

Wilderness Words



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Vicar's Notes

Anyone else feeling a bit bewildered? I am, and I think it's a combination of things. Adding an hour as we "fall back" always makes me feel a touch jet-lagged. And then there was so much drama around Hurricane Sandy. On a personal level, Suzanne went to see her mom in Connecticut for a few days, and is still there with her mom in the hospital.

And this time of year always surprises me. Suddenly it seems to be so much darker and colder. Town is empty. We all have to deck ourselves in blaze orange before we venture out.

And of course, the election—the press toward it, the excitement of election day, staying up late and getting up early for results, and then.....

Not only that—in our liturgical year we're still in ordinary time—Proper twenty-which!?!?

I know what I need to do. I need to settle into reading some books I've meant to read. I need to actually get out and put on some warmer clothes so that I'm not always shocked by the chill. I need to pray for our newly elected officials. I need to be disciplined in my exercise and my prayer life.

And soon Advent will come and envelop us with expectation.

Blessings, Mary Ellen

Want more information on
our Stewardship Campaign?
See the website!

Thursday, November 8, Empty Bowls held at the Congregational Church. Bowl making is on Sundays and Mondays for the next few weeks. **Spirit of the Wilderness does clean up at the end of the evening.**

- Also, at 6:30 that evening there will be an interdenominational Eucharist, (upstairs in the sanctuary) to emphasize our unity, after the election.

Monday, November 19th, Bishop's Committee 7 PM.

Tuesday, November 20th, 4:30 Worship committee, dental office.

Wednesday, November 21st, 7 PM, Thanksgiving service at Maple Hill. Light some candles and sing some Thanksgiving hymns and be grateful.

Sunday, November 25th, 2 PM, Spirit of the Wilderness at the Care Center.

Thursday, November 29th, Light Up a Life service of remembrance at the hospital.

Sunday, Dec. 2nd, Blessing of our pledges in church.

Wanting your input.....

- Last year we had a Christmas Eve potluck at WindCradle Cradle late afternoon/early evening.... shall we do this again?
- A number of folks requested an earlier Christmas Eve service—like 7 PM—rather than 10 PM..... what do you think?
- Christmas Day has been a very small service....shall we have one this year?

Looking further ahead:

- **January 27th SOTW retreat 1:00-4:30 at WindCradle.**
- **February 28-March 2**—For our event with the Grand Marais Art Colony we will be bringing to native American priests to Grand Marais. They will be presenting and offering workshops, and leading our Sunday worship. We also hope to have an event or two at Grand Portage. Who would like to help plan this?

Special thanks to
Carolyn and Milan and
the rest of the Reach Out Committee
for a fabulous social the other night!