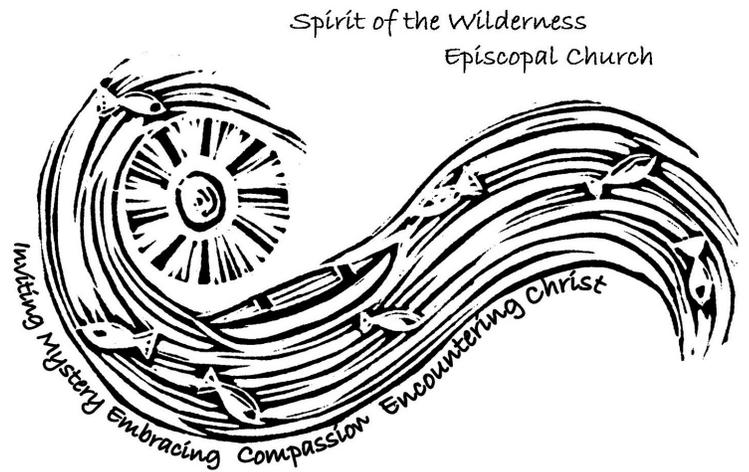


# Wilderness Words

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## Vicar's Report

There are a couple times during the year when we try to be really 'out there' in the community—I think of Dragonboat and our art exhibit. As most of you know, we spent several years collaborating with the Grand Marais Art Colony on an exhibit, and this year have launched out on our own with what we hope will be an annual event called *Entry Points to the Creative*, offering artists an opportunity to reflect on the intersection between spirituality and creativity. Committee members this year have been Bonnie Gay Hedstrom, Lee Stewart, and Karl Hansen.

This year our topic is *Mapping Mystery*. Here's the brief description: A hike or paddle meets the unexpected-- then life-changing adventures (with stories worth telling) begin to emerge. How does your creative process parallel your exploration toward the transcendent? To what uncharted territory does it take you?

We've invited artists to express their response to this theme (literally or metaphorically) in a number of mediums. I've written and spoken about it; posters are up around town, articles have appeared in the paper, etc.

Now we're coming up to the actual exhibit, and there are a number of ways you can be involved!

1. This next Monday and Tuesday mornings, art will be dropped off at *The Johnson Heritage Post*. We need some folks there to receive the art and to make sure we have all the necessary information from artists.
2. Next week we will be producing a booklet that we have at the show for people to use while they are viewing which includes artists' statements, titles, etc. If you would like to help with any part of this, please let me know.
3. On Friday, March 28th, , we will need lots of help for the opening reception. The reception begins at 5, with wine, soft drinks and appetizers.
  - If you'd like to help provide, please contact Beth Kennedy, who has graciously offered to be in charge of this. (387 1314, [bkennedy@boreal.org](mailto:bkennedy@boreal.org))
  - If you would help out at the reception, please be there early for set up and then to help.
  - We will also need clean up help at the end.
  - Ruth Pszwaro (new program director) at the Art Colony will be giving a presentation at 6 pm that evening. We will need someone to pick up a projector before hand and return it.
4. Although volunteers do man (or person) the Johnson Heritage Post during exhibit open hours, we could be there to relieve others, or we could extend the hours. Here are some hours that would be nice to have coverage—Sundays and Mondays 1-4, Wednesday 10-4, Saturday 10-4.

I will have sign up sheets on Sunday at church, and would love to invite you all to be involved!

Blessings, Mary Ellen



Another picture from our 2/2 service. Thanks Ellen for taking pictures. Thanks to Hedstroms for opening their home!

**Sunday, March 23rd:**

Leading: Suzanne  
 Homily: Mary Ellen  
 Music: Karl  
 Treats: Tom and Dorothy  
 Preside: Carolyn

**Coming up:**

March 20th—meeting to discuss Mary Ellen’s sabbatical—potluck at Lee and Karl’s 6 pm

March 23rd—12:30—SOTW does the Care Center service.

March 28-April 5th—Entry Points to the Creative, Johnson Heritage Post.

**Sunday, March 23rd, 12:30  
 We lead the service at the Care Center—would you like to help or bring treats?**

**Adult Forums**

Sunday, April 6, noon-1:00—John’s gospel—Mary Ellen

Sunday, May 4, noon-1:00—Why liturgy? Carolyn Schmidt

Sunday, June 8, noon-1:00—Matthew revisited, Carol Mork.

Sunday, July 6, We’re thinking of having a historic service—turning back the clocks to what would have been when the prayer book was first used! Karen Halbersleben will set up the historical context, and then we’ll proceed with the service, with time following for more input, questions and reflection.

**Sunday Lectionary Readings:**

**Third Sunday of Lent, March 23rd**

Exodus 17: 1-7  
 Psalm 95  
 Romans 5: 1-11  
 John 4: 5-42

In our John passage, we see Jesus with the Samaritan woman. Pay attention to how he relates to her, and how she speaks to him. What can you learn?

**Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 30th**

I Samuel 16: 1-13  
 Psalm 23  
 Ephesians 5: 8-14  
 John 9: 1-41

**Outreach News:**

At this point we’re waiting to hear about next steps with Ruby’s Pantry—in early April I’ll be meeting with some of the organizers. Will keep you posted!