

## SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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Pastor Dawn from Springwater United Methodist Church invites those interested to Sunday Services, starting with an introduction on January 14th. She says “Read through the Bible, or again for the first time, with our friends at Springwater UMC. Every Sunday at 11 AM through Easter they will be gathering with morning refreshments by the Fireside in the Fellowship Hall to journey through “The Story” by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee. “The Story” is in the NIV (New International Version) Bible, chronologically brought together to tell the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. Conversation will include looking at the Bible with bifocal glasses – the upper, Google earth view of God’s love going to great lengths to simply love His creation and the lower, street view of how humanity continues to grow in love and loving through His Grace. We invite you to join us in this journey.” Many thanks go to Pat Granger for sending this information.

Here is the update on the December 16th “Soft Opening” of the Springwater Community Pantry at 8148 South Main Street. At the Soft Opening/Bake Sale two women came in and made a charitable donation without giving their names! Leader Teresa Langhorn wishes to recognize their special donation as well as that of the Girl/Boy Scouts for food donations, Pathway to Employment for volunteering to clean weekly, and to all the individuals that have given time and money from their heart as well. Teresa also noted that the Food Link truck has been locked into the following dates: January 20th, February 24th, March 17th, April 14th, May 12th, and June 16th from 10-11:30 AM. The truck arrives at 9 AM and volunteers arrive at 8 AM. Only 18 volunteer spots are left, so contact Teresa at [585-245-1223](tel:585-245-1223) to volunteer. People in the Town of Springwater encompassing Springwater, Webster Crossing, Canadice area are invited to visit the Pantry to become knowledgeable and to either help serve or be served. Those in need of emergency food can fill out an application. Those behind this effort are Teresa Langhorn, Pat Granger, Terri White, and Ginny Heckman, the same people that are involved with obtaining the Food Link Truck. The difference between the two programs is that Food Link food is open to anyone, whereas the Food Pantry food is for those having a special need for it. Donations to Food Link are made primarily by the large food vendors, while donations to the Food Pantry are made by the people right in our community who wish to share what they have with those less fortunate.

Springwater Trails meets every Sunday throughout the year and we invite interested hikers, skiers, snowshoers, bikers and kayakers to come enjoy being active together. Do log into Springwater Trails’ website to become familiar with the Sunday afternoon hike details. On Sunday, January 7th the Springwater Trails group ventured out to Harriet Hollister Spencer Park for the weekly hike. There were 8 snowshoers and 3 skiers. Snow conditions were excellent, but the temps were very cold. Skiers traveled down the road to Raccoon Run then up to Blue Spruce. After cruising downhill, Wendy opted for the easier route, while Douglas and Melissa took the steeper option down Whiteface. The snowshoers headed down Big Oak then back up a significant hill, to Ruthie’s Run and met the skiers back at the parking area around 3:45

PM. They definitely got their exercise. No social, but everyone was happy to head home due to the cold weather. Then on Sunday January 7th five hikers enjoyed a hike down Mitchellsville gorge in the Town of Urbana. Our hike followed the main Finger Lakes Trail. The first half was high above the creek along the edge of the gorge. We walked through Hemlock trees on about 4 inches of snow. Once we got down to creek level, the Hemlocks were replaced by White and Red Pines, which led to a discussion about how Hemlock trees know that they like living near steep gorges or if the pines know that they don't. Next week, Sunday, January 14 we will be hiking at Mendon Ponds in Monroe County. Come enjoy the Mendon Ponds Park 23rd Annual Winterfest from 11:00 to 3:00 and join Springwater Trails for a hike at 2:00. Detail available at <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/parks-winterfest> and <https://springwatertrails.org/> Those of you who know Mark Hopkins and his wife Linda might like to know about their trusty dogs that accompanied us on many a Springwater Trails' hike. Mark writes: "On a sadder and more personal note, McDuff (Duffy) died last Thursday (Jan 4, 2018). He enjoyed our hike at Harriett Hollister Spencer Park on Sunday, but then did not feel up to eating much of anything on Monday. He was 13 and ½ years old and has been a huge part of our family. We will miss him and McFarland (Mac). I am attaching an older picture of Mac and Duff at Letchworth, and a picture of our Photographer John Larysz on the bridge at the bottom of the Mitchellsville gorge yesterday."

Webster Crossing UMC Bible Study continues on Wednesday evenings at people's homes, this week at Mary & Jim's and next week at Katherine's, starting at 7 PM. Join us for this and for Sunday service at 9 AM.

Trust in the Lives of Older Women's Group meets at the Wayland Library from 1 to 2:30 PM on Wednesday, January 17th. Marian Crawford, leader, has announced the program to be "Questions we should have for our pharmacist". Hope to see you there.

#### Birthdays:

January 11 – Caleb Moose, Brad Markle

January 12 – Raymond Tripp, Jennifer Dale, Trisha Henry

January 13 – Mary Parsons Pilato

January 15 – John Jordan Sr., Rus Healy

January 16 – Sarah Clayson, Carol Tripp, Branden Vahn, Blake Fallwell

January 18 – Stephanie Whiteman

#### Anniversaries: Congratulations!

January 15 – Stephen & Jerrienne Scheiderich #24

January 16 – Al & Deborah Henry #8