

Council Calendar of Events

Wednesday, January 31
CHOW® Quarterly Agency Mtg. — 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 1
CHOW® Quarterly Agency Mtg. — 5:00 p.m.

Monday, February 5
Peace with Justice — 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7
Staff Meeting — 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 15
LOC Signature Committee — 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 17
FIAV Volunteer Brunch — 9:00 a.m.

Monday, February 19
Bible Study — 10:00 a.m.
Girl Scouts..CHOW Warehouse — 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 21
Multidisciplinary Case Review — 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 22
Executive Committee — 12:00 noon

Tuesday, February 27
Program Directors Meeting — 8:30 a.m.

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.

Interested in volunteering?
Call 607.724.9130 ext. 312

broomecouncil.net for updated calendar

The Volunteer Spotlight is on

Paul Michaletz, Serafina Brink-Andres and Nick Jones-Martell

Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.



Do not know if our Volunteers of the Month have college degrees, make their subjects and verbs agree or know the second theory of thermodynamics. What we do know is that they have hearts full of grace and souls generated by love.

These three volunteers are made of something very special. They are always early, always willing to stay late and are a pleasure to work with!! They make working in the very cold warehouse feel warm and welcoming.

Ever so many thanks for making the world a better place to share.

Save the Date



Springtime Craft Show

Saturday, March 24 — 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Held at Binghamton University
More Information — In flyer — next month

Children of Abraham

Interfaith Conversations Series (Resuming)



Sunday, January 28 — 2:00p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Unitarian Universalist Congregation
183 Riverside Drive in Binghamton (607.729.1641)

Trinity Memorial Church

44 Main Street, Binghamton, NY — www.trinity@trinitymemorial.org - p- 607.723.3593

Candlechant — Sung by the Women of the Trinity Choir Friday, February 2 — 7:30 p.m.

This brief service (30 mins.) includes scripture sung to medieval chant and motets done in candle light. The sound of handbells and organ improvisation frame this peaceful close to the day.



Choral Evensong for the Feast of the Transfiguration The Trinity Choir

Sunday, February 11 — at 4:00 p.m.
Composers include:

Mathias, Ayleward, Farrant, Martin and Purcell.



Forum Series — focuses on *Race and the Church* (Adult Studies)

The Forum Series is held in the Common Room from 11:30 a.m.-12:30p.m. Sunday mornings.

Feb. 4 — Dr. Anne Bailey — Professor at Binghamton University in History and Africana Studies will speak.

Feb. 11 — Dr. Phyllis Amenda will talk on the Episcopal Church and the Civil Rights Movement

Feb. 18 — “On Many Sides” — Brenda James, singer and speaker will offer a program of poetry and dance.

United Way of Broome County



Volunteer Conference And Recognition Reception

Conference

Tuesday, April 17 — 1:00-5:00 p.m.

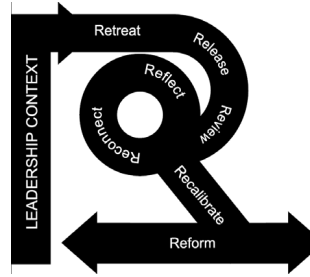
Reception

5:00-6:45 p.m.

United Way
of Broome County

Come learn about using social media and your website to recruit volunteers, legal issues when working with volunteers and much more.

For more information, email jkaiser@uiwbroome.org.



Strengthened in Sanctuary:
Enhancing Leadership
through the Family System

Join us as we help clergy realize increased leadership effectiveness and spiritual well-being through spiritual practice and family systems theory.

The 7Rs of Sanctuary program are a demonstrated method that increases leadership effectiveness and spiritual well-being by encouraging leaders to take time apart from their leadership context in order to engage in reflective spiritual practices.

The Strengthened in Sanctuary program builds upon the 7Rs of Sanctuary, helping us to understand how one's family of origin impacts leadership.

Our leadership foundation is derived from the learning, stories, and experiences of one's family of origin. As we understand that formation, we realize the potential of strengthening our leadership not only by applying what we learn through reflection and discernment, but also by reclaiming who we are as individuals who have been shaped by our families of origin.

In this program, you will **retreat** from your leadership context, to **release** the anxieties of leadership in order to mindfully **review** the tasks of your work and **reconnect** with your call. As you **reconnect**, you will remember the stories and lessons learned from parents and significant others, integrating the **reflection** so that through **recalibrating**, you can access and reclaim who you are as a leader. This positions you to **reform**, to realize that fully developed sense of knowing and being as a means to further enhance your leadership.

For more information
and to apply
see the enclosed flyer.

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.)

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!

Sarah's Laughter — Infertility & Loss Support Group



**Sarah's Laughter
Infertility & Loss Support Group**
1st Thursday of each month
—7:00 p.m.—

Walking through infertility,
miscarriage, and stillbirth is never

easy. It's even harder when you feel alone. The good news
is you don't have to feel alone any more.

Join us on February 1st at:

Owego Nazarene Church
3732 Waverly Rd., Owego, NY

Please contact Laura Nase at owegony@sarahs-laughter.com
for more information on this support group.



Boulevard United Methodist Church

113 Grand Boulevard, Binghamton, NY — 797.5675

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

Saturday, February 17
4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Takeout available.

Price \$8 Adults, \$7 Seniors, \$5 Children.



Sarah Jane Johnson UMC

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



A Need for Wheelchairs & Men's and Children's Clothes

Sarah Jane Johnson UMC has a
Medical Lending Closet

(walkers, canes, crutches, commodes)

and a **Clothes Closet**



If you have a wheelchair that is no longer needed and
would like to donate it to our **Medical Lending Closet** for
the use of others, it will get used. Walkers with seats are
always welcome as well. The **Clothes Closet** is in need of
men's and children's clothes. **NO** women's clothes please.
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 or the Clothes Closet.

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 27

(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, February 3 — 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 February 3rd!

Hospital Ministry — We are there when you need us



PASTORS and congregants.

Please tell your nurse at Wilson
and Binghamton General what
religion you are and ask the
information to be passed on to
the Chaplain's office. **PASTORS**
always know you are welcomed

at our offices. All are welcomed to pray in the chapels at
the hospitals. They are located on the 1st floor at BGH
and the 4th floor at Wilson

May the peace and calm of your faith
follow you all of this coming year.

Your hospital team

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607.724.9130

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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”

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 2018 issue
4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 8
Announcements must be for March or later.**

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