

## SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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Last week I mentioned that Legacy Planning might be a good option for our time during this pandemic. The reference url's for legacy planning did not work; however, they did lead those who wanted this kind of information to other sources that were helpful. For those who have a hard time parting with things that have memories attached to them, the suggestion is to take a photograph of them and then write the memory next to the object in the photo and place the pages in an album to share with your family.

Pat Granger writes "Today (4/5/2020) it seemed so strange not to go to church on Palm Sunday the last day of the season of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week and to know churches are closed on Easter Sunday. If anyone is in need of pastoral care you can reach Pastor Dawn Merritt at (585)346-5303 or (585)519-5524. She is also available at [merrittdf@gmail.com](mailto:merrittdf@gmail.com). Please keep in your prayers all the people that are tending to the corona virus patients and the essential workers tending to our needs; for the families that have loved ones that are fighting the virus; and for those families that have lost a loved one to the virus. Also have patience for the new protocols put in place at the stores to protect their employees. Use words of kindness and thank those that are out there working in the stores because it is not easy on them either. This is also a time when you don't just think of yourself you also think of others. Please stay at home or if you have to go out wear a mask and use sanitizer. We must do our part in stopping this virus. Everyone try to have a good week and stay well.

I would like to at this time remind people that when they take items to the yellow clothing boxes that have been placed in many communities please make sure you only take items that they accept. Don't leave items outside of the boxes that they will not accept. Take them back home and don't leave it for someone else to dispose of the items.

The Mobile Food Link Distribution truck will be at the Springwater Fire Department parking lot on Saturday, April 18th from 10AM-11:30AM or until all food is gone. Bring your own containers. If you would like to volunteer to help or you have questions please call Teresa Langhorn at 585-245-1223.

Pastor Dorothy Hotchkiss of the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church and the Groveland Federated Parish writes: "And when Jesus had entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. "Who is this," they asked? The crowds answered, "It's the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee." Matt 21:10 (CEB). It is Palm Sunday (040520), the beginning of Holy Week, a time of worship, meditation, refreshing our commitment to walk with Christ. It weighs heavily on us that we can't come together for traditional worship. We aren't receiving Sunday's palms. We aren't coming to the Lord's Table to share in the symbolic "Last Supper". Why is God allowing this – why would He? Should I say it? Why is God allowing the world to take our spiritual traditions away? Why would He keep families and friends apart during EASTER? Is that what has happened? In Matthew 21:1-11 and in Mark 11:1-11 you can read the story of Jesus coming into Jerusalem – the disciples bring a donkey to Jesus, the crowds

cheering, shouting Hallelujah. Verse 10 in Matthew is not in Mark's story. The whole city was stirred up and asking, "Who is this?" The crowd had an answer, "It's the prophet Jesus." Our whole world is stirred up and we're asking, "What is this?" What is our answer? Psalm 46:1 - "God is our refuge and strength, a great help in times of distress." Psalm 46:10 - "Be still and know that I am God." Our spiritual traditions are alive and healthy. Do we need to have a palm to believe that our Savior was willing to walk the path to His crucifixion for us? Do we need to have a traditional brunch or dinner to celebrate our living Savior? No, let us walk with Him and talk with in . . . in the garden. Be safe. Be one in Christ Jesus."

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.

The Hemlock Community Food Pantry team has been working diligently over the last few weeks to provide food staples in the form of prepackaged bags to anyone in need. We are in need of donations of non-perishable foods and monetary contributions to keep our pantry up and running and to continually serve. The new drop off shed courtesy of the LLCC is located around the back of the building right next to the pantry. Other drop off locations: Hemlock Post Office, and Hemlock United Methodist Church. Monetary contributions can be mailed to Hemlock United Methodist Church PO Box 147, Hemlock, NY 14466 (Please indicate Food Pantry on your donation). Please watch our Facebook Page for weekly updates. If you are in need, please contact Laurie through the Hemlock Community Food Pantry Facebook page or at (585) 245-4651 or [contact@littlakesNY.org](mailto:contact@littlakesNY.org). This information through Carol at LLCA 585-727-2230.

"Celebrate Earth Day by planting a tree", says Tawn from LLCA. "We are looking for people that love trees and want to help the environment". The Little Lakes Community Association is giving away free simply potted tree and shrub seedlings by donation on Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22, 2020 from 3 to 6 PM at the LLCC, 4705 South Main Street in Hemlock. The selection includes blue or white spruce evergreens, tulip trees, and elderberry or butterfly bushes. There is a limit of 3 per species and 5 trees per customer address. Planting instructions will be included. Survival rate will be best when the tree is planted as soon as possible. If interested, choose to send an e-mail to [contact@littlakesNY.org](mailto:contact@littlakesNY.org) or call Carol at 585-727-2230 before Noon on April 22nd to make pick-up arrangements. Note that appointments will be made 15 minutes apart and distancing will be strictly maintained using parking lot patterns. If delivery within a 15 mile radius of the Center is requested, these deliveries will be made from noon to 6 PM on Wednesday, Earth Day, April 22.

Livingston County Department of Health continues to offer many services during the COVID-19 response.

Check out their website or social media platforms.

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:

April 9 – Bonnie Drake, John Jordan, Jr

April 11 – Scott Jacobs

April 13 – Justin Rossmann

April 15 – Michelle Markle

April 17 – Nicole Pauline, Sandra Payne Barnum, Isabel Scheiderich