

## Wilderness Words



## Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—November 11, 2010

### Vicar Notes:

What a gift to have our first baptism at Spirit of the Wilderness last Sunday! I was struck by the way we at Spirit have achieved a balance—between nurturing ourselves and welcoming others. I believe most people who were there at last week's service found it moving and nourishing, which is the real test of that balance. Many visitors spoke to me after the service—about the enthusiastic singing, the many people involved in the service, the joy, the welcome. For all that we can give thanks to God, and give ourselves a big pat on the back!

Some who were there said their rector (or Dean in the case of the Cathedral) had announced about Spirit as a new mission, and so they came to worship with us. I've heard from several clergy colleagues this week, thanking us for being open to God up here.

Please join me in praying that we can maintain that balance of nurture for insider and outsider. Please pray, too, for our stewardship drive that will sustain our growth. Pray for other welcoming opportunities such as Thanksgiving Eve, Advent Wreath making, Creativity and Spirituality @ the Tavern, Christmas Eve, etc. Especially join me in praying that some of those who visited last Sunday may find their way through our doors again.

I'm off today to the Twin Cities for a conference on the missional church—hope to bring back some new ideas and inspiration for us here at Spirit!

Peace, Mary Ellen+

### Don't Forget!

- November 14th: Food collection day at Spirit
- November 14th: Potluck, Shakes and Lectio at Emily's
- November 21st: First potluck after church at Andrew and Jennye's
- November 23rd: 7-8 Creativity and Spirituality @ the Tavern
- November 24th: Thanksgiving Eve Service
- November 27th: Advent Wreath Making at the Art Colony
- November 28th: Care Center Service
- December 6: Spirit serves at the Food Shelf
- December 18th: Spirit rings Salvation Army bells at Johnson's
- 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.