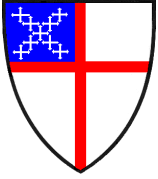


Glad Tidings

September 2023



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Deacon's Voice

My Sisters and Brothers,

Have you wondered who St. Antony of Egypt was, why he is considered a saint and what he did that was so impressive?

St. Antony of Egypt (251CE – 356CE) was an inspiration for the people of his time and for the generations to follow. Toward the end of the third century many young men were turning away from the corrupt and decadent society of the time. They went to live in the deserts or mountains, in solitude, fasting and prayer, living a simple and isolated life style. Antony of Egypt was an outstanding example in this movement, but he was not merely a recluse, he was the founder of a monastic group, and he wrote a set of rules for religious recluses. A set of rules still in practice today.

Antony's parents were Christians and he grew up to be quiet, devout and meditative young man. When Antony was still young his parents died, he and his younger sister were left to care for sizable estate. Six months after their death while in a church, he heard the reading about the rich young ruler, Mark 10:17-27, whom Christ advised to sell all he had and give it to the poor. Antony at once gave his land to the villagers, and sold most of his goods, giving the proceeds to the poor. He also insured that his younger sister was well taken care of. After that Antony, still living at home, spent his days in prayer, reading and doing manual labor giving the earnings to the poor. During that time, he was tormented by demons and he fled to a mountain across the Nile from his village to resist his torment. Antony dwelt alone in that cave for twenty years where he developed his rules for religious reclusive living. Then in 305CE he left his cave and founded a monastery in the deserts of Egypt, a series of cells inhabited by recluses who lived under his rules. Athanasius wrote, "Their cells, like tents, were filled with singing, fasting, praying and working that they might give alms, and having love and peace with one another." Antony remained there until his death.

Antony, with his rules, introduced a new spiritual life style for monastic living. The monks living under Antony's rules collectively provided meals to share with the group and then returned to the seclusion of their cells to eat their meals alone. A philosophy of "Living Together Alone", influencing the development of most monastic orders. His influence still continues today. There are many other stories and events in Antony's life that led to his Canonization as a Saint shortly after his death in 356CE. St. Antony of Egypt's feast day is January 17th.

Yours in Christ.

Rev. Bill Thaete, Deacon

*The mission of St. Antony's is to be a loving and welcoming community
who worships God, grows in Christ, and serves others.
Gather, Grow, and Go!*



Reverend Hillary Kimsey has accepted the Call to be our new Vicar! She will be our presider at the 8 October church service. Please read her bio below, and look for ways to welcome her as we begin a new phase of our St. Antony church journey together.

The Rev. Hillary B. Kimsey is excited to accept a call to serve as vicar of St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church in Silverdale, WA. Her first Sunday will be October 8th.

Originally from Columbia, South Carolina, Hillary was raised in the Southern Baptist tradition. She earned a BA in English and a BS in Secondary Education from the College of Charleston and dedicated several years to teaching high school English. During this period, Hillary's spiritual journey led her to explore her faith and explore diverse Christian perspectives. Eventually, this exploration led her away from teaching to enroll in seminary at McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta in 2013.

During her initial year at seminary, a Navy transfer prompted Hillary's spouse to relocate to Washington, so she transferred to The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology to complete her M. Div degree. Upon arrival in Washington, Hillary attended St. Paul's in Bremerton and discovered a spiritual home in the Episcopal church. Bishop Greg Rickel confirmed her in 2015, and she graduated from seminary in 2017. An experience of deep grief led Hillary to pursue hospital chaplaincy after the death of a childhood friend from leukemia in 2012. She undertook a CPE internship at Palmetto (now Prisma) Health in Columbia, SC during the summer of 2014 and a year-long chaplain residency at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle from 2017 to 2018. She completed field education at St. Bede's in Port Orchard and served there as a transitional deacon. Her commitment to being with the sick and grieving extended to her role as a staff chaplain at Providence Swedish in Seattle from 2019 through 2023. Here, she provided spiritual care and emotional support to patients, families, and hospital staff through all manner of challenges, including the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. After being ordained to the priesthood on June 30th 2020, Hillary served as a curate at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Ballard for two years and continues to serve there as Assistant to the Vicar.

Musings from the Peoples Warden

With the exciting news that we will soon have our new Vicar, the BC has been working on updating the membership data base for everyone to work with. I have looked at our list of members and have been starting to have members of the Pastoral Care committee call members who will have missed lately. We are also using the donation list to identify people who have are involved perhaps online or from a care facility. Our parochial report and the classification of our mission is determined by a few factors including membership. We want to clean this up as it has been difficult with COVID online only to be followed by the retirement of the Vicar almost two years ago. If you receive a call or message and are still attending St Antony, please let the office or me know to keep you on our active list.

The treasurer is doing a great job of transferring the data of donations and pledges as well as budget to a new program. This would be much easier for all if those were identified by using a check, online donations, or putting the cash in the plate in a marked envelope. I am looking into a way to make those handing in the pews with a writing utensil. Let me know what you think and if you would like to help. I am thinking this would be a great place to put a welcome card for potential new members as well.

The Pastoral care committee has asked that we have some way to contact a family member or neighbor in an emergency. It has come up a few times that we have some members that we do not have someone to contact. So we would like to ask each family to let Linda know of an email and phone number for someone to connect with if we have an emergency only. This information will be kept private in the data base only available to those in the office. Please do this as soon as possible. We will add this to the pledge card in the future. We also have members in care facilities and unless we have a contact, the care facility will not always let us know if they are needed visits or have passed away.

Thank you to the Profile Committee for the unending job of creating the Profile for our church to attract great candidates! Thank you also to the Search committee over the past 7 months. They did an outstanding job and made the work of the BC easy to move into the Transition Team phase of our church life. Please consider joining the BC now or in the coming year. We do have several key positions that need filling and it is so important for YOUR new Vicar to have a complete and active team to help guide and support them.

A reminder that our renters Scott and Suzie Biggers have a contract that requires 24 hour notice if we need access to the house or garage. Please contact David Sorrell as the person to ask for access. We will be making an effort in the next few weeks to remove anything that is church materials from the buildings so that access will be minimal to repairs etc.

The next Pastoral Care meeting will be Tuesday Sept 5 at 1:30 pm in the Godly play room.

Holly Foley

Peoples Warden/ Pastoral Care /Welcoming

Charles Mission News

Kakwa Alobu ¹

I was on my way to Francis Ayume Memorial Secondary School with two other members of Truth is Light. We were going to this out of the way school at the southern end of Koboko to attend the scripture union turnover of leadership. The outgoing president is a member of Truth is Light's children ministry. Since that ministry is not part of the scripture union, he invited us, the members of Truth is Light's prison ministry. The prison ministry is a member of the scripture union. We were traveling the back roads because the route is shorter from west division where I live.

We passed a woman laying in the road and I said to Adoke, the other member riding the boda with me, "Shouldn't we stop?" I was thinking of the story of the good Samaritan. I was also thinking about being in Uganda and the good Samaritan law of the United States does not apply here, so I phrased it as a question instead of a statement. He asked the driver to stop. He did not say anything about going back, and the driver did not. The people sitting near the shop on the far side of the road watched as Adoke went to the shop on the near side. The shop Adoke visited sold pharmacy items, but the young lady in the shop said, in the local language, she did not have a place for the woman in the road to lie down.

Adoke and I started walking back to the woman in the road. Another boda went by going the other direction. They too went past before stopping. They started looking back to see what we would do. I tried to ask the woman if she was alright, hoping she understood English. I hesitated to touch her because I did not know what was allowed – no good Samaritan law in Uganda. Adoke is watching me to see what I will do. Now the second boda (of our group, the third to show up at the scene) arrived carrying Meta. They stopped next to the woman where I was standing, and those watching were coming over now. Meta took just a moment to assess the situation and decided it was okay if he touched her. He picked her up and helped her onto the boda he was riding. Then he got on and asked us to follow them to the medical center.

At the medical center, they said they knew her and would take care of her. They did and she was back out in the community walking along the road when we went by on our way home from Francis Ayume Memorial Secondary School.

¹ In Kakwa, the adjective frequently follows the noun instead of preceding it like it does in English. Hence, good Samaritan (or good Kakwa in this case) becomes Kakwa alobu.

Kairos Uganda

Kairos Prison Ministry International (KPMI) has been contacted by prison officials from several countries in Africa. The CEO has been working on identifying volunteers to coordinate Kairos prison ministry at the national level in each of these countries for years. These volunteers in turn need to identify a team to help them and then do whatever their country requires so they can operate. As a result, the number of countries in Africa desiring Kairos is large, and until now, the list of African countries with a Kairos national team was one – South Africa. In July that changed. Four countries moved from the list of countries desiring Kairos, to the list of countries with Kairos – including Uganda!

The CEO of Kairos plans to put the Kairos Uganda national team in contact with me. I will introduce them to the local prison ministry team and invite them to talk to the team about Kairos. If that goes well, we could become one of (possibly the) first teams and first prisons in Uganda with Kairos. Please hold this in prayer.

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Thanksgivings

- The prison ministry team is welcome and well received at the prison despite the resistance of some at Gbukutu prison, men's side.
- Kairos has officially started ministry in Uganda!

Prayer Requests

- For attendance for prison ministry in Gbukutu prison men's side to trend upward. (Interest is high with the women and at Lobule prison.)
- Kairos in Uganda (see above).
- Good weather and good attendance for the computer skills graduation scheduled for 1 September.



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My Sisters and Brothers at St. Antony

It is with mixed feelings that I am writing this note. I have been with you at St. Antony at our old location and here, since 2016. But as it is written in Ecclesiastes, there is a time for every matter under heaven.

Over the past several months I have been discerning my calling of service as a deacon at St. Antony. I have loved the past seven years that I have spent here at St. Antony and have seen the growth in love, spirituality and community. I have grown to love all the people at St. Antony and know there is a strong future ahead for this church. Since your time of transition is coming to an end with the calling of a new vicar shortly, I believe that it is an appropriate time for me to leave St. Antony to make a clear path for your new vicar. It is time for me to move to a different community experience and allow you to bond with your new leader. Therefore, with deep grief for what is ending and excitement for the future, my last Sunday serving with you will be September 10th 2023. I will then be transferring to a new assignment. I will miss my loving family at St. Antony and it will always hold a special place in my heart.

Yours in Christ.
Rev. Bill Thaete, Deacon



Communications Corner

By: Dolores (Dee) Perreira



It is the end of Summer and almost all schools have started by then or after Labor Day. It is also the first month of the Autumn or Fall season. Time sure flew by for the summer and I hope each of you have made it memorable for yourself and your families. It is still warm enough to be pleased without freezing, but not unbearably hot and humid, but a light delightful crisp in the air.

For our children, we prepare them by getting school supplies and instruct them to be safe, learn, focus and be kind. For parents or grandparents we are there for them in support, giving them positive feedback or advice, love, blessings and maybe a sweet treat. There is so much for our children these days in school or at church, so let's continue to guide them for their coming school year.

There is more than beginning of another school year, there is celebration of Labor day which is observed the first Monday in September, an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. Then a tragedy of September 11th a day never forgotten but we must remember, respect and honor those affected that day.

However, a different tragedy has occurred on Tuesday, August 8th in my hometown, Maui, Hawaii. A wildfire took part of Kula and Kihei but devastated Lahaina town. Our hearts were broken because our youngest son Kori still reside there with his girlfriend Ashely and thankfully they are okay along with her family. They among so many relatives, friends and co-workers were impacted by this horrifying tragedy but happy to know they are all safe and slowing healing and moving on. I am sharing this news because I would like to ask for continued prayers. (Some photos are being shared). We will continue to pray for them along with ALL those who were impacted by this and ask God for his continued guidance and blessings.

In closing, as the autumn leaves will soon prepare to change colors it also reflects on St. Antony for we too have a change to look forward too, a change in obtaining a new vicar but let us continue to be patient and worship together. September is the month in which you can enjoy both summer and fall. It is also a time where we should push towards yearly objectives or setting important goals, so let us start now.



Holy Innocents Episcopal Church

Lahaina, Maui



Ways you can contribute:

For Dee & Norman's son, Kori Perreira:
Venmo: for_oursonKori or Gift cards accepted

<http://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/maui-strong>
<https://mauiunitedway.org/disasterrelief>



Supporting the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i after Wildfires

Thoughts on Stewardship by Bill Reeder

The Reeder Family has counted our blessings this summer. Most recently, we gave thanks for Chelsea's good fortune in having only two "non-displaced" fractures of her spine from a horse accident. Her injuries could have been much worse. We were so grateful they were not and that she is now doing well in recovery.

All things combined have given me cause to reflect on the goodness of God in our lives, of what he means in our home and to our family. As I consider the blessings God has given us, and all his blessings that are yet to come, I am reminded of one of my favorite readings from First Chronicles:

29:12. Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³ And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name. ¹⁴ "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. ¹⁵ For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. ¹⁶ O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. ¹⁷ I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. ¹⁸ O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you.

As we receive from God, we should weigh what portion of his gifts we can return to him through Saint Antony's, how we can share our time, talent, and treasure in thanksgiving for the blessings he has given each of us. Have a blessed September!

Faith Formation - Youth

As we enter the new school year we have some fun activities lined up. September 3rd we'll bring in the new school year with sidewalk art and positive messages. The kids will help of course, but all people of all ages can add to the fun.

The youth had a meeting 17 August and set a plan for upcoming events. There will be a Lock-in Thursday, August 31st starting at 6:30 pm with pizza, and ending after breakfast on Friday, September 1st.

Bring your school backpack to church on September 3rd for Blessing of the Backpacks -- students and teachers!

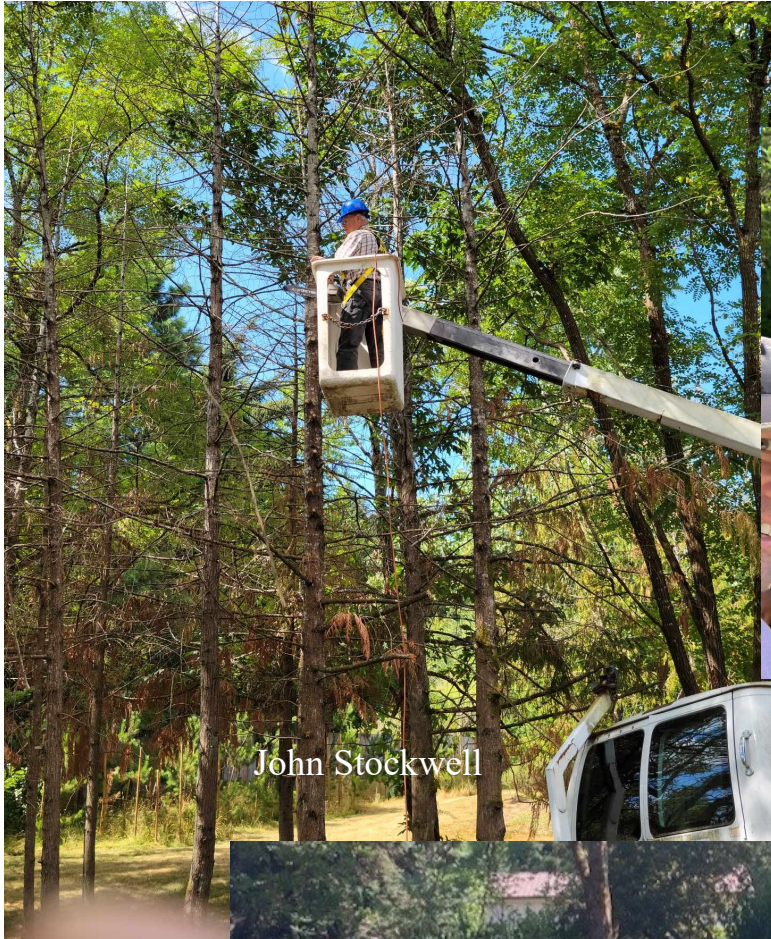
Prospective date for the next Youth hosted Spaghetti Dinner is Saturday, February 3rd, 2024.

Any questions on youth events, please call Marj Zantek (360) 434-4905.

Julie Sherwin, Youth Faith Formation Commissioner

Huge Thank You

"Many hands make light work." Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with the cutting down and removal of dead and damaged trees near the event shelter. Here is a list of the people who helped with this project: John Stockwell, Tim & Soren Van As, Rick & Connie Zapp, Marj Zantek, Dave Peterson and Cheryl Wright. Thanks again, Benny Wright.



Meet your Bishop's Committee



Loretta McGinley
Bishop's Warden
Stewardship



Holly Foley
People's Warden
Pastoral Care
Welcoming



Julie Sherwin
Faith Formation, Youth



Esther Osborne
Faith Formation, Adult



Tim Van As
Outreach



Dee Perreira
Clerk of the BC
Communications



Benny Wright
Environment

Please contact one of these persons if you have questions or concerns or ideas within their commission.



September Birthdays

1	Barbara hart
4	Esther Osborne
7	David Wedeven
8	Elexa Tubberville
	Barbara Thaete
9	Carol Wedeven
16	Tim van As
17	Cheryl Wright
19	Malcolm Campbell
20	Sylvia Campbell
22	Christina Morris
23	Jessica Sherwin
24	George Anderson
25	David Stockwell
	Chris Ferguson
26	Benny Wright
27	Bryan Roberts



September Anniversaries

5	Bill & Melanie Reeder
7	Rev. Bill & Barbara Thaete
9	Bill & Lori Fagan
24	Darrow & Ruth Lindstrum
26	Bill & Heather George
28	Chris Christensen & Esther Osborne
30	Rick & Connie Zapp

The deadline for the October Glad Tidings is **Tuesday, September 19th** at 10 am.
Please send all submissions to:
stantonysilverdale@gmail.com. Thank you.

Please Welcome to our Church Family

Sarah & Joel Seidel

(Please contact the office for contact information.)

Financial Report July			Account Balances	
		Year-to-date		
Operating Income	\$15,482.82	\$135,868.17	Local Checking	\$43,807.78
Operating Expenses	\$10,866.78	\$118,482.65	Local Savings	\$17,244.77
Net in July	\$4,616.04	\$17,385.52	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$210,120.80
			Total	\$271,173.35

September 2023 Schedule

JOB	September 3 14th Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 17	September 10 15th Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 18	September 17 16th Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 19	September 24 17th Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 20
EM 8 am	Donna Hilton	Ruth Lindstrum	Elizabeth Moorhead	Donna Hilton
LC/OT & NT 8 am	Ruth Lindstrum	Elizabeth Moorhead	Dee Perreira	Norma Tipton
GREETER 8 am				
EM 10:15 am	Peter Stockwell	Sarah Rogers	Cris McCarty	Esther Osborne
LC/OT 10:15 am	Stu Smith	Michael Wentworth	Elizabeth Flagg	Jim Foley
LC/NT 10:15 am	Luke R.	Maggie Scott	Cris McCarty	Peter Stockwell
ACOLYTES 10:15 am				
USHER 10:15 am	Carole Nau	Mark Westin	Chris Crowson	Dave Peterson
COUNTERS	Ann Daniels Norma Tipton	Jim Foley David Wedeven	Marj Zantek Chris Crowson	Jim Foley Maggie Scott
COFFEE HOUR	The Reeder Family	The Wentworth Family	The Foley Family	Esther Osborne
BPod	Loretta McGinley	Dee Perreira	Holly Foley	Tim van As
1st LESSON	Exodus 3:1-15	Exodus 12:1-14	Exodus 14:19-31 or Exodus 15:1b-11,20-21	Exodus 16:2-15
PSALM	Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c	Psalms 149	Psalms 114	Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45
2nd LESSON	Romans 12:9-21	Romans 13:8-14	Romans 14:1-12	Philippians 1:21-30
GOSPEL	Matthew 16:21-28	Matthew 18:15-20	Matthew 18:21-35	Matthew 20:1-16

Roster of Volunteers for Services

If you cannot serve on your assigned Sunday, please call someone from this list.
(A strike through a name means they are not available now but will be back.)

LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS	USHERS	ACOLYTES
8 am	8 am	8 am	Chris Crowson B	Chris Crowson	Cris McCarty
Donna Hilton	Donna Hilton	Donna Hilton	Ann Daniels A	Carol Nau	Laurel R.
Ruth Lindstrum	Ruth Lindstrum	Pam Morton	Jim Foley A	Dave & Jan Peterson	
Elizabeth Moorhead	Elizabeth Moorhead		Maggie Scott B	Linda Robuck	
Dee Perreira	Bill Reeder		Norma Tipton B	Peter Stockwell	
Norma Tipton			David Wedeven B	Mark Westin	
			Marj Zantek A		
10 am	10 am	10 am			
Elizabeth Flagg					
Jim Foley	Cris McCarty	Suzanne Brock			
Cris McCarty	Esther Osborne	Elizabeth Flagg			
Luke R.	Sarah Rogers	Carole Nau			
Sarah Rogers	Peter Stockwell	Malcolm & Sylvia Campbell	A - computer		
Maggie Scott			B - non computer		
Stu Smith					
Peter Stockwell					
Michael Wentworth					

September 2023

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1	2 9 - noon Grounds Cleaning
					Music Group 9-noon	
3 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	4	5 1:30 pm Pastoral Care Mtg.	6 Noon Contemplative Group	7	8	9
				10 am - noon Organ Practice	Music Group 9-noon Cleaners Morning	
10 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	11	12	13	14 Noon BC Reports due	15	16
					Music Group 9-noon	
17 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 BC Meeting	18	19 10 am Newsletter Deadline 11:00 am Witty Knitters	20 Noon Contemplative Group	21	22	23
					Music Group 9-noon Cleaners Morning	
24 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Project Linus 1 - 4 pm	25 9:00 - noon P.E.O Ladies	26	27	28	29	30

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