

Council Calendar of Events

Monday, January 2

CLOSED

New Years Day — Observed

Wednesday, January 4

LOC Finance Committee — 8:30 a.m.

Staff Meeting — 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 10

FIAV Advisory Committee — 8:30 a.m.

Monday, January 16

Bible Study Group — 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 17

D4D Committee — 12:00 noon

Wednesday, January 18

Multidisciplinary Case Review — 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 24

Program Directors Meeting — 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 26

Board of Directors — 12:00 noon

A New Year's Resolution?

Volunteers Are Needed

The Broome County Council of Churches is a volunteer - driven nonprofit organization. Without our volunteers our programs could not provide the assistance that they do.

Where would you like to volunteer?

Faith in Action Volunteers helps adults 60 and over maintain quality of life and independence.

The **CHOW** program provides needed food and healthy life-style assistance.

The **Jail Ministry** gives support to the incarcerated and their families and reentry assistance to those just released from jail.

The **Hospital Ministry** gives succor to the patients and families of those who are hospitalized.

All are in need of volunteers — do you have some time?

Some of these programs require no more than a bit of your time, a short orientation, and a drivers license or a strong back. Others, such as the Jail and Hospital Ministries, require specialized training which is provided.

For more information about the various programs and for volunteer applications you can go on line at broomecouncil.net or call 607.724.9130.

broomecouncil.net for updated calendar

The Volunteer Spotlight

This month we honor

Linda Walsh



Linda is a God send to the CHOW® office. She covers when employees are on vacation or out sick and even does some of the emailing and faxing of referrals over to the pantries. When the computers crashed she made sure all the pantries knew so they could plan accordingly. She is more than willing to volunteer any time there is a need, which lately has

been a lot. She always says she will do anything to help out. She has a pleasant easy going manner and is very nice to work with. We really appreciate her putting in so many hours volunteering while employees are out.

**“Volunteering
is the ultimate exercise
in democracy.
You vote in elections
once a year,
but when you volunteer,
you vote every day
about the kind of community
you want to live in”.**
~ Author Unknown



CHOW® Needs

CHOW®

(Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse)
Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit,
Canned Meat, Hot Cereal, Cold Cereal,
Soup, Peanut Butter, Pasta, Pasta Sauce,
Healthy Snacks (Granola, Trail Mix etc.)

HOPE

(Help Out People in Emergencies)

DIAPERS ! ANY SIZE !

Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Body
Wash, Deodorant,
Baby Wipes, Baby Formula
(anything that is used for personal hygiene)
(Unopened items only, please.)

Ross Memorial Presbyterian Church

6 Morris Street, Binghamton, NY — Southside — corner of Mitchell Ave & Morris St



Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service

Saturday, December 24
7:00 p.m.
Cookies and Coffee



Boulevard United Methodist Church

113 Grand Boulevard, Binghamton, NY — 797.5675



Blood Drive

Saturday, January 21, 2017
9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

Blood stocks are low and the need during
the holiday season is great.
Give the gift of life.

**“As the old year retires
and a new one is born,
we commit into the hands of our Creator
the happenings of the past year
and ask for direction and guidance
in the new one.**

**May He grant us
His grace,
His tranquility and
His wisdom.”**

— Peggy Toney Horton,
Does God Want Us to Be Happy

Our Lady of Sorrows

801 Main Street, Vestal, NY – 222.5616



(and the last Tuesday of every month)

doors open 5:00 p.m. — meal served 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
If you have any questions, please call 607.222.5616.

Mary's Meal
A free community meal
for those in need of food
or companionship.
Tuesday, January 31

Veterans of Modern Warfare

Local VMW (Veterans of Modern Warfare) Meeting
Saturday, January 7th — 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 7th !

Hospital Ministry — We are there when you need us

“Pastors, if you have parishioners who go to Wilson Hospital, have them to tell admissions they are members of your church and let them know that there are pastors on call at the hospital to help ease their cares.”
Chaplain John Koopman

Reminder.....the chapel at Wilson has been moved up to the 4th floor.

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- CHOW® Hunger Relief
- Encounter Weekly
- TV/Radio Program
- Faith in Action* Volunteers
- HOPE Ministry
- Hospital Ministry
- Jail Ministry
- Ramp It Up
- Senior Living Ministry

“Connecting compassion with needs; inspiring growth with dignity”

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4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 13
Announcements must be for January or later.

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