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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  
March 2015 issue of  
Connecting Congregations:**

**12:00 noon on Monday, February 16**

**Please make certain the announcements are for the  
month of March 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.

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# Connecting Congregations

## BC3 Calendar of Events

www.broomecouncil.net for updated calendar

**Monday, February 2**  
Peace with Justice — 12:00 noon

**Wednesday, February 4**  
Staff Meeting — 2:30 p.m.

**Thursday, February 5**  
FIAV Advisory — 12:00 noon

**Thursday, February 12**  
CRDC Committee — 12:00 noon

**Thursday, February 19**  
LOC Signature Committee — 8:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, February 24**  
Program Directors — 8:30 a.m.  
FIA Orientation — 12:00 noon

**Thursday, February 26**  
Executive Committee — 12:00 noon

## Looking For Local Heros - Do You Know One?



### Know a Hero?



The Southern Tier American Red Cross  
needs your help in finding local heroes for its 6<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Real Heroes Breakfast in May.

This event honors those who have, within the past  
year, exhibited extraordinary courage to save the  
life of another.

There are 11 Hero Categories:

- Good Samaritan
- Good Neighbor
- Youth
- Educator
- Lifeline/ 9-1-1
- Fire Rescue
- Workplace/Industrial Safety
- Law Enforcement
- Medical
- Military
- 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](mailto:Susie.Chadwick@RedCross.org) or call  
607-785-7207.

Submission deadline is Friday, February 20, 2015.  
Thanks!!!

## Temple Concord

9 Riverside Drive, Binghamton -- 723-7355 -- [templeconcord@stny.rr.com](mailto:templeconcord@stny.rr.com)

### Concert featuring Folk Music performed by Les “Doc” Rachlin

at the Kilmer Mansion, Temple Concord,  
Saturday, February 7 -- 7:00 p.m.

Les started his folk singing career in the early seventies play-  
ing the coffee houses and taverns of Reading, Pa. Eventually  
his music led him to open-air country concerts and folk ven-  
ues throughout Pennsylvania. He was lucky enough to do  
openers for such artists as Johnny Cash, Conway Twitty and  
Loretta Lynn. But as happens to so many young talents, the  
musical road became a bit foggy and he lost his way, spend-  
ing seven errant years studying medicine... and twenty more  
years practicing in upstate New York. Luckily, through the  
urging of his wife and children, the troubadour rediscovered  
his path and picked up his guitar again in 2001. Now Les's  
performances are a mixture of traditional songs and works of  
the great singer songwriters, as well as a tale or two about the  
songs he sings.

**The concert will feature a wide selection of folk music  
including “Puff the Magic Dragon”.**

Cost of admission is \$15 adults and \$5 student.

Refreshments will be served.

## Windsor United Methodist Church

56 Chapel St. Windsor, NY 13865

### Dessert and Entertainment

In their Thirty-Fourth Year,  
**The Windsor United Methodist Players**  
will present three evenings of dessert and entertainment!

Friday, February 6 -- 7:00 p.m. == dessert show: \$16  
Saturday, February 7 -- 7:00 p.m. == dessert show: \$16  
Sunday, February 8 -- 2:30 p.m. ==matinee dessert show \$16

By Brian D. Taylor/Music By Bill Francoeur - Lyrics By Scott  
De Turk - Additional Lyrics By Bill Francoeur

Starring:  
Princess Whatsername, Snow White, Rapunzel, Cinderella,  
Goldilocks, The Three Bears, Hansel & Gretel - The Dwarfs  
(Like you have never seen before)

And many, many more of your beloved Fairytale Characters  
56 Chapel St. Windsor NY, 13865  
Tickets: 467-2621



### Suffering from Cabin Fever?

**Check out the above activities!**



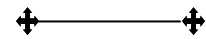


## Save the Date

### Mid Week Lenten Services

Wednesdays -- 12:00 noon  
at Holy Nativity Lutheran Church

See flyer insert



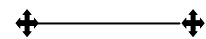
### 'Living Stations Of The Cross.'

Presented by

the Youth Ministry of Saint Margaret-Mary's in Apalachin

Friday, March 27 -- 7:00 p.m.

Full announcement in March's Connecting Congregation



### Commemoration: the centennial of THOMAS MERTON

PROPHET, POET, & SPIRITUAL TEACHER

Saturday, March 21 -- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For more information, visit

[thesophiacenterforspirituality.org/Upcoming\\_Events.html](http://thesophiacenterforspirituality.org/Upcoming_Events.html)

## Hospital Ministry -- From Your Hospital Chaplain

Hospitalization can be a spiritually as well as physically draining experience for the patient and their loved ones. The hospital ministry is there to provide spiritual care for those in need.

If you are going into an area hospital, please let your Pastor know; and at the hospital make sure your nurse tells the Chaplain what faith group you belong to.

## 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.

## Fundraiser in support of CHOW and the SOS shelter

### A two day fundraiser to help CHOW and the SOS Shelter

Saturday & Sunday -- February 7th & 8th  
At the Belmar Pub, 95 Main St., Binghamton

7th = Chowder Cook-Off

8th = Potato Eating Contest followed by a Chili Cook-Off

There will be live music.

**All welcome!**

**No cover.**

**Donations encouraged.**

Please contact Ed Hickey or Jennifer Fiala  
for entry rules and forms!!

Ed Hickey [thebelmarpub@gmail.com](mailto:thebelmarpub@gmail.com) (607)724-5920

Jennifer Fiala [Sjenny@aol.com](mailto:Sjenny@aol.com) (607)372-5849

## Veterans of Modern Warfare

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

Saturday, February 7 -- 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 February 7th!**

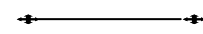
## The Bridge Community Center

143 Baldwin St., Johnson City

### February is Heart Health Awareness Month

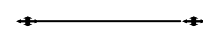
Tuesday, February 10 -- 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
at The Bridge to learn how to love your heart.

The American Heart Association will have information on heart disease and stroke and free gift giveaways. A light healthy dinner will be provided. And don't forget to wear red the first Friday in February to show your support for hearty hearts!



### Superbowl Party at The Bridge

Sunday, February 1 -- 6:00 p.m.



### Adult Prom

Friday, February 6 -- 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

You can send your song requests and RSVP to Melody Buehler: 607-348-6161.

Feel free to spread the word!

These events are posted on our Facebook page, too.

## Its All About Shoes -- "Gently Used Shoes" Drives

Do you remember the first pair of really fine shoes you ever got? Or how about the most recent purchase of "I have to have them" shoes? How you kept looking down and holding your foot out to admire them? How your steps were different because of those shoes?

There are people in this world who do not and may have never owned a pair of shoes. Give generously of your gently used shoes and know that they may mean a lot to someone.

In the United States alone, approximately 630 million pairs of shoes are thrown away each year. By donating your gently worn used and new shoes, your shoes are given a second chance to make a difference.

## Union Center United Methodist Church

128 Maple Drive, Endicott -- 748-6329

### Shoe Drives

to collect used shoes to be sent to developing nations.  
Saturday, February 7 & Saturday, March 7  
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 less fortunate.

Contact Deborah Eckhardt: 772-2472

Or the church: 748-6329.

## Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church

918 Upper Front Street, Binghamton -- across from SUNY Broome

### Nimmonsburg UMC Hosts Fundraising Shoe Drive

Thursday, January 15 through Wednesday, April 1

The public is invited to participate in a **Shoe Collection Drive** to raise funds for Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church.

Donation of gently-worn used and new shoes will be accepted.

All donated shoes will be redistributed to microenterprise partners through Funds2Orgs (a for-profit social enterprise), and used in developing nations for impoverished people to start their own businesses.

Shoes can be dropped off at Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church located at 918 Upper Front Street, Binghamton (across from SUNY-Broome) during the week from Tuesday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 1:00 pm, or you can call the Church at (607) 724-5421 if you need shoes to be picked up.

For additional information, please contact the Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church at (607) 724-5421, or e-mail at [office@nimmonsburgUMC.org](mailto:office@nimmonsburgUMC.org).

## Tabernacle United Methodist Church

83 Main St, Binghamton

### CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Saturday, February 7 -- 7:00 p.m.

Tabernacle UMC, in partnership with "I'm Dope Without Dope", will host a vigil for those we have lost physically and emotionally to drug addiction this past year.

The vigil bears witness to our community that we are all one in God and each life is sacred.

We welcome **everyone** to join us and share faith, prayers and love with those who are grieving such loss.

## 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.

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

[www.samaritanendicott.com](http://www.samaritanendicott.com)

*Spiritually Sensitive Counseling Services for Individuals of all ages, Couples, Families & Groups*

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