

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness

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Vicar Notes:

A New Year! Suzanne and I have an entrepreneurial coach who gives us questions both to close the year and to project toward the new year. I suggest that each of you answer these, both in regard to your individual life, but also in regard to our life as a church.

Closing 2010 questions include:

- What was the smartest decision you made in 2010?
- What choices did you make in 2010 that you don't want to repeat?
- Who do I want to express gratitude to?
- What was my biggest high in 2010?
- What was my biggest low?
- Did I have enough fun?

My biggest high was certainly our time at Convention!

Planning for 2011 questions include:

- What's working? What's not?
- What do I want to be able to say at the end of 2011?
- Is there a word or phrase that could be my theme for this next year?

This has been such an exciting year for us as a church. so much is going well—both in terms of Sunday services, but also our service to the community. Still, this may be a good time for us to prayerfully consider these questions about what's working, and about our goals for this next year. Some of my suggestions in this regard are to the right.

Peace, Mary Ellen+



Some thoughts for 2011:

- Be sure to set aside January 29th as a music workshop day at WindCradle with Jeff Kidder, 10-4. Sunday the 30th will be a day of special celebration at Spirit. Coming out of this, I trust, will be a music committee who work together to choose our music for Sundays.
- Beth and Suzanne are working on a "Nets for Life" fund-raising party for sometime in February or March.
- How do we as a parish want to be involved in the interdenominational move to support a Feed My Starving Children workday on May 21st?
- Forums on Sunday don't seem to be working so well. I'd like to suggest that we have one evening a month as a forum...how about starting on Wednesday, Feb. 2. We could meet at Wind-Cradle or somewhere else, and have a topic...maybe even a few short readings before hand—like The Eucharist—how do we understand it?
- We have some great social ideas....A Vicar of Dibley night and a trip to The Trail Center. Would someone please take charge of each of those?
- Other thoughts you have for 2011?