

**St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church
Silverdale, WA 98303
Bishop's Committee Monthly Reports
For June 28, 2026 BC Meeting**

Vicar's Report: Mother Hillary

Worship and Spiritual Life

Since our last meeting, we have transitioned into Ordinary time, with the colors changing to green. Our Godly Play class has gone on summer break, but our Bible Study, Episcopal 101, Youth Group, Contemplative Prayer, Summer Evening Prayer, and our ZimZum group continue to meet regularly. This summer we are following Track 2 during worship for the Old Testament readings, which means that instead of being in chronological order, the OT readings are chosen to match the theme of the NT readings. This takes us through some of the less familiar OT passages, so we will follow Track 2 for the whole next lectionary cycle.

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 to the body or soul, while also joining in thanksgiving with those who are celebrating happy occasions. Death and Donuts had a great turn out, as did the pastoral care workshops I did on listening skills and small group facilitation. We scheduled the funeral for our dear Barbara Stedman for 7/9 at 2pm and have another funeral with a non-member family on Saturday 7/18 at 1pm.

Diocesan & Community Relationships

Since our last meeting, I have continued my work with CK Fire and Rescue volunteer chaplain team. I have been on call solo now for a couple of week-long shifts and responded to one call solo, so I'm getting into the rhythm. Since we chaplains are all volunteers, almost all of whom are pastors of congregations, they know we are not always able to respond to every call, but we do the best we can and help each other out. I also continue to be on the roster for Miller Woodlawn funeral officiants, though they haven't needed me since before Christmas. I continue to serve on the Diocesan Commission on Ministry, serving as COM liaison for two discerners, as well as accompanying our own discerner at St A's, Heidi. My other diocesan roles include occasional volunteering for the Diocesan Youth Confirmation Program, teaching pastoral care workshops for the Iona school (I've done two of those since our last meeting) as well as serving on the 2027 General Convention delegation. The Outreach team is doing a fantastic job building community relationships—I am excited to welcome the executive director of KCR to the 10:15am service this Sunday, hopefully. Finally, I will be gone from July 10 to July 17 for professional development—I'm interning as a new trainer in the College of Congregational Development in the Diocese of New York! CCD likes to have interns learn with a group outside of their diocese, so I'm excited to bring back what I learn.

Welcoming & Parish Life

Since our last meeting, our parish life continues to be vibrant. We've had some lovely coffee hours, including some yummy floats for Father's Day and some new hosting teams—thank you! We've also enjoyed some fun times playing games together, with a Bunko day and Card Game Night in the past as well as a Bunko day and Card Game Night coming up! We will also have another Poe-e-tea on July 25 from 3-5pm (outside if bearable, inside if not!) and the Annual Picnic in August! And of course, VBS in July!

Administration

After 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. Cris M. and I are beginning the process of updating our current website before turning our attention to building a new one. The property manager continues to handle our tenants well—we've had some hiccups with noise and speed, but they have been resolved amiably thanks to the PM's help. Planning and prep for the October pilgrimage is ramping up as well! Stay tuned.

Bishop's Warden: Kathy Avery

Since our last meeting I have done the following:

May 17th – Transported Ann Daniels to church, attended BC and was BPOD
May 19th – Witty Knitters
May 21st - Bible Study
May 22nd – Watched Safety video online for church
May 23rd – Pastoral Care Training on Active Listening
May 28th– VBS planning meeting
May 31st – Read Bishop's letter and announcements at 10:15 service. Donated Handmade Quilt to Project Linus
June 7th – Transported Ann Daniels to and from church and cleaned altar for Altar Guild
June 11th -Executive Meeting on revising BC orientation, Bible study, Evening Prayer Service
June 14th – BPOD
June 15th – Helped clean church storage areas and Health and Safety Committee meeting
June 16th – Witty Knitters
June 21st – Transported Ann Daniels to church
June 25th – Executive Meeting, Bible Study and Cow Sew-a-thon for VBS, and hopefully Evening Prayer Service
Additionally, I have crocheted 32 cows for VBS over the last 3 months

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

This is the calm before the Stuff the Bus storm! I am on the planning committee for Stuff the Bus 2026, which will benefit students in the CK School District. On July 1st I will be delivering collection boxes in Silverdale (Staples, Austin Chase Coffee, Hops 'N Drops, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health Cardio-Pulmonary Rehab) and Bremerton (Walmart, Bremerton Dental, YMCA, Kitsap PT). We will have a collection bin in the narthex during July and will encourage donations from Vacation Bible School participants. There will also be opportunities for parishioners to volunteer on the collection days in August (August 5-8 at the Bremerton Walmart and August 10-13 at the Silverdale Staples). I will be discussing all of this (very briefly/succinctly!) in the Minute for Mission at both services on 6/28, and I will write an article for the July edition of Glad Tidings.

Although the monthly loose-plate donation to a local non-profit was not created by the Outreach Commission (thank you, Bishop Phil), we are contacting the monthly recipients to invite them to send someone to speak to the congregation on the day designated for their loose plate collection.

Upcoming recipients:

June 21 (moved to June 28) – Kitsap Community Resources

July 19 – Scarlet Road

August 16 – Kitsap Immigration Assistance Center

September 13 – Bremerton Backpack Brigade

October 4 – Kitsap Animal Rescue and Education (St. Francis Sunday)

November 8 – Central Kitsap Food Bank

December 6 – Bremerton Foodline

Parish Life Co-Chair: Kathy Gero

Since I have been back from my last trip we have had a Saturday Bunco Party and our first Card Game Night. The Bunco Party turnout ended up being a little too small for us to play due to low signups and a lot of illnesses. We enjoyed our snacks and did some practice dice tossing. Nobody was having any luck tossing Buncos. So, we decided to set up the next one as soon as possible. Unfortunately, we set it up while one family that's been asking for Bunco is out of the country. Bunco will be held this Saturday, June 27 at 1:00. Everyone should bring a snack to share. I have purchased five card tables and some card supplies to use for Bunco and Card Night.

The Card Game Night was a lot more successful. We all played Five Crowns and had a picnic dinner. Everyone seemed to be having a lot of fun, and we will have our next Card Game Night on Wednesday, July 15 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and another one on August 19 at the same time. The group decided they wanted to play Five Crowns again rather than learning a new game. We will be having a potluck for that night. It's not too late to join us for future nights.

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, Mother Hillary Kimsey and Kathy Avery.

Barbara Stedman passed away on June 8; we lost a lovely person. A card was sent. We sent another card for encouragement to Heather Carmocki; her mother is going through cancer treatment.

We also sent cards thanking Ruth Lindstrom and Kristen Fabry for stepping up to lead worship services on Sunday, May 31. A big congratulations goes out to 3 young men who graduated from high school: Lincoln Fox, Soren van As, and Nick Carlisle.

Grief training went very well; it was very helpful. We do not have a starting date yet.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Foley

A good month for contributions made the loss for the month way less than budgeted. We would have been above breaking even if the rental house septic system hadn't required repairs. Other financial documents will be presented at our meeting.

Welcoming: Chelsea Reeder

No report at this time.

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