

**St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church**

**Silverdale, WA 98383**

**Bishop's Committee Monthly Reports**

**October 2024**

**VICAR'S REPORT – Mother Hillary**

**Worship and Spiritual Life:** Since our last meeting, we have had a joyful Blessing of the Animals on September 29th and welcomed Father Kendall Haynes as supply priest for two services while I was traveling for a preaching conference and the Civil Rights Pilgrimage. We also welcomed back Missionary Charles Smith to the pulpit this past Sunday; he will present on his ministry at Diocesan convention and again at our church during Coffee Hour on October 27th.

**Esther's Thursday Bible Study on Genesis** continues to thrive, as does Wednesday Contemplative Prayer and Sunday Episcopal 101. I am working on additional programs for the fall and Advent, so stay tuned!

**Pastoral Care:** The Pastoral Care team continues to do an excellent job caring for our community; see Kathy's report. The primary change this month was Bill Cleveland's move to Texas to live near his sister. Of note, if someone contacts you with a pastoral care need for a parishioner, please a) encourage them to come to me directly, and b) please let me know about any pastoral care needs you know of. I can't visit or call people without knowing they need extra care. Pastoral Care is my highest priority--thank you for your help!

**Community Relationships:** We continue to work on moving forward with the West Sound Beekeeper's Association, and we are hosting recitals for the Kitsap Music Teacher's Association on November 2nd.

**Parish Life:** Coffee Hours and social events like Women's Bunko Night and Men's Breakfast continue to be a big hit. We are also hosting the community Thanksgiving Eve service the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, and we are hosting a regional event on End of Life Planning! I will need some volunteers to help out with both of these events, so please let me know if you are available!

**Stewardship:** The season is upon us! The third quarter pledge statements along with a letter from me and a pledge card will be available for pickup starting this Sunday. Bill Reeder has offered to write an article for the next newsletter, and the BC will continue to offer stewardship talks highlighting certain ministries. I've also invited congregants to share what St. Antony's means to them.

**Administration:** Holly Hoxeng will fill in for Linda while Linda is away for the month of November to visit her daughter's family in Florida.

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**BISHOP'S WARDEN – Holly Foley**

Sept 10- Weeding Garden at church with Heather C

Sept 10- Pastoral Care meeting

Sept 11- Meeting with Mother Hillary

Sept 17- Landscaping meeting with Committee

Sept 24- Memorial Garden planning with potential Landscaping Designer

Sept 25- Camino Talk by Kathy, Marj and Loretta

Sept 26- Sign committee meeting

Sept 29- Attend both services to give Stewardship Talk about Bread making

Oct 6- Altar guild day- Clean up altar after late service

Oct 8 - Pastoral Care meeting with visiting speaker from Kitsap County Aging,,,,,

Oct 13- Bread making for Communion -afternoon

Oct 14 - Collect Bunco materials

Oct 16 - Sign Committee meeting

Oct 16 - Wardens meeting with Mother Hillary

Oct 18 - Set up for Bunco

Oct 19- Ladies Night Bunco Game

**PEOPLE'S WARDEN– Tim van As**

Nothing to report.

**COMMUNICATIONS – Cris McCarty**

Nothing to report.

**FACILITIES and ENVIRONMENT – David Peterson**

Nothing to report.

**FAITH FORMATION – Marj Zantek (Youth)**

Report pending.

**FAITH FORMATION – Esther Osborne (Adult)**

Nothing to report.

**FINANCE – Jim Foley**

We did better than expected on the month, in the red on the month by just shy of \$2k, Still in the black by \$11.75k on the year. See everyone Sunday!

**OUTREACH – Tim van As**

Nothing to report.

**PARISH LIFE – Holly Foley and 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 Kimsey, and Kathy Avery. ***Marty Whitaker has volunteered to join this commission.***

**Care Giver Support:** On Oct. 8th, Jason Doty from the Kitsap Agency on Aging provided an overview of what his agency offers seniors and people with disabilities for a possible presentation to offer at St. Antony. After his presentation, it was decided not to invite Jason to speak to St. Antony’s members at this time. There is a presentation scheduled in November by Jennifer Calvin Myers, LICSW at St. Antony’s that will cover similar material. Jason’s presentation may be reconsidered after Jennifer’s November presentation.

**October and December Women’s Social:** The Fall Women’s Social was held on Saturday, October 19th from 4pm to 6pm. It included playing Bunco and appetizers. Holly Foley hosted the event.

The Winter Women’s Social is planned for December 7th at Port Gamble’s theater production of **Best Christmas Pageant Ever**. This will be a Women’s Event plus One to include husbands, partners, or dates.

**Open Mic:** Grace Episcopal Church hosts a zoom meeting the first Friday, monthly, from 4-5pm for caregivers. It was suggested that a link to this opportunity could be placed on our web-site.

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.