



River Views

St. Hubert's Episcopal Church

July/August 2016

The 5 Pillars
Congregational
Development

Resource Stewardship

Outreach

Spiritual Growth

St. Hubert's
Traditions



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Dear Parish Family,

The Blessings Campaign was launched with great fanfare: a festive outdoor service, a delicious lunch lovingly prepared for us and served beneath an enormous tent, wonderful music from Fat City and our own choir, a great day! And now it's our turn to respond!

A blessing is God's favor, poured out on each and every one of us abundantly. We have been blessed with so much and the Blessings Capital Campaign points the way towards a response from each and every one of us! Blessing is about energy, spirit, reverence, unity of purpose and will, and yes, giving back for the greater good!

One parishioner on Sunday, a newer parishioner, remarked that she had rarely seen a congregation of such strong volunteerism...alleluia! It is true that many hands make for light work. My prayer is that our financial response to being parishioners at St. Hubert's is that we do not shy away from a response, but rather we step up, give abundantly and participate. My prayer is that 100% offer something back to our church: a place of holiness, a place of serenity and a place of great faith and meaning!

Charles Dickens put it well: "Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has many; not on your past misfortunes, of which every man has some." (Westminster Collection of Christian Quotations, p. 26). Reflect and then act! Pray and give! I close with a marvelous blessing, written 11 centuries ago, but also be sure to pray the capital campaign prayer, written for the Blessings Campaign and printed in this issue:

The Lord Jesus Christ be near to defend thee, within thee to refresh thee, around thee to preserve thee, before thee to guide thee, behind thee

to justify thee, above thee to bless thee; who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God for evermore. Amen

(Westminster, p. 171)

BE THE BLESSING as we move ahead in this season of blessing!

Faithfully,

Dan+



Blessings Luncheon

There were many blessings evident on Sunday, July 10 at the Capital Campaign Luncheon...from the perfect weather to the delicious food, good music and the informative presentation. The event was hosted by Diane Hunt, Alison Stipkovich and Doris Webster, and they were applauded for their extensive efforts. A large white tent covered a good portion of the east lawn and worked out well as the sanctuary for the church service and a dining area. Cost of the event was underwritten by anonymous angels within the parish.

Dan remarked that being outside gave us an opportunity to view the Transfiguration window from outside looking toward the church. The grounds were wired so we could have music and the 110 people raised their voices high as we sang "Shall we gather by the river."

The luncheon was served shortly after 11:30 and was catered by What's For Dinner by Lisa Pucci Delgado. She added a nice touch by explaining how she uses local farms for her produce and described some of her special entries such as dressings and sauces. Music to accompany the meal and entertain throughout the gala was provided by Fat City Rock & Roll Band Lite (Harvey, Jim and Tonja Schleicher). Ralph Webster added to the vocals and Geoff Weaver later joined in with guitar and singing.

To keep things moving in a timely manner, the "Cherry Sisters," Campaign Co-Chairs Jenna **Big** and Sheila **Black**, began the presentation while many of us were still enjoying our meals. They introduced the many parishioners who are taking an active role in promoting the Capital Campaign: Honorary Co-Chairs Shirley Gibson and Ann McConnell, Advanced Gifts Jim Hoyt and Harvey Webster, Congregational Gifts Bitty Dorr and Meredith Gajda (see list of their scheduled events below), Friends and Family Gifts Annie Hitchcock and Al Muller, Communications Penny Theis and Sheryl Weaver (who led the design of the brochure and pledge card), Spiritual Emphasis Ann McConnell and Campaign Counsel Maurice Seaton.

A brief explanation was given regarding the disbursement of funds raised. The goal is \$750,000 with \$200,000 going to pay back the vestry approved loan from the Endowment Fund. This money was used for erosion prevention on the west riverbank and resurfacing and upgrading the parking lot and handicap areas. The remaining \$550,000 is for badly needed repairs, maintenance and renovation of the church building. There is also a Challenge Goal of \$100,000 that would go for the purchase of an organ and the installation and sound system improvements.

The Campaign Co-Chairs shared the good news that 100% of the Vestry and campaign leadership have pledged during the advanced pledging phase. Also mentioned were the successful efforts of Advanced Giving Co-Chairs. The "Giving Cross" that was designed and made by Sheryl Weaver was uncovered to show that 72 % of our goal has been reached. Emphasis was also made on the campaign goal to have 100% participation. Any contribution acknowledges buying in to the overall goal.

Upon completion of the verbal presentation, the updated model of the church was unveiled. The model by George Patton has reflected changes that were agreed upon after meetings with different groups. Bless George's talent and patience.

As mentioned above there are several events planned, and you are encouraged to attend any or all to hear more about the goals. It is also easier to ask questions in a small group setting. So, please plan on attending at least one. Contact the hostess of the event you would like to attend to reserve a spot.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday, July 21 (Kid Friendly)	5:00 pm Contact	Pizza Party in the Park Sherry Martin – 440-974-0960
Wednesday, July 27	6:00 pm Contact	Campaign Cocktail Party Robin Kurtzner – 440-382-2778
Tuesday August 2 (Kid Friendly)	6:00 pm Contact	Popsicle Party in the Park Mary Anne Grimwade – 216-225-9973
Wednesday, August 3	7:30 pm Contact	Dessert and Discussion Bitty Dorr – 216-381-1370
Sunday, August 7	4:30 pm Contact	High Tea Ann McConnell – 440-255-4896
Sunday, August 14	5:00 pm Contact	Libations by the Lake Sheila Black – 440-257-6622 (Singing by Liz Huff)
Wednesday, August 24	5:30 pm Contact	Evening in the Garden Martha Marsh – 440-516-2486 (singing by Laura Webster)

If you have not been contacted or are unable to attend any of the scheduled events, don't worry. Your pledge will be greatly appreciated and accepted. Just call the church office or pick up a pledge card after a Sunday service.



School Supplies for Maple Elementary:

We are once again collecting school supplies for Maple Elementary School in Painesville City. There is a supply list in the River Room and most stores have copies of the lists for each school. Pencils, pens, glue sticks, paper towels, baby wipes, paper towels as well as note book paper and 3 ring binders are always needed. Supplies are needed for grades K - 5.

Please bring the supplies to the Church. **The last collection day is AUGUST 7TH.** Thank you for all your help!!

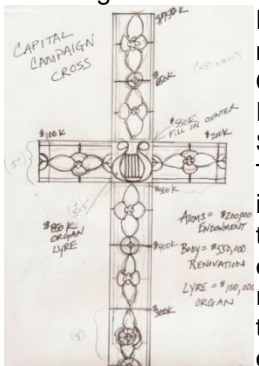
CAMPAIGN CROSS



St. Hubert's *Blessings* Capital Campaign has raised **\$542,325** as of the Kick-Off Luncheon on July 10, 2016. We hope for 100% participation and reaching our stretch goal of \$850,000.

About the Campaign Cross

Campaign Communications Co-Chair Sheryl Weaver designed the Campaign Cross with the Pillars of St. Hubert's and the campaign goals in mind. Our pillars spell out the word CROSS (Congregational Development, Resource Stewardship, Outreach, Spiritual Growth and St. Hubert's Traditions) which gave her the initial idea. The arms of the Cross represent the \$200,000 needed for the endowment. The body of the Cross represents the \$550,000 needed for the renovations. The lyre in the middle of the Cross represents the \$100,000 for the organ. The Cross will be filled in as we reach each of our goals.



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Politics and Religion

As the Republican Convention is in town, I [Dan] thought it might be interesting to capture the sense of the group that met in late June to consider how its faith life proved useful as a point of departure for broad political considerations, not just for the election of 2016, but also in the abstract. Some strands of religious tradition included:

- Jesus Christ as a model of behavior
- Love of neighbor
- Integrating teachings of the Bible and Church into daily life
- Tolerance v. intolerance
- God gave us each other to be in relationship leading to creation and collaboration
- God gave us free will
- Jesus Christ as a catalyst
- Freedom of religion
- Listening to other voices
- To ask the 'why' questions
- Sins of commission and omission
- The greater good and ethics

- Just War Tradition
- Public v. private morality
- Separation of church and state

This list is far from complete. What might you add as you think about how religion and politics might shape each other? The conversation was informative, very polite and uplifting! Thanks to all who participated.

Book Discussion August 30 Jesus: A Pilgrimage, by James Martin, S.J.

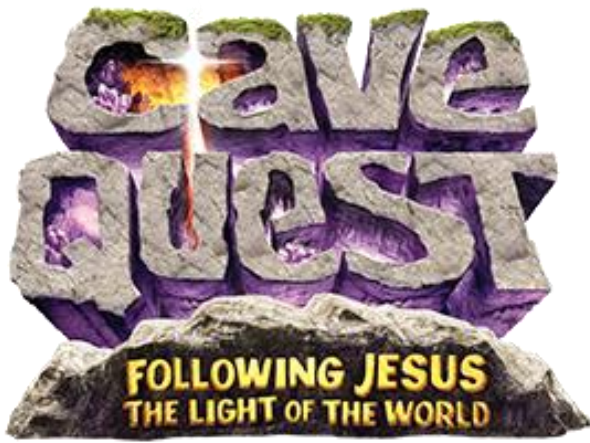
We have a new project this summer as we celebrate the Blessings Campaign, now in full swing. That project is to join each other in reading this marvelous book by James Martin! In one review, a reader determined that there were 25 chapters in the book and that by reading one per day it was not only manageable, but very uplifting indeed! As a summer read, these stories invite, 'readers to experience the stories of the Gospels in a completely new, vivid and exciting way to gain a deeper understanding of Jesus.' (Book blurb). As we raise a lot of money, and contemplate our lofty and needed projects, I suspect that this book will bring us ever back to the answering the important question of why! Any book about Jesus grounds us, and offers us renewal, inspiration and purpose. Please sign up and then let's discuss it at the end of August. The book is available in local bookstores and online.

Virgene Ann Smith Heckman, Donor

Virgene, like all who cross the threshold of St. Hubert's, changed us! A Senior Warden at St. Mark's, Columbus, where she was one of the founding members, she asked her daughter, Lynne Ely to find a church where they might celebrate Christmas Eve back in 2010, and the rest is history! Lynne stayed, became active, and served on the Vestry in charge of the Outreach pillar. Virgene joined us often and loved it here. Virgene's cancer became untreatable this spring, and in the last week of her life, asked Lynne who was caring for her a great question: "Would it be alright if I made a contribution the capital campaign at St. Hubert's? They always do things right in that church!" The check was written a couple of days before she died in late June. On the day before she died, her priest visited her and she was able to return the church key from her days of Senior Warden...a good thing since the electronic entry at the church malfunctioned, leaving the priest dependent upon the old fashioned key! It was a blessing to receive Virgene's check and a testimony to faith and devotion at all times! May Virgene's soul and the souls of all the departed rest in peace!



Celebration Sunday
FAMILY PICNIC
Sunday, September 11th
following the 10:00 service.



**St. Hubert's Invites Children to Cave Quest:
Following Jesus, the Light of the World!**

This year we begin our fall Sunday School on September 18th at 10:00 a.m. with Cave Quest. At Cave Quest, kids explore what it means to follow Jesus through dark times. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of Jesus' love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long.

Kids at Cave Quest will join a missions effort to repair homes for families in the United States. Cave Quest is for kids of all ages. Call the church office if you have questions.

**St. Hubert's Group Night
Lake County Captains Game at Classic Park!
Friday, July 29th @ 7:00 p.m.**

- Christmas in July Weekend
- A "Captains Story" Bobblehead Giveaway
- Post-Game Fireworks!
- All-You-Can-Play Kids Zone! (wristbands \$6)
- Concourse entertainment throughout the stadium!
- Tickets are just \$9



Sign up at church, or [HERE](#)
Questions? Ask Carla Woodcock
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Pay by cash, check or credit card.

AGENDA FOR JULY/AUGUST

**Congregational Gifts Event
Pizza in the Park**
Thursday, July 21

Alcoholics Anonymous Picnic
Sunday, July 24

**Congregational Gifts Event
Campaign Cocktails**
Wednesday, July 27

St. Hubert's Group Night at Lake County Captains
Friday, July 29

St. James Hot Lunch Program
Sunday, July 31, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Congregational Gifts Event
Popsicle Party in the Park**
Tuesday, August 2

**Congregational Gifts Event
Dessert and Discussion**
Wednesday, August 3

**Congregational Gifts Event
High Tea**
Sunday, August 7

Marion Sterling Food Pantry
Friday, August 12, 12-3 p.m., at Marion Sterling School in Cleveland

**Trinity/Lutheran Central Ministries
Kitchen Duty**
Sunday, August 14, 9-12 noon

**Congregational Gifts Event
Libations by the Lake**
Sunday, August 14

Brown Bag Lunches for St. James
Saturday, August 20, 9-11 a.m.

**Congregational Gifts Event
An Evening in the Garden**
Wednesday, August 24

Labor Day, Monday September 4
Offices Closed

Marion Sterling Food Pantry
Friday, September 9, 3-5 p.m., at Marion Sterling School in Cleveland

**Welcome Back Sunday/Blessings Campaign Celebration
PICNIC**
Sunday, September 11th

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.