



River Views

St. Hubert's Episcopal Church

October 2019

The 5 Pillars Congregational Development

Resource Stewardship

Outreach

Spiritual Growth

St. Hubert's *Traditions*



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Dear Parish Family,

The time we had at the Adventure Auction on Saturday reminded me of every occasion when the congregation gathers: fun, joyful, generous, festive, celebratory and meaningful! Thanks to the Committee who faithfully planned our great event: Sheila Black, Jan Cochrac, Helen Collins, Cindy Pike, Denise Miller, Alison Stipkovich and Penny Theis...such a delight to work with each of them! Our outreach and music programs will run on a sound footing thanks to their efforts.

As we think about the many ministries at St. Hubert's, I need to offer kind words from Jan who on Friday the 27th worked with the group of sewers who formed out of the Marion Sterling Food Ministry, bringing many baskets she put together as auction items on Saturday and then worked with eight other parishioners on Sunday the 29th to feed nearly one hundred people at the feeding program at St. James, Painesville. Jan put it best: "It is amazing how much our little church can accomplish when we work together!"

Susan Patton will soon update our ministries list, providing a description and contacts for those interested. But be sure to ask around...we'd love to get you involved. What is God calling you to do in the year ahead? How can you add to the impact we make on the community as a congregation of faithful people who care for others?

The Blessing of the animals is a favorite time at St. Hubert's, and a moment to consider how selfless our animal friends can be, and the unconditional love they share with us! 28 people brought 13 dogs (and 2 cats and 1 fish by proxy) who were blessed for the love and joy they bring to our lives. Our kickoff Adult Formation Potluck Supper was attended by 15 and focused on the message St. Francis has for us in the 21st Century.

The Christian witness calls us to act, but also to reflect. This combination empowers us for greater formation and growth as followers of Jesus Christ. Marshaling our talents and offering our time mean a lot to our own development and to the service of our brothers and sisters!

After a season of action, it is time for me to reflect for a bit. As you know, I took the greater part of my sabbatical in early 2018, but left the last portion for this fall. In the time at home, we have accomplished much as a parish. My family also has had a difficult season as we lost my ex-wife, Lael Stone, to cancer this winter. Helping Matt and Geoff in settling her affairs, and closing up her busy home before selling it have made this a poignant time for the family. Since I was 9, it has been a family custom to travel after such sad events...offering a moment to live fully, and a time to reset for the chapters ahead. John and I will depart for Spain after church on Sunday, the 13th and return to St. Hubert's on the 14th of November. Please keep us all in your prayers!

Faithfully,

Dan+



Parishioners Elected

At the September Vestry meeting, the following parishioners were elected to Diocesan offices:

Jan Cochrac and Diane Hunt were elected to represent St. Hubert's at The Northeast Mission Area Council (NEMAC). They replace Denise Miller and Al Muller, who have ably represented us for some years now. NEMAC is a group of eleven parishes including: St. Andrew's, Mentor; St. Bartholomew's, Mayfield Village; Christ Church, Geneva; St. Christopher's, Gates Mills; Church of The Good Shepherd, Lyndhurst; Grace Church, Willoughby Hills; Church of The Epiphany, Euclid; St. Hubert's; St. Luke's, Chardon; St. Martin's, Chagrin Falls; and St. Peter's, Ashtabula. This group engages in collaborative ministry and offers grants for area service.

Jenna Bing, Denise Miller and Jim Robinson were elected as delegates to The 2019 Diocesan Convention, to be held in Huron, Ohio on November 8-9. The Rev. John Hayden will represent St. Hubert's during Dan's sabbatical. Rebecca Miller and Al Muller were elected as alternate delegates. Convention carries on the business of The Diocese and approves the budget for the upcoming year.

Stewardship

The 2020 Stewardship Season commences on November 24 this year. A wonderful committee has given a lot of creative and realistic thought to our needs. Parishioners on the committee include Chad Cooper, Scott Hackenburg, and Alison Stipkovich, with help from Dan and Denise. Weaving together the joint themes of thanksgiving and generosity, Pledge Sunday will occur on Sunday December 22. While this group works on the revenue side of the process, John Murchie and Denise Miller will start the budget process. Customarily, personnel line items are approved in December while the program budget is approved in January of the budget year. Think ahead, pray, and respond generously for St. Hubert's needs you!

The Book of Acts Potluck and Discussion on Tuesday 10/22 and 10/29 at 6:30 pm.

The Book of Acts outlines the rise of the first faith communities in the early First Century. Starting with The Feast of The Pentecost, with the gifts of The Holy Spirit and the Church, the power of faith spreads quickly. Bring your Bible and join in this two part series, led by Jenna Bing and Sheila Black. Sign up at church.

8th Annual Soup Supper

To benefit Episcopal schools in El Salvador
All-You-Can-Eat Soup – Large Variety Available
with bread and dessert

Saturday, October 19, 2019

5 PM – 7 PM

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
50 E. Bagley Road, Berea, Ohio



Tickets: \$12 Adults
\$6 Children 12 & under
\$30 per family

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Cookies for College Students Sunday, October 27

Denise Miller has been collecting college addresses. If you have a college student that you want included in the cookie mailing and have not spoken with her this Fall, email me their name and current address.



I am also in need of cookie bakers. Please email me if you are willing to bake or bring a treat. Any treats will do...peanut butter crackers, chips, granola bars etc. all make great additions to the boxes. I will email a reminder to you a couple of days prior.

My email address is sherylweaver1031@yahoo.com.
Thanks! Sheryl aka Cookie Monster

Remembering the Saints

All Saints Sunday will be celebrated on November 3th. On that day, it is customary to read aloud during the Prayers of the People the names of loved ones who have died. All the names on plaques throughout the church building are automatically included. Please sign up at church, *printing the name clearly* to avoid typographical errors, or email the church office at info@sthuberts.net.

Deadline is Wednesday, October 30. Thank you.

Sunday School is Out! Sunday Fun is In!

We have decided to try something new for our children's Christian education by developing a new program we hope will better meet the needs of parents and children alike. Beginning immediately we will gather only on the first Sunday of every month for a program we are calling Sunday Fun. Our time will include a Christian lesson and activities that will reinforce the lesson, without being a school-like Sunday morning. On November 3 we will draw on the Feast of St. Hubert and All Saint's Day. On December 1 we will focus on St. Nicholas.

The background for this decision came from our low Sunday School attendance and the difficulties it creates. Since Welcome Back Sunday on September 8 when we had 4 children in Sunday School, we have had two children one week and one child the next three. For one child to be the sole focus of a lesson for 45 minutes is uncomfortable for them. But mostly, they need each other to respond to the lesson. Without community it is hard for the children to absorb anything taught.

In addition to Sunday Fun, other activities will be planned throughout the year to engage the children in outreach programs and family gatherings. They may be scheduled on Sunday mornings to coincide with worship services, but not necessarily. For example, Brown Bag Lunch sandwich making for families occurs quarterly, (next date is Saturday, October 19 at 9 am), though all are welcome each and every month. Also, on Saturday, November 2 there will be a gathering to create Bow Blankets with others. If you have any thoughts about this, please let us know.

On the survey last year everyone showed an interest in a Children's Choir. This is an activity that requires rehearsals for already busy children. We would love to offer this opportunity if we can develop a schedule that works for everyone. If you would like to help, let us know!

The Children's Christmas Pageant will take place on the last Sunday of Advent, December 22 at the 10 am service, as was successfully tried for the first time in 2018.

There will continue to be a nursery for young children with Mary Cay Megyesi. Children of all ages are always welcome to attend worship services with their parents! It is a good opportunity for them and for the parish. There are Activity Kits available to keep them quiet when church gets too long for age appropriate attention spans.

We at St. Hubert's care deeply about each and every child and their faith formation. Please speak to Dan or Denise about concerns and suggestions as we make these shifts to meet your changing needs.

St. Hubert's Water Ministry

First Stream Monitoring Event at St. Hubert's Episcopal Church-October 5, 2019. St. Hubert's is participating in Ohio Department of Natural Resources Citizen Volunteer Stream Monitoring Project and is the only monitoring station on the East Branch of the Chagrin. Results from the first sampling event indicate that water quality in the river near the church is good with a Cumulative Index (CIV) Value of 20. A CIV>22 would be excellent. The next sampling event will be in April 2020. Many thanks to Mr. Ryan Moss ODNR- Scenic Rivers for his time, training, and equipment. Stewardship of God's Creation....



Bow Blanket Bonanza

Saturday November 2, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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. Sign up at church or by contacting Bitty Dorr 216-401-1523 bittydorr@gmail.com or Janice Cochrac 440-290-7222 janicecochrac@yahoo.com.

Dear Society Gifts

Since the inception of the Dear Society in May of 2019, \$775 has been received in honor of new acolytes and graduates, in memory of cherished friends and family, in celebration of births and birthdays, and in thanksgiving for projects well done!

With Christmas only 77 days away as of this writing, are you starting to think about those on your list who don't need another anything? Give a tax deductible gift in any amount, large or small, to the St. Hubert's Dear Society in their name. They will receive a card from us informing them of your generous gift in their honor. Simple, thoughtful, and done.

Adventure Dinner and Auction

What do you get when you mix a live auction with Fat City Rock 'N Roll Band? Harvey making strange sounds into a microphone while Hooter tricks the audience into raising their own bids, and Eye Candy roaming the floor. Seriously, what you get is a whole lot of FUN! (Thank you Harvey, Jim and Tonja.) There were over 80 in attendance at the Mentor Harbor Yachting Club on Saturday September 28th to bid on items from dog and cat baskets to vacations in Florida and upper New York! The \$15,200+ raised will support St. Hubert's Outreach and Music programs. Thanks to everyone who worked on the event and to all who attended and created such a wonderful evening!

Thanksgiving Dinner in a Bag

As in the past we will be helping with the Thanksgiving bags for Marion Sterling School in Cleveland. The first round of bags will be distributed on Sunday, November 3 with supply lists attached. Our collection will take place November 10th, 17th and 24th. If you want to shop in advance, the list is here. We will be filling 60 bags this year!

Bring all items in the bag provided to the church no later than Sunday, November 24th.

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



AGENDA FOR October/November 2019

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 5, Time 2 p.m.

St. Francis, Adult Ed.

Tuesday, October 8, Potluck 6:30, Discussion 7-8

Boys Hope Girls Hope Dinner

Tuesday, October 8, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Brown Bag Lunches for St. James Family Day

Saturday, October 19, 9-11 a.m.

Cookies for College Students

Sunday, October 27

Vestry Meeting

Monday, October 28, 6 p.m.

Bow Blanket Bonanza

Saturday, November 2, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

All Saints Celebration

Sunday, November 3, 8:30 and 10a.m.

Diocese of Ohio Convention

Friday, Nov 8-Saturday, Nov. 9

Boys Hope Girls Hope Dinner

Tuesday, November 12, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Brown Bag Lunches for St. James

Saturday, November 16, 9-11 a.m.

Pilgrimage – Adult Ed.

Tuesday, November 19, Potluck 6:30, Discussion 7-8

Stewardship Kick-Off

Sunday, November 24

St. James Sunday Supper

At St. James Episcopal Church, Painesville
Sunday, December 29

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-

