

Council Calendar of Events

**Thursday & Friday,
December 31 & January 1
CLOSED**

New Year's Eve/New Year's Day

Monday, January 4

Peace with Justice — 12:00 noon

Tuesday, January 5

FIAV Volunteer Orientation — 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 6

Staff Meeting — 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 7

Yoga — 12:00 noon

Thursday, January 14

Yoga — 12:00 noon

**Monday, January 18
CLOSED**

Martin Luther King Day

Wednesday, January 20

Multidisciplinary Case Review Team
8:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 21

Yoga — 12:00 noon

Tuesday, January 26

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

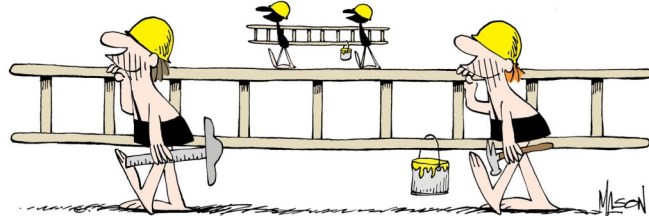
Thursday, January 28

Annual Meeting — Board of Directors
7:30 a.m.
Yoga — 12:00 noon

Ramp It Up Coordinator Position Open with *Faith in Action*

Ramp It Up! 2016 Coordinator

YOUTH INITIATIVE



BROOME COUNTY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Are you looking for a rewarding part-time job that gives back to the community? Do you have carpentry and building skills and enjoy working with people of all ages? Then, you may be just the right person for the Ramp it Up Coordinator position, now open at the Council.

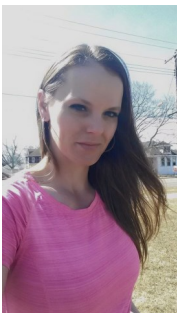
This job involves coordinating volunteer teams, evaluating applicants and sites, coordinating ramp sites, and publicity of the program. For a more detailed job description go to <http://broomecouncil.net/about-the-council/job-openings/>. Direct any questions to Sue Spencer, Director FIAV, 724.9130 ext. 304 or spencer@broomecouncil.net

broomecouncil.net for updated calendar

Volunteer Spotlight

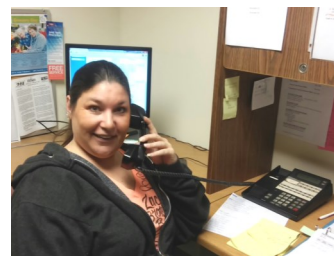
We would like to honor two of our wonderful and greatly appreciated volunteers this month,

Haley Eisele and Paulette Dykeman



Haley began working in our CHOW Warehouse last April. She has played such an important role at CHOW during her time here. She has been a consistent hard worker from day one. She continues to go above and beyond what is asked of her. Haley's positive attitude in the warehouse has been an asset, especially during challenging moments when another volunteer's task

-at-hand is not clearly defined. She is always doing something productive and we love having her as part of our team.



Paulette began working with our Faith in Action program last February in both volunteer recruitment and church outreach. During the summer we were in real need of someone to work in the scheduling office and she

stepped right in. Paulette has been a huge asset to our office. She is reliable, competent, and she has a passion for helping people. Her rapport with both the clients and volunteers is excellent and she makes a big contribution to our organization.

What we do for ourselves dies with us—what we do for others remains and is immortal. Albert Pike

Boulevard United Methodist Church

113 Grand Boulevard, Binghamton, NY – 797.5675

Blood Drive



Hosted by Boulevard United Methodist Church



Saturday, January 16 — 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-REDCROSS
or Bill Olmstead 607-729-0997 to register.

Veterans of Modern Warfare

Local VMW (Veterans of Modern Warfare) Meeting

Saturday, January 2 — 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 January 2nd!

Hospital Ministry — Looking for Volunteers

I am looking for a few dedicated volunteers in hospital ministry. On reflection, the best volunteers in the hospital I have seen are people who have a deep faith and enjoy devoted ministries of presence, comfort and hope.

We seek to give this ministry to all people. I have two pages God helped me develop dealing with Heaven and Paradise and Scriptures of Strength and Hope. Within the last few weeks I have had folks asking me for another copy of them and relating how helpful they are.

Patients, family members and staff need the food God gives them in their times of crisis—medically, physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Please call me at 607.765.6269 if you feel you would like to volunteer.

J. Koopman — Director of Hospital Ministry

CHOW Needs

CHOW

(Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse)

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

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.)



Write it on your heart that every day
is the best day in the year.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Our Lady of Sorrows

801 Main Street, Vestal, NY – 222.5616

Mary's Meal

A free community meal for those in need of food
or companionship.

Tuesday, January 26

(and the last Tuesday of every month)

doors open 5:00 p.m.

meal served 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

The frequency of our meal offerings will increase as we
gather in visitors.

If you have any questions, please call 222.5616.

Jail Ministry

The Jail Ministry program is attempting to curb the cycle of incarceration, which often has intergenerational effects. Many reentrant needs are addressed by social service agencies; the one area which is often overlooked is that of spiritual care and friendship.

In addressing this need we are reaching out to congregations and members who would be open to coming alongside former jail inmates who would like to attend your church services. With a new network of support, people may find a new life in fellowship and a relationship with the Lord. All that is asked is that you be a friend; social work needs may be referred back to our office.

Endwell United Methodist Church

3301 Watson Boulevard, Endwell, NY 607.754.5735

Olaf Winter Fest

Saturday, January 16 – 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon



Featuring Johnny Only



Children will enjoy live music, pictures with Olaf, crafts, games and snacks.

This event is open to the community!
Fun for the entire family!

Trinity Memorial Church

44 Main Street, Binghamton, NY — email - trinity@trinitymemorial.org



A Service of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany

Sunday, January 10, 2016
Prelude at 3:30 p.m.
Service at 4:00 p.m.

The Choir of Trinity Memorial Church
Timothy E. Smith, Organist & Choirmaster

Website: www.trinitymemorial.org

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, NY 13833, or 607.648.4533, or 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,” is based on the Twelve Steps of AA.

— Everyone is Welcome to This FREE Meeting —

Visit 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, 4th floor conference room 2

Fridays — 10:00 a.m.

Union Presbyterian Church, 200 Main St., Endicott

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

E-mail: kwilson@broomecouncil.net
 Phone: 607.724.9130 x 303

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 the Council of Churches

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!



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**Due date to submit items for the
 February 2016 issue of
 Connecting Congregations:**

4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 15
*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 with color–
 Your emailed pdf document will spring to life!
 Email Barbara at bcook@broomecouncil.net

Programs of the Broome County Council of Churches:

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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