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BC3 Calendar of Events

www.broomecouncil.net for updated calendar

Monday, March 2
FIAV Orientation — 12:00 noon
Peace with Justice — 12:00 noon

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

Thursday, March 5
September Exercise Meeting — 12:00 noon

Friday, March 6
Dining for Dollars Committee -- 12:00 noon

Wednesday, March 18
Food Coalition — 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 24
Program Directors — 8:30 a.m.
FIAV Orientation — 12:00 noon

Thursday, March 26
Board of Directors — 12:00 noon

"It's Not Just Jenna" & "Preventing Child Sexual Abuse"



"It's Not Just Jenna: A True Story of Child Sexual Abuse and Survival" and "Preventing Child Sexual Abuse: A Learning and Discussion Guide"

"It's Not Just Jenna" is an 18-minute video co-produced by Massachusetts Citizens for Children and Alvid Productions to educate middle and high school youth, their parents and other youth-serving professionals. The accompanying 30-slide "Learning and Discussion Guide" PowerPoint promotes and facilitates post-viewing discussion about the lessons Jenna's story teaches us about child sexual abuse and how to prevent it. The faith-community version also includes comments from Jenna's parents about the role their faith played in addressing the issue.

The learning goal of this video and discussion is to educate participants about:

- Behavior signs to be aware of in adults that might indicate they pose a risk to children and teens
- Ways sexual abusers "groom" or establish trust with potential victims and their families
- Behavior signs to look for in children or teens that may indicate they are being or have been sexually abused
- Reasons that make it difficult for victims of child sexual abuse to tell
- How to respond if we see behavior signs in an adult that indicate they might pose a risk to children and teens
- How to respond if we see behavior signs in a child or teen that raises concerns they may have been or are being sexually abused

To schedule a presentation by a certified instructor, please contact Meghan Whalen at the Crime Victims Assistance Center, Inc., at 607-723-3200 or via email at Meghan@cvac.us. Contact can also be made with Janette Cyganovich at the Broome County Family Violence Prevention Council at 607-778-2153 or ibrush@co.broome.ny.us.

For more information about the Enough Abuse campaign itself (and its endorsement by the Center for Disease Control), please visit www.cvac.us, www.gobroomecounty.com, or www.enoughabuse.org. Please consider an audience of youth workers, Sunday school teachers, and/or interested parents.

"Connecting compassion with needs; inspiring growth with dignity"

Please post this newsletter or pass it on to members of your congregation.

Secure donations can be made online at www.broomecouncil.net

To submit items or to receive Connecting Congregations, contact Keating Wilson:

E-mail: kwilson@broomecouncil.net
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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Due date to submit items for the
April 2015 issue of
Connecting Congregations:

12:00 noon on Monday, March 16

Please make certain the announcements are for the
month of April 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

The items in this publication are provided as a service to the event organizers.

The Broome County Council of Churches is not responsible for the actual content of the activities nor do these notices necessarily reflect the opinions of the Broome County Council of Churches.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation -- Eco Forum

183 Riverside Drive, Binghamton, NY -- 607.729.1641

GETTING TO NET ZERO: No More Dinosaurs Required

Sunday, March 8 — 12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Fireside Room
Dr. Gay Canough, ETM Solar Works
& Joseph Keyes, Heat Tek

We have so many new energy technologies that it is now very possible and maybe even easy to stop using fossil fuel. The beauty of many of these technologies is that the individual building owner can do them incrementally and affordably. Many of us are familiar with the ideas of energy efficient lighting and powering electric loads with solar. But what about heating and transportation? Yes, there are ways - some of them not even new technology, but just implementation. As for heating, there is brand new technology that will enable powering heating loads with solar electricity.

- ♦ Air-source heat pumps (a way to heat with a reasonable amount of electricity).
- ♦ Electric vehicles...do the math: it costs less than half to charge your Chevy Volt than it does to buy gas!
- ♦ Check out how much bicycle commuting goes on in Holland. Why not here? Talk about gas savings (and fitness as a bonus).
- ♦ Could a central wood pellet furnace work for you?
- ♦ How to slay those vampire loads
- ♦ How to build a zero-net-energy house
- ♦ How to get a free energy audit from NYSERDA
- ♦ How to add insulation to your walls without ripping them up (and it's pretty too).



Save the Date

Lives of Commitment Awards Breakfast



Thursday, May 7 — 7:15 a.m.
Doubletree by Hilton Binghamton



Job opening at the Broome County Council of Churches

Immediate opening Receptionist/Finance Assistant

25 hour/ week position — Salary \$9 - \$10/hour. Duties include those standard for a reception/office assistant (handling phones, visitors, correspondence, ordering office supplies, keeping the area neat and orderly, etc.) as well as tasks common for a financial assistant (accounts payable, credit card processing, etc.) This position will be supervised by the Director of Finance and Human Resources.

Go to our website for the full description of the job: <http://broomecouncil.net/about-the-council/job-openings/>

Exercise equipment needed

We are looking for exercise equipment donations: treadmill, stationary bike, rowing machine etc. You can use the donation as a tax write off. If you have something you might like to donate, contact Christina Fedorick at 607.724.9130 ext 308.

First United Methodist Church -- New Milford, PA

Organist needed

The First United Methodist Church in New Milford, PA is currently advertising for a part-time organist position. For more information, please contact the church office at 570.465.3500.

CHOW Needs

CHOW

(Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse)

Instant Potatoes, Soup, Canned Pasta, Canned Meats, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Juice, Mac and Cheese, Canned Fruit, Cold and Hot Cereal

HOPE

(Help Out People in Emergencies)

!! DIAPERS !! ANY SIZE !!

Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Brushes, Deodorant or BO Juice, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Hand Cream, Chap-Stick, Shaving Cream, Razors for Men and Women, Tissues.

(anything that is used for personal hygiene)
(Unopened items only, please.)

Community Baptist Church

743 Chenango St, Port Dickinson — 607.723.1332



Rummage and Bake Sales

Saturday, March 14 — 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Bag sale at 12:00 noon
handicap accessible



The Bridge Community Center

143 Baldwin St., Johnson City



Youth Art Night

Thursday, March 26 — 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Spend time as a family learning the benefits of art therapy and the wonderful things you can use to make art that are right in your home. A light and healthy dinner will be served.

Our Savior Lutheran Church

731 Hooper Rd, Endwell, NY—607.748.3683

One Light Still Shines Presented by Marie Monville

My Life Beyond the Shadow of the Amish
Schoolhouse Shooting
Saturday, March 28 — 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
\$25 admission includes luncheon
Don't miss this special event! Register today!
For more information visit www.oslcevent.com

Veterans of Modern Warfare

Local VMW (Veterans of Modern Warfare) Meeting

Saturday, March 7 — 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. All Vets are welcome ... especially those from Desert Storm and subsequent conflicts. Call Bill Reynolds @ 607.644.5690 with questions/comments.
See YOU on March 7th!

United Way of Broome County

Upcoming Volunteer Conference & Recognition Reception

Thursday, April 16
Conference — 1:00 p.m. - 4:35 p.m.
Reception — 4:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

United Way of Broome County will again be hosting a Volunteer Engagement Training Conference and Volunteer Recognition Reception at the Doubletree By Hilton in downtown Binghamton.

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

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

30 Main Street Binghamton -- 607-723-8981

THE SOPHIA CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY is proud to host A commemoration of the centennial of THOMAS MERTON Prophet, Poet & Spiritual Teacher

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

Featuring Sr. Mary Donald Corcoran, OSB
& Rev. Dr. Arthur Suggs

\$30 / \$20 students (scholarships available)

For more information, visit
thesophiacenterforspirituality.org/Upcoming_Events.html

Union Center United Methodist Church

128 Maple Drive, Endicott — 607.748.6329

Shoe Drive

to collect used shoes to be sent to developing nations.
Saturday, March 7
12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.

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 — 607.724.5421

Nimmonsburg UMC Hosts Fundraising Shoe Drive

Thursday, January 15 through Wednesday, April 1
Tuesdays through Fridays -- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

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.

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.

Help Needed!

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 HLA. Lynn Finch, 843 St Rte 369, Port Crane, 13833, or 607.648.4533, or lfin@citlink.net
A copy of the compiled list will be available.

Reaching Owego for Jesus & the Church of Greater Owego

Will Be Hosting

"Living Stations of the Cross"

This Christian production is a powerful depiction of the journey that Jesus took on Good Friday, from the Antonia Fortress to Calvary. He knew all too well what the Roman cross at Calvary Hill held for Him, and yet His love for each one of us led Him and encouraged Him in every step He took.

For more information, contact either Pastor Terry Steenburg at (607) 232-0244, Pastor Brian Scanlon at (607) 972-4383, or Pastor Bill Prentice at (607) 759-4975.

Living Stations of the Cross performance schedule — Fridays
March 6 7:00 p.m. Lourdes Hospital, Binghamton, N.Y.
March 13 7:00 p.m. Hilltop Retirement, Johnson City, N.Y.
March 20 7:00 p.m. St. James, Waverly, N.Y.
March 27 7:00 p.m. Owego Middle School, Owego, N.Y.
April 3 7:30 p.m. St Margaret Mary's, Apalachin, N.Y.

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?
- Is your weight problem due to "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 or call 607-595-7381 for more information. FA meets locally:

Mondays & Thursdays — 7:00 p.m.

Wilson Hospital, Johnson City
Picciano Building, 4th 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

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