St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church Silverdale, WA 98303

Bishop's Committee Monthly Reports For June 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. That Bible study group will take a break for summer but Episcopal 101 will continue. 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 covered the structure of Eucharist, some exploration about our liturgy, and a visit to the sacristy. The Zimzum group will begin meeting soon as well.

Pastoral Care: Bill's memorial service will be Saturday the 28th. 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. I'm working with the Pastoral Care team to try to schedule a CPR/First Aid class here. I am sensing too the weight that our political unrest has brought to so many people in our congregation, regardless of their political affiliation.

Community Relationships: This month I attended the Bremerton YMCA advisory council meeting and continued to work in partnership with the Center for Transforming Engagement's Reimagining Preaching Program. I am also working alongside Mother Ruth Anne of St. James in Kent and Progressive Pilgrimage to begin planning a pilgrimage to Scotland to see Iona and explore Episcopal roots in Celtic Christianity. I am working closely with the other Kitsap priests as we prepare to share our booth at Kitsap Pride in July.

Parish Life: The Parish Life team is planning lots of fun events, including a rummage (Barn and Boutique!) sale on July 26th. Tony's Trekker's has their hike schedule done for the year. I am working closely with several members of the parish life team to plan the next Poe-etea, which will likely be in the fall. The church picnic 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.

Administration: My administrative time this month has involved the usual things! Emails, collaborating with lay leaders, working with other churches and priests, planning for future events, organizing files, making phone calls, and continuing to work closely with our excellent staff, especially our Parish Admin, Linda. This month brought the news that our tenants are moving, so I have been working with them on that--we have an inspection scheduled and a possible lead on the next tenants. Thank you to Joann and Chris for their

leadership in beautiful music and to Christina for watching our nursery, and to Guy who has not only continued to run our livestream, but is working on downloading some of our most important worship services from Facebook to a hard drive before Facebook deletes them.

Thank you all for your continued ministry among our community

Bishop's Warden: Holly Foley

No report.

People's Warden: Marj Zantek

No report.

Buildings and Grounds: Dave Peterson

No report.

Communications: Sarah Rogers

With the school year wrapping up, I am now available to resume Digital Calendar Committee meetings. We plan to have our next meeting in the first week in July. Our first meeting was successful in brainstorming what we need with both software and hardware. When we meet again, we will share what products have those components.

June 15th we recognized another year of service by our Acolytes. New cinctures were given. We need to order another color, either blue or gold, so we have 4 years of service before they graduate to white.

Faith Formation: Sarah Bishop Dolbec

- Faith Formation Ongoing Classes Summer Schedule:
 - o Episcopal 101 continues
 - o Teen Bible Study continues
 - Contemplative Prayer continues (except Aug 6 at 1pm)
 - Youth Group resumes late August
 - o Godly Play pauses for Summer, (return date TBD)
 - Adult Bible Study [still waiting for update]
 - Sandy's book study group might be paused due to family obligations [still waiting for update]
- VBS update:
 - Almost all supply donations in, and nkw just need to borrow random things like: fake Christmas trees, traffic cones, fans, and sheets [see Gathering Room]

- As of June 17, there are 13 students enrolled (with 3 definite from last year still not registered)
- Printed 40 postcards for congregation to disperse to coffee shops, libraries, grocery stores, community centers, etc.
- o Found artist to help with construction of some decorative elements.
- Found local church doing same program who will lend us many large decor items.
 - *for that, will like to borrow a truck on Fri, June 27 at 11:30am if possible

Outreach: Tim van As

Outreach Commission Meeting 6/11/25

Agenda

Review Action Items last meeting 5/14/25 + next steps (Tim)
Carole Nau Marilyn B. funding request – Approval / Check Distribution?

• July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 would be for \$1,323.60 or \$110.30 x 12.

New business

- Red Shirt Event: Stuff the Bus (Sarah)
- Outreach Calendar of Events (Tim)
 - o Minute for Mission July 25 Who? What?
 - o Newsletter June 25 Who? What?
 - Guest Speakers (?)

Minutes

Verified that *Marilyn B distribution to Project Linus* in the amount of \$1,323.60 was approved by the BC and provided to Carol Nau. Carol sent a thank you note for the BC.

Reviewed Krista's first draft of an *EXCEL matrix summary of all Outreach partners* in the local Kitsap Community. She's done a great job but now the team needs to provide her with additional feedback / recommendations for improvement. I sent Krista an e-mail with an EXCEL document that Holly and I drafted in January to provide more input. The goal is to have a list of all Outreach partners in the Kitsap community that the congregation can reference to drive parishioners to take action in our local community. The more action taken, the more we can leverage the Marilyn B fund to distribute funds.

Action: Team, review Krista's first draft and provide feedback / input for improvements. Krista, please use feedback from the team to continue revising the file already started so we can review it again during the next Outreach meeting in July.

Reviewed the *Outreach Planning Calendar*. The team is pleased with format and content thus far but will continue to review during monthly Outreach meetings to enhance / revise

in the future. The goal is to have an Outreach Planning Calendar that the commission can use to plan and execute Outreach related activity throughout the year so the commission is PROACTIVE instead of REACTIVE. **Action: Team**, continue to provide me with feedback / input for improvements.

Red Shirt Event - Stuff the Bus in August 2025.

The commission selected the first St. Antony's "red shirt event" to be held in August 2025. Thanks to Sarah and Holly for meeting with the Director, Carla Yenko, of this worthy cause to gain an understanding of how St. Antony's can provide an army of red shirt volunteers to support the event.

Schedule / shifts will require a minimum of two St. Antony members for two shifts, although we're hoping to get higher level of participation.

Schedule / shifts that I interpreted from email from Sarah June 12th. Please confirm.

				Lemonade
	8:30 to 10:30	10:30 to 12:30	12:30 to 2:30	Stand
Sat, 8/9	Person 1	Person 1		Adult
	Person 2	Person 2		Kid 1
	Person 3	Person 3		Kid 2
	Person 4	Person 4		
	Person 5	Person 5		
Wed, 8/13		Person 1	Person 1	Adult
		Person 2	Person 2	Kid 1
		Person 3	Person 3	Kid 2
		Person 4	Person 4	
		Person 5	Person 5	

Next steps:

- Submit an article for this month's Newsletter to kick-off preparation / communication for the event. *Action*: Sarah.
- Use "Minute for Mission" on Sunday, June 22nd to announce Red Shirt Event at 8am and 10:15am service. *Action*: Tim

Meeting closed on time at noon.

Parish Life Co-chair: Kathy Gero

On Wednesday, June 4th we had a great ice cream Sundae Party and a planning meeting for Parish Life Activities. We discussed a lot of activities, and our group volunteered to help and be involved with every activity.

Barn Boutique Sale

We can still use more help, especially for the sale which is taking place in the pavilion on the church grounds on July 26th from 7:00 to 2:30.

How can you help?

We need a lot of things to sell so this is a terrific opportunity to downsize or clean out your house and support St. Antony's. If you are a senior like me decluttering is a great present to give to your children. I have so many Christmas things that I have stopped using because I have collected enough to decorate two or three homes. So, we will have a "Christmas in July" section. My little sister's job is helping people downsize as they get older and help children who have a houseful of their parent's belongings. They want someone to just get rid of all of it.

Please do not bring anything to the church yet. We will let you know when we are ready.

- We will need people that can help pick up donations.
- We will need sorters closer to the date.
- We will need people to set up the sale on Friday the 25th of July.
- People would like to spend the night in a camper/ motorhome/or tent Friday night so that the sale will not be tampered with.
- We will need people to help during the sale.
- We will need people to clean up.
- We will need people with trucks that can pick up and drop off our leftovers at a donation center.

I know this is a lot of wants and needs but we will also have fun and will be helping ourselves and our church.

If you make something special that you would like to sell or have something else to sell, you can also buy a selling space by donating a percentage of your profit. We will also be inviting the public to buy selling spaces for a set price.

Tony's Trekkers

On July 11th we had a potluck to plan hikes for Tony's Trekkers. It was a fun; delicious event and we got a lot of planning done. Mother Hillary ran the meeting, and we have a variety of hikes planned for weekends and weekdays all the way to February 13, 2026. If you are interested in hiking, it is not too late to join our group. We would love to have you join us on one or all our hikes.

Parish Life Co-chair: Chelsea Reeder

No 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.

The commission discussed and/or supported 14 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 Jayden Gorman's baptism June 10th and the recent birth of a child into Carmen Morris' family.

It was noted that several members of our congregation would benefit from having communion offered in their pews. Rev. Hillary will make announcement and/or inquiries for individuals with limited mobility to receive communion in their pew if they desire.

Rev. Hillary reported that she had several more people interested in becoming a Lay Eucharistic Ministers. Background checks have not been returned from the Diocese on the 5 individuals that were trained in January.

Eleven people attended the Senior Property Tax Relief Program that was held on May 28th. Andrew Bothe and Christina Mercurio from the Kitsap County Accessor's office presented the program. The feedback from those that attended was that they found the presentation very informative and planned to follow up on applying for property tax relief.

The commission is exploring the possibility of sponsoring a <u>Scam Program</u> through the Kitsap County Sheriff's office, <u>Tech Skills</u> for cell phones/computers, and <u>Grief Books</u> to mourners.

Treasurer, Ex Officio: Jim Foley

YTD we are spot on our budget. Rolling 12 month we are basically break even. Looking forward to completing the audit tomorrow and being available to answer questions on Sunday,

Welcoming: Melanie Reeder

No report.

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

Addendum: Results from the Time and Talent Survey (Kathy Avery)

These people indicated interest in these teams through their time and talent survey. I have bolded the ones that would be NEW. I have already contacted the new lectors and we will do a training on the last Sunday of June!:)

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Team

- Heidi Hood
- Audra Alford

Pastoral Care Team

Heidi Hood

Altar Guild

• Ruth Lindstrum (continue on team)

Archiving/Administration

Heidi Hood

Lectors

- Audra Alford
- Melo Scanlon
- Wendy Fox and daughter Nyah
- Kristen Fabry (when she is EM)
- Ruth Lindstrum (continue on team)
- Cheryl Wright (continue on team)

Eucharistic Minister

- Audra Alford
- Kristen Fabry (continue on team)
- Ruth Lindstrum (continue on team)

Convention Delegate/Alternate

- Audra Alford
- Kristen Fabry, when needed

Professional Knowledge/Consulting

• Audra Alford-medical knowledge, insurance, Medicare/Medicaid

Coffee Hour

• Wendy Fox and family-- once per quarter

Youth Group

- Wendy Fox and family--can provide meals occasionally
- Kristen Fabry (continue volunteering as able)

Landscape/Gardening

- Adhem Alford
- Kristen Fabry (continue volunteering as able)
- Ruth Lindstrum (weeding)

Facilities/Maintenance

- Adhem Alford
- Jim Foley

Godly Play/Sunday School

• Kristen Fabry (continue on team)

Parish Event Planning
 Cheryl Wright
 Outside Event Planning
 Cheryl Wright (Tacoma Rainiers baseball game outing)