

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

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

VICAR'S REPORT – Mother Hillary

Worship and Spiritual Life: The Christmas worship schedule is out! It is the same as last year: a Blue Christmas Evening Prayer, Christmas Eve Eucharist at 5 and 10:30pm, and Christmas morning Eucharist at 9:30am. Episcopal 101, New Beginnings, and Esther's Bible study continue to thrive. I will be joining Marj in leading our Youth Group meetings from this point forward so that we can offer our youth additional spiritual formation and the opportunity to get confirmed.

Pastoral Care: See Kathy Avery's excellent report. This team continues to do an excellent job responding to needs in our congregation, both by stepping in to help themselves and by helping our parishioners access community resources. I am also in the process of putting together a rotation for lay Eucharistic visitors to see our homebound members on a consistent basis.

Community Relationships: We continue to host recitals and work with the Diocese to finalize new agreements between us and the West Sound Beekeepers, our tenants, and KCD for the rain garden. The food and toy drives are going well, and the Seafarer donations were picked up. The Thanksgiving Eve community worship service was a big success! Thank you especially to Joann for leading music and the joint choir and to Tovi for the beautiful reception!

Parish Life: The Advent Soup suppers have been fun, with about 10-12 attendees. Next year, I'd like to offer a Friendsgiving potluck on the Friday after Thanksgiving. The women and men continue to have social events with more coming.

Stewardship: Our receiving treasurer reports that giving is up following the conclusion of this year's pledge drive. See treasurer's report for this month's financial updates. Thank you to all who helped lead the stewardship campaign!

Administration: A new copier is coming! We are also moving back to booklet printed bulletins to save paper and make for an easier experience for worshippers. Welcome back Linda and Thank you to Holly Hoxeng for stepping in!

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

Nothing to report.

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

We continue to exceed the budgeted expectations for revenue and savings, in part fueled this month by Linda taking the month off without taking PTO and Holly Hoxeng volunteering to fill her duties without compensation.

Looking ahead to next year, the proposed budget shows increases in expected revenue due to increased pledges and plate expectations.

Payroll expense increases reflect the Diocesan increase for Class E clergy, increasing the pay of the musicians above minimum wage to put them at the high end of musicians at other churches in the area, giving Linda a 2.5% COLA increase matching that determined by Social Security, and increasing other positions from \$16.32 to \$16.66 as mandated by the state.

Programs show increases for Faith Formation due to the return of VBS and the needs of Godly Play, and Parish Life due to the increase of activities for the congregation.

Utilities reflect the increase due to adding the fiber internet.

As was budgeted this year, I am projecting a loss, but hoping for the typical St. Antony miracles.

OUTREACH – Tim van As

Nothing to report.

PARISH LIFE – Holly Foley & David Peterson

Nothing to report.

PASTORAL CARE – Kathy Avery

The Pastoral Care Commission welcomed Karrie Wiley as a new member of the commission. Marty Whitaker has asked to be on the commission after her surgery in January. Other members include Sylvia Campbell, Gail Ferguson, Holly Foley, Kay Kellogg, Loretta McGinley, Peggy Roberts, Maggie Scott, Janet Steller, Marj Zantek, Mother Hillary Kimsey, and Kathy Avery.

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. This past meeting at least nine people from St. Antony's were discussed. As a result of

the need for meals to be provided to some of these, Maggie suggested that a message sent out to the congregation for donations of prepare casseroles that can be stored in church's freezer and ready to be used for those that need help with meals. Committee agreed that this was a good idea. Kathy Avery has a freezer that can hold donations, as an overflow. A message requesting donations will be submitted in the Happenings and Glad Tidings. For those that need on-going meals help, Meals on Wheels is suggested.

Lay Eucharist Visitors are being trained and organized by Mother Hillary. Loretta McGinley and Penny Whitney are licensed by the diocese to be Lay Eucharist Visitors. Holly Hoxen had been licensed at her former diocese. Marj Zantek and Kathy Avery are to be trained soon. Once training is completed, a rotating schedule will be made for these volunteers to visit, as needed. Mother Hillary will continue to administer Eucharist to the very sick.

Social Events have been popular. 22 people from our church attended the women's plus one event at the Port Gamble's theater production of **Best Christmas Pageant Ever** on December 7. Loretta and Mother Hillary are planning **POETTEA** (a poetry and tea event) to be held January 25, 2-4 and open to all. **Card Making** event for women and another **Bunko Night** are also being considered.



Pastoral Care Commission

Kathy Avery

STEWARDSHIP – Bishop's Committee

Nothing to report.

WELCOMING – Melanie Reeder

Nothing to report.