

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

2 April 2020

by Katherine J. T. Humphrey

Katherine kjth@allwesterntrees.com

This is a good time to think about and work toward putting your life in order (also called Peace of Mind Planning) in case you should become the victim of this pandemic (and besides, dying is inevitable and we just don't know the exact day or time). As uncomfortable as it may feel to do this sort of thinking and doing, you know it will provide your loved ones with what they will need to carry out your wishes and share your fondest memories. This is a subject that the Trust in the Lives of Older Women's Group discussed in our early days of meeting at the Wayland Library with Marian Crawford, retired Librarian, as our guide. Among the items I found in my files included a Legacy Kit from the Catholic Diocese of Toledo shared by Marian's daughter from Ohio that included A Legacy for Your Loved Ones in 7 Simple Steps www.thelegacykit.com; a booklet titled "My Legacy: My Life Story in My own Words, the Best Things in Life Aren't Things" put out by the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys www.aeepa.com; and a booklet from the American Institute of Cancer Research "When a Loved One Dies: The Next Steps" available from AICR Gift Planning Office, 1759 R Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009. Next week I will have to tell you how far I have progressed on my legacy and if any one shares their efforts toward a legacy goal.

Last week a reader questioned the Springwater United Methodist Church decision to come together for Palm Sunday and Pat Granger writes "The Springwater United Methodist Church will be temporarily closed due to the Corona Virus. I spoke with Pastor Dawn this morning and she wanted me to write that if anyone is in need of pastoral care they can reach her at home at 585-346-5303 or you can call her cell at 585-519-5524 or email her at merrittdf@gmail.com. She sent each of the members by text or e-mail a copy of the bulletin she had put together for this past Sunday along with a brief copy of what her message was going to be. This keeps her in touch with her people. I know that when I went through the bulletin this morning, I repeated the words out loud and it was like being in church surrounded by my Church Family. Included in the bulletin Pastor Dawn shared with us a quote by Emily Matthews titled 'God Is Always with Us'. Emily wrote: Whatever else the day may bring, one thing is always true, that God is ever constant in the love He has for you. Please don't forget His love for you. This week please stay at home so that we can help put an end to this pandemic. Everyone try to have a good week and stay well.

Pastor Dorothy Hotchkiss of the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church and the Groveland Federated Parish writes: I would like to (continue to) share the story line of "Benjamin's Box" by Melody Carlson with illustrations by Jack Stockman. This 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 he received from his grandfather. Only one item (straw) was in the box at the beginning of the story. Benjamin added a tuft of hair from a donkey that a man rode into Jerusalem as the people shouted, "Hail to our new King". Benjamin heard his name was Jesus. The next day Benjamin and his friend Eli went to hear Jesus teach. In the crowd they heard that some people wanted Jesus to be killed because they didn't like Jesus' teachings. So Benjamin went to the men that were with Jesus to warn

them. The man Benjamin spoke to gave him a silver coin, and said “Don’t worry”. The next day Benjamin helped prepare a room for Jesus and his friends to come together to eat supper. Benjamin heard Jesus say the wine was like Jesus’ blood and would be spilled; the bread was to be broken like his body. Also, Jesus said that someone would betray him. That made no sense to Benjamin. Benjamin found a broken cup on the floor after supper and kept it for his box. Benjamin knew the man, Judas, who gave Benjamin a coin that would prevent danger coming to Jesus. Each night Benjamin placed his tokens in “Benjamin’s Box”. He added the coin of betrayal and the broken cup from the sacrificial meal. Many times what we experience makes no sense to us. Why did Jesus allow Judas to betray him? Why did Jesus speak of the physical pain he would endure and not stop it? Why? It was for the fulfillment of God’s promise to us to have eternal life with him. It’s for each of you and for me! Read Matthew 18:12 -14, the Lost Sheep parable. God seeks those who feel lost, broken, or of no value. Verse 13b, [CEB]: “God is happier about finding that one sheep than about the ninety-nine who didn’t wander off”. God doesn’t want to lose one – not you, not me!

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

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. By going to the Springwater Trails website you can find some good reading about past hikes, many beautiful photographs, ideas for places to hike on your own when possible, and when and where the group will plan to hike next in the weeks to come.

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 (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 to 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, call 585-669-2659 or mail them to Katherine Humphrey, PO Box 217, Springwater, NY 14560.

Birthdays:

April 2 – Jeremiah Lippincott, Mary Yarger, Carol Anderson

April 3 – Sue Keister, Katherine Humphrey

April 4 – Margaret Matteson, Daniel Harter, Tammy Stewart, Lucas Brisbane, Adrianna Gricius

April 5 – Dale Codding, Pete & Thomas Mitchell, Christina Yacomo, Kelley Colangelo, Alex Sanders

April 7 – Mike Gladstone

April 8 – Kyle Martindale, Michael Stephens
April 9 – Bonnie Drake, John Jordan, Jr

Anniversaries: Congratulations!

April 2 – Matt & Katie Hoppough #25
April 5 – Gary & Deborah Colligan #34
April 8 – Jace & Danielle Clifford