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St. Hubert's Episcopal Church

September 2019

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St. Hubert's Traditions



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Dear Parish Family,

September marks the start of a busy season ahead, a time of worship, ministry, and learning as we live out our mission, 'to know Christ and to make Christ known.' Your time, your talents and your treasure are always needed! Christianity is a contact sport of sorts, a journey of meaning that changes each one of us IF we join in! Our faith journey is a combination of belief and practice, but it works far more effectively when we live, worship, learn and serve together.

What do we need to do?

Show up! God depends on our energy in relationship and our worship life expressed in music, liturgy, prayer, preaching and fellowship are emblematic of how we express our love for God, who first loved us unconditionally and eternally.

Share with The Spirit of Thanksgiving!

We are so lucky to have a parish filled with thankful people who grow in faith with grace. Listen and tell others what St. Hubert's means to you. I know for my part, this parish has carried me through interesting times, moments of sadness and those of great joy. I am not sure I could have traversed these 19 years without a faith community of support and love like St. Hubert's! I learn from you all of the time and we grow together when we realize that God has given us each other as a church community.

Create! What new ministry calls to your heart this year? How can you work on a ministry you already love with renewed vigor and love? Al Muller has begun a water ministry to highlight the importance of clean water and to celebrate the river we all love. Ten children have shown an interest! Jenna Bing led a group to hotels in the Cleveland area to educate front desk personnel about the sin of human trafficking. Our Outreach Committee coordinates 17 programs...join one or more of them!

Learn! We share our insights in several ways in spiritual formation. From Sunday School for our K-5 children, Thursday morning Lectionary Class, Tuesday evening adult formation, we believe that our faith is ever growing and ever evolving. Join in no matter where you are in these classes as well as in the informal conversations which take place all of the time.

Pray and act! We are given 168 hours in each week...Surely we all have the time to give back our time by showing up and if we're so busy that we cannot, ask why...how can we rebalance our priorities? September is the perfect time to approach our relationship with God refreshed from summer, and celebrating our beloved St. Hubert's and the church family we appreciate so much. Our relationship with God, like any relationship, demands our attention and effort.

Have joyful fun! This is a parish filled with loving people with amazing stories...grow in faith by having fun together!

Faithfully,
Dan+

St. Hubert's Episcopal Congregation,

The decision has been made to put Food for Families on hiatus starting in October. We will hold our normal September (Friday, Sept 13 at the usual time) school pantry at Marion-Sterling, as promised to our recipients and in fulfilling our contract with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. Our contract with the Food Bank goes from October thru September. At this time, we will not be renewing the contract, however, if in the near future (within the next year) we decide to reinstate the program, we have the option to renew at that time.

Our decision to place Food for Families on hiatus started while we were searching for new leadership of the program. It became clear that some factors impacting the program had changed significantly and that the program required re-evaluation. The end of our contract seemed to be a logical time to do this, especially with the arrival in October of our new Priest Associate, Adrienne Koch. Part of her responsibility will be to oversee Outreach and Campus Ministry.

At the heart of our re-evaluation is our mission/commitment to feed the hungry in our neighborhood. We will be exploring ways to continue this mission/commitment. We have found the neighborhood is evolving and we need to adapt to those changes.

I would like to take this opportunity to "thank" St. Hubert's members for their dedication and support to the Food for Families ministry. Your commitment to this ministry has resulted in the feeding of countless students, families and seniors in the Central neighborhood. We could not have done this without your help.

Sincerely,

Dale Murphy
Program Coordinator,
Food for Families, Part of Trinity Cathedral's Hunger Ministry

Parents of College Students

Parents of college students, St. Hubert's requests addresses for our college students so that they may be sent cards and notes and BOXES of COOKIES during the year. As your children register for housing for the fall semester, please forward updated mailing addresses to the Office. For more information, contact Denise Miller or Sheryl Weaver.

Boys Hope Girls Hope – A Job Well Done

St. Hubert's contributions to Boys Hope Girls Hope this year made a meaningful difference in the lives of **190 Scholars** and contributed to a collective **10,340 healthy homemade meals** and countless after school snacks, including **\$14,271 of donated food**. As a 100% privately funded nonprofit, every hour of donated time and every donation is critical to operating their year-round programming. *The BHGH organization is grateful for St. Hubert's volunteers.*

St. Hubert's Adventure Auction & Dinner

Before you schedule that vacation, or before you order that cake, you need to come to the 2019 Adventure Auction! Thinking of signing up for an astronomy class? Planning a party for your ladies book club? You must come to the Adventure Auction! Christmas shopping? We have you covered with one-of-kind gifts. Add to that a delicious dinner at a fabulous Lake Erie venue and dancing to the beat of Fat City Lite. A night to remember – Saturday, September 28 beginning at 5 p.m. at Mentor Harbor Yachting Club. Cost is \$75 per person. If the cost is prohibitive, please speak to Dan who will gladly help using his discretionary funds. If you didn't get an invitation and need one, call or email the office.



What new, hand-crafted, antique or collectable items in excellent condition can you donate to help the auction succeed? Proceeds from the dinner and auction support the needs of St. Hubert's community and church.

Sunday School Begins – September 8

Loving God, Loving Neighbor is the theme of our Sunday School class this year. We will explore how to be a person of faith in a community where not everyone acts or thinks the same way. We will learn to share God's love with people who might be different from us. We will also participate in outreach that supports local communities and spreads God's love around the world. In the spirit of God and the Episcopal Church, *All Are Welcome!*

Would you love to teach Sunday School? No experience necessary. All materials are supplied. You will learn far more about the Bible by teaching it than any other way, and have fun in the process! Talk to Denise Miller or Doris Webster if you have questions or are interested.

Welcome Back Sunday – September 8

Labor Day has come and gone. The kids (and teachers) are back to school. Vacations are over. If those aren't enough good reasons to return to the routine of Sunday mornings at St. Hubert's, come for the ICE CREAM TRUCK and the CARNIVAL!



Did you know that 82% of the unchurched would be interested in coming to church if invited by a friend and yet in the last year only 2% of church members have invited someone? This is the perfect Sunday to invite someone to join your family at St. Hubert's.

Hotel Toiletries Outreach



St. Hubert's donated toiletries were taken by Jenna Bing and put into little red bags on the table...and into the colorful stand up bag. They are provided to all attending this community fair.

This is a photo of the Collinwood Community Fair, sponsored by Renee Jones Empowerment Center.

Ministry State Stream Monitoring Program By Al Muller

On Saturday August 17, 2019 Mr. Ryan Moss with ODNR Scenic Rivers Program trained St. Hubert's parishioners how to collect data for Ohio's citizen volunteer Stream Quality Monitoring Project (and more importantly how to catch a crayfish without losing a finger). St. Hubert's is being added as the first reference station on the East Branch of the Chagrin River. Parishioners will be collecting water quality data three times a year to help the state monitor water quality in the East Branch of the Chagrin. Based on the data we collected Saturday water quality in the river had a Cumulative Index Value (CIV) of 21 meaning water quality is "good" approaching "excellent" (CIV >22). Participants included: Alayna & Connor Prokop (Jessica Amato), Grace and Eve Sicurezza (Lou Sicurezza), Bryce, Lucas & Quinn Gajda (Steve and Meridith Gajda), and Grayson Baird (David Baird).



Thank you to everyone who brought school supplies for Maple Elementary, Painesville! The van was stuffed from top to bottom!

AGENDA FOR September/October 2019

Welcome Back Sunday
Sunday, September 8

Marian Sterling Mobile Food Pantry
Friday, September 13, 3-5 at Marian Sterling
School in Cleveland

**Brown Bag Lunches for St. James
Family Day**
Saturday, September 21, 9-11 a.m.

St. Hubert's Adventure Dinner & Auction
Mentor Harbor Yachting Club
Saturday, September 28

St. James Sunday Supper
At St. James Episcopal Church, Painesville
Sunday, September 29

Vestry Meeting
Monday, September 30, 6 p.m.

Blessing of the Animals
Saturday, October 5, Time TBA

Brown Bag Lunches for St. James
Saturday, October 19, 9-11 a.m.

Bow Blanket Bee
Saturday, October 26, Time TBA

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.

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