

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—December 16, 2010

Vicar Notes:

Last weekend, despite the blizzard in the Twin Cities, I met with a number of people who are active in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota.....several rectors and active lay folk. I was moved by how much Spirit of the Wilderness means to them! At St. Clement's in St. Paul on Sunday, many were eager to talk about our mission and how encouraging it is to have new life in the diocese.

That's what we're going to be celebrating as we celebrate Christmas—new life. And not just disembodied, wafty new life, but enfleshed life. God in human form. And that's what we are trying to bring through *Spirit of the Wilderness*—God's life enfleshed. As we ring bells, collect food or money for food shelf, as we worship and invite others to join us for worship—we have a chance to be God's hands, feet, voices, and heart.

This is a good time to think of people who might want to come to a specific and picturesque service like ours on Christmas Eve. Pray for them, and invite them along!

Peace, Mary Ellen+



Don't Forget!

December 18th: Spirit rings Salvation Army bells at Johnson's
December 19th: Hang around after church to help decorate!
December 21: Help needed for packing Portage food shelf food.
December 24th: Christmas Eve service—bring treats!
Ahead.....look out for a "Vicar of Dibley" night and a trip to the Trail Center for socials. Also, a fund-raising party. Not to mention Theology on Tap and collaboration with The Art Colony!



If you have lanterns, do bring them for Christmas Eve....along with holiday-treats!