

Council Calendar of Events

Monday, May 1
Peace with Justice — 12:00 noon

Tuesday, May 2
FIAV Assessor's Meeting — 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 3
Staff Meeting — 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 4
Lives of Commitment Breakfast — 7:15 a.m.

Monday, May 15
CLOSED
Clean up day

Wednesday, May 17
Multidisciplinary Case Review — 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 23
Program Directors Meeting — 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 25
Executive Committee — 12:00 noon

Monday, May 29
CLOSED
Memorial Day

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Support the Stu Naismith Peacemaker Awards



To support the Stu Naismith Peacemaker Awards, given annually to graduating seniors at Chenango Valley and Chenango Forks High Schools, Veterans for Peace and the Binghamton Community Friends Meeting (Quaker) are sponsoring a

Take-Out Dinner

at the 'Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church parking lot
918 Front Street, across from SUNY Broome
Friday, May 5 — 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

For \$13 choose

Hand Battered Haddock - Strip Steak - Pork Barbeque
With French fries and coleslaw from Gances

Save a dollar on each meal by buying a \$12 ticket in advance by April 30 from

Ralph McGrew mcgrewrv@sunybroome.edu.

At each high school, each year since 2012, one student has earned the Naismith award by working for peace in everyday life, preparing for further education, and writing an essay on peacemaking.

Temple Concord

9 Riverside Drive, Binghamton – 607.723.7355 – templeconcord@stny.rr.com

“A Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious?”™

Wednesdays, May 10, 17, and 24 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

A Taste of Judaism Outreach Program at Temple Concord

A free, three-part introduction to the beliefs and practices of Reform Judaism, will be offered at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Drive, Binghamton. The course provides learning about Judaism for those who are not Jewish. It is designed for those interested in learning more about Judaism who may be of another faith or are not involved with any religion. Christians, Muslims, Unitarians, the unaffiliated, ALL are welcome. This program is designed for others to learn about Judaism, not for proselytizing.

Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell will be the course instructor. The course was created by the Union for Reform Judaism. Participants are invited to learn about Jewish views of God, Jewish ethics and community, among other topics.

Although admission is free, space is limited and registration is required before Thursday, May 4.

To register, call Temple Concord at 607.723.7355 or e-mail TempleConcord@stny.rr.com. The program is sponsored by Temple Concord's Outreach Committee.

**Thank you to board members,
George Cummings, Rev. Becky Drebert and Anne Wolanski,
for donating your time to interview CHOW Works participants!
Your time and feedback are very much appreciated!**

Vestal Center United Methodist Church

478 West Hill Road, Vestal, NY – 607.748.0004



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

Mt. Sinai Church of God in Christ

126 Washington St, Binghamton – 607.723.2361– www.churchofgod.cc



“Men Under Construction”
a Men’s Retreat
Thursday, July 13
through Saturday, July 15



will be held at: Arrowhead Bible Camp
122 Arrowhead Cottage Rd, Brackney, PA 18812

For additional information on cost and registration package contact Mt. Sinai Church, 607.723.2361 (leave message for Deacon Torye Harris)
Hosted by Mt. Sinai Church,
Pastor, Arthur W. Jones, Jr.

Jail Re-entry Program

Reentry – The Jail Ministry program is attempting to intervene in curbing the cycle of incarceration. Although many reentrants have needs which are addressed by social service agencies, the one area which is often overlooked is that of spiritual care and friendship.

In trying to address this need we are reaching out to congregation members who are open to mentoring former jail inmates who would like to attend your church services. With a new network of support, reentrants may find a new life in fellowship and in 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.

Contact: Rev. Cris H. Mogenson, Coordinating Chaplain
Office of the Sheriff — 607.778.6518

Appalachian 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.

Church Women United Friendship Day

Join Us For Lunch

Saturday, May 6 — 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm
Choconut Center United Methodist Church
Lewis and Airport Roads, Binghamton
The price is \$12.

Reservations to Beverly Emmett:
phone — 607.775.0169 by April 25.
Our speaker is Margaret Tatch,
a director at the Children's Home.

CPACE Finance Program for Energy Efficiency

The CPACE finance program is a legislative effort passed by Broome County in Nov. '16. In short, CPACE allows commercial or nonprofit building owners to gain access to unprecedented financing for energy efficiency, up to and including solar.

Program Outline

Basics:

- CPACE is a program of Energize NY (ENY), which is a program of the Energy Improvement Corporation (EIC).
- CPACE is private capital, it is low interest (4.75% - 6.1%), fixed rate, and up to 20 year terms.
- CPACE is only available to commercial entities and privately held non-profits – Churches qualify.
- CPACE funds up to 100% of a project up to 10% of the **appraised** value of the property based on most recent appraisal (**No cost share**).
- CPACE funds all manner of energy efficiency from boilers to furnaces, to windows, all the way up to and including solar arrays.
- CPACE is **guaranteed** transferable, even to entities that normally would not be able to qualify such as private citizens, and public sector entities.
- CPACE appears as an off-balance line item on the property tax bill - this is only a mechanism for payment and an indication of the lien authorities stake in the program (in this case Broome County).
- This does not constitute a change or increase in property taxes nor does it constitute an additional tax deduction under RPTL.
- The *interest portion* of the payment CAN be used as a deduction under capital improvement.

CPACE **MUST** be cash positive in order for it to be approved. This means that for an application to be considered, based on the historical usage and billing for energy on the property, the proposed energy improvements must result in a cost savings for the building after the annual loan payment is calculated. You can check out the project profile for St. Christopher's Parish in Buchanan, NY, online. Their solar power project allowed the church to keep its doors open as well as fix their electrical costs for the next ~30 years. You will see as part of the "cash positivity" parameter that St. Christopher's nets a savings of more than \$3,000/yr. over and above their loan repayment. Once that payment is complete they will be saving an average of \$13,000/yr. on electricity alone.

For more information please visit:
http://commercial.energizeny.org/project_profiles/detail/st-christophers-parish-nonprofit-solar-avings

AmeriCorps Position



Rural Health Service Corps has partnered with United Health Services Behavioral Health, Lourdes Youth Services, Broome County, and the Southern Tier Aids Program (STAP) in order to create several AmeriCorps positions focusing on assisting Broome County and its residents

with combating substance abuse, specifically the heroin/opioid epidemic.

The positions will run from May - November and involve 36 hours/week. Primary outreach activities will include prevention, education, harm reduction, and navigation to services. If you or anyone you know is interested in a position with this pilot project, please visit [the RHSC website](#) for more information and to apply.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller

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(Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse)
Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit,
Canned Meat, Hot Cereal, Cold Cereal,
Soup, Peanut Butter, Pasta, Pasta Sauce,
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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 places. 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, May 30

(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, May 6 — 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 6th!

Samaritan Counseling Center

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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
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 2017 issue
4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 11
Announcements must be for June 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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