

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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In the essence of safety for the people at Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church, we are pausing worship in the Sanctuary once again until Sunday, March 7. We are looking forward to hosting the Take-out Spaghetti Dinner again on Thursday, March 25th and not in February. Thank you to all who have inquired. Spring season will cheer us all up.

On Valentine's Day, the Springwater Trails hike at the All Western Evergreen Farm in beautiful Springwater was attended by seventeen people. Mark lead the skiers, Melissa the snowshoers, and Katherine the slow folks that like to learn all about the different trees on the hike up through the farm. John Larysz took the photos and sent the following link :

<http://larysz.com/Images/2021/January%20-%20Tree%20Farm/index.php>

The slow group looked at Austrian Pine, Dawn redwood, Holly, Englemann Spruce, Colorado Blue Spruce, Alaska Yellow Cedar, the Japanese Vietch fir and Sequoia and on up into the forest. We stopped at the bench to see the scrapings of the bark on one of the 6 inch diameter trees. After a discussion, John thought it could be a skunk and not a bear. We then hiked on up with stops at Z lot Grand & Concolor fir plantation, up past the Sub-alpine fir and Fraser and Korean fir before heading back through the woods to the house, with the skiers and snowshoe groups following close behind. Several stayed to chat over the take-out soup by donation. Brian and Denise Eshenaur from Rochester were special guests this day.

Saralinda writes: "Coming up on the twenty-first of February, the Springwater Trails hike on Sunday Feb. 21 we'll try again for the return to East Hill Farm, home of the Rochester Folk Art Guild, to ski and snowshoe the trails of their 350-acre hilltop farm and woodlot. The Guild is a community of craftspeople, producing fine quality handmade products in wood, pottery, fabrics, paper, toys, books and more. For more information about the Guild see: <https://www.folkartguild.org/about-us/ee>. The Pottery studio will be open after the hike (no more than 10 people at a time) if you would like to tour or shop. Please arrive by 1:45 PM to get your equipment organized for a 2 PM start. Come into the driveway at 1445 Upper Hill Road, Middlesex and bear left to park behind the Gallery Shop or by the Boat Shop. We will convene in front of the Boat Shop, the first building on the right as you come in the driveway. Note on conditions: Snow is already deep, and we expect more snow this week, so we'll keep an eye on the conditions and provide an update by the weekend. We will only go ahead at the Guild if there are good ski and snowshoe tracks to follow. If the snow this week precludes that, we'll relocate to a venue where the trails are groomed."

What will the group at the Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 S. Main St. in Hemlock think up to do for fun next? A BYOP Ballroom Sampler, that is (B)ring (Y)our (O)wn (P)artner to the Ballroom (the gymnasium, that is) on Fridays, 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Grab a partner, dust off your dance shoes and enjoy a socially distanced night of ballroom dancing. The night will begin with two half hour lessons that will focus on two different ballroom styles. Following the lessons, a variety of ballroom music will be played for your dancing pleasure. Lessons are beginner friendly. Real "Lead and Follow" technique will be taught and encouraged! Due to the

pandemic, registration is limited to couples. Couples will not be able to rotate partners. The cost is \$20 per couple and registration is recommended at www.littlelakesny.org.

Other activities at the Little Lakes Community Center in Hemlock include a tour of the George Eastman House in Rochester on March 11, and a tour to Viddler's 5 & 10 in East Aurora on April 14. If you would like to sign up in person, consider stopping by during the Gift Shop and Box Office Hours MWF's 5-8 PM and TThSa's 10-2 PM. Docents are there to help you register online for any LLCA offering, welcome visitors to the area, or assist in picking out a "just because" gift! New Vendor products are arriving, favorite products are being restocked. There is so much more to learn about - like the Book Club, or the History buffs meeting, Sunday Family Fun Day, the Technology Lunch-n-learn, or Annie's Ukulele hour where you can learn to play, bring tunes to share, or come to jam together for the joy of making music with others.

A tip given by Chris Banker, Avon Chimney Sweep, to clean the soot off the glass front of a Fireplace Insert: You will need a container with water, a roll of paper towels, and an extra container to put the wet towels you have used. When the glass is cool, dip a paper towel in water to moisten; then dip the damp towel in ashes to rub on the dirty glass. Keep turning the damp towel with the ashes, and use a different damp towel as the soot is lifted off the glass so as not to leave any streaks. The ashes will not scratch the glass and only a small amount of rubbing will be needed.

Happy Birthday to:

February 19 – Wendy Stek, Ed Hamsher

February 21 – Colin Stevenson, Samantha Irwin

February 22 – Mike Bovee, Derek Sutton

February 23 – Julia Graves

February 24 – Lisa Vadney

February 25 – Tayler Hart, Dawn Merritt

Anniversaries: Congratulations:

February 18 – Joe & Allyn Canute #37