



River Views

St. Hubert's Episcopal Church

March 2017

The 5 Pillars Congregational Development

Resource Stewardship

Outreach

Spiritual Growth

St. Hubert's Traditions



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Dear Parish Family,

Lent. Ashes. Fasting and penitence. The following quote might give you a reason for all the self examination and denial of this 40 days of wilderness time:

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus

Philippians3:14

This verse from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi points out the Christian 'long game,' or the reason for the season. We are in a preparatory time for the glorious resurrection on Easter Day. In fact, in our tradition, each Sunday is a feast even during Lent, as we celebrate resurrection each and every Sunday. If resurrection is the goal, how do we get there? I have often asked that you approach the season as if you did not know what was coming next, so that the lessons of Lent and Holy Week would have more gravity and more emotion. Denise Miller asked me to rethink that this year, so let's! Approach the season with Easter Day in the center of your prayers and thoughts. Think about how much Jesus gave up for us in order to save us, in order to show the world that His Kingdom was about love and peace and not a sword. Then, look back over these weeks of Lenten lessons from Scripture with the end result in mind. Certainly this is less frightening and unsettling. The view of working back from Easter might also help you realize why Jesus did all this for us, and how much strength and resolve it must have taken for Him.

If we are created in Christ's image, we also have this resolve, this strength to face our own wilderness. We also press on towards resurrection just like Jesus did, knowing that the promise of new life gives meaning in the here and now when things don't seem to work out for us, in the way we had hoped. The spiritual quest to understand God's truth, 'capital T Truth,' is the objective of the Lenten season, as it is each day of our lives. The Book of Common Prayer sums it up best:

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

Faithfully,

Dan+

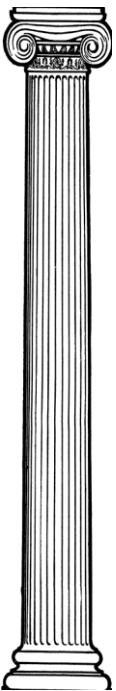


Vestry Pillar Talk – February 27, 2017

Jenna Bing spoke as a guest and shared her fantastic experience at the annual Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes meeting.

Congregational Development reported 22 people at Caribbean Night – Dan won best costume this year.

Outreach held a meeting regarding Maple Elementary School. See separate article.



Spiritual Growth - During Lent there will be a book discussion using *Nine Essential Things I've Learned About Life*. See separate article for details.

Building Renovations - Tim Garfield shared the most recent reconfiguration of the offices on the western end of the building which were originally too close to the septic system. With this approved motion the project is ready for bidding. Regarding the organ, Jim Robinson is negotiating a final price.

Junior Warden Al Muller will be going to El Salvador in March to help build a water purification station at a school. He is also taking books collected by St. Paul's Cleveland Hts. for three local schools. Carla Woodcock asked for permission to make another attempt at a St. Hubert's Cookbook II. The vestry felt it was a good project for our 125th year in 2018, and approved a motion authorizing Carla to proceed beginning fall 2017 with groundwork for a new cookbook.

Senior Warden Tim Garfield brought a successful motion to the table that funds donated to St. Hubert's in memory of Frannie Gale be deposited to the Frannie Gale Endowment unless otherwise designated by the donor.

Administrator Denise Miller distributed copies of the Parochial Report of the year 2016 and reviewed the membership and financial pages. The report was accepted by the vestry and signed by the Rector, Treasurer and Clerk. The Diocesan quarterly publication *Church Life* is going to run an article about the Sewing Club at Marion Sterling School headed by Jan Cochrac and Bitty Dorr. She also reported that the website was down for a few hours while the domain name transfer was taking place.

Treasurer John Murchie reported that Denise hadn't had the time to complete the February Financials. He gave a report for the endowments as of January 31, 2017 showing a \$25,300 gain (1.74%). The total in all endowments is currently \$1,547,000.

Rector Dan will have new vestry nominations for the March meeting. Stu Theis is retiring as chair of St. Hubert's River Society (Planned Giving). Jenna Bing and Chad Cooper have agreed to Co-Chair going forward. Helen Collins will Chair an auction in 2018. Dan will be in Florida March 13 – 18, missing no Sundays.

New Business request from Clerk Doris Webster - she would appreciate help with the minutes in the form of written reports whenever possible.

Next meeting date: March 27



Set you clock
ahead one
hour this
Sunday,
March 12th!

Maple Street Elementary School: Relationship Grows

Vestry Outreach pillar leaders Christine Cooper and Meredith Gajda met with 10 parishioners in late February to consider the needs of this important outreach ministry. Successes include:

--The Tutoring Program: Several parishioners have worked with students to increase reading skills;

--School Supplies Collection: Led by Linda Watson, St. Hubert's has provided many supplies at the start of the school year which helps the teacher and defrays the very high cost of the start of the school year for families;

--The summer book collection of gently used books also led by Linda Watson;

-- Amanda Sicurezza, who teaches at Maple Street has been an important contact and has taught us much about the impoverished youth in Painesville.

Moving forward:

--Shifting The Christmas Caring Tree to benefit the students at Maple Street. Please complete the enclosed survey and return it to church if you have opinions;

--Doubling the school supplies drive as there is a dire need at the start of the spring semester;

--Purchasing uniforms for students, especially the very young who need extra clothing;

--Praying for the development and education of these amazing children!

Parochial Report Status

For the year 2016, St. Hubert's reported to the National Church a total membership of 300, a loss of one over the past year. St. Hubert's Blessings Campaign played a role in many of the numbers accumulated. Our Average Sunday Attendance was 87, quite a jump backwards from 95 in 2015, however not a surprise. Throughout the capital campaign a lack of attendance was noticed and attributed to weariness of the conversation! We had a lower Easter attendance (140 vs 210), however largely believed in part to the early date and many being away. We reported 101 pledges/gifts and in spite of raising over \$800,000 in the capital campaign we came within \$2,500 of what was raised in 2015! *Operating* income and expenses were higher by \$11,000, most of which was expected in the budget and included larger line items for landscaping and music. John Hayden is no longer reported as Priest Associate by his own choice. The Vestry approved the report at the February 27 meeting.

LENTEN DISCIPLINE: It's easy to say let's take things on and give things up for Lent...
 a start of a list that might work for you includes the following ideas. Please add to the list and let me know!

TAKING THINGS ON

Attending church every week to give God thanks! Start with Lent/Holy Week and Easter!

Praying in relationship with a loving God daily. Include prayers of
thanks
petition
apology
intercession for others
peace and justice
healing

Enjoying winter as it fades to spring

Participating in outreach
Marion Sterling School Mobile Food Pantry on March 10
Sandwich making for St. James in the Evans Room on March 18
Cooking, serving, and cleaning up dinner at Boys Hope, Girls Hope on March 21

Taking a walk

Breathing deeply and realizing that God gives us LIFE!

Spending time
Reading with a Friend
with someone who needs company
with yourself
with a new hobby

Going to the Cleveland Museum of Natural History/Perkins Wildlife Center to see what amazing things can happen with \$14 million and 2 acres!

Listening to a concert **E**xercising

Eating very healthy foods **T**aking a nap

GIVING THINGS UP

Thinking/expressing negative thoughts about self and others

Avoiding tasks

Fattening foods filled with chemicals

Wasting energy whether the gas in our autos, or the heat in the room

Spending too much time on any given task/pursuit that becomes addictive

Eating anchovies (a personal favorite)

Taking ourselves too seriously

Thinking that nothing can change

Avoiding difficult people...conflict CAN transform us!

Spending inordinate amounts of money or time that makes us bad stewards

Keeping our thoughts and feelings bottled up
from God
from ourselves
from others

Judging

Please add to these lists and share with me...Perhaps the Double Commandment of Jesus Christ can guide us in making our lists:
 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets! Have a blessed Lent! Dan+



Holy Week SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 9

8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday, April 13

Dinner in the Evan's Room 6:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14

Good Friday Liturgy 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16

8:30, Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30, Holy Eucharist Rite II

Easter Egg Hunt following both services

Lenten Book Discussion:

'Nine Essential Things I've Learned about Life' by Harold S. Kushner. The Wall Street Journal says of Rabbi Kushner's newest book: "whatever one's religious beliefs may be, Mr. Kushner's has much to say about the enduring value of community, the universal need for a sense of belonging, the moral sense that makes us human and the ways in which we also help ourselves by helping others."

The book is available at local libraries and bookstores or can be purchased on your reading device. Scholarship to defray the cost is available.

Discussion dates and potlucks at 6:30 on the following remaining dates: March 21, 28 and April 4.

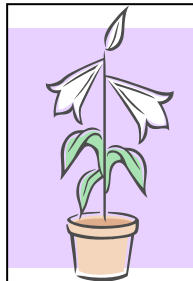
ANNUAL MEETING



SUNDAY, MAY 7th



Save The Date
St. Hubert's Third Dinner and Auction
Saturday, October 21
Treasures Needed! Keep us in mind!



Easter lilies are a wonderful way to remember loved ones. To help the church cover the cost of Easter decorations, we suggest a \$20.00 donation. Deadline is Tuesday, April 11. Envelopes are at church, or call Denise at 440-256-1280, or sign up online at: http://www.sthuberts.net/worship_schedules/easter_flowers

AGENDA FOR March/April

Marion Sterling Food Pantry

Friday, March 10, 3-5, at Marion Sterling School in Cleveland

Brown Bag Lunches for St. James

Saturday, March 18, 9-11 a.m.

Boys Hope Girls Hope Dinner

Tuesday, March 21, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Lenten Book Discussion

March 21, 28, 6:30-8:00p
Nine Essential Things...

Vestry Meeting

Monday, March 27, 6 p.m.

Lenten Book Discussion

April 4, 28, 6:30-8:00p

Palm Sunday, April 9

Maundy Thursday, April 13

Good Friday, April 14

Easter Sunday, April 16

Brown Bag Lunches for St. James

Saturday, April 15, 9-11 a.m.

Boys Hope Girls Hope Dinner

Tuesday, April 18, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

St. James Sunday Supper

At St. James Episcopal Church, Painesville
Sunday, April 30, 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.

Giving Tree Survey

The Outreach Committee needs your help. We are evaluating where we can be most helpful in our community while meeting the interests of St. Hubert's Parishioners. Each year St. Hubert's adopts one or two families to provide gifts for the children for Christmas. The "wishes" are placed on ornaments on a Christmas Tree – the Giving Tree. Please help us by taking this brief survey about the Giving Tree.

1. How important is it for you to know the specific age of the members of the family?
 - a. Very Important
 - b. Somewhat Important
 - c. Not Important

2. How important is it for you to know the name of the family members?
 - a. Very Important
 - b. Somewhat Important
 - c. Not Important

3. How important is it for you to know the background of the family?
 - a. Very Important
 - b. Somewhat Important
 - c. Not Important

4. What is the age range you prefer to purchase for (pick all that apply)?
 - a. 0-2 years
 - b. 3-5 years
 - c. 6-9 years
 - d. 10-12 years
 - e. 13-15 years
 - f. 16-18 years
 - g. Parents/guardians

5. What is the age range are you willing to purchase for?
- a. 0-2 years
 - b. 3-5 years
 - c. 6-9 years
 - d. 10-12 years
 - e. 13-15 years
 - f. 16-18 years
 - g. Parents/guardians
6. Is it important to you that the parents/guardians know who (i.e. St. Hubert's) donated the gifts?
- a. Very Important
 - b. Somewhat Important
 - c. Not Important
7. Is it important to you that the children know the gifts are from St. Hubert's?
- a. Yes.
 - b. No.
8. Would you participate in the Giving Tree if St. Hubert's adopted a classroom, instead of a family?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
9. Would you participate in the Giving Tree if St. Hubert's partnered with a homeless shelter or a transitional housing center?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
10. What changes would you like to see made to the Giving Tree Program?
