St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church Silverdale, WA 98383

BC Monthly Reports September 2023

INTERIM VICAR'S REPORT - Craig Vocelka (Term ended May 14, 2023)

BISHOP'S WARDEN – Loretta McGinley

• After the special presentation 16 August by the Search Committee and BC-only meeting afterwards in which there was a vote and acceptance of the Vicar candidate chosen, I made a phone call to Rev. Hillary Kimsey and invited her to accept the call to be our new Vicar. Happily, she accepted. Working with our treasurer, Jim., and People's Warden, Holly, we developed an initial Letter of Agreement (LOA). We met with Rev. Kimsey via a Zoom meeting on 20 August, negotiated the terms of the LOA and came to a mutual agreement. I contacted the Diocese of Olympia Canon to the Ordinary, Rev. Canon Arienne Davison and forwarded the LOA. On 21 August the LOA was reviewed and signed by Rev. Kimsey, by myself (Bishop's Warden) and by the presiding Bishop, most Rev. Melissa Skelton. Per Diocesan guidance, there was a delay notifying our congregation until our new Vicar had time to notify her current church congregation. Notification to the congregation occurred on 27 August, coinciding with our annual church picnic.

• Initial in-person meeting with Rev. Hillary and People's Warden, Holly on 28 August to discuss and plan general orientation and getting-to-know-you activities. An informal breakfast meeting at the church with the new Vicar and BC will happen on 7 October at 9 am. A potluck Welcome Banquet will be planned for 15 October from 4-6 pm. Kathy Avery, Carol Wedeven and Jean Miller are heading up planning for this event. Small group gatherings in church member's homes will be planned Oct-Nov as a means to get to know one another in a smaller, more personal setting. Cheryl Wright is coordinating this. Rev. Hillary will coordinate with a number of key church members to both become acquainted with, and to plan future activities.

• Informed by Deacon Bill of his departure from St. A's 10 September. Helped coordinate a farewell recognition for his service to our congregation. Will open church and make announcements for upcoming 3 Sunday services with scheduled supply priests.

• Wrote up steps to clarify process for St. Antony Building use Requests.

• Coordinated with Kitsap Musicians POC and St. A's musicians regarding proposed piano tuning for upcoming event 4 November - the Kitsap Young Musicians Festival.

PEOPLE'S WARDEN- Holly Foley + Pastoral Care + Welcoming

Aug 17- Zoom meeting to iron out LOA

Aug 20- Zoom meeting with BW, Rev Hillary, Treasurer to discuss LOA

AUG 22- Esther and I met to map out congregation

Aug 24- David Sorrell, Benny Wright and I met with Scott Biggers our renter to discuss removing all church materials

Aug 26- Costco shopping for picnic meats etc. and cleaned out church refrigerator/freezer

Aug 27- PICNIC

Aug 28- meeting with Loretta and Rev Kimsey to prepare transition and present Rev with key (she needs discovered office key)

Sept 5- Pastoral care meeting. Include Kathy Avery as new member

Sept 8- Meet with Guy Fulton to update website

Sept 10-Reception for fair well to Deacon Thaete

Sept 11-Calls to missing members

Aaron Scalf recovery from heart transplant

Joan Willoughby would like ride to church

Julia Johnson gone to mid west to college

Donna Smith working Sunday's-online

Zagrockis hunting for closer church but

Left messages for four others

Meals delivered to Flaggs

Request from E Haney

Sept 16- Baking bread with Sarah Rogers

COMMUNICATIONS – Dee Perreira

Our Annual church picnic was a success and it was truly an honor to have been the Picnic Coordinator as I was happy to help. I would like to thank everyone and I hope I don't miss anyone, but "THANK YOU" to:

All the volunteers for set up, clean up, along with food and drink donors

Ice cream & Face Painting—Cheryl and Benny W.

Grill Chef—Norman P.

Emcee—Holly F. and Loretta M.

Flower arrangement—Loretta M. (It was very beautiful, "Thank you!")

Entertainment—John S. and Mark W. (Thanks to John S. for lending us his grill)

Picnic display in the Narthex—Tovi A.

Invitation for New Fellowship—Linda R. (Thanks to Sylvia for that idea!)

And ALL those that joined us for YOU are all a blessing for making another memory of St. Antony's Annual Picnic.

Playground and Bulletin Idea: I have drafted the playground signs to order and an idea of our future bulletin board display.

ENVIRONMENT – Benny Wright (voted in on 6-24-23)

No report.

FAITH FORMATION – Julie Sherwin (Youth)

There has been good turnout and participation for Godly play. The kiddos really enjoyed having time with sidewalk chalk on the 3rd. We still need volunteers so that the load is spread out. We do not want our volunteers burnt out.

The youth of St A had a successful <u>Lock-In</u> at the church on August 31st, with 6 youth participating. They'd love to do another in the coming months.

They're also interested in doing a trunk for the <u>*Trunk-or-Treat*</u> if it will be occurring on October 28.

We have discussed a <u>Youth Sunday</u> with Joann for October 29th when she will be playing. We're assuming that All Saints Day will be celebrated on November 5th?

We would like to partner with Outreach in a <u>food/supplies drive</u> for the Thanksgiving/Christmas season, and participate in <u>Church activities during Advent and Christmas</u>...perhaps carols/gathering with seniors/cookie event/mini pageant/Epiphany celebration?

We have reserved Feb 3rd for another <u>Spaghetti Dinner</u> before Lent begins. And we hope to orchestrate an <u>Easter Egg hunt</u> on March 31st, 2024.

We are all checking our calendars to see when our 3 or 4 different schools districts have scheduled spring breaks. We are interested in pairing with Faith Episcopal youth for a joint activity to be determined.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 1st after the 10:15 service. We will begin with a short rehearsal with the choir on an upcoming hymn, then adjourn to the Godly Play room to discuss upcoming events. If we could get pre approval for some of these events, that would be greatly helpful.

FAITH FORMATION – Esther Osborne (Adult)

No report.

FINANCE – Jim Foley

A couple of items we need to discuss at the BC meeting are:

Updating the signatories for the bank accounts. Currently, I am a signer on all the accounts. The other signers are:

- o Operating Checking Bill Fulton
- o Operating Savings Bill Fulton
- o Vicar's Discretionary Bill Fulton
- o Altar Guild Ruth Lindstrom

o Youth Group - Charles Smith

I propose we remove Bill & Charles from the accounts and add Carrie Rivers as Assistant Treasurer to all the accounts, Marj Zantek to the Youth Group and Hillary Kimsey to the operating and discretionary accounts.

The other item is to authorize withdrawals from the Diocesan Investment Fund; \$3,000 from the Outreach Endowment Fund and \$3,375.65 from the Search & Sabbatical Fund to pay back the Operating account for those expenditures.

o We wrote 3 checks for \$1,000, one each on 10/31/21, 7/18/22 and 12/14/22, to support outreach parishioners participated in per the rules of the Brandenburg endowment. This should be paid back from the Outreach Endowment fund.

o We wrote 4 checks totaling \$3,375.65 in August to reimburse the travel and related expenses as part of the search for a new vicar that should be paid back from the Search & Sabbatical fund.

OUTREACH – Tim van As

No report.

PARISH LIFE – Bishop's Committee

No report.

PASTORAL CARE – Holly Foley

No report.

STEWARDSHIP – Loretta McGinley

No report.

WELCOMING – Holly Foley

No report.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE – Tyler Reynolds (Term ended)

No report.

Deacon Bill Thaete (Term ended 9-10-2023)

No report.

SEARCH COMMITTEE LIASON – Sarah Rogers

Job is done.