

WILDERNESS WORDS

Editors

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This Sunday:

Leading: Lee
Preaching: Carol Mork
Presiding: Mary Ellen
Treats:

Readings this week:

***Fifth Sunday After Pentecost,
 9 July, 2017***

First Reading: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 and Psalm 45:10-17 **OR** *Song of Solomon* 2:8-13 • Zechariah 9:9-12 and Psalm 145:8-14
Psalm: Above
Epistle: Romans 7:15-25a
Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

(To link directly to the readings (click) <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=149>



Reflections:

*A Note from Barbara
 (6/27/2017)*

Dear Mary Ellen, *et al*:

As Suzanne no doubt told you, we arrived home one week ago today, about this time mid morning in 111 degree heat. Today it is only 96, so things are definitely looking up. We wanted to thank you and all the “crew” for the wonderful party you threw for us at the Hedstroms. We were somewhat overwhelmed. How generous of Bonnie Gay and Howard to turn their beautiful home into a parish hall.

It was obvious that this has happened before, as people seemed right at home and relaxed. An undercroft could never compete with their home as a venue.

The people of Spirit of The Wilderness are an amazing lot. The way everyone loves and supports one another is almost “unreal”. The church is certainly well named. It was definitely the Spirit that bugged Rolf and Lane to put that notice in the paper. And of course it was the spirit that elicited the answers. I remember how fortunate I thought it was that we had an organist from that first Sunday. Now I realize that though Loraine was given to us for such a short time, it was when we needed her the most. And then there was Lee, and her fear (I could say terror) of public speaking standing up there and giving her first homily about those little white clouds.

I think of “The Spirit Of The Wilderness “ as almost a reincarnation of the early church. People work together, are concerned about and support one another, take on impossible tasks (i.e. Ruby’s Pantry), and participate in rather than observe the worship service. I think of Tom and Dorothy cleaning the church each week, and never mentioning or complaining about it. ---And, by the way, do you realize how quietly Dorothy tends the altar? And then there is the music. Karen & Bob don’t just appear and play every Sunday. There have to be lonely hours of practice.



*Inviting Mystery, Embracing
 Compassion, Encountering Christ.*

Forums: 2016 - 2017

Forums — immediately following services we grab our coffee and treats and spend an hour learning.

I do believe that Spirit Of The Wilderness will be here for the long run. Reed & I will no longer be a part of it, but we are changed forever by it. "Spirit" will always be with us.

God Bless,

Barbara

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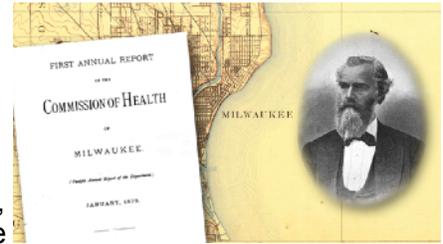
- 1.) July 9th will be leader training/refreshing after the service.
- 2.) Remember that the Art Fair is July 8-9 : Please bring treats and be at our table during those days per signup sheets, etc.
- 3.) Look out for a chance to help Shawn and Dave & Kyle and Sarah with their moves over the next month.
- 4.) Many members of SOTW have been reading Richard Rohr's daily meditations from the Center for Action and Contemplation. If you haven't had a chance to read them yet, give it a try! <https://cac.org/category/daily-meditations/>
- 5.) Some have requested a copy of the book we made for Reed and Barbara--which contains great pix of SOTW people and the local landscape and animals. If you'd like one, they cost about 35.00 each. Please let Mary Ellen know and she'll order some....
- 6.) Ruby's Pantry, Tuesday, July 11 at the temporary location (Community Center).



Sharing: What I'm currently reading Dave Coleman

Eclectic stuff!

"A Memorial of O. W. Wight, A.M., M. D. (Sanitarian, Lawyer, and Author). (1890).": A very rare volume. There has never been anyone quite like Orlando Williams Wight. Entirely self-taught (he never attended a college or university), he was a medical doctor, lawyer, theologian, engineer, author of 12 books, editor of 38 more, and – for a few extremely eventful years in the late 1870s – was a tireless advocate for health and sanitation in Milwaukee. He later moved to Detroit where he assumed similar roles. He was a member of Detroit's Prismatic Club; I am reading this volume in preparation of a fall presentation as our little Club celebrates their sesquicentennial year.



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And, after many years I am re-reading "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance: An Inquiry Into Values" by Robert M. Pirsig. Few books have influenced me more, especially during my formative years in graduate school (UW/Madison). You can't drive a motorcycle (or car, or lead a scientific group, or be a musician, or a church person) if you can't roll up your sleeves, and understand things at their deepest, and often technical (or messy) level.

