

**St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church  
Silverdale, WA 98303**

**Bishop's Committee Monthly Reports  
For May 2025 BC Meeting**

**Vicar's Report: Mother Hillary**

**Worship & Spiritual Life:** This month I have continued to enjoy teaching and praying with our Episcopal 101 group on Sunday mornings, and co-leading the Thursday Bible Study on Romans 8, where we are tackling a challenging text written by N. T. Wright. The New Beginnings contemplative prayer group also continues to gather twice a month at noon. Our youth group continues to meet twice a month; our most recent session was all about the Apostle's Creed-- we took it line by line and explored each phrase, asking questions and enjoying thoughtful conversation. My next spiritual formation project is to gather one or two group together for Bishop Phil LaBelle's study on zimzum discipleship, starting in June or early July. Sermon preparation hours have felt especially spiritual these days-- I attended a one-day preaching conference this month and will attend a one-week conference in August for professional development, as I hope to always be learning and growing as a preacher.

**Pastoral Care:** See Kathy Avery's excellent report. As you will have seen this week, Bill George passed away from the glioblastoma they found last year. This is a difficult time for Bill's family, especially after George Baxter's death just months ago. This month, I also continued to visit those who are sick, recovering from surgeries, and those who are often confined to their homes, as well as completing and scheduling additional visits with our lay Eucharistic visitors.

**Community Relationships:** I continued to support the Diocesan-wide spiritual formation programs, this month by teaching a three-hour seminar on Pastoral Care to students of our Iona school. These students are in the discernment process for holy orders, and it was a joy to be with them. I continue to work closely with the WSBA now that the bees are on site and their classes have begun! I also continue to serve on the Advisory Council of the Bremerton YMCA, attending monthly meetings and volunteering at events as my schedule allows.

**Parish Life:** See the report from our Parish life co-chairs, Kathy G. and Chelsea. There are lots of fun and educational events lined up for the summer and fall, including the first young adults gathering. This week we saw the joyful return of Tony's Trekker's; and many other fun events were discussed, and we also began planning for our annual church picnic, which will be Sunday August 17th after a joint 9:30am worship service, where I will lead an annual instructed Eucharist! I also invited back attorney Bryan Wichert, who some of you met at our November Homecoming Conference, to return and do another Estate Planning talk for us. This time, we will give him more time so that he can share his knowledge and answer more of your questions!

**Administration:** My administrative time this month has involved continued attention to the repairs in our utility closet and gathering room, of which the drywall work is now complete! The next still will be to paint and replace the wall trim, which we will likely be able to do with volunteer workers. The replacement shelf is on its way to us. Other than that, the usual hours devoted to emails, committee meetings, and engaging with our tenants occupied my time this month.

**Bishop's Warden: Holly Foley**

April-May (I missed last one)

1. March 24- Mother Hillary and I met to update the map with members home addresses. We are sad to see that we have lost 5 members who have passed away, but joyfully we have welcomed 16 new family units. Many with children. Marj and M. Hillary finished the list and it is now on the wall in the Vicars office.
2. March 25 - The Memorial Garden committee met to discuss final additions to the plan with Richard Hedahl who is the contractor who will be building the garden for us.
3. April 2- Lenten soup supper
4. April 6- Altar cleanup for me while Jim did JWST Presentation
5. April 8- Pastoral Care committee meeting
6. April 9- Lenten Soup supper
7. April 12- Joined with members of the Altar Guild to fold the palm crosses.
8. April 14- Marj, Dave P and I spend about 3 hours mowing our green lawn front and back as well as leaving some flowers for our bees.
9. April 16- Landscaping committee got down and dirty in the courtyard garden planting some new plants and deadheading some of the early daffodils. THEY LOOK FABULOUS!
10. April 17-28 - Foleys leave for Portugal (Heather George did as well)
11. April 30 - VBS meeting for planning followed by an introductory Tonys Trekkers potluck dinner to gauge interest.
12. May 1- Altar cleanup for me
13. May 15- Melanie Reeder, Jeff Zantek, Shaun George and I spent the morning loading and unloading the donation of approximately 170 feet of vinyl 3 board fencing materials from Port Orchard to the area behind the barn. This will be used in a future location to be decided by the landscape committee and BC. This was donated from the estate of George Baxter (Holly and Heather's father).
14. May 19- Bake a small batch of bread to cover through June when the bread bakers have time to get together. (At home)
15. May 20 - Exec meeting to plan agenda for the upcoming BC meeting
16. May 21- Landscaping meeting
17. May 22- First Hike for 2025 for Tony's Trekkers at North Kitsap Heritage Park
18. May 25- BC Meeting

**People's Warden: Marj Zantek**

No Report.

## **Buildings and Grounds: Dave Peterson**

No Report.

## **Communications: Sarah Rogers**

No Report.

## **Faith Formation: Sarah Bishop Dolbec**

### **Adult Classes**

Still trying to connect with Sandy Martin about her Wednesday Book Study Group to promote it in weekly and monthly newsletters.

### **Godly Play**

Curriculum has focused this month on the Eucharist and Liturgy of the Episcopal church which we hope will help prepare students for the summer months when children will attend the full worship service. Kristen is preparing recognition gifts for students on June 15 which will be the last session until the beginning of next school year.

### **Teen Seminar**

Need to check with Michael Wentworth and Sarah Rodgers on graduation recognition plans for June 15.

### **VBS**

All stations have leaders and assistants. Successful decoration team meeting gave us direction but will require coordination with other church departments. Donation charts and station set-up in Gathering Room and Narthex. Will post "Can We Borrow" list in June. Registration website is live, the St. A's Facebook page now has it as an "Event," and there is a write-up on St. A's webpage. Ordered five (5) advertising yard signs (11" x 8" double-sided) expected delivery May 21. Locations chosen for three (3) signs and open to suggestion for remainder. Supplies have been ordered to accommodate 20 students with delivery times running 1.5 weeks later. Contacted local church doing same VBS program a month sooner than ours, offering to borrow/take their decorations.

## **Outreach: Tim van As**

### **Agenda**

Welcome Krista Goodale

Review Action Items last meeting 4/23/25 + next steps (Tim)

- Commission's focus - Outreach Calendar of Events + Minute for Mission + Red shirt event
- Finalized Commission description, sent to Sarah Rogers
- Article about Bremerton Food Line visit for May Newsletter (Holly)
- First Minute for Mission 5/4/25 services (Holly)

- Revised verbiage for website (Mth. Hillary email 4/29/25)
- Marilyn Brandenburg income ( CY24 ~\$4K w/ \$43K balance + \$14.3K available)+ guidelines about multi-year participation

#### New business

- McKinney-Vento program (Sarah's email 5/7/25)
- Minute for Mission next steps (Holly)
- Revised verbiage for website (Mth. Hillary email 4/29/25)
- Outreach Calendar of Events (Tim)
- Red shirt event (All)
- Carole Nau Marilyn B. funding request (Tim: Carole Nau email 5/2/25)
  - July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 would be for \$1,323.60 or \$110.30 x 12.

#### Minutes

Welcomed Krista Goodale to the team. Not only is she a woman of many talents with a passion for serving our community, but she also loves EXCEL. Yes!!! Welcome to the team, Krista.

Discussed obtaining rules & regulations for the **Marilyn Brandenburg Fund** given the importance of this fund to the St. Antony Outreach mission. See attached. Good news, not too many restrictions other than parishioner participation / support. Note the wording in Marilyn's letter to Father Dick Scott when she requested that a fund be created. God bless her. Let's continue to inspire congregation participation serving the local Kitsap community so our Commission can distribute these funds per Marilyn's wish.

Discussed creating another **EXCEL matrix** – I'm looking at you, Krista – containing a summary of all the local organizations that St. Antony's has supported in the past and plans to support in the future. See list of organizations below to get started. Also some "meta data" for each that we'd like to include in the matrix for future reference.

#### Organizations:

- Bremerton Foodline
- Coffee Oasis
- Central Kitsap Food Bank
- Kidzz Helping Kidzz
- Bremerton Backpack Brigade
- Bremerton Hub
- Habitat for Humanity Kitsap County
- North Kitsap Fishline
- Salvation Army
- Project Linus
- Witty Knitters
- Central Kitsap School District McKinney-Vento Program
- Mission for Seafarers
- Kitsap Harvest
- St. Vincent de Paul Bremerton
- South Kitsap Helpline

Meta-data:

- St. Antony's parishioner opportunity: Time (Volunteer) vs. Talent (Work with / for) vs. Treasure (\$)
- Point-of-contact
- Website
- Location
- Red Shirt event candidate?
- Marilyn Brandenburg Fund past or future?
- Other?

**Action: Krista**, please create a matrix in EXCEL. Ideally, we can review / discuss first draft during our next meeting.

Selected a "red shirt" event thanks to Sarah's discovery of the McKinney-Vento program with the Central Kitsap School District. "**Stuff the Bus**" event 8/11 – 14 in partnership with Kiwanis Club. So many potential volunteer opportunities included with McKinney-Vento program that the commission should continue to explore and communicate to the congregation to inspire action. **Action: Sarah**, please reach out to Kiwanis to discuss how St. Antony's can engage with our red shirts for Stuff the Bus event in August 2025.

Continue to refine and update the **Outreach Schedule of Events**. See latest attached. Let's review again during next meeting to refine/ adjust.

Submit **Newsletter article** about Bremerton Foodline MB donation. **Action: Holly**, were you able to get one submitted?

Send **revised website verbiage** for Outreach to Mother Hillary and Linda for webmaster action. **Action: Holly**, open to content – commission description, meeting, calendar? Please draft a recommendation that we can review / discuss during next meeting.

Note: BC will be reviewing and presumably approving during the next BC meeting Sunday, 5/25 **MB funding request** from Carole Nau for Project Linus storage unit for 1,323.60 (monthly storage cost 110.30 per month x 12-months for period 7/1/25 – 6/30/26).

### **Parish Life Co-chair: Kathy Gero**

I have finally returned from a great trip to Asia. I have at last finished washing and drying my months' worth of clothing and sorting through all the junk mail to find a handful of important mail that I did not need to shred or put in the recycle bin.

Our next meeting will be June 11th at 5:30 in the Godly Playroom. Everyone is welcome to join us; we have a lot of summer activities to plan and we really need your feedback. I'm looking forward to a fun and active summer.

### **Parish Life Co-chair: Chelsea Reeder**

Please see Kathy Gero's report.

### **Pastoral Care: Kathy Avery**

The Pastoral Care Commission members include Gail Ferguson, Holly Foley, Loretta McGinley, Peggy Roberts, Chelsea Reeder, Marj Zantek, Rev. Hillary Kimsey, Karrie Wiley, Marty Whitaker, and Kathy Avery. Marty was welcomed as a new member of this Commission in May.

The Commission discussed and/or supported 15 congregation members with visits, phone contact, cards, prayers, meals, requests for altar flowers after church services, or transportation to church events. In addition, greeting cards were signed to celebrate Krista Goodale's reception to the Episcopal Church on Cathedral Day and 2 baptisms, Sean Rivers (May 25<sup>th</sup>) and Heidi Hood (June 8<sup>th</sup>).

The Property Tax Relief Program presented by the Kitsap County Assessor's Office for seniors or disabled individuals who might qualify for the program will be given on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Godly Playroom. There is a sign up in the Narthex. The Kitsap County Assessor's Newsletter also had an article about this event inviting the public to attend. Coffee and tea will be provided, and donations of cookies will be welcomed.

### **Treasurer, Ex Officio: Jim Foley**

Giving was a little behind expectations considering it was Easter season, and spending was greater, putting us in the red against budget by \$8,635.11 on the month. We are right at breakeven for the rolling 12 month revenue to expenses (+\$211.51).

The DIF funds were down for the 3rd month in a row. With the expectation of additional Brandenburg Fund donations and Memorial Fund expenditures for the sign and Memorial Garden, as much as I would prefer to wait on making a draw from the DIF when the markets are down, we're feeling the cash flow pinch. Funds had to be transferred from savings to cover the checks at the beginning of May for the grant to Charles Smith and the flood remediation (we were reimbursed for Charles, not completely for the flood). We need to have formal minutes authorizing a draw from specific funds so the Diocese can approve and get the funds to us.

### **Welcoming: Melanie Reeder**

No Report.

Submitted by Cris McCarty, Clerk of the Bishop's Committee