continent).

Many of this church's first parishioners made good livelihoods either on the Cuyahoga River, Lake Erie, or related to Ohio's natural resources. In gratitude and thanksgiving for the natural resources, some of them went on to found organizations that work for the good stewardship and preservation of Ohio's Natural Resources like the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and the Holden Arboretum. There is a long tradition of good stewardship, conservation and preservation of God's gift of natural resources amongst St. Hubert's parishioners and this new ministry is consistent with that tradition.

Why Now? June 2019 is fitting time to launch this ministry. It was 50 years ago that the Cuyahoga River Fire of 1969 caught the country's imagination and consciousness, and led an active push to clean up our country's water, air, and land, and preserve wildlife, helped bring about legislation that created the Ohio EPA in 1970 and the Clean Water Act in 1972. We have come a long way in cleaning up water in 50 years, but there is still a lot to do.

How do I envisage this ministry being involved? A few examples of some things I see this ministry might be involved with to start include:

- Participation in Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) State Stream Monitoring Program. In this program volunteers (kids can do this) are trained to help the state monitor stream quality. Abnormal changes can indicate potential problems which would prompt further investigation. Monitoring is essential to protecting the

health of Ohio's Scenic Rivers. St. Hubert's could be an ideal monitoring station location.

- Working with non-profits like Chagrin River Partners to learn about and implement best practices for controlling run-off. Examples of this would be planting rain-gardens at appropriate places on our property. I've talk to some of St. Hubert's gardeners and I know that there is interest in this.
- Helping poor people have access to clean drinking water. Examples of this would be working ecumenically with Roman Catholics Churches like St. Albert the Great, or Saint Basil to help provide clean drinking water in places like Honduras and El Salvador. There are also other possibilities of helping provide clean water to the poor elsewhere.
- All of these things could also been done together with other Episcopal parishes that are located along Ohio's Rivers.

I am excited about the potential for this ministry. I ask for your participation and prayers in making this a successful ministry.

Outreach Committee is Engaged for Mission!

The Outreach Committee met after church on Sunday July 7th. Led by Vestry member Susan Patton, the committee was updated on some 17 different programs. Leaders of the various programs described joys and challenges, and shared needs. The 14 in attendance agreed that reaching out to others is a perfect way in which to grow in faith and to experience varying communities of need. The image of serving as the heart, hands and feet of Christ is very powerful. Committee members received a very helpful set of guidelines for outreach initiatives which is reprinted below:

Guidelines for Outreach Initiatives – St. Hubert's Church

1. Each initiative fulfills a pressing, documented and identifiable need.
2. Each initiative has an advocate/sponsor in the St. Hubert's congregation.
3. Each initiative supports the Five Marks of Mission of the Episcopal Church:
 - To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
 - To teach, baptize and nurture new believers.
 - To respond to human need by loving service.
 - To seek to transform unjust structures of society.
 - To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.
4. Each initiative falls into one of the following categories of the outreach initiatives supporting a balance among the initiatives:
 - Investor: Provide resources.
 - Implementer: Do the work.

- Innovator: Dream up new ways to solve the problem.
5. Each initiative supports a balance of help in the following areas:
 - Local-St. Hubert's Church
 - Community-Kirtland/Painesville/Cleveland
 - National
 - International
 6. Time commitment and time of year is workable within the framework of the other outreach initiatives.
 7. An Initiative will be discontinued if one or more of the above are no longer in place.

School Supplies for Maple Elementary

Crayons
Pencils
Blue/Black pens
Glue Sticks
Wide ruled notebook paper
Notebooks
Dry erase markers
Plain copy paper
Book bags (gently used are great)



Uniform items: polos can be red, black, white, or light blue
Bottoms can be khaki or navy
Socks
Underwear
All of the above in kid sizes 6/8, 8/10, 10/12, 12/14, and 14/16.

Last collection date is Sunday, August 11.

SAVE THE DATE St. Hubert's Adventure Auction

Saturday, September 28, 2019
At Mentor Harbor Yachting Club



To benefit Outreach and the needs of the church.

The Auction Committee is accepting new, antique or collectable items in excellent condition. Contact Helen Collins at jhcdcoll@gmail.com or 440-256-0886.

Summer book discussion on July 9 and July 16: Grateful, by Diana Butler Bass

Why give thanks just in November? This study of gratitude is just wonderful and reminds us to give thanks at all times and places...Gratitude is both personal and corporate...come join us. On the 16th, we will have barbecue hamburgers/hotdogs along with side dishes which the group will bring.

AGENDA FOR July/August 2019

Brown Bag Lunches for St. James Family Day
Saturday, July 20, 9-11 a.m.

Book Study – Grateful
Tuesday, July 9 6:30-8

Family Putt-Putt Tournament
Chip's Clubhouse 2-4
Saturday, July 13

Book Study – Grateful
Tuesday, July 16 6:30-8

Safety Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 17 6p.m.

River Society Sunday
July 21, 8:30 and 10:00a.m.

Brown Bag Lunches for St. James
Saturday, August 17, 9-11 a.m.

Appetizers on the Patio
Saturday, August 24, 5-6:30p.m.

Vestry Meeting
Monday, August 26, 6 p.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.