

WILDERNESS WORDS

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This Sunday:

Leading: Suzanne
Preaching: Ellen
Presiding: Carol

Readings this week:

First Reading & Psalm:

[Job 1:1, 2:1-10](#) and [Psalm 26](#)

Alternate First Reading &**Psalm:**

[Genesis 2:18-24](#) and [Psalm 8](#)

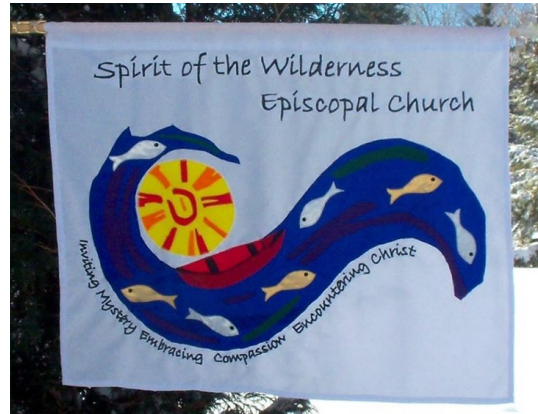
Epistle:

[Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12](#)

Gospel:

[Mark 10:2-16](#)

(Click on citation to go to the reading.)



From Sarah and Kyle:

“What does Spirit of the Wilderness mean to you?”

Spirit of the Wilderness has been a home away from home for Kyle and me. We have a family that loves us and cares for us – a family by choice. It is a ragtag community of people from all sorts of backgrounds who give of their time, talents and many gifts to make a beautiful and sacred church in a beautiful place. (It doesn't hurt that the building we rent is quaint and lovely!) We have a church home that inspires us to make a difference, challenges us to ask the hard questions, and loves without condition.

Part of what keeps us coming back to Spirit of the Wilderness is the community. We all take ownership in this church. We know that without each of us, we don't have a church - sure, the building will still be here, but our beautiful church wouldn't be. We work together to be a tangible example of Christ's love in our region in how we partner with local organizations to improve quality of life while respecting human dignity (e.g., Good Samaritan Fund, Mariano's Closet); we strive to bring beauty and joy into the community at large (see also: spring art show, services at the Care Center); we try to love our neighbors as ourselves (examples

Save these Dates:

Oct. 18: Annual Meeting after Church.

Sunday, October 11: Hillary Freeman - A Relook at the Good Samaritan

Sunday, November 15: Carol Mork: Year C - A Look at Luke

include the times when food chains are organized or when we pool resources to help care for parishioners.) Our small congregation welcomes visitors much like we would welcome our friends or family and we take care of each other. We have congregants who preach, who lead, who clean, play music, bake, write cards and call... we all give of ourselves to make something beautiful in this church of ours. I feel that this is how church should be.

Long story short, Spirit of the Wilderness is a gem in the world of modern-day Christianity. It is a church for those who have been hurt by church, a place where everyone can feel wanted, welcome and useful.

Sarah & Kyle

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Pastoral Care Committee Assignments:

(week starting) October 4, Beth; October 11, Lee; October 18, Lee; October 25, Dave + Shawn



“Dire Colon” Blog: Mary Ellen’s son Stephen is authoring a beautiful, powerful, searing, heartfelt blog describing his journey through this cancer. The latest entry: **“Catharsis and Connection”** can be read at **URL:** <http://wp.me/p6wBC2-g> You can subscribe to receive notification of updates as they are published. The entire Ashcroft family remains in our prayers.