

**St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church
Silverdale, WA 98303
Bishop's Committee Monthly Reports
For May 17, 2026 BC Meeting**

Vicar's Report: Mother Hillary

Worship and Spiritual Life

Since our last meeting, we have begun Summer Evening Prayer on Thursdays at 5:30pm. We had 6 people at the first one, which was about what I was expecting for a weekday service—5-15 people, usually. Bible Study, Episcopal 101 Youth Group, Godly Play, Contemplative Prayer, and our ZimZum group continue to meet regularly.

Pastoral Care

Since our last meeting, the Pastoral Care team and I have continued to collaborate to care for our members when they suffer illness and injury of the body or soul, while also joining in thanksgiving with those who are celebrating happy occasions. The active listening and small group facilitation workshops on Saturday May 23 are coming up! I will promote those in the Happenings this week. I also scheduled another "Death and Donuts" funeral planning workshop for June 7. We have also been in touch with a former member of St. A's as well as a family from our community to talk about scheduling funerals, which led me to think through what policy we might establish for non-member funerals. Since those are rare, my current plan is to treat them the same.

Diocesan & Community Relationships

Since our last meeting, I have continued my work with CK Fire and Rescue volunteer chaplain team and continue to be on the roster for Miller Woodlawn funeral officiants, though they haven't needed me since before Christmas. I am also working to get to know some of the local non-Episcopal clergy and local hospice and in-patient chaplains. I also continue to serve on the Diocesan Commission on Ministry. My other Diocesan roles include occasionally volunteering for the Diocesan youth confirmation program—I will teach one session this Sunday before they wrap up, as well as for the 2027 General Convention delegation. The Outreach team is doing a fantastic job building community relationships.

Welcoming & Parish Life

Since our last meeting, the gentlemen hosted a lovely coffee hour for Mother's Day, and they arrived early enough to set up a lovely selection of snacks for the ladies of our 8am service, which was incredibly thoughtful. However, this did lead to some noise from prep work carrying into the sanctuary during our 8am service, so the BC and I will discuss options for decreasing or elimination such noise in the future. Our parish life continues to be vibrant—the next fun social event on the calendar following last week's paint party and this week's Bunco gathering, may be another possible Poe-e-tea in July and the Annual Picnic in August! And of course, VBS in July!

Administration

Since our last meeting, I began the slow process of revising our BC handbook and roles and onboarding process with the wardens, etc. I haven't yet been able to research new phones, but I would like to get those this year if possible, as well as begin some very intentional new-website-planning work! The property manager continues to handle our tenants well—it appears to be a great fit, both with the tenants and the PM so far.

Bishop's Warden: Kathy Avery

Since our last meeting I have done the following:

- April 19: Transported Ann Daniels to church and was BPOD
- April 21: Witty Knitters
- April 23: Bible Study and executive meeting to revise BC committee descriptions/orientation
- April 26: Charles Smith report on mission work in Uganda and Linus Project quilt
- April 28: VBS planning meeting
- May 2: Participated in Work Party by cleaning church kitchen
- May 3: Transported Ann Daniels to and from church and cleaned altar for Altar Guild
- May 6: Participated in making Peace Cranes
- May 7: Bible Study and Evening Pray Service
- May 9: Paint Party
- May 11: VBS planning meeting
- May 12: Pastoral Care and executive BC planning meeting
- May 13: ZimZum
- May 14: Bible Study and Evening Prayer Service
- May 16: Bunco

Respectfully, Kathy Avery

People's Warden: Marj Zantek

No report at this time.

Buildings and Grounds: Dave Peterson

No report at this time.

Communications: Sarah Rogers

No report at this time.

Faith Formation

No report at this time.

Outreach: Holly Hoxeng

Outreach is hard at work – the food drive for Kidzz Helping Kidzz was a huge success, we filled three collection bins – I don't have info for how much St A's donated but the food drive collected 9,298 food items, weighing in at 6,701 pounds—that's the equivalent of 5,584 meals for local families.

Our May Minute for Mission will highlight Charles Smith's work in Uganda, as the loose plate collection that day (Pentecost) will go to Charles Smith.

Next up will be collection of school supplies in July to support Stuff the Bus.

The Outreach Committee heard a presentation by Tovi Andrews; we suggested to her that her proposal is more appropriately made to the BC, and Mother Hillary will report on that to BC.

Parish Life Co-Chair: Kathy Gero

No report at this time.

Pastoral Care: Karrie Wiley

I have an awesome group of ladies in the Pastoral Care group. Members are Peggy Roberts (my assistant in transcribing meetings), Heidi Hood, Gail Campbell- Ferguson, Holly Foley, Marj Zantek, Maggie Scott, Marty Whitaker, Esther Osborne, Hillary Kimsey, and Kathy Avery.

We sent 12 cards to people in need of our support and joys in the months of April and May.

My group has been visiting Esther Osborne in rehab after another fall. Esther should be going home soon.

Liz Haney would like to have visitors. Please phone ahead before visiting.

The Grief Support training will be on active listening and small group facilitation. Training will be on April 23 from 9am to 2pm.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Foley

It was a rough month, with a loss of \$10,790, but expected to a degree as the budget had us at losing \$9.3k. Year to date, we are still doing better than expected, being almost \$5k on the positive side when budgeted to be just shy of \$9k in the red.

I will be meeting with Melo Monday to get him onboarded with Realm and getting out the first trimester statements on pledge performance. The reporting Realm has is nice in that it gives insight into the demographics of the church and how that impacts giving. For example:

Welcoming: Chelsea Reeder

The Welcoming brochures seem to be finding the new people. I worked up a pew card draft, that will actually be on an envelope and in the pews.

I will have my first Welcoming Committee meeting in June; I am considering the first Tuesday.

We are looking to finalize both the welcoming brochure and pew cards. We will also start working on the Church History booklets.

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