

## Wilderness Words



## Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—October 5, 2011

### Vicar Notes:

The other day Esme was sitting in the living room playing with lego. She turned to me and said, “Babka, who is God?”

How do you answer that question for a not quite four year old? How do you answer it for a not quite sixty year old?

Who is God? Answering that question is the work of a lifetime, and it's not something we can do on our own. We discover who God is when we're out in nature, when we're with a faith community, when we read scripture, when we serve those in need, when we experience the love of a faithful dog, when \_\_\_\_\_ (your addition here!)

In our lives in this community, whether people are saying it aloud or not, they are asking “Who is God?” They are especially asking those who are part of a faith community. They may pose that question in different ways—including declarations of unbelief, but they are asking.

I'm thankful that I don't have to come up with some final, definitive answer for Esme (or for others). What we as Episcopalians can do is to say this: come and see. Be open. In nature, in worship, in our pets, in service, be open and you will grow in your knowledge of God.

—Blessings,

+ Mary Ellen



### Upcoming Events:

- October 9th—Blessing of the Animals service, 10:30 Invite two or four footed friends! (Feel free to bring pix of favorite departed animals...)
- October 12th—Bishop's Committee Meeting—any agenda items to Lee, Rolf or Mary Ellen.
- October 18th: House Blessing at Carolyn and Milan's house—5:30. Potluck.
- Coming soon!—trainings for lectors, leaders and preachers!

**Please bring any older mugs you have for a church collection—we have folks who are willing to take them home and wash them!**

### Make a Bowl!!!

Empty Bowls (fundraiser for the food shelf) needs 500 bowls this year, and they are short of bowl makers. Bowl making happens at The Art Colony Sundays at 2 PM and Mondays at 7 PM. Suzanne and I plan to be there Monday, the 10th and the 17th—anyone else want to join us? Or get a group of SOTW folks to make bowls on a Sunday? Phone the Art Colony to sign up!