

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

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

Vicar's Report: Mother Hillary

Worship and Spiritual Life

Since our last meeting, we enjoyed a guest preacher in Alida Garcia from Camp Huston and have begun to look ahead toward Advent and Christmas! I have been sampling some books we might use for discussion at our three Advent Soup Suppers, and compiling data as it comes in from the survey re: offering a weekday worship service. In addition to preparing for sermons, I also spent time studying and preparing for Episcopal 101, Zimzum Discipleship, and for the spiritual content I teach at our twice-monthly youth group sessions.

Pastoral Care

See Kathy Avery's excellent report. Since our last meeting, I have continued to visit and support our members, and even enjoyed a pastoral visit to Barbara Steadman with Bishop Phil. I continue to do these visits either on my own or with an LEV. At the most recent pastoral care team meeting, we discussed the possibility of starting a grief group. I will put an interest list out at the Blue Christmas service on Sunday evening December 21 and already have a co-facilitator interested in teaming up with me on this should there be enough interest.

Diocesan & Community Relationships

Since our last meeting, we had Diocesan Convention! I had the honor of being elected to the Commission on Ministry and to our 2027 Delegation to General Convention, which will be in early July 2027 in Phoenix. I continue to do some volunteer work with Miller Woodlawn funeral home and am still in the on-boarding process with CKFR to join their chaplain team. I also continue to keep up my chaplain board certification credential by attending & speaking at webinars, teaching new chaplain interns and residents, and other professional development. And I am thrilled to be working with our outreach team on the upcoming volunteer opportunities at the food bank and in the food/toy drives.

Welcoming & Parish Life

Since our last meeting, we had a great Trunk or Treat; despite the rescheduling and the weather, those that attended had a fun time. We also enjoyed a truly wonderful Po-e-tea gathering! It was a real pleasure to read and appreciate poetry and music together, drink tea, and get to know one another. I hope we will be able to offer another one in January or February. Work to better clarify and improve our welcome and integration process is on-going. We should consider trying to put out a new version of our trifold brochure and welcome card in time for Christmas.

Administration

Since our last meeting, we served as a regional host site for Diocesan Convention. Our role went well! Most tech issues were not on our end, but the limited cell service in our area did impact people's experience with electronic voting. I told the Bishop and his staff that while we enjoyed hosting (Guy especially was FANTASTIC), another church site may be better suited since our cell service was limited. We continue working on updating our Building Use and Rental policy and preparing the house to be listed for rent again soon. All of this in addition to the usual phone calls, emails, and general admin tasks.

As always, I am so thankful to serve God and our church family alongside all of you.
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Bishop's Warden: Holly Foley

October 20-24 - Painting and cleaning at Apiary Acres
October 27-30 - Working at Apiary Acres
Nov 1- Poe-e Tea
Nov 2- Coffee Hour hosted by our family.
Nov 3-7- Working at Apiary Acres
Nov 6 - Altar Guild meeting
Nov 9 - Clean Up Altar and BPOD after service
Nov 11- Pastoral Care Meeting , work at Apiary Acres
Nov 12 & 13 - Cleaning up Basement at Apiary Acres
Nov 13- Redshirt Event at the Central Kitsap Foodbank
Nov 14 - Working at Apiary Acres
Nov 16 - BC Meeting

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

Nothing special to report from Faith Formation.

Outreach: Tim van As

Outreach Meeting Agenda:

- CKFB The Commodities Senior Food Program 11/13 and 12/11 (Tim)
- Kidzz Helping Kidzz Toy Box Delivery Sunday, 11/16 (Tim)
- Mission to Seafarers ditty bags and calendars by 11/12 (Holly)
- Outreach Engagement Opportunities in Local Community + Liaison role Update (Krista)
- Outreach 2026 calendar events (Tim)
- Minute for Mission 10/26 Mission to Seafarers (?), next?

Parish Life Co-Chair: Kathy Gero

Nothing to report.

Pastoral Care: Kathy Avery

The Pastoral Care Commission members include Gail Ferguson, Holly Foley, Heidi Hood, Loretta McGinley, Esther Osborne, Peggy Roberts, Maggie Scott, Chelsea Reeder, Marj Zantek, Rev. Hillary Kimsey, Karrie Wiley and Kathy Avery.

The commission discussed and/or supported 7 congregation members with visits, phone contact, cards, prayers, meals, requests for altar flowers after church services, or transportation to church events.

It was decided that at our December meeting, Christmas cards will be addressed to former and current members who have moved away or are unable to attend church. Handmade cards will be provided, and Christmas cookies will be available to eat while addressing cards.

Joys that were celebrated include Brooks, son of Marilyn Zapp, who was baptized Sunday, November 2nd. The labyrinth has been completed for now. Gail Ferguson continues to heal and was able to attend November's meeting.

Progress on special projects by the Pastoral Commission is as follows:

- Tech Skills-** Articles were in the Happenings and Glad Tidings asking for volunteers to tutor members with tech skills. Since there was no response, it has been decided that articles will be written for Glad Tidings and The Happenings that inform members of tech help they can get through Computing Seniors that is offered at Kitsap Libraries. Also discussed was the need to keep a resource list of various areas of assistance available in Kitsap County. Copies of the Senior Resources booklet are being requested for the church through Kitsap County Aging & Long Term Care office.
- Grief Books** -Resources are being gathered. Mother Hillary will order the book *Understanding Your Grief* by Alan Wolfelt and pamphlets on grief from Stephen's Ministry to possibly offer to grieving families. Also discussed was a need for St.

Antony to offer a grief group and possibly a Stephen's Ministry group. These two topics will be discussed at future meetings.

- c. **Card Making Event**-This is tentatively scheduled for February 7, 2026.

Treasurer, Ex Officio: Jim Foley

Due to some better than normal donations for the month, we were in the black for the month on the operating budget by \$1,070. YTD still looks dismal at \$15,094 in the red, slightly better than the budgeted deficit at this point, and tracking still to the amount over on the mortgage interest, \$16,149 YTD.

The bank accounts are low due to a miscommunication with the Diocese, and their not sending the second withdrawal of \$30k from the Memorial Fund in the DIF.

Progress on the rental house is doing very well, we should be wrapping up this week with the repairs and improvements, and just needing to do a final clean.

I've been informed by Kitsap Bank they are being acquired/merging with Heritage Bank, a larger multi-state bank. If the merger is approved by the powers that be, we will need to update debit cards, etc. sometime next year. This will be the 3rd time since I've been treasurer the banks =have changed or we've changed banks.

I'll start putting together a budget to approve at our December meeting. Input on requests will be welcome.

Welcoming: Melanie Reeder and Chelsea Reeder

Nothing to report.

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