

## SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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Wow! We had a record number of people come to the Spaghetti Dinner and Music Jam at the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church on January 25th. Thank you to everyone who participated and we look forward to seeing you again on the fourth Thursday of every month. Pat Granger writes the update on the Sunday morning Springwater United Methodist Church Bible Study: "The Springwater UMC has completed two chapters in the studying of "The Story" by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee. The authors have taken information from the Bible and put it in chronological order. We have completed two chapters. The first chapter was entitled "Creation": The Beginning of Life as We Know It. The second chapter was entitled "God Builds a Nation". For this Sunday we are to read the third chapter entitled "Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh" for discussion. Each week we look forward to the study and discussion and the short video that goes with each chapter. We invite everyone to come and join us at 11 o'clock."

Teresa Langhorn writes that the Springwater Community Food Pantry on Main Street across from the Fire Hall is now open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9 to 11 AM except on the Saturdays that the Food Link truck is scheduled to be at the Fire Hall, this month on Saturday, February 24, 2018.

To continue with Cornell Cooperative Extension's educator Nancy Riegelsberger's suggestions for taking clutter out of our lives, here are the sorting guidelines shared from Don Aslett's book Clutter's Last Stand. Is it clutter (junk) or not? Is your de-junking fever being cooled down by cold feet? Are emotional ties and guilt diluting your ability to be ruthless and strong? If indecisiveness sets in, here are some guidelines that may help. It is junk if it is broken or fixing it is unrealistic; you've out-grown it, physically or emotionally; you've always hated it; it's the wrong size, wrong color, or wrong style; using it is more bother than it's worth; it wouldn't really affect you if you never saw it again; it generates bad feelings; you have to clean it, store it, and insure it (but you don't get much use or enjoyment out of it); it will shock, bore, or burden the coming generation. If you can check one or more of these truthfully, then it's probably junk. Do yourself, your house, and posterity a favor – get rid of it. It is robbing you of peace of mind and space. It is not junk if it generates love and good feelings, helps you make a living, will do something you need done, has significant cash value, gives you more than it takes, or will enrich or delight the coming generation. If you can check a few of these comfortably, then it is probably not junk – enjoy it and feel good about its place in your life. Next week we will take up suggestions for controlling clutter build-up.

Another Sunday of beautiful weather brought out 22 hikers for our Springwater Trails' trek on January 28 near the Grimes Creek, Eelpot Creek and Naples Creek on a hike planned by Saralinda. Although she had a different hike planned, those ice covered trails made hiking too treacherous with the slippery conditions which she discovered on two previous pre-hikes. The safety of our group is paramount. Those that attend the hikes are grateful to the hike planners for their dedication to our safe hiking practices. Our next hike is this Sunday, February 4th at Reservoir Creek Golf Course in Naples. Come walk, ski or snowshoe the course (depending on the weather changes this week). The full 18 holes are 5 miles long and will take around two

hours or more for the Climbers. Nine holes for the Tourists will be about 2 miles, while the Naturalists will take a nice walk from holes 1 – 5 along the creek bed or longer if they wish. The lay of the land is up and down, but the inclines are short and the views beautiful. More details can be found at <https://SpringwaterTrails.org> or ask a regular hiker.

At a recent Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society board's meeting the spring programs were discussed. You will want to put the following dates on your calendar if you like coming to our programs on the 4th Tuesday of March, April, and May. As soon as the detailed program information for each is available, I will let you know. Keep in mind that we start at 6:30 PM with a Dish-to-pass Supper and program start time of 7:15 PM and we meet at the American Legion Post 905 on School Street. A Penny Social is being planned for March; a Mother's Day Cookie & Plant Sale is planned for May 12; a Memorial Day Chicken BBQ and float are in-the-works; a few historical calendars for 2018 are still available at the Amish Workshop on Rt. 15; and a presence at the Museum on Springwater Community Day (Gala) August 12th is planned. To be a member of the Historical Society, contact Brenda Haywood for the membership information at PO Box 68, Springwater, NY 14560. Membership carries the satisfaction of knowing that you are doing some small thing to preserve artifacts and historical stories of the community of Springwater. Not only are they preserved, but as space and opportunity provide, many items are on display at the Museum, [8130 Main Street, Route 15](#), Springwater, where an additional building was built in 2017. A newsletter is printed 3 or 4 times a year.

Webster Crossing United Methodist Church Bible Study has been postponed until after Ash Wednesday, February 14 (also Valentine's Day), when everyone interested is invited to a Community Stone Soup Supper (6 PM) and Service (7 PM).

#### Birthdays:

February 1 – Deryl Westurn

February 2 – Valcia Holden Taylor, Traci Cartwright

February 3 – Virginia Mastin, Rachel Van Scooter, Debbie Shull

February 4 – Kathy Lewis, Lori Davis, Ashley Parsons

February 5 – Stacy Gilson, Tiffany Longacre

February 6 – Tom Bogdon, Steven Whiteman

February 7 – Aubrie Jordan, Sean Irwin, Abbey Decker, Barbara Pilato