

## Council Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, March 1**  
Staff Meeting — 2:30 p.m.

**Thursday, March 2**  
CHOW® Coordinators Meeting — 9:00 a.m.

**Friday, March 3**  
Board Orientation — 11:00 a.m.

**Monday, March 6**  
Peace with Justice — 12:00 noon

**Tuesday, March 7**  
Dining For Dollars Sponsorship — 12:00 noon

**Thursday, March 9**  
COAD — 12:00 noon

**Wednesday, March 15**  
Multidisciplinary Case Review — 8:30 a.m.

**Thursday, March 16**  
CRDC Meeting — 12:00 noon

**Monday, March 20**  
Bible Study Group — 10:00 a.m.

**Thursday, March 23**  
Alzheimer's & Dementia Workshop — 9:00 a.m.  
Board of Directors — 12:00 noon

**Tuesday, March 28**  
Program Directors Meeting — 8:30 a.m.

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## Alzheimer's Disease & Dementia Workshop

### It's time to learn the facts.

This program provides information on detection, causes, and risk factors, stages of the disease, treatment and much more. This interactive workshop features video clips of people with Alzheimer's disease and their families sharing their stories.

### Did you know:

- More than 5 Million Americans are living with Alzheimer's.
- Every 66 seconds someone in the United States develops the disease.
- Family caregivers spend more than \$5,000/year caring for someone with Alzheimer's.
- Alzheimer's Disease is the 6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States.

Please join us to learn more about this timely topic and how your church can help end Alzheimer's Disease .

**Thursday, March 23, 2017**  
**Broome County Council of Churches**  
**Rozen Room**  
**9:00 a.m.**

Please RSVP by Monday, March 20  
724-9130 ext. 304 or [sspencer@broomecouncil.net](mailto:sspencer@broomecouncil.net)

## Calling all Churches! Faith in Action Volunteers wants YOU!

According to the National Council on Aging, some of the main concerns of adults age 60 and over are...

***Maintaining good health • Giving up driving • Maintaining social ties • Remaining in their home***

For the last 20 years, *Faith in Action* Volunteers has been addressing these concerns through our various programs and services.

In 2016, our network of volunteers provided **over 3,500 hours** of time...

- Providing transportation to doctor's appointments
- Assisting with grocery shopping
- Offering friendly visits and reassurance calls
- Helping with light housekeeping and yardwork

**Humans are naturally wired to help others!** Studies have shown that volunteering...

***Gives a sense of purpose • Increases self confidence • Makes you healthier and happier***

We are currently recruiting new volunteers. We would be delighted to visit your church and tell you more about our volunteer opportunities by...

- Giving a presentation to your congregation during a church service
- Attending a group meeting to discuss ways you can serve through our program
- Setting up an informative display in your social hall

If you would like to discover what you and your church can do in partnership with *Faith in Action*, please contact Sue Spencer at 724-9130 ext. 304 or [sspencer@broomecouncil.net](mailto:sspencer@broomecouncil.net)

**We hope to hear from YOU soon!**

***Faith in Action Volunteers...***

***a nonprofit network of volunteers helping adults 60 and over maintain quality of life and independence.***

## Hello church singers! Come join in song!

**Community Choir Practice**  
**Wednesdays**  
**6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**  
 Decker 201  
 SUNY Broome campus



We meet once a week on Wednesdays. I realize some church choirs meet on Wednesday - but please come at 6:30 p.m. and stay as long as you can.

I am Jim Gleason, and I am the Minister of Music at Vestal United Methodist Church. I am also a graduate of Tri-Cities Opera and I direct the choirs at Union-Endicott High School. I have served our community through music for many years.

I will soon be directing the choir at SUNY Broome, and I would like to invite any choir member in your church choir to join us!

When I first moved to Binghamton in the 1980s, I was honored to sing the Tenor Solo work in Handel's Messiah with the BCC Choir. When I went to rehearsal, I discovered an excellent choir - made up of many talented students, and many wonderful community singers - almost 100 strong! I enjoyed talking with so many singers, and all of the community singers were members of church choirs (Tabernacle UMC, St. Anthony's Endicott, St. John's and St. Patrick's in Binghamton, First Congregational, Unitarian Universalist, West Presbyterian, Christ Church Episcopal, Vestal UMC, Sara Jane Johnson UMC - and many more). I was impressed with the dedication by so many community members.

Wouldn't it be great to return to such a group???

Randy Messing, a friend and another long-time area musician, is our accompanist.

**You don't need to audition - just come!**

We will be singing a mixture of all styles of music I am sure you will be pleased with the selections!  
 Anyone who loves singing is welcome!

Thank you ---  
 Jim Gleason

## Apalachin United Methodist Church

303 Pennsylvania Avenue, Apalachin, - 607.625.2733 ... [apalachinumc@nyc.twcbc.com](mailto:apalachinumc@nyc.twcbc.com)



### Free Clothing Closet

Monday - Thursday,  
 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

We are accepting donations of clean, gently used seasonal clothing & shoes.

## Trinity Memorial Church - March Music Events

44 Main Street, Binghamton, NY - email - [trinity@trinitymemorial.org](mailto:trinity@trinitymemorial.org)

**From Hollywood to Broadway** - Friday, March 3-7:30 p.m.  
 Tenor *Michael Calmes* and Soprano *Christina Taylor* with *Timothy Smith*, piano and organ (Free)

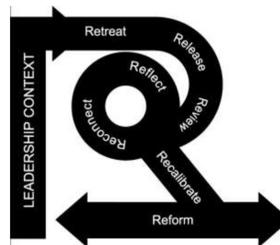
**Canzona** - Sunday, March 5-7:00 p.m.  
 Michael Calmes, tenor and Timothy Smith, organ  
*Great arias from opera and oratorio sung by one of Boston's premiere voices* (Free)

**Trinity Choir Dessert Cabaret** - Friday, March 10 -7:30 p.m.  
*Sumptuous desserts accompany an evening of great singing and fun* (Benefit, \$25)

**Candlechant** - Sunday, March 12-7:30 p.m.  
 sung by The Trinity Women  
*A half-hour of serene candlelight and a capella singing to close the day and begin the week* (Free)

**Bach Birthday Bash** - March 19-7:00 p.m.  
 featuring Brandenburg Concerto IV.  
*The Trinity Choir, Orchestra and soloists with guest organist Gregory Santa Croce* (Free)

## Strengthened in Sanctuary: Enhancing Leadership through the Family System



The Strengthened in Sanctuary program builds upon the 7Rs of Sanctuary, helping us to understand how one's family of origin impacts leadership. 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**, realize that fully developed sense of knowing and being as a means to further enhance your leadership.

This year-long program begins with a 3-day retreat in April, followed by quarterly day-long and monthly small group sessions via virtual meetings and conference calls.

For more information or to register contact:  
 Rev. Dr. Debora Jackson at [d-jackson@comcast.net](mailto:d-jackson@comcast.net)  
 or Rev. Dr. Greg Johnson at [pastorgregj@gmail.com](mailto:pastorgregj@gmail.com)

**Registration needed by March 24, 2017**

## Save the Date

### Volunteer Conference

An afternoon of workshops related to volunteer management

Wednesday, April 26 — 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Reception — 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

For more information

Email [jkaiser@uwbroome.org](mailto:jkaiser@uwbroome.org)

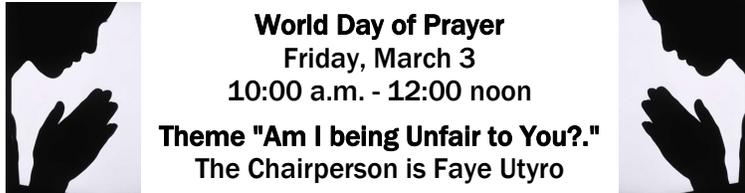
I always wondered  
why somebody  
didn't do something about "that"  
.....Then I realized I am somebody.



**Lives of Commitment  
Awards Breakfast**  
Thursday, May 4  
Starting at 7:15 a.m.  
DoubleTree by Hilton, Binghamton



## Church Women United



**World Day of Prayer**  
Friday, March 3  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
Theme "Am I being Unfair to You?"  
The Chairperson is Faye Utyro

Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church, 203 Oak Street, Binghamton

## CHOW® Needs

### CHOW®

(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.)

## Hospital Ministry — *We are there when you need us*

"Pastors, if you have parishioners who go to Wilson Hospital, have them tell admissions they are members of your church and let them know that there are pastors on call at the hospital to help ease their cares."

Chaplain John Koopman

Reminder.....the chapel at Wilson was moved to the 4th floor.

## 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 28

(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, March 4th — 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 4th !**

## Samaritan Counseling Center

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- 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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To submit items or to receive *Connecting Congregations*, contact Keating Wilson:  
E-mail: [kwilson@broomecouncil.net](mailto: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.

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**Deadline for the April 2017 issue  
4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 10  
*Announcements must be for April or later.***

**Would you like to receive *Connecting Congregations* via e-mail? We can provide this to you in PDF format. Email Barbara at [bcook@broomecouncil.net](mailto:bcook@broomecouncil.net)**

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