

## BC3 Calendar of Events

### Wednesday, April 1

Colonial Life Presentation for All — 12:00 noon  
Staff Meeting — 2:30 p.m.

### Thursday, April 2

FIAV Advisory Meeting — 12:00 noon

### Friday, April 3

#### COUNCIL CLOSED

Good Friday

### Monday, April 6

Peace with Justice — 12:00 noon

### Tuesday, April 7

Dining For Dollars Committee — 12:00 noon

### Friday, April 17

Program Directors - Meet with Al Vos — 2:30 p.m.

### Monday, April 20

Bible Study Group — 10:00 a.m.

### Wednesday, April 22

Canstruction Meeting — 1:00 p.m.

### Thursday, April 23

Executive Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon

### Tuesday, April 28

Program Directors — 8:30 a.m.  
FIAV Orientation — 12:00 noon

## National Volunteer Week

### Conference & Volunteer Recognition Reception

Thursday, April 16 — 1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Double Tree by Hilton, 225 Water St., Binghamton

We hope that you will consider attending this year's National Volunteer Week Conference & Volunteer Recognition Reception. Here's the link to register:

<https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=qjUkcLle65hgAet5DoKqyg>

Prices to attend the Conference range from FREE to \$10 (see registration form). There will be two blocks of three workshop sessions led by some of the best presenters in New York State. Each session will be 65 minutes in length.

For the Volunteer Recognition Reception, if you nominate either an Outstanding Individual Volunteer or an Outstanding Volunteer Duo, both you and the nominee(s) are FREE. Additional attendees are \$10.

This is a very low-cost opportunity to learn new skills in the arena of volunteer engagement and to recognize your volunteers at a catered reception.

If you have any questions, please contact Joni Kaiser at: 607.240.2016 or [jkaiser@uwbroome.org](mailto:jkaiser@uwbroome.org).

## Volunteer Spotlight

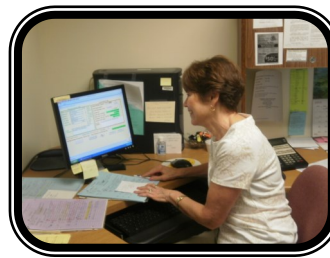
We would like to honor two of our wonderful and greatly appreciated volunteers this month, Carol Herz and Kay Hahn Casler.



Carol Herz

Carol has volunteered in several departments and is eager and happy to help out no matter what we ask her to do. She always shows up with a smile, and if we are lucky, some of her home-made treats.

We depend on Carol for many things and are always confident that any job she is given will be done right. Carol makes sure to let our employees know when they are doing a good job and how much they are appreciated. The Finance Department would not be the same without her.



Kay Hahn Casler

Kay Hahn Casler volunteers in our Faith in Action department and has been a volunteer for 3 years. Kay is very good with our clients over the phone and is a very dedicated and caring volunteer.

She comes in weekly to help with the scheduling and to process our new requests. Kay also volunteers outside of our office by providing transportation to appointments for our clients. She has been a big help to Faith in Action and we can't thank her enough.

## Save the Date

### Lives of Commitment Awards Breakfast



Thursday, May 7 — 7:15 a.m.  
Doubletree by Hilton Binghamton



## Broome Correctional Facility Seeking an Imam

The Broome County Sheriff's Correctional Facility Chaplains Office is seeking an Imam to be employed by the County for up to 19 hours per week as a Muslim Chaplain.

Please inquire with Rev. Cris Mogenson, Coordinating Chaplain: by mail at Office of the Sheriff, 155 Lt. Van Winkle Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905, by phone at 607.778.6518 or by email at [cmogenson@co.broome.ny.us](mailto:cmogenson@co.broome.ny.us)

## Ramp It Up — Now Taking Applications

Faith in Action Volunteers' Ramp It Up initiative is now taking applications for both **ramps** and **ramp building teams** for the 2015 construction season. Our building season is from May through October and we hope to build 20 ramps this season, which will include our 100th ramp.

To learn more about Ramp It Up, go to our website [www.broomecouncil.net](http://www.broomecouncil.net), select Faith in Action from the ribbon and Ramp It Up from the dropdown menu.

If you are in need of a ramp the application is available for download on our website or you may call 607.724.9130 to request one.

If you would like to volunteer to build a ramp please contact Ron Wenzinger by phone at 607.724.9130 ext. 323 or email [rwenzinger@broomecouncil.net](mailto:rwenzinger@broomecouncil.net).

## CHOW Needs

### CHOW

(Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse)

Peanut Butter and Jelly, Instant potatoes, Mac & Cheese, Canned Fruit, Tuna Fish, Canned Meats, Soup, Canned Fruit

### HOPE

(Help Out People in Emergencies)

### !! DIAPERS !! ANY SIZE !!

Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Deodorant, Baby wipes, Baby Formula

(anything that is used for personal hygiene)  
(Unopened items only, please.)

## Jail Re-entry Program & The Cornerstone Group

### Help End Discrimination for Previously Incarcerated Persons — Seminar

Saturday, April 11 — 9:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Cornerstone Community Church, 911 E. Main St., Endicott NY

The Broome County Re-entry Program, along with The Cornerstone Group, will be offering an opportunity for anyone who is looking to help previously incarcerated individuals move forward in life. The seminar will discuss:

### **Ending Discrimination through Unity Collaboration Advocacy Training and Empowerment (EDUCATE)**

The goal of the EDUCATE program is to increase gainful employment for people with criminal records. This program significantly increases their chances of employment by providing education on how to utilize laws and recourses established to protect them from unfair discrimination.

The EDUCATE model consists of 4 modules:

1. A rigorous break-down of Article 23-A, Human Rights Law, and Certificate of Relief from Disabilities/Good Conduct
2. Brainstorming ideas to gather evidence of rehabilitation and supporting documentation; and assistance with writing a letter regarding their criminal history and rehabilitation journey
3. Assistance with applying for a Certificate of Relief from Disabilities and/or Good Conduct
4. Training on how to present these materials to an employer and stand out above the rest

Rev. Greg Johnson [revgregjohnson@hotmail.com](mailto:revgregjohnson@hotmail.com)

## Union Center United Methodist Church

128 Maple Drive, Endicott — 607.748.6329

Shoe Collection Drive  
Saturday, April 18 & Sunday, April 19  
12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.

We are collecting gently worn shoes of all kinds: boots, sandals, sneakers, men's, women's and children's.

Please donate to help those in developing nations learn to be self-sufficient and provide for their families.

Call Deborah Eckhardt at 772.2472 or the church office at 748.6329 for more information.

## Exercise equipment needed for BC3

We are looking for exercise equipment donations: treadmill, stationary bike, rowing machine, etc.

You can use the donation as a tax write-off.

If you have something you might like to donate, contact Christina Fedorick at 607.724.9130 ext 308.

## Unitarian Universalist Church — Class on Climate

183 Riverside Drive, Binghamton, NY -- 607.729.1641

### Class: Who Asked for Climate Change, Anyway?

Wednesday, April 15 & 22 — 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Our daily life is difficult enough as it is. We really don't need climate change added on top of all that! Awareness of climate change triggers uncomfortable emotions such as fear, anxiety, anger, guilt, sadness and helplessness. In this course, we will discuss and share these feelings. Then we will envision a new cultural norm that, in many ways, is far more health-giving and fulfilling. The goal is to accept our feelings, adopt a hopeful outlook, and translate those feelings into constructive actions that help make life better for ourselves, our loved ones and the world community.

This class will be facilitated by UUCB Minister Douglas Taylor and Wes Ernsberger, chair of the UUCB Green Sanctuary Committee.

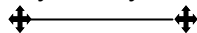
Enrollment is limited to 15 so please RSVP to Wes ([wesernsberger@gmail.com](mailto:wesernsberger@gmail.com)) to reserve your place. Child care available upon request.

## The Church of Greater Owego

G. Terry Steenburg [gtspreacher@gmail.com](mailto:gtspreacher@gmail.com)

### Owego Son-Rise Service

Easter Sunday, April 5 — 6:30 a.m.  
at the Indian Monument in Evergreen Cemetery  
led by Bobby Harris.



### Owego Easter Breakfasts

Easter Sunday, April 5 — 8:00 a.m.  
at Gospel Chapel on North Avenue, Owego  
AND at Abide In The Vine Fellowship on Taylor Road.

## Hospital Ministry — We are there if you need us

If you are going to be a patient in the UHS Hospitals please tell people when you check in what faith group you believe in. — Chaplain Rev. John Koopman

## Veterans of Modern Warfare

### Local VMW (Veterans of Modern Warfare) Meeting

Saturday, April 4 — 11:00 a.m.  
(and the first Saturday of every month)

at *The Church Commons Community Center* (little white Church building just east of Price Chopper), 28 Main Street, Owego. All Vets are welcome ... especially those from Desert Storm and subsequent conflicts. Call Bill Reynolds at 607.644.5690 with questions/comments. **See YOU on April 4th!**

## Hearing Loss Association of America



The Lord said to me, gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words. Deut 4:9.

**Help Needed!** The Binghamton Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America is compiling a list of area churches with assisted listening devices for those with hearing loss. For example: PA, Loop, Infrared, FM, visual signing etc.

Please provide this information to: Binghamton Chapter HLAA. Lynn Finch, 843 St Rte 369, Port Crane, NY 13833, or 607.648.4533, or [lmfin@citlink.net](mailto:lmfin@citlink.net)

A copy of the compiled list will be available.

## Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA)

### Are you a food addict?

To find out, ask yourself the following questions and answer them as honestly as you can:

- Has a doctor or family member ever approached you with concern about your eating habits?
- Do you eat large quantities of food at one time?
- Is your weight problem due to "nibbling" all day long?
- Do you eat to escape from your feelings?
- Do you eat when you're not hungry?

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous, "FA," offers help and hope for people who suffer from food obsession, overeating, bulimia and under-eating. The program is based on the Twelve Steps of AA.

— Everyone is welcome to this FREE meeting —

Visit [www.foodaddicts.org](http://www.foodaddicts.org) or call 607.595.7381 for more information. FA meets locally:

### Mondays & Thursdays — 7:00 p.m.

Wilson Hospital, Johnson City  
Picciano Building, 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room 2

### Fridays — 10:00 a.m.

Union Presbyterian Church, 200 Main St., Endicott

## Samaritan Counseling Center - a nonprofit counseling center

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E-mail: [kwilson@broomecouncil.net](mailto:kwilson@broomecouncil.net)  
Phone: 607.724.9130 x303

Congregations may submit items at no charge.  
All others will be asked for a \$10 donation per article, per month.

**We reserve the right to edit and cut as space allows.**

### *Directions to BC3*

Coming East from Vestal, Endicott or Endwell areas, take the Vestal Parkway East. Follow the signs for Conklin Avenue, go past the Crowley's plant. After you pass the Rite Aid Drug Store, the next street on your LEFT is Otseningo Street. Go to the end of Otseningo Street.

Coming East down Main Street in Binghamton, Main turns into Court Street. Stay on Court Street and turn right on Route 7 **South** over the Tompkins Street Bridge. The first light is Webster. Take a right onto Webster and continue to the T (a short block). Take a right onto Otseningo Street and there we are!

### *Programs of the Broome County Council of Churches (BC3):*

Broome Bounty  
CHOW Hunger Relief  
Encounter Weekly  
TV/Radio Program  
Faith in Action Volunteers



HOPE Ministry  
Hospital Ministry  
Jail Ministry  
Ramp It Up  
Senior Living Ministry



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the month of May or later.*

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