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January 2015

*BC3 Calendar of Events*

*Part-time AmeriCorps Position Available*

**Wednesday, December 31**  
Early CLOSING — 12:00 noon

**Thursday, January 1**  
CLOSED  
New Year's Day

**Friday, January 2**  
CLOSED

**Monday, January 5**  
Peace with Justice — 12:00 noon

**Wednesday, January 7**  
Staff Meeting — 2:30 p.m.

**Saturday, January 10**  
Lenten Planning Retreat -- 9:00 a.m.

**Monday, January 19**  
CLOSED  
Martin Luther King Day

**Thursday, January 22**  
Annual Board of Directors -- 7:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, January 27**  
Program Directors — 8:30 a.m.  
FIA Orientation — 12:00 noon

www.broomecouncil.net for updated calendar

**Broome County Council of Churches RAMP IT UP Program Associate (Binghamton, NY):** Responsibilities include learning the facets of the *Faith In Action* Volunteers program and the Youth Mentoring Initiative, working with the coordinator to interact with program applicants (clients), youth and adult volunteers, work teams, and program staff. The Associate will assist with site visits, inventory control, ordering building supplies, maintaining a safe work site environment, and assist with wheel chair ramp construction. A general understanding of mechanical drawings and basic construction principles is helpful. The Associate will also prepare reports and evaluations of the program.

**Position requires 900 hours of service from March-November 2015:**

- 24-28 hours weekly x 36 weeks = 900 hours minimum
- \$6050 stipend (approximately \$336 biweekly Mar-Nov)
- \$2822 Education Award

**Successful applicants (minimum age 18) will demonstrate the following proficiencies and values:**

- An interest in, and commitment to, health and/or rural communities and people
- Evidence of current and/or past volunteer service activities
- Communication skills, including writing and verbal communication with clarity and accuracy
- Self direction: Members must be self-directed and show evidence of their ability to work independently and efficiently.

Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents, and they must have their high school diploma or GED.

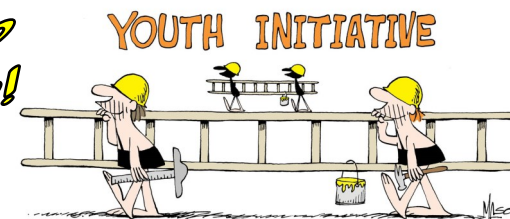
**Additional AmeriCorps openings are also available: More information and online application: [www.ruralhealthnetwork.org/ameriCorps](http://www.ruralhealthnetwork.org/ameriCorps)**

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Acting Director, Rural Health Service Corps

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**AmeriCorps: Rural Health Service Corps openings!**

**RAMP IT UP! 2015**



**BC3**  
BROOME COUNTY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

**"Connecting compassion with needs; inspiring growth with dignity"**

*Please post this newsletter or pass it on to members of your congregation.*

Secure donations can be made online at  
[www.broomecouncil.net](http://www.broomecouncil.net)

To submit items or to receive *Connecting Congregations*,  
contact Keating Wilson:

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 Bount  
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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and Twitter (@BCCouncil)**

*Due date to submit items for the  
February 2015 issue of  
Connecting Congregations:*

**12:00 noon on Monday, January 12**

*Please make certain the announcements are for the  
month of February or later.*

Would you like to receive *Connecting Congregations* via e-mail? We can provide this to you in PDF format.  
--We are beginning to work into full color --  
Your emailed pdf document will spring to life!  
Email Barbara at [bcook@broomecouncil.net](mailto:bcook@broomecouncil.net)

The items in this publication are provided as a service to the event organizers.

The Broome County Council of Churches is not responsible for the actual content of the activities nor do these notices necessarily reflect the opinions of the Broome County Council of Churches.

**Merry  
Christmas  
And a  
Joyous  
New Year**

## Jail Ministry

### Thank you!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who graciously gave of their time and resources to help make Christmas a little bit better for many who are incarcerated and their families.

Through the donations of cards and stamps we were able to provide each inmate two stamped Christmas cards to mail to their loved ones. Your generosity with stamps was astonishing and we even have a head start on the cards for next year.

Donations of time, talent and resource enabled each of our 500 inmates to receive a little hand-decorated gift bag containing a hand written card and a few simple items to help brighten their day and to realize that their community has not forgotten them.

Children are the innocent victims and many families are in turmoil during the holidays. We were able, through your generous support and efforts, to provide children in 52 households with children's books as beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts.

Some of the ongoing needs, however, never end when it concerns reentry ministries. We can use hygiene items, single trip bus passes and sweat suits all year long.

God bless,  
Rev. Cris Mogenson  
Director of Jail Ministry Program

### Jail Ministry Needs

Body wash, shampoo, razors, deodorant, feminine products, single trip bus passes and sweat suits.

### CHOW Needs

#### CHOW

(Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse)

Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Meats, Tuna, Beef Stew, Instant Potatoes, Cereal, Canned Pasta, Canned Fruit

#### HOPE

(Help Out People in Emergencies)

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

Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Baby Formula, Baby Wipes.

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

The shelves are very bare out there.

## FAV — Faith In Action Volunteers

### New Volunteer Training

**Tuesday, January 27 — 12:00 noon**

*Start your New Year off the right way!*



Would you be willing to drive a neighbor over 60 to a doctor's appointment ONCE a month?

Could you mentor youth on a ramp build this spring?



Do you have a musical gift?

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 724-9130 ext. 312 to save a spot for the training.

## Veterans of Modern Warfare

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

Saturday, January 3 -- 11:00 a.m.  
(and the first Saturday of every month)

at Owego's Historic First Baptist Church  
Church & Main Streets, Owego

Use the back ramp entrance. All Vets are welcome ... especially those from Desert Storm and subsequent conflicts. Call Bill Reynolds @ (607) 644-5690 with questions/comments.

See YOU on January 3rd!

## Auxiliaries - Who are we?

We are the volunteers at Binghamton General Hospital who are there to assist staff and patients in various roles. Our organization dates back to the late 1800's. We provide services such as manning the information desk, running the gift shop, assisting in the café, and supporting families waiting in the surgical lounge. We have fundraiser sales at least monthly. These sales provide funds to the hospital for specialized equipment, renovations and scholarships.

We are looking for new members. You can be an Associate Member for as little as \$10 per year. An Associate Member provides financial support but does not need to volunteer. If you would like to volunteer and/or know someone who has some time to volunteer, we would welcome you or them as an Active Member (same \$10 membership fee). Please call the Volunteer office at 607-762-2319 for more information.

Our organization is worthy of your support.

## In Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



*I have a dream.*

### Central United Methodist Church

17 Nanticoke Avenue, Endicott -- centralumc@stny.rr.com

### Martin Luther King Service

Sunday, January 18 — 3:00 p.m.

Celebrating the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The service will conclude with a traditional candlelight ceremony.

Refreshments and a time of fellowship will follow the service.

## Martin Luther King Celebration

### Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Monday, January 19, 2015 -- 6:00 p.m.

The evening program will begin with a march from the Martin Luther King Statue at the Peace Makers Square (at the Court Street Bridge near Boscov's) to the Salvation Temple Church located at 80 Main Street, Binghamton NY. The march will be followed by remarks by special guests, dance and musical performances.

Keynote speaker for this event will be Sera Chung; a Binghamton University Graduate currently studying at Princeton Theological Seminary.

We are also looking for volunteers to usher, work security, serve refreshments and/or clean up.

If you're interested in volunteering please call Camille Jones at (607) 786-5449 or Naomi Branch at (607) 372-0294.

## 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 HLA. Lynn Finch, 843 St Rte 369, Port Crane, 13833, or 607-648-4533, or [lmfin@citlink.net](mailto:lmfin@citlink.net)

A copy of the compiled list will be available.

## The Bridge Community Center

143 Baldwin St., Johnson City

### Building Bridges to Healthy Living

Tuesday, January 20 — 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Come learn about healthy nutrition for the New Year. There will be door prizes, blood pressure screenings, and body fat analysis offered. A free light meal will also be served.

## 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 (binge)?
- Is your weight problem due to your "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, including those who think they may have a food problem or those who are concerned about someone who may. FA is open to all women, men, and teens who want to stop eating addictively.

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 non-profit counseling center

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