

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—January 10, 2012

Vicar Notes:

Lee spoke so eloquently on Sunday about the message of baptism: God says, “You are the beloved.” What would our lives be liked if we believed that—really believed that? I think it would be very different since we wouldn’t be always trying to fill ourselves up with other things. Not a bad phrase to repeat through your day—Remember, I am beloved.

As I was reading the lectionary passages for this next Sunday, I was struck by a short phrase in the gospel. Phillip tells his friend Nathaniel that he’s met the messiah, and Nathaniel is (understandably) a bit skeptical. Phillip responds to him: “Come and see.”

I think maybe this is the heart of the message we’ve been entrusted with: “We are beloved. Come and see.” We don’t have to convince anybody or argue with them or judge them or impress them. We simply know ourselves to be loved and invite them to “come and see.”

Blessings,

Mary Ellen

Upcoming Events:

- January 18th—Bishop’s Committee Meeting at Kennedy’s 7 PM.
- January 27-28—WindCradle Retreat on forgiveness.
- Look out for a February social—sounds like we may do a “Vicar of Dibley” repeat!!!
- Feb. 10-12—Such a deal—”Build your own casket” at the North House Folk School.
- March 23-April 1—Our collaboration with the Grand Marais Art Colony—Rhythms of Darkness and Light.

