

## SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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Pastor Dorothy Hotchkiss of the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church and the Groveland Federated Parish writes: I would like to share the story line of "Benjamin's Box" by Melody Carlson with Illustrations by Jack Stockman. The children's book is a fictional story of a little boy that lived in Jerusalem. We walk with Benjamin during Holy Week. He will collect items (memories), to place in a box that Benjamin received from his grandfather. Only one item was in the box at the beginning of the story - some old straw from the stable where a baby was born. His grandfather said that baby would be a king someday. Benjamin and his friend, Eli, are awaiting a king's arrival in Jerusalem. They saw a man ride a donkey down the street, young and old were shouting, "Hail to our new king!" Why did the man, the king, ride into the city on a donkey? An old man said, "He comes in peace. Jesus has come to set us free! Hail to King Jesus!" Benjamin followed Jesus and was able to pet the donkey. He placed a tuft of hair from the donkey into "Benjamin's Box". Take some time this week and remember the times and places in your life you have seen Jesus, as a child and as an adult! He walks with me (you) and he talks with me (you) . . ." words from a favorite hymn, "Old Rugged Cross". Let us walk by faith, not by sight. Thank you, Jesus. Amen.

Usually I would be inviting you to come to the Spaghetti Dinner and Music Jam at Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church. Because of the age of our food preparers and the abundance of caution we are to take due to the Virus, we are all staying home. This is a good time to clean out drawers and shelves that have needed it for years. Take, for example, those boxes of greeting cards that bring back memories. If you are a person that enjoys crafts, why not give a call to an elderly person you know that may be trying to find someone to give the beautiful cards to that would find them useful. For example, the people in the Trust in the Lives of Older Women's Group are the ones cleaning out so their relatives don't need to do it. One such person is Betty (585-728-2272); however, I know there are others in the group that have the same desire to recycle cards.

Pat Granger from the Springwater United Methodist Church writes "Due to the Corona Virus pandemic the Springwater United Methodist Church will be closed until Sunday, April 5th, which will be Palm Sunday. Church service will be at the regular time from 11 AM to 12 PM with coffee hour to follow. With everything that is happening due to the pandemic, it would be good that if we all prayed for everything to work itself out and we will survive this. God will take care of all his people. Also this would be a good time to call your neighbors and check on them, especially those that already have health issues. Spread some kindness. Please take heed to everything that the President has put into place. Each of us needs to do our part. Everyone please try to have a good week.

The Springwater Community Food Pantry is open Saturday mornings only from 9:00 to 11:00AM. Please bring your own containers. If you have any questions please call Teresa Langhorn at 585-245-1223.

The next Food Link Distribution will be on Saturday, April 18th from 10 AM to 11:30 AM or until all the food is gone. It will be held at the parking lot of the Springwater Fire Department. Bring your own containers.

The Springwater Trails group has temporarily cancelled group hikes in the wake of the precautions we should all take until the Virus problem is over. Those that wanted to hike on their own to clean up fallen trees, sticks, and cut multiflorarose to the ground did so last Sunday, March 22, 2020 on the Bristol Branch of the Finger Lakes Trail. By going to the Springwater Trails website you can find some good reading about past hikes, many beautiful photographs, and when and where the group will plan to hike next.

Livingston County Office for the Aging offers many programs to assist the elderly in staying in their homes as long as comfortable. Among the services: Personal assistance with aging services, Congregate Meals in 3 sites (are closed until further notice), Home Delivered Meals, Subsidized transportation to nutrition sites, personal care and housekeeper chore aid services, assistance in determining in-home service needs, respite information/assistance for caregivers, legal counseling by appointment, Information and assistance on Long-term services and supports, health insurance counseling assistance and more. Please call the office at 585-243-7520 during office hours 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday or check with Noyes Health at 585-335-4358 if you have any questions on the Caregiver and Alzheimer's Association Support Groups programs, as most are going to be rescheduled.

Please share your thoughts with me at [kjth@allwesterntrees.com](mailto:kjth@allwesterntrees.com), call 585-669-2659 or mail them to Katherine Humphrey, PO Box 217, Springwater, NY 14560.

Birthdays:

March 26 - John Jacob Mastin, Ilene Washburn-Richards

March 27 – Weaver Holley

March 29 – Samantha Allan

March 30 – Justine Gricius, Matthew Galuski

March 31 – Sarah Clement, Mike Croston

April 1 – Chris Lippincott

April 2 – Jeremiah Lippincott, Mary Yarger

Anniversaries: Congratulations!

April 1 – Stanley & Wendy Stek

April 2 – Matt & Katie Hoppough #24