

## Wilderness Words



## Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—January 28, 2010

### Mentor Notes:

Last Sunday Val had us commission each other for our ministries, which are really the ministry of Christ. “The Spirit of the Lord is upon you, because he has anointed you to preach good news to the poor, etc.” It was powerful.

I’ve been reading an article by Dwight Zscheile about what it means to be Episcopalian and missional. In other words, if God’s primary purpose for the church is that we BE CHRIST in the world, and then come back together for nourishment—what does that mean in our particular way of being the church as Episcopalians?

He raises a number of ideas—such as the central calling of lay ministry, how a priest should not be doing everything but rather facilitating, teaching, and presiding at Eucharist. He talks about how the church has gotten it upside down, with the lay people supporting the clergy who support the bishop/diocese, who in turn support the national church. In his suggested paradigm, priests and bishops, congregations and dioceses would live to support the ministry of lay people.

I believe that God is calling us to make this happen at Spirit and I’m excited to be a part of it.

Blessings— +Mary Ellen

### Mark your calendar:

**January 31st:** Adult forum on the subject of translations of the Bible and how we got them, how true they are to the original, which are better for what purposes, etc. Bring any translations you have!

**Next forum:** Feb. 7th or 21st—I’ll pass out copies of Dwight’s article and we can discuss it.

**Food Shelf help needed:** Monday, Feb. 1, 3-5.

**Party:** Help!! We need a day for this when many of us can be there....We’ve got some offers for free venues. Bump is on board...we need a date...What about Monday, February 15th? Let me know.

**Ash Wednesday:** At WindCradle 6:30 PM. A service with imposition of ashes.

### Our Motto: (Still open for comments....)

Inviting Mystery,  
Embracing Compassion,  
Encountering Hope (or  
Christ?)



### Please Pray—

- For Doris, as she adjusts to a new living situation in Duluth..
- Ongoing healing for Lorraine and Jerry.
- For Nikki’s nephew Alan.
- For the people of Haiti, especially for our Anglican brothers and sisters there.
- For the bishop elect, Brian Prior that he will be given grace and wisdom.