

## Wilderness Words



## Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—January 27, 2010

### Vicar Notes:

Many (all???) churches deal with questions about music. These are some of the most burning ones:

- How do we choose music that is sing-able without forgetting our rich Anglican tradition?
- How do we find hymns that reflect contemporary sensibilities without being simplistic?
- How do our hymn choices reflect the fact that we come from different hymnody backgrounds? (In other words a hymn that may be very familiar to me may be completely new to someone else and vice versa.)
- How do we balance music in our services?

At Spirit of the Wilderness we have a few particular challenges:

- How do we choose music which fits with shifting instrumental accompaniments?
- How might we encourage more local musicians to bring their gifts to share at Spirit of the Wilderness?

Inevitably, there will be trial and error, since we are “making it up as we go along” to some extent. And we need to remember the great gifts we have:

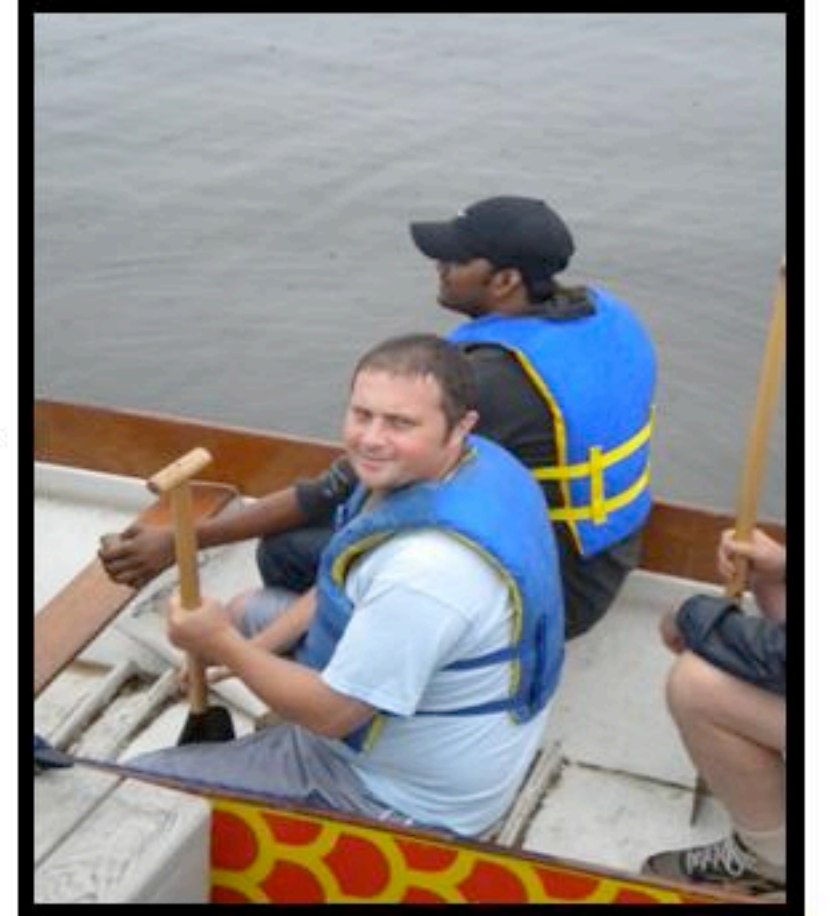
- People who visit notice how strongly and enthusiastically we sing.
- We don’t have anyone saying, “Well fifty years ago we used to....”!
- Because of the way we are doing church, we know we don’t have to get it perfect.

My hope and prayer is that we will have an opportunity as we work with Jeff Kidder Saturday and Sunday to reflect on where we’re at and move more intentionally forward. Hope to see you at WindCradle!

Peace, Mary Ellen+



Have you been practicing your dragon boat moves?



### Don't forget!!!

- **Saturday, January 29th: Music workshop** day at WindCradle with Jeff Kidder, 10-4. Sunday the 30th will be a day of special celebration at Spirit. All are invited!
- **Wednesday, February, 2nd, Forum:** 7-9 at WindCradle. The Eucharist—how do we understand it? RSVP 387 1536.
- **Monday, February 7th, Food Shelf:** 3-5 @ Congo
- **Sunday, February 13th, Collection for Food Shelf** at church
- **Sunday, February 13th, Social:** Trail Center 5:30 PM
- **Sunday, February 20th Care Center Service, 2-3:** We need more people to be involved in this important ministry.
- **“Nets for Life” fund-raising party:** Contact Beth or Suzanne.
- **Friday and Saturday, February 25th and 26th Retreat:** A retreat on women in earliest Christianity at WindCradle.
- **Art Colony Collaboration, April 10-24 :** April 8-9 retreat on Creativity and Spirituality; April 10th opening.