

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

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

Vicar's Report: Mother Hillary

Worship and Spiritual Life

VBS was a wonderful success! And we had a wonderful joint service with instructed Eucharist and annual picnic this past Sunday! Our average Sunday attendance has held steady this summer and our 8 a.m. service has continued to grow this year! Coming up this fall will be the Season of Creation, the return of Godly Play and Bible Study and the choir, as well as some special services for the first Sunday of September (Labor and Backpack Blessings), All Hallows Eve and All Saints, the Bishop's Visit, and Ingathering Sunday in November.

Pastoral Care

See Kathy Avery's report. I continue to be incredibly grateful for her and her team. Also, please help me remind everyone in the congregation: I WANT to come visit you in the hospital, bless you before a surgery, or give emotional support to your family when you are sick. I want to bring you communion at your house along with the Eucharistic visitors. I want to be a listener for you when you are going through a rough patch! But... you have to tell me when that is happening and let me know you want a visit or a call. :)

Diocesan & Community Relationships

The rain garden, memorial garden, barn grant work, rental house work, and conversations with the diocese are all continuing. We expect to host several more groups this fall and winter for piano recitals. I'm also talking with a local funeral home and the local fire department about being on their radar as a possible volunteer funeral officiant and emergency chaplain.

Parish Life

Thank you to the Parish Life, Faith Formation, and Welcoming Commissioners and their teams for a very full and exciting summer!

Administration

I'm working with the diocese and Kitsap Real Estate Group to establish them as our property management company for the rental house, and we have been working on the financial audit with the team from St. Paul's. Some attention is now shifting toward Stewardship and the Bishop's visit.

Bishop's Warden: Holly Foley

- *July 25:* Helped to move the items from church out to tables in pavilion.
- *July 26:* Helped with barn sale all day
- *July 28:* Meet with VBS leaders to plan and set up decor
- *July 30:* Decorating and shopping for VBS
- *July 31:* CPR and First aid training to prepare for VBS
- *Aug 3:* Clean up altar after service
- *Aug 4-8:* Station leader for VBS in Glacier Games outside (Kathy took Thursday)
- *Aug 9:* Stuff the bus red shirt community activity helping the Kiwanis and Key club members to collect school items and backpacks for CKSD.
- *Aug 9:* St Antony's at the Ballpark -Rainiers Baseball game with 20+ members
- *Aug 10:* Coffee hour hosts
- *Aug 12:* Pastoral Care Meeting
- *Aug 13:* Kathy A and I went shopping for the food for Annual Picnic
- *Aug 17:* Joint Annual Service with Picnic: helped to set up food and cleanup
- *Aug 20:* Landscaping meeting to continue planning of Memorial Garden and choose plants for water garden. Info about possible Noxious weed eradication by Kitsap County.
- *Aug 20:* Meet with Mother Hillary to fill out evaluation request from Diocese and Cleaning company
- *Aug 20:* Contemplative Prayer group
- *Aug 22:* Bake Communion bread with Sarah R, Norma T and myself
- *Aug 22:* Executive meeting to plan for BC agenda
- *Aug 22:* Sweeping and mopping at rental
- *Aug 23:* Meet with potential landscaper/junk removal for rental

People's Warden: Marj Zantek

Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds: Dave Peterson

Nothing to report.

Communications: Sarah Rogers

Nothing to report.

Faith Formation: Sarah Bishop Dolbec

Thanks to the tireless energy, support, and prayers of many volunteers, we had a very successful Vacation Bible School! It was a HUGE undertaking, and many folks went above and beyond to help make it a reality.

We had 33 students (including 1 walk-in during the middle of the week!) from Faith and St. Bede's Episcopal, St. Olaf's Catholic, and New Life and Gateway Churches. We advertised via yard signs at intersections, the St. A's Facebook page, and the St. A's website. Most parents noted they heard about us from friends, but also one from a yard sign and one from our church website.

We incorporated outreach into the program by giving parents daily update cards at check-in and inviting them for Sunday service to experience sights and songs from VBS. Children received memory verse "brag tags", a copy of the Gospel of Matthew, and completion certificates with a special "bear claw" to add to their tags. We "cemented" the students' connection to St. Antony's through the brilliant time capsule and hand-print project incorporated by Bill and Lori Fagan into the new church sign construction. On the final day, Crew Leaders surprised each kid with a gift bag, small keepsakes, and a personalized card noting their special qualities as a crew-member.

We borrowed decorations from 2 churches, making a \$50 donation to Faith Fellowship Church in appreciation of their loaning us foam animals, log stanchions, main stage backdrop, etc. and providing us extra educational materials when we ran short.

Nearly 40 adults and teens worked as crew leaders, assistants, teachers, floaters, etc. Each volunteer received a card praising their specific contributions and a \$5 Starbucks gift card as a thank-you. We are currently gathering feedback to be used to shape VBS 2026.

Outreach: Tim van As

Nothing to report.

Parish Life Co: chair: Kathy Gero

Nothing to 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, Kathy Avery, and Esther Osborne and Heidi Hood were welcomed as new members.

The commission discussed and/or supported 6 congregation members with visits, phone contact, cards, prayers, meals, requests for altar flowers after church services, or transportation to church events. Joys were acknowledged for Shane Holman's and Sam Crea's wedding, Benny Wright, Bill Fagan, and Lori Fagan for the work they did on the new St. Antony's sign, and a successful Vacation Bible School.

CPR/1st Aid training that was arranged by Rev. Hillary trained 8 St. Antony members.

Other programs the commission is working on include seminars on computers and phones, grief books and a card making seminar.

Rental House Work: Jim Foley

I took a break last week due to side effects of the RSV vaccine and needing to focus on Treasurer duties for the audit and assessment. Back at it today!

I started with replacing the broken post lamp in front of the house. The Japanese Maple needs severe pruning, as it is not only covering part of the walkway, the light itself, but also the decorative stone pillar for the post light.

While cleaning up from that, I picked up the trash in the front yard. Lots of partially composted bits of paper, beer bottle caps and fast-food drink caps that had so much UV exposure they partially disintegrated trying to pick them up.

Then I switched to finishing running the electrical wire for the washer and dryer to where they are going upstairs. I also got the sump pump outlet on its own circuit. Then I switched to the formerly fluorescent lights downstairs. I had bought LED replacement bulbs but noticed arcing and buzzing sounds. Turns out at least one of the ballasts had gone bad. It would be more expensive to replace the fixtures with fluorescents with the LED bulbs than just to get LED fixtures, so I returned the bulbs and got LED fixtures.

First one installed, no problem. Second one, problem. It started arcing and smoking at one end, then half the light went out (away from the connections I made in the middle of the fixture). Damn. Third light. Same problem! Fourth light, success! But two to return and replace to finish the job (lost confidence in the made in China lights).

Then I noticed the radial arm saw and thought about all the other things Scott Biggers said that were contradicted. He had said it didn't work. I plugged it in. It worked. We could've sold it at the barn sale!

Then I went upstairs and moved the logs that were in the rack by the fireplace to the rack outside the side door. That involved cleaning up the firewood debris under both. Once the rack inside was empty, I moved it next to the one outside. This revealed the paneling behind the rack had received a lot of abuse.

I then pulled the carpet and pad from the Living Room. Still need to pull the staples and tack strips.

I plan on working on finishing the framing and electrical connections for the laundry tomorrow.

The last few days I worked on removing the door from the kitchen to the pantry/bathroom, framing it in and cutting the new doorway into the hallway.

The wall in the hall is insulated, so I moved that insulation to the old door opening.

I then screwed drywall onto both sides and applied the first coat of joint compound.

I then framed the wall to the right of where the washer and dryer will be. Then installed the outlets for them and the washer plumbing box. I need some ABS glue to finish the drain before I can cover that with drywall.

I finished removing the tack strip and staples in the Living Room and laid out the tile to see how it would look. It's apparent I need to do some work on the subfloor to level it to support the tile properly.

Cleaning up the tack strips and staples revealed that the heating vent to the right of the fireplace was dirty and loose. I vacuumed it out and it was apparent the duct tape had failed and it was not attached to the rest of the duct.

Going into the basement to check that revealed the HVAC installers had installed it in a way where it is not accessible without taking out a large section of duct, so repair will not be easy.

Tracing the duct revealed the missing toe kick under the kitchen peninsula/bar counter is an outlet for the duct that needs a grill.

I asked Mother Hillary and my wife for their input on tile colors for in front of the living room fireplace. There needs to be a minimum of 16" in front of the firebox. When they carpeted last time, they eliminated the hearth material that met the code. It may have been stone that matched the fireplace based on the mortar gap seen at the base of the hearth.

I had gotten samples that either complimented the stone on the fireplace, looked like the vinyl plank flooring, or was a cross between those. It was decided to go with the tile that complimented the stone on the fireplace. I'm planning on wrapping it around and into the corner as was done originally to help protect the floor from the firewood mess.

The replacements for the defective LED lights arrived and I installed them in the basement.

I also replaced the switch plate by the side door in the kitchen that wasn't covering the gap between the switch and the door trim where the Corian wall panel had been notched.

My wife mopped up the flooding in the basement and discovered the workbench was filled with things that were either junk or might be worth something. The trash pile keeps growing. While doing that, she asked me to check the power meter, which opened another can of worms. It is very poorly installed, as is the cable box connections next to it.

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Treasurer, Ex Officio: Jim Foley

Sorry for the late report, it has been a busy month! The auditors from St. Paul's are wrapping up the audit results and we should hear from them soon. VBS had \$850 in income and \$926.17 in expenses. The Barn Sale brought in \$1,807, and no expenses have been reported. I added a line in other operating income on the report for Barn Sale income.

It wasn't a very pretty month. The Barn Sale income was offset by not getting rent (other than for the first 5 days of the month). Putting us at a loss for the month at (\$4,458.76), and (\$5,217.56) on the year to date, which is about \$900 better than where we were budgeted to be at this point. We would be well in the black at this point if the mortgage interest wasn't \$11.5k over what we had budgeted YTD.

Please note the DIF report still reflects May's numbers. I believe we got the June statement, but I can't find what I did with it. The July statement is due any day and I will update the numbers when received. Speaking of DIF, we should be getting the approved Brandenburg funds soon as it falls below the \$5k threshold that requires an approval by the Diocesan Board. The funds we approved in December for the first half of the Memorial Garden and sign and applied for in May should be showing up in a week or two also. The second half needs the board to approve so is about 45 days out. That is good, as I have been draining our bank savings to cover the expenses to date for both the sign and Memorial Garden, and now expenses with the rental.

Speaking of rental expenses, we have incurred to date \$6,469.12, including the Johnny Tsunami roof and gutter cleaning and house cleaning by 1st Choice, and all the materials I have purchased to date for the lightbulbs and various repairs I've been keeping you appraised of. We still have at least \$3,500 more we need to spend for flooring, the landscaping being done and the windows we agreed to replace.

Welcoming: Melanie Reeder and Chelsea Reeder

Nothing to Report.

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