

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—September 23 2010

Mentor Notes:

I got a call yesterday from Renee, the lawyer in the diocesan office. She told me that Standing Committee had approved Spirit of the Wilderness (dependent on our sending the forms). The only other thing that has to happen is our approval at Convention! Let's rejoice together in this!

We had visitors Sunday who were driving the circle tour and stopped by. After the service they spoke about the church they had visited the Sunday before with its wonderful choral mass—but no one who spoke to them. "How different you are," they said, "and how wonderful." Our welcome, our genuine interest can make a big difference in people's lives.

I'll be at clergy conference for a few days next week, meeting with my brother and sister clergy and also meeting with the bishop. I'm sure there will be much interest and excitement about Spirit of the Wilderness.

Sometimes in the midst of the hard work of starting a church, especially during the busy-ness of summer, we might grow "weary of well doing." Let's allow the excitement of others about our new mission, as well as the appreciation of visitors fuel our vision!

Peace, Mary Ellen+

Dates:

September 26th: Adult forum on the Creeds.
October 4th: Food Shelf 3-5
October 17th: Adult Forum
October 19th: Spirit business meeting (evening)
October Social: Shakes and Lectio at Emily's
October 30th: We are introduced at Convention
November 11: Empty Bowls



Don't forget:

- If you haven't signed Spirit's paperwork, please do this Sunday. Or give me a buzz and I'll bring it to you!
- Who is coming to convention October 29-30? We're going to book some rooms together, so let us know.
- Be sure you're listed on our schedule for upcoming service parts. (Lee).
- We're adding a new position—greeter—to the Sunday service list. Would you like to be involved in this important ministry?