

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—July 12, 2011

Vicar Notes:

Last Sunday's service, with so many gathered to celebrate, made me so grateful for Spirit of the Wilderness! Jesus' story about the seed being scattered and the different kinds of soil—well, it seems clear to me that the seed of God's work has been spread here, and has grown up wonderfully.

And as we said on Sunday—it is both the seed and the soil. As we together seek to be receptive soil, to dig our various composts in, to grow—God will continue to work with us.

One thing that has become clear to me so far this summer—we have many visitors! Some of us are away, or working, or entertaining guests, during the summer, so sometimes over the last few weeks, it has seemed that there are as many visitors as regulars in the congregation on Sunday. This is a great problem to have!

But it does mean, I think, that especially in the summer, we as regulars need to be very aware of the visitors—so that as the seed is scattered in their lives, they are able to receive it.

What does that look like? Friendliness, welcome—which is something we're OUTSTANDING at. Unlike many churches, we have no worries there. But during these visitor laden months, I think we need someone standing at the door, making sure people get a bulletin, insert, etc. Someone to help with name tags. Someone who encourages visitors to sign the guest book.

So if anyone can arrive a little earlier and help out with these it will be an important part of our being able to offer refreshment to visitors.

Blessings, + Mary Ellen



Dragonboat— July 29-30

Upcoming Events:

- July 17—Social at Holaday's at Greenwood Lake. After church we head out there for a BBQ, potluck, swimming and a boat ride.
- July 26—Bishop's Committee Meeting—get any agenda items to Lee, Rolf or Mary Ellen.
- Annual meeting will be held sometime in later August.

Please Pray:

- For Lorraine—for peace and freedom from pain.
- For Jerry—for recovery from his car accident.
- For our summer visitors that they might experience soul nurture while they are with us.