

**St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church  
Silverdale, WA 98383**

**BC Monthly Reports  
March 2022**

**INTERIM VICAR'S REPORT - Craig Vocelka**

March 7, 2022

I'm sorry that I can't be with you as you meet but please don't hesitate to call my cell if you need me during the meeting.

I feel things are progressing as well as possible now. It's good that we are again able to worship together and still able to offer those for cannot or do not yet feel comfortable joining us in person. I've spoken with several members of the congregation who are most appreciative of this hybrid approach, and I am thankful that we are able to offer it for them.

I am most thankful for the response to the food drive. I pray that the response will continue over the next several weeks of Lent.

Masks – the question keeps coming up. As I said in my email last week, I believe that the decisions being made by the leaders in government are primarily political in light of the upcoming elections. I will continue to monitor the numbers and make the decision accordingly. I think the next few weeks will be very telling as more and more people quit wearing masks. If the numbers truly stay down, we too will lift this requirement. I do hope that will be respectful of those who will choose to continue to wear masks when gathering with us.

In this positive light of hopefully getting things back to some recognizable normal, as we look forward, I feel we need to start exploring ways to better use our property. In my understanding of church, I feel that the buildings we are blessed to us are God's buildings to which we have been given the keys. I always have this hope that churches will have on their signs something like:

St Antony's Episcopal Church

and

Christian Community Center

and that the building and ground would be used for numerous and various functions. With the amount of land we have, there are numerous things St. Antony's could possibly do – some simple others requiring a little more effort and commitment. As you look to calling your next vicar, I think the call will be much more appealing to someone who sees a dynamic and active congregation that is very involved in the community. Some ideas to get the ball rolling and the first ideas off the top of my head as I write this:

Weekly feeding program – this could be sack lunches

Warm shelter during freezing weather

Install some basketball hoops in the parking lot

Search for a congregation that needs space to worship

Set up a community garden where people living in apartments could grow fresh veggies

Create a rose garden

Create a labyrinth

Start a "Moms Day Out" program

Contact local AA, GA, etc. programs and offer a place to meet

And I'm certain that you will come up with many more

The other plus of these types of activities, projects, and ministries is that the church then gets exposure to the community and that's how the congregation grows. St. Antony's is a wonderful congregation and the doors and windows (figuratively and literally) need to wide open so that all may come to experience what we have all come to know and love.

I hope that you will give this concept serious thought and prayer and that you as the BC and we as a community of faith will start exploring possibilities to share this wonderful gift. I think this is important in being good stewards of the gift this land and building truly is and also looking to the future in building the congregation.

As we look toward Holy Week, as I try to organize the liturgies, I would like your thoughts of possibly having one service on Palm Sunday at 9:00. Right now, my thoughts are to have:

Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross at noon

Good Friday Liturgy at 6:30

Easter Vigil

I am still working on this one. With sunset listed at 9:00 pm I'm vacillating between 9:00 pm Saturday or 5:45 Sunday morning

Easter Day

Rite I at 8:00

Rite II at 10:15

These are just my initial thoughts as I try to get all this organized. I would appreciate any thoughts you might have on this schedule. My hope is that weather will cooperate that week and that we can make use of the picnic shelter and have a wonderful communal experience. The other factor with Holy Week / Triduum is the availability of Joann and Chris.

Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine. Pray that Putin will open himself to the love of God, see the sinfulness of his ways, and put an end to this madness and insanity.

With prayers and blessings, **craig**

## **BISHOP'S WARDEN – David Wilkinson**

Cleaning Contract: Reviewed, finalized, and signed contract with The Glam Team LLC to clean church facility. Cleaning will be completed the second and fourth Fridays of each month. The first cleaning will occur on Friday, March 11. The contract will cover six hours of cleaning services each month (\$50 per manhour - \$300 each month). During the first few cleaning sessions, The Glam Team will determine if three hours is enough time to perform the expected duties. If not, then we will need to renegotiate the duties or number of hours allowed each month.

A big thank you to Dee for her efforts in finding this vendor and doing the upfront footwork to get the contract in place.

Stewardship: Spoke to Dick Scott about being part of a stewardship committee. He has agreed to be a member. I have asked his assistance in suggesting/finding other members for the committee.

Started doing research on stewardship programs. Located several free resources and am in the process of reading these materials.

Playground Equipment Fundraising: Requested a report on donations made for the playground equipment. Report shows that a total of \$2,785 has been raised. A total of 12 donations were made. The donations were made in the months of September, October, and November. No further donations have been received. We need to revisit total cost of this effort and explore fundraising opportunities so that effort does not become stale.

## **PEOPLE'S WARDEN– Dave Peterson**

No report.

## **COMMUNICATIONS – Dee Perreira**

No report.

## **FACILITIES – Dave Peterson**

No report.

## **FAITH FORMATION – Julie Sherwin (Youth)**

No report.

## **FAITH FORMATION - Esther Osborne (Adult)**

No report.

## **FINANCE – Jim Foley**

Attached is the Treasurer's Report for February. Donations were behind budget, so the month is in the red, but we're still just above breakeven on the year.

Thanks,  
Jim

## **OUTREACH – Loretta McGinley**

Had an Outreach Team meeting via Zoom on 8 March. Despite low turnout (only 3 of us), we accomplished a lot. In response to a request from the Profile Committee, we developed an Outreach mission statement for this year:

***To act in response to Christ's words, 'Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me'. We act as stewards to seek out, plan and organize our time, talent and treasure to help those in need locally and globally.***

Will work to revise/update the current Outreach commission description in our binder.

We identified some programs we plan to support in the coming year. Being mindful of not stretching ourselves too thin, we chose the following as Outreach goals for the year:

- Collaborate with other churches and/or nonprofits to provide outreach.
- Host an appreciation dinner for New Fellowship Church.
- Explore ways to help refugees (e.g. through the Diocesan Refugee Resettlement program).
- Plan a fundraiser to raise funds for an organization we've chosen to support

We approved a donation of \$100 to purchase a gift card for a Kinship family through Kitsap Community Resources.

We are exploring ways to network with Silverdale Methodist Church to support their weekly meals program offered to those in need, as well as opportunities to support the Diocesan Refugee Resettlement Office in their work.

There's been a great response to the Lenten Food Drive (thank you Fr. Craig).

Discussed having someone from the Coffee Oasis Host Family program, as well as from the CK Food Bank speak to our congregation for upcoming Outreach Sundays.

#### **PARISH LIFE – Bishop's Committee**

No report.

#### **STEWARDSHIP – David Wilkinson**

No report.

#### **WELCOMING – Emily Nickerson**

I am waiting for Peter to check with Kinko,s re paper and printing for photo/directory Also need Linda's input on newcomer info form. Sylvia's articles introducing members of the congregation have been well received.

#### **Deacon Bill Thaete**

No report.

#### **Profile Committee Report – Marty Whitaker**

The Profile Committee met via zoom Feb. 21.

Main topic was the profile survey we will present to the congregation.

Everyone in household age 16 and up are encouraged to take their own survey.

We are planning on having the survey available to be taken starting Monday March 21.

The survey will close on the morning of April 4.

On the Sundays of March 27 and April 3 we are looking for people with lap tops to assist

those who need help between services. We need up to 10 helpers per service.

Hard copies of the survey will be mailed out to those who receive the newsletter by US mail. Directions for online survey will be made available through US mail, Email, and online in the Service bulletin, Happenings and the Newsletter.

The dates will be posted in the Service bulletins between now and then , Happenings and in the the News Letters.

We also have an Email address for people to contact us at:

stantonysprofilecommittee@gmail.com

While the survey is out and then being compiled we will be working on the rest of St. Antony's Profile.

We need the following from the BC.

Three liner descriptions of each of The BC commissions.

The BC also needs to address our Mission Statement. Does it express St Antony currently or does it'd need to be rethought to be effective?

We may have a second survey if needed. Even with that to consider we are hoping to have the Profile completed and available by June.

Marty