

Wilderness Words



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Weekly News—October 18, 2012

Mark your calendars!

October 21 Annual meeting immediately after church. (ONE HOUR LONG WITH GREAT TREATS....)

October 25 Reach Out committee

November 4th—Social at Schmidt's house that evening.

Vicar's Notes

Spirit of the Wilderness has an active outreach program, called REACH OUT! Its focus is in three main areas:

1. Financial giving—this is exemplified in The Good Samaritan Fund, which makes money available through social services for community needs.
2. Education—this is the part of REACH OUT that realizes that while giving financially is good, it must also be accompanied by learning—about our neighbors, other cultures, systems that perpetrate poverty, etc.
3. Volunteering—this is the part of outreach in which people have an opportunity to work alongside those in need or do other “hands on” expressions of Christ's love.

We recognize that all three of these are crucial as part of the call of Christ to us to love our neighbors. And while we would all benefit from being involved in all three aspects of outreach, some will have more passion for one of these than others; some may be more easily able to practice one than another.

As we go on in our growth as a church, particularly in this area—the Reach Out committee wants to encourage others in the church to join in—in one or two or all these areas.

REACH OUT would like more members. But not everyone who wants to be involved in outreach needs to be on the committee. There's plenty of opportunity for others to not only write checks, but also to pick up and run with ideas that educate us more, or provide volunteer opportunities.

Please consider this as part of your involvement at Spirit of the Wilderness.

Blessings, Mary Ellen