

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—November 5, 2009

Mentor Notes:

One thing we agreed on at our Women's Spirituality Group on Monday: that all of us have a deep spiritual longing.

A big question for us at Spirit of the Wilderness is this: how can we help people translate that spiritual longing into becoming part of a faith community? We are aware that we are not the only answer to spiritual longing, but that as a community we can offer crucial support, tradition, history, ritual and richness.

Let's pay attention to those we interact with, considering how to invite them to our faith community.

+Mary Ellen

Calendar of Extra Events!

- **Monday, November 9th:** Steering Committee meets at Reed and Barbara's 6:30 PM.
- **Wednesday, November 11th:** Social at Greg and Coralyn's.
- **Thursday, November 12th:** Empty Bowls at the Congo church.

PLEASE PRAY!!

- For the bishop-elect: Pray that the Spirit will ready him to facilitate healing and direction to our diocese.
- For Spirit of the Wilderness at this crucial stage in becoming "real church."
- Continued healing for those on our hearts.



Empty Bowls: Would anyone like to help me make soup (in the Congo kitchen) early next week, or contribute ingredients?

Possible Adult Forum topics:

1. The creed and how we got it.
2. Baptism and Eucharist—where they are from and what they mean.
3. Controversial topics and how they've been understood—war, women, sexual issues, etc.
4. Ways to pray.
5. How we understand the authority of scripture.
6. What makes Episcopalians different.
7. The divinity of Christ.
8. How the Old Testament relates to the new.
9. The relationship between faith and works.
10. Other faiths in relation to Christianity.
11. Background on the books of the Bible.

Which of these (or others) shall we tackle first? Let me know or I'll choose a really boring topic.....