

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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A “6 churches” luncheon was hosted by Webster Crossing United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 22, 2022. In attendance were folks from Conesus United Church, Groveland Federated Church, Scottsburg UMC, Springwater UMC, Webster Crossing UMC, and West Sparta UMC. This was a time for conversation – to get to know our church neighbors and enjoy a luncheon. Communication and willingness to help each other were a focus of the group. With congregations shrinking and the population primarily senior citizens, avenues of ways to serve our communities better were discussed. Plans are to meet again on **Sunday, November 13, 2022, at 12:30 PM** in the fellowship hall of the Springwater United Methodist Church.

Our new **Springwater Postal Clerk, Breanna (Genung) Pierce**, has been with us 3 weeks already. She has been working in the Postal system since 2016, serving in Atlanta, Naples, Wayland, and now Springwater. Please welcome her to our community.

The first Sunday of every month, the Webster’s Crossing UMC has a time of Communion, starting **at 9 AM**, and **November 6** is no exception. You are cordially invited to attend and bring your family to a wonderful up-lifting sermon by Pastor Dorothy Hotchkiss. Three musicians bring their music talents to share with the congregation. They are Ralph Hamilton, Margaret Matteson, and Mike Duffy. This month, on **Thursday, November 17**, the church is hosting another Spaghetti Dinner by donation from 4:30 to 7 PM.

The **Springwater UMC** will be starting their **Fireside Services on Sunday, November 6th**. They will be meeting in their dining hall in front of the fireplace. Please enter in by the side door that goes into the dining hall. This is a warm and friendly group that meets at 11 AM on Sunday mornings. Everyone is welcomed to join them and bring a friend. Pastor Dawn Merritt brings a thoughtful message and Sue Walker leads the singing.

Our **Springwater American Legion Post #905** will be a busy place this month. On **Saturday, November 5**, Trevor Donlon of Webster Crossing will share his musical skills. Trevor usually plays on the second Saturday of the month, but because of the Veteran’s Day dinner, he is scheduled a week earlier. On **Saturday, November 12, The Springwater Veteran’s Day dinner** is for all veterans and their families. The dinner is free of cost and this year will be a choice of Steak or Chicken. The social hour begins at 4 PM and the dinner at 5 PM. On Wednesday, November 23, the usual Thursday wing night will be held a day earlier from 5 to 8:30 PM due to the Thanksgiving holiday. You might also like to jot down the Saturday, December 10, Breakfast from 8 to 11 AM. For \$8 the meal will include pancakes, eggs, home fries and sausage. And the same evening, Trevor will again be sharing his musical talents from 6 to 9 PM.

Springwater Fire Department is having a Turkey & Sportsman’s Raffle on Saturday, November 19th at 7 PM at the Fire Hall on South Main Street. Support our wonderful volunteers!

Diabetes Wellness Fair, Saturday, November 5, 10 AM to 2-PM at Dansville Foursquare Church OR Geneseo Parish Outreach Center. Included are Interactive Programs: cooking demonstrations; tai chi classes; nutrition classes; Diabetes 101, and other offerings. These are appointments with hearing and vision specialists, door prizes, lunch and MORE! Register for this FREE Event: 585-335-4355 (Dansville); 585-243-3120 Geneseo. This information is from our Springwater representative, Linda Hopkins, to the Office for the Aging in Livingston County.

The Springwater Trails hike/bike held on Sunday, October 30 at Canadice Lake was a popular one. Nine hikers led by Bob went more than five miles round trip on the West side while the 8 bikers took the clockwise eastern route along the lake. Pete unfortunately had a flat tire. The beautiful fall weather was a real draw. This coming **Sunday, November 6 will find the hike at Oatka Creek Park**, a hidden gem of the Monroe County Park System, a smaller property perfect for a fall hike or winter ski. Highlights include mature woods, isolated meadows, beautiful view of Oatka Creek, and the visible remains of the gypsum mines, which operated in the hamlet of Garbutt until the 1930's. Details can be found at the Springwater Trails website or ask a regular hiker.

FOODLINK (free food) distribution is the first Tuesday, **December 6.** The start time is 3:30 PM at the Springwater Fire Department parking lot on South Main Street. There is also a continued need for donations to the Springwater Food Pantry. Contact person is Teresa Longhorn (585-245-1223).

Not to be missed this **Saturday evening, November 5th** is the **Underground Railroad: Fact and Folklore program** being presented by Richmond Town Historian, Joy Lewis. An overview of the Underground Railroad as it existed in the 1850s, with a special emphasis on its operation locally from Naples to Honeoye to Hemlock to Avon. Popular folklore and myths will be explained and the "Truth More Interesting than Fiction" will be introduced. Between 6:30 and 9:00 PM at the Little Lakes Community Center 4705 S. Main St. Hemlock, www.littlelakesny.org, the program is free; however, donations are always welcome.

Autumn Celebration Saturday, November 12 in The "School House Treasures" shop room #14 located in the Little Lakes Community Center 4705 S. Main St. Hemlock from 11:00 to 1:00 PM. Enjoy some flavors of the season. Taste Indian Corn Soup and Fried Bread, learn a little about American Indian Culture, all while looking at beautiful one of a kind paintings, beaded work, and quilted pieces for sale in the shop.

Tuesday, November 15th, Historic tour to Palmyra (Registration is due by Nov. 8 @ 3 PM) includes: 1875 General Store, Print Shop, Alling Covelet Museum, Original Depot; Palmyra 23-Room Museum. Last stop will be at Smitten Collective with gently used clothing, shoes, jewelry, housewares and more. The cost for the tour is \$15.00 plus lunch on your own at the Yellow Mills Diner. Participants must be at the Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 S. Main St. Hemlock on Tuesday, **November 15th** at 9:45 AM. Please arrive 15 minutes early.

A Medicare and Other Insurance Presentation is on **November 7th** from 1 to 2:30 PM the Little Lakes Community Center FREE of charge to those who want to know and be informed about what is best for their needs. Amy Smith will be conducting the presentation. She is a local Licensed Agent in Medicare Assistance and currently works for Eagle Insurance out of Lakeville, NY. For more information about what will be covered at this event and to register, go to www.littlelakesny.org. You can also register by calling 585-367-1046. The event will be held at LLCC, 4705 S. Main St. Hemlock.

The colder winter weather will be with us soon, but you can still get in a good one hour walk at The Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 S. Main St. Hemlock. Walk with Melissa Carey, one of the LLCA board members, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 AM during the month of November. Keep dry and warm while walking in a spacious facility with the option to climb stairs or just stay on the first floor; whatever works for you. No charge to join the walk, though donations are always appreciated.

This week's Thrifty Tip: Compost those leaves flying around! "Often when we talk about compost, we refer to materials as browns and greens. 'Browns' are the items we add that have a higher carbon to nitrogen ratio, such as leaves, straw or sawdust. 'Green's' still have carbon present but are more nitrogen rich, coffee grounds manure and food waste are all good examples of 'greens'. To maintain happy microorganisms you need to add both greens and browns to your pile. An optimal ratio of carbon to nitrogen for your pile is roughly 30:1. You want 30 times more browns in your pile as greens!" quote from Julie Poplaski, CCE Madison County Master Gardener Volunteer.

Birthdays: Happy Birthday!

November 4 – Carol Carberry, Vanessa Motzer, Paula White Lunn

November 5 – Daniel Dale, Jr., Karen Schnetzer

November 6 – Samantha Yeoman, Henry Marlow

November 7 – Edward Vadney Jr., David Mack, Francis Gibson-Tripp

November 8 – Jerry Carney, Nanette Fox Riffe

November 10 – Robert Harder

November 11 – Sarah Hoppough

Anniversaries:

November 9 – Skip & Heather Cleveland #31

November 10 – Tom & Melody Bogdon #43, Juergen & Elvira Lein #60

Please do not hesitate to let Katherine Humphrey know of any errors you find or information you wish to share from the Webster Crossing area in this Springwater Party Line. Contact kjth@allwesterntrees.com or by mail to PO Box 217, Springwater, NY 14560. Thank you.