

Council Calendar of Events

Monday, April 3

Peace with Justice — 12:00 noon

Tuesday, April 4

Dining for Dollars — 12:00 noon

Strategic Planning — 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5

Staff Meeting — 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11

FIAV Advisory Committee — 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 12

BU painting FIAV offices — 9:00 a.m.

Friday, April 14

CLOSED

Good Friday

Monday, April 17

CLOSED

Tuesday, April 18

CHOW® & Vines Meeting — 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 19

Multidisciplinary Case Review — 8:30 a.m.

Healthy Lifestyle Coalition — 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25

Program Directors Meeting — 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 27

Executive Committee — 12:00 noon

Friday, April 28

FBST Conference

broomecouncil.net for updated calendar

Calling all Churches!

***Faith in Action* Volunteers needs 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

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.

The Volunteer Spotlight

This month we honor

Barbara Knighton

Barbara Knighton has been coordinating the St. Michael's pantry and community meal since its inception in the summer of 2016. She is always willing to go above and beyond for her community, spending extra time out of her day to make sure the residents of the First Ward do not go without food.

To date, the pantry and community meal has distributed over 20,000 pounds of rich, nutrient dense food! She is truly a hero in the community and is appreciated by all of us here at the Broome County Council of Churches.

Thank you Barb!



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 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 I discovered an excellent choir - almost 100 strong! All of the community singers were members of church choirs.

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

Ross Memorial Presbyterian Church

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



Easter Sunday Service

Sunday, April 16 - 11:00 a.m.
One block up from
Binghamton General Hospital...
All Are Welcome!

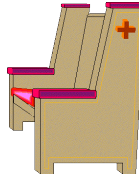
United Presbyterian Church

42 Chenango Street, Binghamton, NY

Pews for Sale

We have beautiful, good condition church pews for sale. They are mahogany trim with velvet seats and backs. Asking price is \$200 or best offer.

Call the church office at 722-4219 for more information.



Apalachin United Methodist Church

303 Pennsylvania Avenue, Apalachin, - 607.625.2733 ... 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.

Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church

918 Front Street, Binghamton, NY - 607.724.5421

Welcome All

Tuesday, April 4

Pot Luck Dinner - 6:00 p.m. followed by
Jews for Jesus presentation "Christ in the Passover"



Jesus' Last Supper was actually a Jewish Passover. Susan Mendelson of Jews for Jesus will recreate the traditional Passover service, and explain how it foreshadowed Jesus' death and resurrection.

This special evening is free and all are welcome to attend.

Easter Party

Saturday, April 15

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Games—Songs—Bible Stories
Snacks & Goodie Bags

Children ages 3 - 12
come join the free fun



"The King's Crown" Medieval Theme -Knights, Kings, Castles, etc

Boulevard United Methodist Church

113 Grand Boulevard, Binghamton, NY - 797.5675

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

Saturday, April 1

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Take out is available and the cost is
\$8 for adults - \$7 for seniors (65 and up)
- \$5 for children



Church Women United

Spring Fling (annual meeting)

Wednesday, April 5

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Speaker will be Penny Stringfield
who lost her son to a heroin overdose



East Side Congregational Church, 282 Robinson Street, Binghamton

Vestal Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church

834 Bunn Hill Rd Vestal NY 13850

Prayer Service For Those Affected By Addiction
To Heroin and Other Addictions

Saturday, April 8 - 11:00 a.m.

We will lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer,
in song, in scripture and testimony

Fellowship luncheon provided after the service

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

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



Tabernacle United Methodist Church

83 Main St, Binghamton

Administrative Assistant Needed

Part Time - 20-25 hrs /week in a one person office.

- Strong written and verbal skills.
- Strong interpersonal and organizational skills.
- Ability to learn and adapt in a flexible work setting.
- Proficient with Office Word.

Send cover letter and resume to pchandler@stny.rr.com.

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.)

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

When you come into Wilson Hospital tell your nurse what faith tradition/church you are from. We hospital chaplains are there to provide for your spiritual needs just as the medical personnel are there for your physical needs. A friendly face saying hello, an unbiased ear to listen, we can help alleviate some of the stress hospitalization induces.

We are looking for Protestant volunteers to visit and pray with patients on Saturdays at Wilson and possibly some other days and palces. If you feel so called contact me at 765-6269.

May we remember that when life seems darkest God is with us.

Appreciatively Chaplain Rev J Koopman

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, April 25

(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, April 1 — 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 April 1st!

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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.

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Deadline for the May 2017 issue
4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 13
Announcements must be for May or later.

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