

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

**Bishop's Committee Monthly Reports
August 2024**

VICAR'S REPORT – Mother Hillary

Worship and Spiritual Life: Aside from our COVID outbreak in June, our worship numbers have been steady this summer, with several new families coming multiple times and beginning to get settled in. With the children in worship while Godly Play is on break, we've been integrating children's sermons periodically. The altar guild, acolytes, musicians, and eucharistic ministry teams all continue to serve faithfully. Ordinary Time continues, with a highly being next Sunday, the 18th, and our Instructed Eucharist! For comments on the book study, see below in parish life.

Pastoral Care: Since our June meeting, we've been tending to several needs, particular Bill Cleveland who has been hospitalized and now moved to rehab following a surprise surgery. We also had Death and Donuts, a funeral planning workshop, which was very well attended with about three dozen people present!

Community Relationships: Rentals for recitals continue to be our main source of rental income so far. I'm also working with other priests on the peninsula to plan an End of Life Planning regional event, similar to a half-day conference, where we will have a chance to engage with others in the community and local business and organizations too.

Parish Life: The big event this month is next week with the Picnic! The summer book study, which was 8 weeks long where we gathered at 6 for a potluck dinner and discussion of the book, was very well attended! There was some attrition over the weeks, which is normal, but feedback has been very positive. I hope to continue offering opportunities like this for additional spiritual formation and fellowship.

Stewardship: Chris Crowson left us a bequest of \$15,000 dollars, which is such a gift as we prepare for the major septic tank repair project! Because of his gift, this is a fantastic time to talk about planned giving as we begin to gear up for our fall stewardship campaign. I'd love to convene a Stewardship subcommittee to begin working on ideas for this year.

Administration: I continue to be deeply grateful for our staff and volunteers when it comes to managing the day to day administration of our church. I certainly couldn't do alone! Thank you all for the part you play. The big project that I haven't yet completed is the updated rental agreement and meeting with our tenants. With the end of the year fast approaching, my new goal is to have their lease agreement updated and our meeting together done in order to have the new agreement go into effect January 1st.

Thank you all! May God continue to bless our community with energy and joy in each other.

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BISHOP'S WARDEN – Holly Foley

1. June 10- Ruth and I reorganized and moved linens back into sacristy closet and organized the drawers.
2. June 11 - Pastoral Care meeting, attended
3. June 11 - Initial VBS meeting with team organizing who and what comes next
4. June 13 - Worked on mowing church lawn - Weed eating and mowing
5. June 18 - Landscape design team meeting- Heather explaining results of survey and next steps to meet with Kitsap County Conservation Dist. and how they can support us
6. June 27 - Women's social dinner- WE NEED MORE, this was well received
7. June 30 - Baking Communion Bread team 3 hours in our own kitchen and we were joined by Carolyn Alford
8. July 9 - Pastoral Care Meeting, attended
9. July 16 - Landscaping design Team meeting
10. July 25 - Altar Guild Potluck at the Moorhead's house, meeting and dinner
11. July 28 - Death and Donuts, planning for service for our own death. WELL attended, need follow up or second opportunity
12. Aug 3 - St. A work party, tree removal, blackberry removal, fence cleaning (Bill Fagan) and general weeding
13. Aug 6 - BC Wardens Planning meeting to prepare for BC meeting
14. Aug 6 - VBS planning meeting, like we have a small group of youths, and almost enough leaders, but could use a few more.

PEOPLE'S WARDEN– Tim van As

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS – Cris McCarty

Nothing to report.

FACILITIES & ENVIRONMENT – David Peterson

Nothing to report.

FAITH FORMATION – Marj Zantek (Youth)

Nothing to report.

FAITH FORMATION – Esther Osborne (Adult)

Nothing to report.

FINANCE – Jim Foley

Nothing to report.

OUTREACH – Tim van As

Nothing to report.

PARISH LIFE – Holly Foley & David Peterson

Nothing to report.

PASTORAL CARE – Kathy Avery

The Pastoral Care Commission members include Sylvia Campbell, Gail Ferguson, Holly Foley, Kay Kellogg, Loretta McGinley, Peggy Roberts, Maggie Scott, Janet Steller, Marj Zantek, Mother Hillary and Kathy Avery.

Lay Eucharist: Five people have volunteered to be Lay Eucharistic ministers and one has volunteered to be a companion for the ministers. Training is ongoing.

Prayer Chain Report: Kay reported by email that a member of the prayer chain group stated that there are too many stipulations for her to follow with the new prayer chain guidelines, so she has decided to no longer be a member of the St. Antony Prayer Chain or to place prayer requests with our prayer chain. She will continue with her own prayer chain without associating it with St Antony. With this final bit of transition being completed, a news article will be published in the August Glad Tidings to introduce the new prayer chain to the entire congregation. The prayer box and prayer request forms are in the narthex and the email address for the prayer chain and online request form are on the church website, as well. Mother Hillary will be working on the website to resolve some issues accessing the prayer request. Prayers and updates are still being accepted via Kay's email address until the website access is corrected. Pastoral Care members present today would like to clarify the form used for the prayer requests and explore whether the prayer chain should continue to be a responsibility of the Pastoral Care Commission.

Care Giver Support: Gail Ferguson reported that she is going to arrange for the Kitsap County Aging and Long Term Care (Kitsap County's Area Agency on Aging) to provide a program for St. Antony's in the Fall.

Women's Social: Loretta McGinley reported that the June 27th Summer Women's Social was very successful. She thanked Marj, Kathy and Peggy (who provide banana pudding). The event was catered by Town and Country for \$480 which the BC agreed to fund and was supplemented by Loretta, Marj, Kathy, and Peggy for over 30 women who attended. Marj developed a method using colors to randomly seat people at different tables, and Kathy provide Get to Know You Bingo with 5 prizes for an ice breaker. Suggestions for future women's get-togethers was recorded at each table and will be discussed at the August Pastoral Care meeting. It was suggested that pictures and an article of the event be published in the August Glad Tidings which Kathy volunteered to do.

The commission continues to support several congregation members with visits, phone contact, cards, prayers, meals, requests for altar flowers after church services, and transportation to church.

Pastoral Care Commission



Kathy Avery

STEWARDSHIP – Bishop’s Committee

Nothing to report.

WELCOMING – Melanie Reeder

Nothing to report.