

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—June 2, 2011

Vicar Notes:

During the month of June, I'm writing columns for the paper again. I really enjoy the chance to think about a topic for each week. I try to think of something that is timely, understandable but still theological, and that in some way portrays who we are as Episcopalians. I also try to make it personal and winsome.

What would you write if you were going to do one of the columns? Seriously.....are there topics that come to mind? Are there things I could write about that would make people you know stop and think, "Hmmm....if I were going to go to church it would be that Spirit of the Wilderness place..."

Our understanding of what it means to be a missional church reminds us that God is at work and that our job is to find out where God is doing something and join that work. And it's you who are best able to know that.....

While you're cleaning teeth, selling books or stamps, in the hardware store....what are people focusing on? What questions are people asking? What are they talking about? What makes the folks you're around happy, mad, worried?

Often I believe that even if at one level their focus doesn't seem that profound, it points to something deeper that really matters. So let me know if there are areas you think I should write about. Keep your ears open!

Blessings, + Mary Ellen



Ahead:

- June 6th: Food Shelf 3-5
- June 10th: 5-7 Hedstrom opening at the Johnson Heritage Post.
- June 12th: Food shelf collection at church.
- June 15th: Bishop's Committee Meeting— (agenda items to Rolf or Lee by the 12th, please)
- Deepening Roots: A Course for Formation. (Offered by WindCradle.) This course, for people who would like to grow deeper in their knowledge of the Old and New Testaments as well as their theological understanding of various issues, will meet once a month Sept.-May at WindCradle. If you have questions, please talk to Mary Ellen. Maximum group size is ten.
- How about an adult forum June 13th or 14th? A suggested topic—what do we believe about Christianity and other religions? Let me know of your interest and availability....
- Anyone want to plan a social or a house-blessing?