

Wilderness Words



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Vicar Notes

Dragon boat held many unexpected blessings for us this year! I'm struck by the way we brought so much of who we are as a church to the event—as we welcomed new people, enjoyed old friends, ate, marched, paddled (and swam!!!) together.

Paul develops this metaphor in scripture: the church as a body with many parts. And that was us during the Dragon Boat festival—from the youngest—Thea, checking in at 2 months—to some of our senior members cheering us on—I think Marcy at 90 wins there! Great food, fine turtle shells, wonderful pix, much cooperation in the tent and on the water! Kathy Sullivan's fine leadership....

In her sermon Sunday, Jennye talked about how Jesus had compassion on the crowd because they were AIMLESS. She spoke about how our coach, Dave, pushed us toward focus and vision, which is pretty much the opposite of aimlessness.

And of course **we all know** that we would have come in first on that race (!) had we not capsized....

But the bigger point is not winning but, as Jennye said, coming together so that we are not AIMLESS. Our worship on Sunday expressed the joy and sharing of community, of our life together—speeding along in the lead, tipping into the water, or cheering from shore. We come together, Sunday by Sunday, so that we will not be AIMLESS but find focus to continue our walk with God—in times of joy, of struggle, of waiting.

Someone in the community expressed worry that our wet experience would move us to not have a Dragon Boat team again. In fact, the sense of cooperation, of working together, and even of capsizing was all part of what it is to be a team—on shore, on the water, and as a church, Sunday by Sunday.

Thanks to all, and to God!

Mary Ellen

What's happening?



For your calendars:

August 12th: After the service, Patsy Coleman will spend an hour with all who are interested in being an ongoing part of the healing prayer ministry. Patsy has much experience in this area!

August 13th: Bishop's Committee Meeting

August 19th: Potluck at Jay and Madge Hanson's place on Onegun Lake.

August 22nd: Don't forget Dwight Zscheile's visit—potluck at WindCradle!!

