

LOIS WITH THE MONTGOMERY NEWS, MARCH 3, 2024

HELLO, Today is Sunday, 3/3 and we have 30 degrees here this morning, and it's so foggy cannot see down street very far. I headed out for Church at 7:45, as this has been a special day planned for several months. Today is the day, that we honor four faithful men that have come on Sundays to share their time and talents with us here at the United Methodist Church. Retired, Rev. Robert Purvee came the first Sunday of each month in 2023 to do a Service with Communion, John Gorton from Sheldon, and Merle Van Gieson have filled in at the pulpit alternating Sundays so there is always a Church service, organist Patrick Evans from Bakersfield has kept our Hymns sounding right on every note. Rev Purvee had announced to us last Fall that his last Sunday with us would be Dec.3, he became sick and had to cancel, but we wanted to have him one more time and do something special for him as he enjoyed coming to be with all of us. For a special gift Veronica deSaintPhalle painted a picture of our Church for him. He opened it and Linda Van Gieson took a picture of him, he said it's beautiful and I will treasure this forever. WE had delicious refreshments, for everyone to enjoy, Linda Elkins had made cheese-cupcakes with either strawberry or blueberry topping; Lois made doughnuts & cookies, and we had chocolate chip cookies, Coffee,tea, apple cider or milk. The fellows all were surprised but enjoyed every minute talking with the congregation and each letting them know how much they are appreciated. GOD BLESS THEM ALWAYS AND FOREVER.

Veronica came up to our house after the service, we got her favorite sandwich at Jolleys, So us three ladies enjoyed our lunch as we sat around our family table eating and chatting. After our lunch was over Veronica, Penny and me went back down to Church to clean up. So that is all done. Veronica had a few minutes before heading back to Johnson, we played a game of cribbage, she has me interested in the game,its fun.

I was talking with my friend Morgan East, she was married to Charles Pratt, a wonderful piano player, and he played at many popular spots here in Vermont. Charles passed away three years ago,leaving behind his wife and Nicky his black kitty cat, Nicky was a rescue kitty that had been abandoned, and Charles and Nicky became great companions throughout the years. Nicky enjoyed being with Charles when he would sit down to play and Charles often recorded his playings. Since the death of Charles, Nicky sleeps on the piano, perhaps to be near Charles. When Morgan plays his recordings, Nicky comes near by and stays put while the music is playing. Nicky was a remarkable hunter and kept the squirrels and mice away from their home. Morgan likes putting puzzles together, and she was missing a piece, and looked it seems forever for that piece, suddenly it appeared, the mystery did Nicky hide it and finally bring it out in the open to be found. ?? I love getting these precious true stories. Just another little true story from my daughter Veronica while out walking her dogs this week, she saw a fluffy cat and a small skunk walking together, headed to a local barn there in Johnson. She said they seemed friendly in their walk.

I believe my next door neighbors are back from their ski trip to France, Marty and Alyso Vallender were gone during the School Spring vacation. Their young son Hudson visited

grand parents in Maine. Back to school Wednesday, and that will seem good for many, the weather has been difficult to plan out door activities, been windy and cold.

Happy Birthday to: Kevin Scheffler, Beatrice Pressler 3/11; Cayden Stanley, Ryland Purrier, Cedric Lanphear 3/15; Annie Purrier, Marshall Abramowitz 3/16.

****WHY ARE OAK TREES SO FORGIVING? BECAUSE THEY TURN OVER A NEW LEAF EVERY MARCH. **Why is March the most popular month to use a trampoline? It's Spring time,***. Why was the cow wearing a bell? Because her horns were broken.*****