

Council Calendar of Events

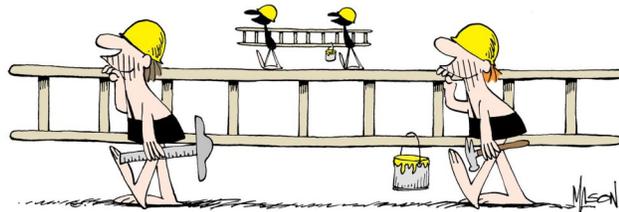
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- Monday, February 1**
Peace with Justice — 12:00 noon
- Wednesday, February 3**
Staff Meeting — 2:30 p.m.
- Thursday, February 4**
FIAV Advisory Meeting — 12:00 noon
Yoga — 12:00 noon
- Thursday, February 11**
Yoga — 12:00 noon
- Friday, February 12**
LOC Keynote Speaker Committee
12:00 noon
- Monday, February 15**
Bible Study
- Tuesday, February 16**
Strategic Planning — 8:45 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 17**
Multidisciplinary Case Review Team
8:30 a.m.
- Thursday, February 18**
LOC Signature Committee — 8:00 a.m.
Yoga — 12:00 noon
- Tuesday, February 23**
Program Directors — 8:30 a.m.
FIAV Orientation — 12:00 noon
- Thursday, February 25**
Executive Committee — 12:00 noon
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 sspencer@broomecouncil.net

!Check out our new, short RAMP IT UP video!

The link to the video is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aggRAsH4dDo>

Check out accompanying flyer!

Lenten Activities

Trinity Memorial Church

44 Main Street, Binghamton, NY

Lenten Music Series

You are welcome to join us!

Sundays at 7 p.m. in Lent

- ◆ February 14 – Evensong, The Trinity Women
- ◆ February 21 – Timothy E. Smith, organ
- ◆ February 28 – Evensong, The Trinity Men
- ◆ March 6 – Early On
- ◆ March 13 – Evensong, The Trinity Choir
Music of Purcell



Ascension Lutheran Church

324 Clinton Street, Binghamton — 607.797.5914

Soup & Ashes

Wednesday, February 10
5:30 p.m.

Join us for a bowl of homemade soup and bread followed by a short service including the Imposition of Ashes.



(plenty of parking available)



Boulevard United Methodist Church

113 Grand Boulevard, Binghamton, NY — 797.5675

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

Saturday, February 20
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$8 Seniors (65+): \$7 Children: \$5

Proceeds to benefit
the Saturday Night Alive community dinners
Take out is available



Save the Dates

The annual National Volunteer Week Volunteer Management Conference and Recognition Reception

Wednesday, April 13 — 12:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

at the DoubleTree By Hilton Binghamton

For more information, please contact Joni Kaiser at:
607.240.2016 or at: jkaiser@uwbroome.org.

St. Patrick's

9 Leroy Street, Binghamton, NY



2016 St. Patrick's Day 4-mile road race

Saturday, March 12 — 10:00 a.m.

CHOW and the Food Bank of the Southern Tier have been selected to receive the net proceeds from this year's race. It is recognized that these organizations provide great services to our communities and we hope that these funds can be used to help them continue their missions.

The race is being held at St. Patrick's church in Binghamton. If you are in the area on race day, it might be great if you could attend the post race event in the gym.

Below is the link runners can use to register for the race. <http://fasttracktiming.com/races/03122016-st-patricks-4-mile-road-race-binghamton-ny/>

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.)

Faith in Action Volunteers

Social Connections for Senior Men

We are looking to start a Social Connections for Senior Men and are looking for potential group leaders in Broome County.

Social Connections for Senior Men will promote friendship and social connections among its members. Members will meet regularly in small formal groups to share ideas and experiences, creating a supportive environment, companionship and a bonded community.

Groups offer weekly meetings, friendship, laughter, community and support. The group will design a program that meets the interests and needs of its members. Come and share experiences and cultivate friendships as well as learn about topics of special interest to men.

For more information call Sue at 724.9130 ext. 304.

Social Connections for Senior Men

Sponsored by: *Faith in Action* Volunteers, a program of the Broome County Council of Churches

*When you affirm big, believe big and pray big,
putting faith into action, big things happen."*

~Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

Jail Ministry

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

In addressing these needs 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.

If you or your congregation are interested in this program, please contact:

Rev. Cris H. Mogenson, Coordinating Chaplain
Office of the Sheriff

155 Lt. Van Winkle Dr.

Binghamton, NY 13905

607-778-6518

bcjchaplain@juno.com or cmogenson@co.broome.ny.us

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, February 23
(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 222.5616.

United Presbyterian Church

42 Chenango Street, Binghamton, NY

Grief Support Program

Saturday, February 20 & March 12 — 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Hosted by the Congregational Care Team
The Labyrinthine Path: Living; Loving; Loss; and
Leaning Forward
— A Gentle Exploration of Grief

As human beings, none of us escapes the upheavals of change, loss, and transition in all of their myriad forms. Whether we have experienced the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, a broken relationship through betrayal or divorce, letting go of a beloved companion animal, geographical relocation, the empty nest, or any other life change, navigating our lives during such times poses profound challenges as well as opportunities for growth. In this Lenten series, we will acknowledge that grief is a natural part of life's labyrinthine path.

Using gentle reflective and creative tools, participants will have an opportunity to explore beliefs about grief and will gain insight into ways that their innate creativity and resiliency offer a pathway to lean forward wholeheartedly after change, loss and transition.

Yvonne Lucia, RN, MDiv is experienced and passionate about the transformational potential of every person's inborn creativity across the spectrum of living, loving, experiencing loss, and leaning forward wholeheartedly.

Confirm your attendance by e-mailing or calling the office: office@upcbgm.org or call 607.722.4219.

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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.

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 HLAA. 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.

Retrouvaille Program

Are You Hurting in Your Marriage?

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving, or uncaring; if your relationship has grown cold and distant; if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced but want to try again, then the Retrouvaille Program can help you.

The Southern Tier of NY and the Scranton area are sponsoring a marriage weekend from February 26 to February 28 in Clarks Summit.

For more information call 1.800.470.2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.com You are not alone.

Berean Bible Church

109 County Road 2, Greene, NY

Iron Sharpens Iron

Saturday, February 6 — 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Iron Sharpens Iron is a Conference Network made up of individual ministries that are working interdependently to most effectively offer local church resources for men. We are doing this by mobilizing ministries to resource local churches with a first class one-day equipping conference that is designed for men (age 13 and older).

Iron Sharpens Iron Website - ironsharpensiron.net

Please join us for an informational meeting to bring Iron Sharpens Iron to the Broome County area.

Veterans of Modern Warfare

Local VMW (Veterans of Modern Warfare) Meeting

Saturday, February 6 — 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 February 6th!



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Connecting Congregations — February 2016

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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 March 2016 issue
4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 12
announcements must be for March or later.

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