



River Views

St. Hubert's Episcopal Church

May 2019

The 5 Pillars *Congregational* *Development*

Resource Stewardship

Outreach

Spiritual Growth

St. Hubert's *Traditions*



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Dear Parish Family,

The month of May brings us to our annual parish meeting, and thoughts of the church, which is a gift from God and a symbol of our faith. The Greek word for church, 'ecclesia,' is defined as, 'the people called out.' In a time when we live in an increasingly isolated culture, the gatherings on Sunday and throughout the week bring us together in a way that is quite unique and very uplifting! I have mused with two newcomers, Scott and Beth Moorman, about the opinion of The Rev. Patricia Hanen, formerly of The Diocese of Ohio. She held that unless someone has at least eight meaningful conversations in the first month after arriving, that probably a newcomer won't 'stick around.' Amusingly they have reported more than 8 conversations thus far! (Phew!)

Moreover, Jenna Bing and Christine Cooper, who represented St. Hubert's at the winter conference of The Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes said that the two concepts which described healthy churches were involvement and impact.

To the extent we can move the conversations we all enjoy to increased involvement in activities with meaning, we all have a greater stake in the life of the church. Involved parishioners are able to make a greater impact, not only with each other, but in mission to the world beyond the parish. In the realm of stewardship, donors wish to be able to understand the impact of how their time, talent and treasure is being used to further the common good, and God's hopes and dreams for St. Hubert's. This impact is both qualitative and quantitative. Enjoying lively conversations in the relative comfort of our new building over coffee is an example of qualitative impact. Serving nearly 3400 clients meals and food per year is a quantitative impact of our outreach mission. While historically we measure 'Average Sunday Attendance,' which is 79 in 2018, I also look at points of contact during the week. 14 parishioners at Lectionary Class, is a great example of how involvement and impact go hand in hand on a Thursday morning, in an average week.

Meaningful conversations in a trusting, safe environment help us to grow spiritually. The ability to voice opinions which can be validated and challenged help to move the conversations in our heads to the exchange of ideas which transform us and make ordinary interactions Holy. Increased numbers of involved parishioners who can magnify our impact on each other and in the world symbolize a growth of God's love for each of us. How will you join in this endeavor of meaning, involvement and impact in the year ahead? It is a Holy task and one that is fun and uplifting too!

Faithfully,

Dan+



Thoughtful Stewardship Numbers

At the May 5th Annual Meeting, the rector helped us understand just how far we had slipped as a parish from the norms of annual giving. The parish has been very generous over the years. Stewardship from 94 'pledging units' represented 59% of parish revenue in 2017, the last year for which we have a full set of data. That being said, see how different the financial condition would be if we raised our pledges to the Diocesan or National Church pledge averages:

Scenarios using Average Pledge Data 2017

	St. Hubert's Actual	Diocese of Ohio	National Church
Pledge Average	\$1,883	\$2,542	\$2,851
Total Pledged Revenue	\$177,010	\$238,948	\$267,994
Total Operating Expense	\$295,864	\$295,864	\$295,864
Total Revenue*	\$298,429	\$360,367	\$389,413
Net operating Revenue	\$2,565	\$64,503	\$93,549

*includes revenue from other sources

What can we learn from these three scenarios?

1. Our average annual pledge in 2017 was \$659 less than the reported average pledge in The Diocese of Ohio.
2. Our average annual pledge in 2017 was \$1,018 less than the reported average pledge in The Episcopal Church.
3. That in 2018, our reported deficit of \$33,722 would instead have resulted in surpluses of \$30,781 using the diocesan average, or \$59,827 respectively.
4. With these surpluses we could begin repaying ourselves for the building renovation costs which were an estimated \$400,000 over budget. The endowment would be repaid in 13 years using the diocesan average pledge and 6.69 years using the national average pledge (that would be September 21, 2023!). We could use these surpluses to increase our mission and ministry. We could use these surpluses to ensure handing off a very healthy parish for the future.
5. Using the differences between our reported pledges and the other averages, the difference amounts to very little out of our personal budgets.
 - a. Diocesan average pledge is \$659 more per year than our average. That is an extra \$12.67 per week or \$1.81 per day.
 - b. National average pledge is \$1,018 more per year than our average. That is an extra \$19.58 per week or \$2.79 per day.
6. These goals are achievable!
7. Gifts to the endowment, planned giving, fundraisers such as the golf outing and the auction, will only increase possibilities for mission and ministry!

In 2017, 31 pledges were above our own average of \$1,883, 22 were over the Diocesan average of \$2,542 and 19 were over the National average of \$2,851.

Please do not finish reading this article with anything less than a clear financial picture and the realization that many have financial impediments to doing more than they currently are able. The parish is appreciative of the generosity of the congregation as well, with 2018 pledges some 14% higher than the figures quoted above for 2017.

THE UNITED *THANK* OFFERING



of The Episcopal Church is a personal spiritual discipline of thanksgiving that supports God's mission throughout the world.

HOW IT WORKS GIVE THANKS for THE GOOD THINGS THAT HAPPEN EVERY DAY:

- FOR LITTLE THINGS like a good parking spot on a busy day, sunshine for your family picnic, or a birthday card from a friend.
- FOR BIG THINGS like recovery from serious illness, a new job, or forgiveness and reconciliation after a long dispute.

AS YOU GIVE THANKS, put some coins or dollars into a United Thank Offering Blue Box, or set aside an offering reminder for later. When your box is full or you put a check in a United Thank Offering envelope, your thanksgivings unite with others' prayers and thankful quarters, dimes, and dollars from across The Episcopal Church to support God's mission around the world:

- *Your sunny family picnic builds a SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER IN LOUISIANA.*
- *Your new job supports CAREER READINESS TRAINING IN HAITI.*
- *The birthday card from a friend becomes an ELEVATOR FOR A WELLNESS FACILITY IN A LOW-INCOME AREA IN CALIFORNIA.*
- *The now-forgotten dispute funds an ENGLISH IMMERSION PROGRAM IN TANZANIA.*

ONE ACT OF PRAYERFUL, TANGIBLE THANKSGIVING AT A TIME HAS A WIDER IMPACT THAN YOU CAN POSSIBLY IMAGINE. YOU ARE NEVER TOO YOUNG OR TOO OLD TO COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS AND SHARE YOUR THANKFUL SPIRIT WITH OTHERS.



Family Picnic on Pentecost Sunday
June 9 following services
Hamburgers, hotdogs and beverages provided.
Bring a dish to share.
Games, River-walking, Fun for all ages.

The St. Hubert's Dears: A New Way to Honor and Remember Loved Ones

The St. Hubert's Dears has been created by our Planned Giving Committee to allow gifts of any amount to be donated to the St. Hubert's Endowment Fund as a tribute for a birthday, anniversary, graduation, or any other special occasion or in memory of a departed loved one. Cards thanking the honoree or family for the gift you made will be sent and the gift will be recorded in the St. Hubert's Dears ledger. The parish will be kept informed of donors and recipients as well as total contributions to the Endowment.

Gifts to The Endowment Fund help ensure St. Hubert's mission is continued in perpetuity. The principal of The Endowment Fund is invested and its earnings are used to support church programs and services. All gifts made to The Endowment Fund are 100% tax deductible.

STRIKE OUT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING



WHEN
June 22, 2019
Training: 9am – 12pm
Strike Out to Area Hotels: 12pm – 3pm

WHERE
One Cleveland Center
1375 East Ninth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44114

REGISTER
<https://strikeoutagainsthumantrafficking.eventbrite.com>

FEATURING
Theresa Flores of Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution (S.O.A.P.) - Experts from the Renee Jones Empowerment Center and the Northeast Ohio Human Trafficking Law Clinic

WHAT
On July 9, the Major League Baseball All-Star Game will be held at Cleveland's Progressive Field. Event attendees will learn from experts about how major sporting events draw human traffickers and how to spot the warning signs. We will then "strike out" to area hotels to inform employees about how to identify victims and report instances of human trafficking.

The event is free; lunch will be included.





For more information about this program, please contact Jenna Bing at jbingres@gmail.com or 440-953-9772.

2019 NEW VESTRY BIOGRAPHIES

CHAD COOPER



Chad and his wife Christine and daughter Maisie moved to Mentor to be closer to Christine's family about five years ago. They quickly found a home at St. Hubert's saying that, "As soon as we walked through the doors, we were welcomed." They are grateful that St. Hubert's has been a wonderful place for Maisie to explore, both spiritually and in the

surrounding nature. The members have also been welcoming to his older children Audrey, Owen and Jeremy, even though they are less frequent attendees. Chad is an attorney and serves at St. Hubert's on the Finance and Membership Committees, and is a Reader and Chalice Bearer.

SCOTT HACKENBERG



I grew up in Mentor and my folks moved to Kirtland Hills in my college years, where they still reside. After attending West Point and graduating from Cornell University, I worked on Wall Street in New York City for several years and then moved to San Francisco. For 25+ years I worked in San Francisco while living an hour south in a rural coast-side community (San Gregorio) where I raised horses, sheep, llamas, pot-bellied pigs, chickens and had lots of dogs

& cats. I moved back a few years ago and in short order met my wife (Victoria), built a home nearby on Sperry Rd., and now we're expecting our 1st child September 2019. I'm the founder and Executive Director for a social impact fund supporting Montessori education.

Victoria & I were initially drawn to St. Hubert's by its beautiful and bucolic setting. We were also looking to establish roots and become active members of a vibrant spiritual Community. Reverend Dan and St. Hubert's parishioners were so warm and welcoming after our first visit that we never left...on April 21, 2018 Reverend Dan married us at St. Hubert's.

ROBIN KURTZNER

Hard to believe, but youthful Robin has been a member of St. Hubert's longer than the total of all the other nominees combined. She serves on the Finance Committee and Altar Guild. The following is an excerpt from a RiverViews article Robin wrote in October of 2006.

"I have been an Episcopalian all my life - complete with the Prayer Books signed by the Bishop and certificates for perfect attendance at Sunday school. After college I didn't go to church much - it didn't seem relevant at the time and I didn't think it fit into my schedule.

"When my oldest daughter, Casey, was about a year old, I wanted to have her baptized. I needed to get back to church before she was baptized. I lived in Kirtland at the time and the natural choice of an Episcopal Church was St. Hubert's. I knew many people there, including Jim Johnston, who had married Casey's Dad and me. Neither my parents, nor grandparents had attended Church there. I was a relative newcomer - but not for long. I found St. Hubert's to be the perfect place to renew my faith and practice my religion. I loved St. Hubert's because of the friendly atmosphere and the traditions. This was a church and a service like I remembered which made weekly attendance something to which I looked forward. I continued attending St. Hubert's and our son, Kirk, was born. Several years later our daughter, Susan, was born. I served on the Vestry, taught Sunday School and made sure that my children were with me basking in the love and familiarity I knew to be the Episcopal Church and St. Hubert's in particular."

SUSAN PATTON



I was born in Cleveland, grew up in Euclid and lived in Mayfield Hts. when I was on my own. I graduated from Bowling Green State University with a B.S. in Educ. and later received my Masters in Educ. from Cleveland State. My first career was as a 9th grade English teacher in a junior high school. After George and I were

married, we moved back East for George's job. (George was born and raised in PA and his family and two sons live there.) We settled in New Jersey, and since teaching jobs were difficult to get, I went to the Philadelphia Paralegal Institute and got a certificate as a Corporate Paralegal. So began my second career. I worked for a law firm for 3 years and then joined the legal department of Subaru of America headquarters in New Jersey. When I retired from Subaru, George got a job offer in Cleveland, and we moved back to Ohio. That was 11 ½ years ago. With regard to religion, I was a Catholic and George was a Lutheran, and we married in an Episcopal church. When we decided it was time to find a church, I remembered that cute church by the river that my sister and I had visited on a Lake County Historical Society tour of area churches. We came for a service, felt comfortable with the church and the welcoming and friendly congregation, and knew that is was where we wanted to be. We quickly became in charge of the coffee hour—a position we enjoy to this day. I have also worked on Outreach projects and Congregational Development events. This past year I filled the final year of George's term on the Vestry. I am honored to be nominated on my own for a position on the Vestry. I will take the responsibility seriously and do all that I can to uphold the goals and mission of St. Hubert's and to help see that it remains the welcoming and wonderful place that it is.

St. Hubert's Church
Cordially invites you and your friends to a
Bow Blanket "Bee" and Tea
Saturday May 18, 2019
2:00P.M. to 4:00P.M.



While sipping tea
and eating
goodies we will be
making bow
blankets for the
Cleveland Clinic
transplant

patients and the children in the Pediatric
wards. Bring sharp fabric scissors if you
have them. We will provide scissors for those
who don't. We promise good fun and
fellowship for all.

RSVP: Bitty Dorr 216-401-1523
Janice Cochrac 440-290-722
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AGENDA FOR May/June 2019

Brown Bag Lunches for St. James
Saturday, May 18, 9-11 a.m.

Bow Blanket Bee and Tea
Saturday, May 18, 2-4 p.m.

Vestry Meeting
Monday, May 20 6 p.m.

Youth Homilies
June 2, 10:00 service only

Wedding
Saturday, June 8 5:30 p.m.

Family Picnic
Sunday, June 9, following services

Marion Sterling Food Pantry
Friday, June 15, 3-5, at Marion Sterling School in
Cleveland

Brown Bag Lunches for St. James
Saturday, June 15, 9-11 a.m.

Father's Day
Sunday, June 16

Sale Donation Drop Off Date
Sunday, June 16, 10am – 1 pm

Boys Hope Girls Hope Dinner
Tuesday, June 18, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Sale Donation Drop Off Date
Thursday, June 20, 10am – 5 pm

Sale Donation Drop Off Date
Saturday, June 22, 9am – 1 pm

Summer Solstice Sale
Sunday, June 23, 12-4 p.m.

Vestry Meeting
Monday, June 24

St. James Hot Lunch
Sunday, June 30, 9-3

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.