

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE
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Merry Christmas to all!

Those who like coming to the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church Spaghetti Dinner and Music Jam by donation will enjoy some Christmas ambiance this week on Thursday, December 20. The food will be served from 4:30 to 7:00 PM and the music will go on into the night. So come. See you there. As for the sermon on Sunday, December 16, Pastor Dorothy presented the joyful Christmas story once more, using the Gospel Zephaniah 3:14-20 and the Scripture Philippians 4:4-7 to bring those ancient times to life for us in the Christmas season of 2018: The Advent of our Lord. The Christmas Eve Service will be at 7 PM at Webster's Crossing and at 8:30 PM at Groveland Federated Parish. Try not to miss hearing another great message through Pastor Dorothy Hotchkiss.

Pat Granger reports from downtown Springwater: "Our Christmas Eve service will be at 7:00 PM. Please come and celebrate with us the birth of Jesus. We had some joys in church today. The Pastor's mom, Carol Fisher, came to visit us. I talked to my brother-in-law, Alfred, and he sounded strong over the phone and said thank you for all of your prayers. Ron and Sharon Ingraham are back in town. We had prayers and concerns also. The town was saddened by the passing of David Holmes and prayers were asked for his family and special friend Linda. Sharon Ingraham's nephew Jim Reed also passed so prayers for his family and for Sharon and Ron. Jackie Malone asked for prayers for her brother. We are also asking for travel mercies for the college students that are traveling home for Christmas and for everyone else that will be on the road for the holidays. This week was the third week of Advent and it is to celebrate the season of Joy. It was a joy for the birth of Jesus born in that stable in the little town of Bethlehem. We pray that everyone can find some sort of joy in their life this season. We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and to have peace on earth and good will to all this holiday season."

The Springwater Community Food Pantry will be closed on Saturday, December 22nd; Wednesday, December 26th; Saturday, December 29th; and Wednesday, January 2nd. It will reopen on Saturday, January 5th, wrote Pat. Teresa Langhorn has announced the following 2019 Food Link deliveries. These are open to anyone in need of food that will be distributed at the Springwater Fire Hall starting at 10 AM Saturdays, January 12, February 23, March 23, and April 20. Call Teresa at 585-245-1223 to volunteer if you are able to help distribute the food on any of these days. We are looking for donations of venison. The venison has to be processed by a USDA approved facility and wrapped with the date stamped on the package. If you might know of anyone that we could contact, please call Teresa or Pat.

If you have a desire to use or learn woodworking skills by making an Adirondack Wall Shelf, consider doing so at the Little Lakes Community Center. On the evenings of Thursday, 3 or Friday 4 or Tuesday 8 of January 2019, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, Jim Kennedy from the Finger Lakes Community Woodshop is offering his class at the Little Lakes Community Center (Old Hemlock School), 4705 S. Main Street, Hemlock, NY, 14466. The cost of the class is \$30, which includes materials. The class size is limited to 10 people (maximum). Students must sign up by December 28, 2018. To register, email FLCommWoodshop@gmail.com or call Jim at 585-704-2754. Go to the LLCA website for more information about the Little Lakes Community Association events.

Mark Hopkins, President, Springwater Trails, Inc., writes: Five hikers braved the mud and light rain on Sunday, December 16th, to explore another section of the Letchworth Branch of the Finger Lakes Trail. This hike was the 4th in a monthly series hiking the entire branch trail. A bonus for Sunday's hike was the opportunity to follow the old St. Helena Road down to the flats next to the Genesee River. In spite of the slippery conditions, all hikers made it back up to the main trail and enjoyed some wonderful waterfalls as they crossed the many gullies in the area. Next week, Springwater Trails is taking the holiday off, but all hikers are invited to join us December 30th and again for a bonus hike at Canadice Lake on New Year's Day. This hike is one of dozen's of hikes across the state celebrating the New Year and the many and the many outdoor opportunities on public land. Additional hikes can be found on the DEC website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/112174.html>. Information will be available on the Springwater Trails.org website or ask a regular hiker.

As we all reflect on the life of David Holmes, a Springwater Community resident known to many as an ardent Fire Department comrade, friend, or acquaintance, let us appreciate the memories and be thankful for having the opportunity to meet him. Sympathy is extended to all who knew him.

Jasmine Lang, one of the young people that have been on the crew at All Western Evergreen Farm for several years, came up with the idea of contacting crew members from this and years past to present Jerrienne Scheiderich with a notebook filled with their memories of working on the farm. Tyler Forrester topped off the recollections with 13 pages! Farm owners were truly surprised and think this idea for remembering the 50th year they have been planting trees to be on-going. Therefore, any of the people that have worked on the farm that want to add to the memorial book may do so. It will take a few more years before the farm owners can say they have been selling trees for 50 years because it takes 7 to 12 years to grow a seven to ten foot tree to place as a centerpiece of the Christmas season in anyone's home.

Please share your news with me at kjth@allwesterntrees.com or mail it to Katherine Humphrey, PO Box 217, Springwater, NY 14560.

Birthdays:

December 21 – Steve Anstre

December 22 – David Sanders, Jr., Chad Irwin

December 23 - JoAnn Perkins

December 24 - Sharon Ingraham, Karen Hamilton

December 25 – Rebecca Wester

December 26 – Kurt Haas

December 27 – Phillip West, Terri White, Morgan Hoppough

Anniversaries: Congratulations!

December 20 – Andy & Roxanne Stevens #36

December 23 – Cory & Gloria Briglin