

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—November 4, 2010

Vicar Notes:

What a wonderful time at Convention last week! When the bishop called for a vote, people stood and clapped. Many of my clergy brothers and sisters hugged me afterwards, and asked for copies of the power point for their congregations. Thanks to Dave Coleman, it will soon be available on our website!

Those of us who could go enjoyed great conversations around our table. The beautiful triptych made by Ellen Stubbs and Karen Kobey, the potluck banner made by Barbara, the logo banner made by Patsy Coleman—even those who couldn't be physically present with us seemed to be. And blessings to Beth for coming up from Texas.

On Sunday we shared highlights as our "homily" at Spirit—like light reflecting off of a mosaic, our multiple perspectives made the experience shine.

And now, here we are: a mission. We've got plenty going on—Baptism and All Saints, this Sunday, Food Shelf, Empty Bowls, a Theology at the Tavern group starting, Lectio at Emily's, Worship & Music meeting, Stewardship Drive, a regular Sunday potluck gathering starting soon, Thanksgiving Eve Service, Advent Wreath Making at the Art Colony, Care Center Service, chance to ring the bell for salvation army in December.... Not to mention caring for our members who can't come to church.

If you look at this list, like me, you might be tempted to feel overwhelmed. But this is what LIFE is about—growth, movement, excitement, using gifts. The excitement at convention was about a church going places, doing what a church is meant to do—when so many are slowly dying. Celebrate our life!

Peace, Mary Ellen+

Don't forget to FALL back this weekend!

- November 7th: Food collection day at Spirit
- November 11th: Empty Bowls
- November 14th: Potluck, Shakes and Lectio at Emily's
- November 16th: Worship & Music meeting
- November 21st: First potluck after church at Andrew and Jennye's
- November 24th: Thanksgiving Eve Service
- November 27th: Advent Wreath Making at the Art Colony
- November 28th: Care Center Service
- December 18th: Spirit rings Salvation Army bells at Johnsons
- December 24th: Christmas Eve service



- Further out....most of us who heard presentations on Nets for Life—the project to provide anti-malarial nets to people in Africa—thought we'd like to do a fund raiser. Maybe we can have another "Hope for Haiti" type event in February or March.
- Our collaboration with the Art Colony will once again be the two weeks before Easter....keep an eye out for more news about this.