

## **SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE**

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Sorry to have missed composing a column last week. On Sunday February 5, at church Lena made the suggestion for me to go to the ER when she took one look at my swollen right hand, wrist, and forearm, so Joice volunteered to take me to Strong Hospital. After blood work analysis came back, we swiftly learned the cellulitis needed stronger antibiotics so I was admitted for overnight stay. Turned out to be 3 days and nights and I missed the deadline for the paper! I'll try to catch you up this week.

Pat Granger writes the following Springwater United Methodist Church News: "Pastor Dawn Merritt's son got married on February 10th so Terri White filled in for her this past Sunday. The discussion centered on the fourth chapter in "The Story" we are studying. We came to the conclusion that God was trying to prepare us for the coming of His son long before He arrived. We also learned two very important points in the Bible which were The Exodus and The Christ. Not until after Easter Sunday will we continue doing the Bible Study on "The Story. We have been invited to attend and participate in the Lenten services going on with the local churches (schedule in next paragraph.). In addition, we want to thank everyone that has donated to the clothing box located at the Springwater United Methodist Church. We received a report from St. Pauly Textile, Inc. that in 2017 there were roughly 6,045 garments of clothing donated and that was enough to clothe an estimated 733 people. What a great feeling that is to have accomplished that. Again, thank you to all who donated."

To kick off Lent on Wednesday, February 14,

Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church is hosting the Ash Wednesday Stone Soup at 6 PM followed by the service at 7 PM. Everyone interested is invited. Ask someone to attend!

The schedule of Lenten Services at the different churches is as follows:

Allan's Hill UMC & Canadice UMC, Wed. at 10 AM – "He Chose the Nails" Part II by Max Lucado

West Sparta UMC , Wed at 12:30 PM, Thurs. at 7 PM – What Makes a Hero? The death -defying ministry of Jesus" by Max Rawle

Conesus United Church, Wed. 7 PM – Open congregational prayer

Groveland Federated Church, Sat. 2/17 – 3/24, 10 AM – 12 PM - What Makes a Hero? The death -defying ministry of Jesus" by Max Rawle

Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church, Wed. 2-3/28, 7:00 – 8:30 PM - What Makes a Hero? The death -defying ministry of Jesus" by Max Rawle

Need extra food to tide you over to next month? Plan to be at the Springwater Fire Hall on Route 15 Saturday, February 24 between 9 and 11 AM. Volunteers should call Teresa at [585-245-1223](tel:585-245-1223) to help. Teresa 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 suggestions for controlling clutter build-up. Focus on one room – maybe the room where you spend most of your time or alternatively the room that contains the most clutter. Start small – go through one drawer, one shelf or do one counter per session. Get tough – dump the contents on the floor and consider each object. Go through your mail daily – toss what you will never read, file bills for payment, file letters and cards that need answers, recycle newspapers, magazines and catalogs. Set a limit on saving bags, food containers and boxes. Get rid of two old garments every time you get a new one. This rule also works for kitchen gadgets, shoes, books, videos, CD's, and toys. Pare down mementoes – keep the Girl Scout badges instead of the whole uniform, the year books instead of everybody's school photos. Consider making a daily or bi-weekly un-cluttering appointment. Set a specific date and time. Just 15 minutes a day can help; an hour a day is even better. Set a timer. Use labeled boxes or bags and group items into categories. Possible categories might include: 1. Things you love and/or use – keepers. 2. Things you can give to some one else. 3. Trash. 4. Things you could sell. 5. Things that belong somewhere else. Next week we will discuss what you can do with your "good stuff".

Two Sundays (2/4 and 2/11) of beautiful weather brought out hikers for our Springwater Trails' treks in the Naples area on portions of the Bristol Hills Branch of the Finger Lakes Trail. On Sunday, February 11th there were eighteen hikers who enjoyed hiking in the West Hollow Valley north of Naples, NY. Five Naturalists stayed down in the valley hiking toward Gannett Hill for a close up view of the Beaver Pond. The rest of the hikers carpoled to Clement Rd and hiked up Cleveland Hill on the Bristol Hills Branch orange trail. We had beautiful views from the two lookouts which have been cleared of trees. If there is space, here is a picture of the Climbers looking east across the southern end of Gannett Hill at Hi Tor on the east side of Canandaigua Lake. Plan to join us this coming Sunday, February 18th as we hike at Cumming Nature Center as they celebrate winter with their Nordic Fest. The Nature Center is an extension of the Rochester Museum and Science Center. More details can be found at <https://SpringwaterTrails.org> or ask a regular hiker.

Do put the Webster Crossing UMC Spaghetti Dinner by donation on your calendar for Thur., Feb. 22 from 4:30 - 7:00, music into the night - I heard that in January those musicians were still playing at 10 PM. The music is what our people make it, so come join the fun.

Happy Valentine's Day, February 14, 2018!

Birthdays:

February 8 – Teresa Langhorn, Jessica Valenti

February 9 – Gary Colangelo

February 10 – Lorna Teed

February 11 – Kathleen Gammell

February 12 – David Herbert Jr.

February 14 – Kristie Schnetzer, Ann Jobson, Harper VanScooter, Susan Hart

February 15 – Stephen Scheiderich

February 16 – Max Markle, Jace Clifford

February – 17 – Betty Engle

February 19 – Wendy Stek, Ed Hamsher

February 21 – Colin Stvenson, Samantha Irwin

February 22 – Derek Sutton

Anniversaries: Congratulations:

February 15 – Michael & Joyce Croston #38

February 16 – Mike & Mona Bovee

February 18 – Joe & Allyn Canute