

Council Calendar of Events

Faith in Action Position Available

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Monday, May 2
Peace with Justice — 12:00 noon

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

Thursday, May 5
Lives of Commitment Awards Breakfast
7:15 a.m. — at DoubleTree by Hilton
Council offices will open 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 12
Dining for Dollars Committee
12:00 noon

Friday, May 13
CLOSED
Staff Retreat

Monday, May 16
Bible Study Group — 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 18
Multidisciplinary Case Review Team
8:30 a.m.

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

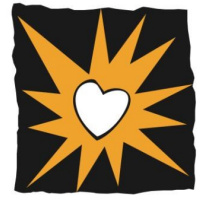
Thursday, May 26
Board of Directors — 12:00 noon

Monday, May 30
CLOSED
Memorial Day

Part-time Program Assistant Position Available

In the spirit of the mission of *Faith in Action* Volunteers, "...helping adults 60 and over maintain quality of life and independence.", we will be adding a new program to our list of services on July 1st. Through a contract with Office for the Aging, we will be providing shopping services to homebound clients.

Through this program, we will match clients to volunteers who will grocery shop and do necessary errands on a regular basis. We are excited about this opportunity to reach out to more older adults in Broome County who are in need of assistance. Because of this new program, FIAV will be conducting interviews for a Program Assistant for 10 hours per week to help with administrative tasks. Ideal candidate will possess good communication skills and a working knowledge of computers. Driver's license a must.



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If interested, please go to www.broomecouncil.net to fill out an application and submit with a resume to:

Human Resources
Broome County Council of Churches
3 Otsenigo Street
Binghamton, NY 13903

Volunteer Spotlight

We would like to honor our wonderful and greatly appreciated volunteer this month,

Stephen Sicovitch



Stephen Sicovitch has gone above and beyond expectations. He takes the initiative to get tasks done and is always willing to do more. He also helps repair various warehouse or vehicle issues that may arise. Stephen motivates other volunteers with his work ethic and is a great

asset to the CHOW warehouse. We are very grateful to have him as part of our team!

Your Name Could Be Here

Volunteers are needed!

The Broome County Council of Churches is a volunteer driven nonprofit organization. Without our volunteers our programs could not provide the assistance that they do.



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Jail Ministry



Hospital Ministry



All are in need of volunteers — do you have some time?

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Help one another; there's no time like the present and no present like the time. ~James Durst

Volunteers Needed — continued from front page

Where would you like to volunteer?

Faith in Action Volunteers helps adults 60 and over maintain quality of life and independence.

The **CHOW** program provides needed food and healthy lifestyle assistance.

The **Jail Ministry** gives support to those incarcerated and their families and reentry assistance to those just released from jail.

The **Hospital Ministry** gives succor to the patients and families of those who are hospitalized.

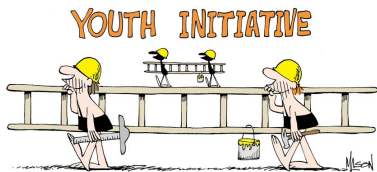
Some of these programs require no more than a bit or your time, a short orientation, and a drivers license or a strong back. Others, such as the Jail and Hospital Ministries, require specialized training which is provided.

For more information about the various programs and for volunteer applications you can go on line at www.broomecouncil.net or call 607.724.9130



You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give. — Winston Churchill

Ramp It Up



**Spring is here!
It's time to
Ramp It Up!!**

Applications and team packets are available on the Council website <http://broomecouncil.net/>

We are still taking applications for ramps and for volunteer teams to build them.

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.)

First Baptist Church of Endicott

1406 Monroe Street, Endicott, NY—(607) 785-6052



The Concert Light

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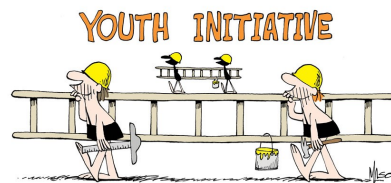
Saturday, June 18 — 5:00 p.m.

For information call

607.785.6052 or email

office_fbcendicott@yahoo.com

Ramp It Up — AmeriCorps Position



**See enclosed flyer
for a wonderful
summer opportunity!**

Hospital Ministry

We need people coming into the UHS Hospitals to specify what church they belong to or attend. Please tell folks when you come that you are a member or attend whatever church you or your family are affiliated with. Over 50% of patients on our daily census are listed as "Unknown, Refused, Non or None." Only 8-10% are identifying a specific church. I and our Volunteers want to spiritually support you and your family as you go through trying medical times. Thank you for your cooperation.

We want the best for you.

Chaplain John Koopman — 763-6003 or 765-6269

Jail Ministry

The Jail Ministry program is working to curb the cycle of incarceration, which often has intergenerational effects. Many reentrant 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 congregation 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, contact: Rev. Cris H. Mogenson, Coordinating Chaplain
607.778.6518

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

Rummage & Bake Sale Crazy? Check It Out!



Vestal Center United Methodist Church

478 West Hill Road, Vestal, NY

Rummage And Bake Sale

Friday, May 6 — 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 7 — 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Boulevard United Methodist Church

113 Grand Boulevard, Binghamton, NY — 607.797.5675

Rummage & Bake Sale

Friday, May 6 — 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(Bake Sale — until all is sold)

Bag Sale

Saturday, May 7 — 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Endwell United Methodist Church

3301 Watson Boulevard, Endwell, NY 607.754.5735

UMW Rummage & Bake Sale

Saturday, May 14 — 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Bag Sale — 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.
with Doug's Fish Fry — 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church

918 Front Street, Binghamton, NY — 607.724.5421

Pasta Dinner

Thursday, May 5 — 4:00 p.m.

Pasta Dinner includes
meatballs, tossed salad,
rolls and butter,
beverage and dessert!



\$9 Per Adult, \$5 Per Child (12 and under)

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, May 31
(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.

Mt. Sinai

30 Main Street Binghamton — 607-723-8981

"Men Under Construction" Retreat

July 14 — 16

The Mt. Sinai Church Men's
Department invites men to join
us for a Men's Retreat at
Arrowhead Bible Camp in
Brackney, PA.

We are praying and planning for
an exciting event.



The theme of the conference is "Men Under Construction."

We will share a time of worship, fellowship, instruction
and recreation. Our desire for this retreat is that men
would have an opportunity to connect with one another
and engage in a worshipful, refreshing experience that will
energize and encourage them to more faithfully pursue
what God created man to be. This will be a retreat you
don't want to miss.

For registration package and/or additional information,
please call Mt. Sinai Church at 607.723.2361 and leave a
message for Deacon Torye Harris.

Deacon Torye Harris

Mt. Sinai COGIC Men's Department, President



"Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves."

— Horace Mann

Veterans of Modern Warfare

Local VMW (Veterans of Modern Warfare) Meeting

Saturday, May 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, 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 May 7th !

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broomecouncil.net
607.724.9130

Programs of the Broome County Council of Churches:

**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**

“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 June 2016 issue
4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 13
announcements must be for June 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

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