

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—January 14, 2010

Mentor Notes:

As we design a logo for our church, we need a “motto” that concisely expresses who we are—to remind ourselves, but also to draw outsiders who might want to join us. “An inclusive, liturgical community” is true, but may not be readily understood by outsiders.

I’d love your thoughts on this. Here are some thoughts I’ve been tossing around that you might play with. Notice I suggest either “encountering,” “inviting,” or “embracing” (love these gerunds and the way they work two ways at once!) Then I’ve put some of the qualities of Spirit of the Wilderness we listed at a church meeting a couple months back. I really like “mystery” in here, but which do you like?

- “Embracing mystery, ritual, and hope.”
- “Encountering mystery, meaning and belonging.”
- “Inviting mystery, relevance, and openness.”

A motto like this would go on our ads, our stationary, and our banner (which we hope someone will carry when the new bishop is consecrated.) Please ponder, discuss, and send me feed back within the next week.

Blessings— +Mary Ellen

Mark your calendar:

January social on **Wednesday, January 20th**—Val has offered to host us.

January 31st: Adult forum on the subject of translations of the Bible and how we got them, how true they are to the original, which are better for what purposes, etc.

Food Shelf help needed: Monday, Feb. 1, 3-5.

Party: Dig out those mother of the bride outfits for a “do” on February 10th. More later.....



Thinking ahead.....

Focus: Over the next weeks, until Easter, I’d like us to focus our thoughts, prayers, and preaching on our church community and what it means to love one another.

Ash Wednesday: At WindCradle 6:30 PM. A service with imposition of ashes.

Stations of the Cross at the Art Colony: March 20-April 4th. We will need volunteers to sign up for times to keep the exhibit open hours the Art Colony isn’t. We hope to have a Good Friday service there in the evening (more on this later....)

Seder: April 1st Mark the date!

A book discussion group? Let me know if your interested....

Please Pray—

- For the people of Haiti, especially for our Anglican brothers and sisters there.
- For the bishop elect, Brian Prior that he will be given grace and wisdom.
- For healing for those on our hearts.