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St. Hubert's Episcopal Church

November 2018

The 5 Pillars

*Congregational
Development*

Resource Stewardship

Outreach

Spiritual Growth

*St. Hubert's
Traditions*



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Dear Parish Family,

November brings two of my favorite feasts: All Saint's Day and Thanksgiving!

Why All Saint's? Many of you know that my brother, Stan, died in an auto accident when I was 9, after falling asleep at the wheel. He was starting college and working at two jobs, and at 18, I think like many of us he thought he was immortal with the boundless energy of a young man in his late teens...well, he wasn't! In an instant, my life changed as did the lives of my parents. I was encircled with great love in church, love offering answers to a very quirky child who had to learn the hard lessons of our mortality and how one weaves the lessons of grief into making life count. I learned that life does not end with death, and the promise of resurrection became very important and accessible to me. I learned not to run from sadness and grief, but rather to incorporate these feelings caused by grief and loss into our life together as God's people here for a brief, precious time.

I have been rewarded with heroic stories over the years of people who have faced similar stories with grace, faith and an abiding sense that God indeed does accompany us even, 'in the valley of the shadow of death,' and that God DOES, 'prepare a feast' for us! So, All Saints is a joyous time, a feast that celebrates that the Kingdom of God is to be celebrated in the here and now as we realize that our saints gone to their reward are very close to us, and offer us a model for living.

How do we act out our lives in the face of grief and a sense of our mortality? I think it's by looking for the immortal qualities that transcend our lives. One of the ways to honor the transcendent is to give thanks and to travel the course of our lives in gratitude. Thanksgiving Day offers a wonderful way in which to join in with people from all walks of life in a timeless feast that reminds us that we are must be appreciative of what we have, thankful for a God of abundance, and very thankful for each other.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful image of our weekly celebration of the eucharist, when bread and wine replace turkey and the trimmings. The Greek word *eucharisto*, means *thanksgiving*. In the Eastern Orthodox, any celebration of the eucharist unites the living and the dead in one feast, bringing these two November feasts into a joyful, heavenly celebration.

I wish each of you a joyous month of feasting and remembering how much God loves us, both in this world and in the next. I give thanks for each and everyone of you as we journey together in the centrality of gratitude at St. Hubert's!

Faithfully,
Dan+



Tuesday Potluck Discussions Resume

A group of 12 is in the midst of a wonderful discussion on the volume: What The Prayers of Jesus Tell Us About The Heart of God, by The Rev. Shane Stanford. He sees the prayers as offering a framework of how we should live our own lives in relationship to God and also give examples of how and who we are in relationship with one another (p.7). Future topics of interest to the group include: The role of politics in church as church also acts as sanctuary from the news of the day; The Gospel of Luke, which is the focus of the upcoming church year; and the writings of Bishop Spong. What would you like to discuss? Books, topics and other ideas are welcome! Please speak to Dan.

2018 Diocesan Convention

The 202nd Annual Convention of The Diocese of Ohio will take place November 9-10. Representing St. Hubert's are delegates Jenna Bing, Rebecca Miller and Al Muller who were elected by the Vestry. In addition to serving as a delegate, Jenna Bing has also put her hat in the ring and is running for Standing Committee, the Bishop's Council of Advice. Dan is also on the ballot, running for Diocesan Trustee. Please offer prayers for our delegates throughout the convention as they vote for candidates for office, five proposed amendments to the Canons, three resolutions and the 2019 Diocesan budget.

Confirmation of Two Parishioners

The Rev. Chris McCann has kindly included two St. Hubert's parishioners who seek to join The Episcopal Church when Bishop Purcell visits St. Luke, Chardon on Sunday November 4th. Our confirmands are Darlene and Tom Matowitz. They, and Mike Keresman who is out of town on November 4, completed The Inquirer's Class held in September. Please give them your hearty congratulations!

Deaconate Process of Al Muller

I have been invited to attend the Bishop's Advisory Conference for the Applicants to the Ministry (BACAM) being held November 15-17 at Bellwether Farm. BACAM is an opportunity for Applicants to be interviewed individually by four diocesan evaluators: a layperson, a priest, an academician, and a psychologist (that person is in for some fun). Thanks to all in the parish that have supported me in this process thus far. *Al*

Family Brown Bag Lunches

By Annie Hitchcock

The October Brown Bag Lunch program was a family affair. Five families helped make and pack 100 lunches for the homeless. We gathered in the Evans Room at 9:00am and formed an assembly line with the children partaking in every step of the process. They filled the bags, made the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches packed the bags in boxes and loaded them for delivery. They even helped to deliver the boxes filled with the lunches to St. James Church in Painesville, washed the dishes and reset the room for Sunday School. It was a great time for all and we plan on having more family Brown bag lunch days quarterly. Thank you to all that participated and helped Al Muller and myself.

BUNKO! It's back and it's changed!

We have decided to bring back Bunko but we are changing the night. We will meet the second Wednesday of the month starting with November 14th at 6:30. Please bring \$5 and a dessert or appetizer. A fun event for ladies only. It lasts about 2 hours. We usually eat first and then play. The game is very simple and easy to learn. The only skill needed is to be able to roll dice. Please sign up at the desk so we have an idea for supplies. Any questions call Annie Hitchcock at 440-255-4896.



Veterans Day

Veteran's Day this year falls on a Sunday and special prayers from the Book of Common Prayer will be offered. There will also be opportunity given during the Prayers of the People for parishioners to speak aloud the names of their loved ones who have served in the armed forces.



Christmas Comes Early in 2018!

The Vestry at its October meeting endorsed the following changes to Christmas celebrations at St Hubert's:

- The Christmas pageant will occur at the 10 am service on Sunday December 23rd, during sermon time. Parents of Sunday School age children were highly in favor of this change.
- On Christmas Eve, we will hold two services, both family friendly, at 4 and 7 pm. The later service has attracted dwindling numbers, so moving it from 10 to 7 pm will meet the needs of those heading on to family celebrations.

Please spread the word! Only 53 days 'til the pageant and 54 'til Christmas Eve!

2019 Stewardship Message

By Tim Garfield

So, our theme for Stewardship is sort of “The Rhythm of Life”. That led me to reflect for a few moments of St. Hubert’s and its unique rhythms.

Our Church has been physically moved two times, it has gone from Summer Chapel to a full time Church with a very stable Congregation, one that is rich in history! A part of it is the history of families in the Cleveland proper and now a history continued in Lake County and many of the later generations of those Cleveland iconic families! Yet the rhythm goes on, and on and on, due in large part to the generosity of those previous generations! Now it has become our turn to be the Stewards of this beautiful Church and its surrounding property. The names for me come from a not so distant past, Hitchcock, Webster, Gale, Evans, Murphy, Hoyt and yes even Garfield! Generations of those families have continued to keep the rhythm of St. Hubert’s vibrant alive and flourishing!

And now, in 2017 and 2018 the current generations of those families and many more new families have brought us to a new era in St. Hubert’s continuing service to its members and the greater community and world! Stewardship is our way of showing the greater world that St. Hubert’s will continue that level of service to those same communities by being self sufficient and available to help when help is needed. Our Outreach programs are funded from many different events, but if the Church itself is not on a sound footing, we cannot afford those programs.

This Church for me and my family was a great source of comfort and support some twelve years ago when two family members, plus a very near and dear friend of my Fathers passed away over a relatively short period of time, those events brought me “home” to Lake County for Sunday worship services and a Church family that embraced us all and made us feel welcome. In that time, I have witnessed the ebb and flow as new members came in and some old sort of disappeared, but the root strength that is St. Hubert’s provides to many remains intact.

So, we have been entertained in our usual fashion by the very talented Harvey, Tonja and Jim (Hooter) with their unique rewording of a song to suit the season, we have a new and expanded facility that allows for greater socialization after services and when we choose to have social events. We can now facilitate multiple meetings at one time in the space and this year our youth created cookies for our college student in our servery! Yes, we cannot legally refer to it as a kitchen, but what a dramatic change for us in our abilities to serve again!

So again, it is time to look inside and find generosity in order to enable us to continue these programs and maintain our expanded spaces. I trust that everyone like my family will find it in them to be generous with their pledges to support St. Hubert’s as new generations and

members come along and continue the great rhythm (traditions) that are ours at St. Hubert’s!

Los Amigos Episcopales Soup Supper

By Al Muller

Los Amigos Episcopales (LAE) 7th Annual Soup Supper held at St. Hubert’s was a big success with 65 tickets sold.



Attendees were from a number of parishes all over northeast Ohio. Diners had 15 different soups, several kinds of bread, and many desserts to choose from. Ticket sales, quilt raffle sales, and donation raised close to \$3000 to support the three Montessori schools run by the Anglican-Episcopal Diocese of El Salvador.

The winner of the quilt raffle is a parishioner of Our Savior Church in Akron who lost most of his possessions in a house fire a few days before the Soup Supper event. The raffled quilt was created by our own Jan Cochrac. The event was also a great way to bring our Episcopal neighbor parishioners together, and to make good use of our new space.

On behalf of LAE, I would like to thank St. Hubert’s for the generous use of its space, and for its participation in making soups and desserts - your hard work make this event fun and a success. Thanks.

Bow Blanket “Bee” and Tea

By Bitty Dorr

On October 13th twelve St. Hubert’s ladies came together for the first, but certainly not the last, Bow Blanket “Bee” and Tea. Working and sharing they were able to make 18 blankets for the transplant patients and pediatric patients at the Cleveland Clinic. Making bow blankets to comfort those in need has been a long tradition at St. Hubert’s. Following the successful heart transplant of our own Jim McElroy, he decided to designate the Cleveland Clinic Transplant Unit as the recipient as a way of giving back for all the help he received while in the hospital. The church decided to follow his lead. With the leadership of Janice Cochrac and Bitty Dorr over 125 bow blankets have been donated not only to the Transplant Unit but also to the Pediatric Ward. All blankets are packaged up with soft animals, books, and toys for the



children and games and coloring books for the adults. As the saying goes, “Many hands make light work,” and this amazing group of volunteers certainly proved that adage correct.

**THANKSGIVING DAY
SERVICE
November 22
10 a.m.**



Harvest Food In-Gathering
By Bitty Dorr

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. As we think about all that we are thankful for we are mindful of those in need. Again this year we are partnering with Trinity Cathedral and Fairmount Temple to provide food bags and gift cards for all the families at the Marion Sterling Elementary School where we serve at the Mobile Food Pantry. St. Hubert's goal this year is to fill 60 bags. Through the generous donation of Sheryl Weaver's company the bags are provided for you to fill. Pick one up following church services the next three weeks. You may bring in your filled bag at any time. The donation deadline is Sunday, November 18th. Below is the list of food to be provided in each bag. If you would like to provide the food but are unable to get to the grocery store, please give Bitty Dorr a check for \$35.00 and she will shop for you. \$10.00 gift cards to Dave's Supermarkets are provided for each bag out of the Outreach Budget which you so generously supported by your attendance at the golf outing and the auction. Thanks to everyone for your generosity!!

Shopping List

- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 2 cans of corn
- 2 cans of green beans
- 2 small cans (or 1 large can) yams
- 2 small cans (or 1 large can) collard greens
- 1 large onion
- 1 box instant mashed potatoes
- 1 large box of macaroni and cheese
- 1 box stuffing
- 1 can gravy
- 2 small boxes (or 1 big box) of corn bread/muffin mix
- 1 box of cake or brownie mix
- 1 container of frosting



TIME CHANGE
Sunday, November 4th
Don't forget to change
your clocks back!!

Fall Back

**AGENDA FOR
November/December 2018**

Finance Committee Meeting
Monday, November 5, 6 p.m.

Book Discussion
What the Prayers of Jesus Tell us...
Tuesday, November 6, 6:30-8.

Marion Sterling Food Pantry
Friday, November 9, 3-5, at Marion Sterling School in Cleveland

Diocesan Convention
Friday, Nov. 9 – Saturday, Nov. 10

Pledge Sunday
November 11

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

Thanksgiving Ingathering Deadline
Sunday, November 18

Thanksgiving Day Service
November 22, 10 a.m.

Vestry Meeting
Monday, November 26, 6 p.m.

Advent Not Christmas Event
Sunday, December 9, 3-5 p.m.

Marion Sterling Food Pantry
Friday, December 14, 3-5, at Marion Sterling School in Cleveland

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

Vestry Meeting
Monday, December 17, 6 p.m.

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

Children's Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 23 at 10a.m. service

Christmas Eve Services
4 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Please note changes.

St. James Sunday Supper
At St. James Episcopal Church, Painesville
Sunday, December 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.