

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE  
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Happy New Year greetings go to all readers of this column. May 2019 hold good tidings and enjoyable days throughout for you and your families.

Pat Granger writes News from the Springwater United Methodist Church, the Food Pantry, and the Food Link Truck. "Our Christmas Eve service was well attended. The church was beautifully decorated. As a community outreach for Christmas we supplied 7 hams to the American Legion to put in their food boxes of food to deliver to those that were in need. For another community outreach our "Hand Up Program" provided presents to 9 children. Starting on January 6th we will be starting our fireside services that will be held in our dining room. We meet out there from January until it starts getting warmer to save on fuel cost. We will continue to have communion on the first Sunday of the month and we will also be having coffee hour every Sunday. Come and join us on Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock as we gather around the fireplace. We would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

At Webster Crossing Pastor Dorothy gave me the information. "A week ago, on Sunday, December 23, I believe we had around 20 at morning service! This week, Sunday December 30, 8 were in the congregation, 10 counting Margaret and Ralph. Christmas Eve we had over 40, may be closer to 50. Lexie sang "O Holy Night" during service as well as Ralph sang "Mary Did You Know". During the candle light portion of the service David Hotchkiss joined Margaret and Ralph and played his harmonica as all sang Silent Night."

The Springwater Community Food Pantry will be open on Saturday, December 29th and January 5th from 9AM-11AM. It will be closed on Wednesday, January 2nd. Starting the week of January 9th we will be back to our scheduled hours. If you would like to volunteer or donate food items or monies to the pantry please call Teresa Langhorn at 585-245-1223 or Patricia Granger at 585-728-5739. We would like to thank the people that donated this year. We would also like to thank Larry Gnau for the use of his building to provide the community with this service.

The Food Link truck will be at the Springwater Fire Hall on Saturday, January 12th at 10AM. Please be there no later than 10:00AM. If you would like to volunteer please contact Teresa Langhorn at 585-245-1223. Please note that the Food Pantry will be closed on this day. Thank you to the fire department for allowing us to use their parking facilities for the Food Link truck to come."

Those planning to hike with Springwater Trail's hikers in 2019 can enjoy doing so on Sundays throughout the year. Saralinda has sent out the new schedule for the winter hikes and you can find them on the website or ask a regular hiker for the list. The hikes

will begin at 2 PM and it is a good idea to be there several minutes ahead of time to decide which of the three skill levels you wish to hike. Directions to the hike start are usually given on the website, but changes are sometimes made depending on the weather and results of a pre-hike by the hike planners. There is usually a social afterwards. Please join us on the first Sunday of 2019, January 6, for a hike at Robs Trail, a trail built in 2016 by the Nature Conservancy. The trail has beautiful views, two lovely bridges over bubbling streams and meanders on moss covered trails along stream gorges. Stop and look at the descriptive map that shows all the cottages once located on this pristine lake. We will meet at the entrance to the Robs Trail on Route 15A. The trail head has a large sign at the parking lot that is 3.9 miles from Rix Hill Road at the North End of Hemlock lake. Tourists and Naturalists can carpool to the boat launch parking lot on the North East end of Hemlock lake. They can walk south along the trail that goes along the shore of the lake. Climbers will hike down Robs trail from 15A to the shore of Hemlock Lake and back. This will include more climbing than the Tourist route. Following the hike, please join us for a pot-luck social at Mary's. Directions to the social will be available at the hike. Bring a dish to pass and your own beverage. For a more detailed description of Rob's trail, check out their [website](#). Directions to the trail head from Springwater: Take Rt 15A north. In 6.1 miles, the parking lot is on the left just after the north end of Old Bald Hill Rd South.

For those who have contributed to the Trees for Troops Program over the years, here are some interesting statistics. Trees for Troops had another successful year in 2018! The 14th year of the program saw 16,599 trees delivered to 71 military bases in the US and across the world, 5 of which were from All Western Evergreen Nursery & Christmas Tree Farm in Springwater and several more from Alexander's Tree Farm in Dansville. The 14 year total of real Christmas trees donated to military members and families = 225,319. The Christmas SPIRIT Foundation would like to thank all of the participating growers, customers and farms. We would also like to thank all of our sponsors especially FedEx.

#### Birthdays:

January 3 – Andy Stevens, Sue Irizarry

January 4 – Nellie White, Betty Hoppough

January 5 – Jane White

January 6 – Judy Tripp-Neu, Phil Moyer

January 7 – Amy Jacobs, Bessie Bourgoine, Melissa Wormuth

January 10 – Jennifer Humphrey Cooke

January 11 – Caleb Moose, Brad Markle

#### Anniversaries: Congratulations!

December 31 – Ed & Sandra Freas #51