

Council Calendar of Events

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

Monday, March 7
Peace with Justice — 12:00 noon

Tuesday, March 8
Dining for Dollars Committee
12:00 noon

Wednesday, March 16
Multidisciplinary Case Review Team
8:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 17
Board of Directors — 12:00 noon

Monday, March 21
Bible Study Group — 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 22
Program Directors — 8:30 a.m.
FIAV Orientation — 12:00 noon

Friday, March 25
CLOSED
Good Friday

Jail Ministry — Reentry Program

Lunch & Learn Coaching Ministry

The Broome County Re-entry Program and the Cornerstone Faith Group have partnered to slow the rate at which an individual returns to prison. Over the past three years we have seen amazing success when a returning citizen is partnered with a fully trained Prison Re-entry Coach. The goal of the Coaching Program is to give individuals returning from a NYS correctional facility the opportunity to make different choices leading to a productive life, “incarceration-free,” in our community.

Do you think you would like to have a positive influence on another life?

If you are interested in learning more about what it would take to become a part of the most successful Re-entry Coaching Program in NYS, please join us for a one hour Lunch & Learn.

WHERE: Tabernacle United Methodist Church. 83 Main St, Binghamton, NY 13905

WHEN: Tuesday, April 26 — 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.
OR Tuesday, April 26 — 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

We are offering two identical educational events to accommodate those that have a 30 minute lunch.

Kindly RSVP for either event.

We want to ensure an accurate amount of food is ordered. Please call and reserve your space today.

Jeffrey Pryor, Broome County Re-entry Coordinator
607.743.1790 or 607.778.1364

broomecouncil.net for updated calendar

Trinity Memorial Church

44 Main Street, Binghamton, NY

Lenten Music Series

You are welcome to join us!
Sundays at 7:00 p.m. in Lent



February 28 — CHORAL EVENSONG
The Men of The Trinity Choir

March 6 — A CHAMBER CONCERT “Early On”
Music for recorder, guitar, cello, organ & soprano soloist — Barbara Kaufman, Paul Sweeny, Stephen Stalker, Timothy Smith & Christina Salasny

March 13 — CHORAL EVENSONG The Trinity Choir
Music by Henry Purcell

Vestal Center United Methodist Church

478 West Hill Road, Vestal, NY

Our little country church had a ‘mini’-Canstruction® for ‘souper bowl’ Sunday.

I would like to put this out for everyone to see.

My grandson suggested collecting 150 cans, we ended up with 256 cans.

I am pretty proud of our little country church.....

A church member...



“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” Dr. Martin Luther King - 1929-1968

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, March 29
(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.

Save the Date

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

Looking for Group Leaders

We are starting a

Social Connections for Senior Men

and are looking for group leaders in Broome County.

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

Leaders will be responsible for designing and implementing a program that meets the interests and needs of its group members.

If you are interested in helping men over 60 share experiences and cultivate friendships, as well as learn about topics of special interest to them, and would like more information, call Sue at 724.9130 ext. 304.

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

Hospital Ministry

Please, if you are, or know a person who has been admitted to the UHS Hospitals (General/Wilson) make sure you tell the admissions person or your nurse if you are active in a church. Over 50% of people coming in are not listed as church-related in our religious census.

Chaplain John Koopman

Jail Ministry

The Jail Ministry program is working to curb the cycle of incarceration, which often has intergenerational effects. Many re-entrant 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

607.778.6518

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

Endwell United Methodist Church

3301 Watson Boulevard, Endwell, NY 607.754.5735



Roast Beef Dinner

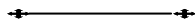
Saturday, March 5
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Menu: roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy,
green beans, cole slaw, applesauce

Adults: \$10 — Children under 12: \$5 — Under 5: Free

Served Family Style! All you can eat!
Takeout Available



Breakfast with the Bunny

Proceeds to Benefit
Vacation Bible School

Saturday, March 29 — 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Breakfast includes:

pancakes, egg casserole, juice & coffee

Adults: \$6 — Children: \$4 — Under 5: free

Pictures with the Bunny!

Crafts! Egg Hunt!



Central Baptist Church

37 S. Chenango Street, Greene, NY — 607.656.4512



Children's Easter Craft Day FREE!

Saturday, March 19
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Several 'Crafts To Make' To Choose From ...
Make As Many As Time Allows!

A Nifty Bible Story! Lunch For All Who Come!
Face Painting! Balloon Art! Prizes & Gifts!

A Free Drawing To Win A Bicycle
One For A Boy & One For A Girl!

Pastor: Rev. G. Terry Steenburg
GTSPreacher@gmail.com / 607.232.0244

Veterans of Modern Warfare

Local VMW (Veterans of Modern Warfare) Meeting

Saturday, March 5 — 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 March 5th!

Community Baptist Church

743 Chenango St, Port Dickinson—723.1332



Rummage and Bake Sales

Saturday, March 12
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bag sale at 12:00 noon

Handicap Accessible



Ross Memorial Presbyterian Church

6 Morris Street, Binghamton, NY — Southside — corner of Mitchell Ave & Morris St



Palm Sunday Service

Sunday, March 20 — 11:00 a.m.

Good Friday Service

Friday, March 25 — 12:00 noon



Easter Service

Sunday, March 27 — 11:00 a.m.

All are Welcome!

Christ the King Retreat Center

500 Brookford Road, Syracuse, NY 13224

Day of Renewal for the Separated and Divorced Saturday, March 19

Keynote Speaker: Father John Rose

Workshop topics:

- The Dating Game
- Annulment as a Healing Process
- Surviving the Climb
- Helping Our Children
- Healing Through Journaling

Liturgy

\$45 Registration includes lunch, fellowship and workshops of your choice.

Scholarships are available for all who want to come.

For more information contact: Dean Brainard
315.472.6754 ext. 5 | dbrainard@syrdio.org

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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 April 2016 issue
4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 11
announcements must be for April or later.

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via e-mail? We can provide this to you in PDF format.
Email Barbara at bcook@broomecouncil.net

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