

Council Calendar of Events

Happy New Year!

Monday, January 1
CLOSED — New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 3
Staff Meeting — 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 9
FIAV Advisory Committee — 9:00 a.m.
FIAV Volunteer Orientation — 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 10
Lives of Commitment Finance — 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 11
Dining for Dollar\$ Committee — 12:30 p.m.

Friday, January 12
Grocery Store Committee — 10:30 a.m.

Monday, January 15
Bible Study — 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 17
Multidisciplinary Case Review — 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 18
Elder Abuse Prevention — 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 23
Program Directors Meeting — 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 25
Board of Directors — 12:00 noon

Faith in Action Volunteers

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Volunteer!



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Discover the benefits of volunteering!

Studies show that volunteers are healthier and have more stamina. Volunteering may even help you lower cholesterol and reduce stress.

And, not only will YOU benefit but you can make others feel good by offering a smile and a helping hand, something we all need now and then.

Faith in Action Volunteers

offers a variety of opportunities for those who want to help senior citizens remain active and independent.

As a volunteer, you can decide when, where, and how you would like to give your time to older adults in Broome County.

Faith in Action Volunteers...a nonprofit network of volunteers helping adults 60 and over maintain quality of life and independence.

607.724.9130 ext. 312
<http://broomecouncil.net>

Sarah Jane Johnson UMC

308 Main Street, Johnson City, NY—797-3938

A Need for Wheelchairs

Sarah Jane Johnson UMC has a

Medical Lending Closet

(walkers, canes, crutches, bed side commodes)



The Medical Lending Closet is continually getting requests for wheelchairs. They are a rare commodity!

If you have a wheelchair that is no longer needed and would like to donate it for the use of others it would find a useful home in our closet. Walkers with seats are always welcome as well.

If you can help out contact: Sarah Jane Johnson UMC at 607.797.3938 (M-F 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) and mention the Medical Lending Closet.



**Let our New Year's resolution be this:
We will be there for one another
as fellow members of humanity,
in the finest sense of the word.**

—Goran Persson

Happy New Year!

CHOW® Needs

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(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.)

Sophia Center for Spirituality

First Congregational Church, 30 Main St, Binghamton, NY — 607.644.0736

The Sophia Center for Spirituality presents

Deeper Than the Skin — Building Bridges With Music

a concert with
**Reggie Harris
& Greg Greenway**



Friday, January 26 — 7:00 p.m.
in the sanctuary of First Congregational Church

Suggested donation: \$20 (\$15 students)

For more information,
contact the center at (607) 644-0736.

“What do you need in the New Year?
You need a dream;
your dream needs an action;
and your action needs right thinking!
Without right thinking, you can have only unrealized dreams!”
— Mehmet Murat ildan

Trinity Memorial Church

44 Main Street, Binghamton — email - trinity@trinitymemorial.org - p:607.723.3593



All Organ Concert “Winter Blast”

Friday, January 5 — 7:30 p.m.

Organist-Choirmaster, Timothy E. Smith, will perform an all-organ concert entitled *WINTER BLAST*. Tim has just completed a refurbishment and expansion of our Casavant Pipe Organ and will be showcasing our new instrument. This program is part of our First Friday concert series and is open all.



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The Trinity Choir and
Trinity Ringers present
*Lessons and Carols
for Epiphany*



Sunday, January 7 — 4:00 p.m.

Come hear the Gospel Story (the Good News!) told in scripture and song as it unfolds to us in the nativity of our Lord and the going forth of the Magi. The program is free and open to all.

These concerts are held in the church Sanctuary.
There is plenty of parking located behind the church on Oak Street
and the church is handicapped accessible.

Father Glenn Mahaffey is our Parish Priest.

Need more information? Contact: Rayleen Kie, Assistant for Outreach and Pastoral Care at caring.tmc@gmail.com or you may call at 607.677.5085 (cell).

The Dr. Garabed A. Fattal Community Free Clinic

225 Front Street, Binghamton — 607.778.3938 or 607.772.3519

The Dr. Garabed A. Fattal Community Free Clinic
is **OPEN** — **Thursdays 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Primary Health Care:
Exams, Medications, Labs, X-rays and Referrals
Health Insurance Information and Assistance
Services available to uninsured adults at no cost.
No appointment necessary!

Southern Tier American Red Cross

Know a Hero?

The Southern Tier American Red Cross needs your help in finding local heroes for its 9th Annual Real Heroes Breakfast in May 2018. This event honors those who have in the past year exhibited extraordinary courage to save the life of another.

There are 12 Hero Categories: Blood Donor, Good Samaritan (Adult and Youth), Good Neighbor, Education, Lifeline, Fire Rescue, Workplace Safety, Law Enforcement, Medical, Military and Animal Rescue (for an animal that helped to save a life).

For more information or to receive a nomination form, email Susie.Chadwick@RedCross.org or call 607.785.7207.

Submission deadline is February 16, 2018.
Thanks!!!

BlueRock Solar Farm

New Community Solar Farm Opening in Our Area

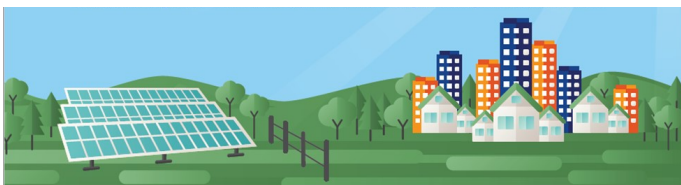
What is Community Solar?

Local, centrally located large solar energy system near you serving many households. Anyone paying a NYSEG electric bill, including renters, can enroll.

What are the details of the Community Solar project?

This project is located in Ithaca, NY. It is under construction and is anticipated to be complete in December 2017, with customers able to begin subscription and savings in early 2018.

For more information on how to subscribe go to: <http://info.bluerockenergy.com/solarfarm>



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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 30

(and the last Tuesday of every month)

doors open 5:00 p.m. — meal served 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call 607.222.5616.

Veterans of Modern Warfare

Local VMW (Veterans of Modern Warfare) Meeting

Saturday, January 6 — 11:00 a.m.

(and the first Saturday of every month)

at *The Church Commons Community Center* (in the 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 6th!

Hospital Ministry — We are there when you need us



Hospital stays are hard on the patients and their families. There is spiritual help available from the chaplains that serve in the hospital ministry. If you, or a loved one are admitted to Wilson Hospital, let admissions

know what church you attend and if you would like a visit from the Chaplain Services. They are there for your spiritual support in your time of need.

May the peace the Wise Men found
live in all of you this Christmas season.

Your hospital team

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- 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”

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.

Deadline for the February 2018 issue
4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 11
Announcements must be for February or later.

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