

### Council Calendar of Events

**Friday, July 1**  
Council Closing 12:00 noon

**Monday, July 4**  
CLOSED  
Independence Day

**Wednesday, July 6**  
Staff Meeting — 2:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 12**  
75th Visibility Committee — 12:00 noon

**Monday, July 18**  
Bible Study Group — 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, July 20**  
Multidisciplinary Case Review — 8:30 a.m.

**Friday, July 22**  
Yoga — 10:00 a.m.

**Friday, July 29**  
Yoga — 10:00 a.m.

### Peacemaker Award

#### 2016 Peacemaker Award Winners



Stu's daughter Cheryl Ryder, Abigail Lane, Joyce Thomas of the Quaker Meeting, Larry Evans of Veterans for Peace, and Stu's wife Peggy Naismith

Abigail Lane of Chenango Valley High School and Mackenzie Bronson of Chenango Forks High School won the fifth annual Stu Naismith Memorial Peacemaker Awards.

The two \$350 scholarships were given on June 6 and 10, jointly by the Stu Naismith Chapter of Veterans for Peace and the Binghamton Community Friends Meeting (Quaker), in memory of

Stuart Naismith (1927-2011), a World War II veteran and tireless campaigner for peace, who taught in both school districts.

Abigail and Mackenzie earned the awards by working for peace in everyday life, preparing for further education, and writing essays on peacemaking.



Joyce Thomas, Mackenzie Bronson, Peggy Naismith, and Jim Clune of Veterans for Peace

To support the scholarships in future years, contributions can be sent to the Binghamton Community Friends Meeting with the notation Peacemaker Award, in care of Alexa Héder, 9 Hickory Road, Binghamton 13905-1347.

broomecouncil.net for updated calendar

## Volunteer Spotlight

We would like to honor two of our wonderful and greatly appreciated volunteers this month,

### Steve Decker and Larese Isaacson



Though Steve has only been helping out in our warehouse for a couple of months, he has quickly become one of our most valued volunteers. He is always on time and works hard the entire time he is here. Both the employees and other volunteers have commented on how well he

works with everyone. He is an inspiration to many. Always willing to stay longer if we need an extra helping hand, we are thankful to have him as part of our team.



Larese has been volunteering for FIAV since May. She has been giving time not only to the administration offices, but to Ramp It Up as well. She is always willing to take on whatever task is given to her. She even

assisted at a recent ramp build! Her attention to detail and her computer skills make her a huge asset in both the scheduling and RIU offices. Friendly and pleasant, Larese's rapport with clients, volunteers and staff has made her a welcome addition to FIAV!

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45

## Save the Date - Elder Abuse Prevention Seminar

### “Knowledge is Power”

an elder abuse prevention seminar  
Thursday, September 8 — 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Whitney Point United Methodist Church  
7311 Collins St., Whitney Point

Registration and continental breakfast will start at 8:30 a.m. This free seminar will provide useful information on the signs and solutions of this “invisible epidemic” and is open to the public. Clergy, older adults, caregivers, volunteers, or anyone who works with older adults are invited to attend. This seminar is supported by Lifespan NYS EAEOP Community Mini-Grant, Visions Federal Credit Union, the Broome County Family Violence Prevention Council and the Broome County Council of Churches.

For more information regarding the workshop, go to [www.gobroomecounty.com/fvpc](http://www.gobroomecounty.com/fvpc) or call 607.724.9130 ext. 304.

## Ramp It Up — Building Teams Needed

Are you involved with a youth group that is looking for a rewarding experience?



Please consider volunteering to build a ramp for Ramp It Up! Ramp It Up is in its 8<sup>th</sup> year and has built over 100 ramps. Youth ages 13-18, along with adult mentors, learn teamwork, community involvement and pride, along with a basic knowledge of carpentry skills. Homebound residents of Broome County gain mobility and a sense of independence. It's a win-win combination!

For more information, check out the website at <http://broomecouncil.net/faith-in-action/ramp-it-up/> or call Bob at 724-9130 ext. 323.

### 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.)

## Save the Date

### Dining for Dollars

A Clergy Server Dining Experience

Thursday, October 27

Watch for Your Save the Date Cards and Invitations



## Greene's Central Baptist Church

37 South Chenango Street — 607.656.4512



Summer Concert  
& Ice Cream Social  
With All The Fixin's!



Country Western Gospel Music  
\* Heartsong Singers For Christ \*

Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

Ice Cream @ 5:30 PM – FREE!  
Concert @ 6:00 PM

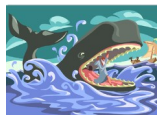
An Offering Will Be Received  
Rev. G. Terry Steenburg, Pastor / 607.656.4512

## Mt. Sinai Church of God in Christ

126 Washington St., Binghamton – 607.723.2361 — [www.churchofgod.cc](http://www.churchofgod.cc)

Summer Fun Youth Program/  
Vacation Bible School

Monday — Friday, July 25 – 29  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
(Ages 3-18 yrs.)\*



Every day short bible stories are taught. Followed by a  
Free lunch and field trips to exciting places.

Cost? FREE

Questions or to register your child, call:  
Mt. Sinai Church C.O.G.I.C.: 607.723.2361

\*Child must be potty trained

## Endwell United Methodist Church

3301 Watson Boulevard, Endwell, NY 607.754.5735

### Cave Quest Vacation Bible School

Monday thru Friday, July 11-15 — 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Children in Pre K-6<sup>th</sup> grade and youth helpers in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up will take an amazing journey that will deepen their faith by exploring who Jesus is – the light of the world! Your child will experience Rock opening sing and play, Deep Bible Quests, Spelunker waterslides, Cavern Café treats, Kidvid Cinema and fun crafts. Not to mention Cave Quest Closing, where families are invited to join in on fun.

Registration forms are on the church website -  
[www.endwellumc.org](http://www.endwellumc.org) Contact Information: [lynnekimplyland@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnekimplyland@yahoo.com)

### Trinity Memorial Church

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

#### FIRST FRIDAY crosses the river this summer!

The first Friday of each month brings downtown Binghamton alive with galleries and restaurants, as well as live music. While the majority of activity is on the east side of the river, Trinity Memorial Church is joining a few west side establishments to welcome and celebrate our community.

#### Friday, July 1 — 8:30 p.m.

Tim Smith will play "An All-American Pipe Organ" concert: 30 minutes of American composers and patriotic favorites.

#### Friday, August 5 — 8:30 p.m.

Our program will feature music of the theater and cinema. These events are a great way to share the joy of Trinity with visitors. Please consider who you can invite to join you downtown!



#### CandleChant

Sundays, July 31 & August 28 — 8:30 p.m.

An ancient tradition growing in popularity, based on the monastic office of Compline, CandleChant is entirely sung by a choir in a candlelit church. There is no instrumental accompaniment, just the beauty of the voices singing medieval chant as well as beautiful harmonies. Prayers and scriptures are all sung by members of the choir.

The liturgy can be found in The Book of Common Prayer on page 127.

In the early 1970's, the Episcopal Cathedral of Saint Mark in Seattle began offering Compline at 9:00 p.m. on Sundays. Soon 500 gathered to enjoy this beautiful service sung by the light of hundreds of candles.

The services here at Trinity will last about thirty minutes and conclude with five minutes of organ improvisation.

**"Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves."  
— Horace Mann**

### Hospital Ministry

If you know of a parishioner or attendee coming to or in Wilson, please give me a call at 763.6003 and leave their name and the name of your church with me. If you are in the hospital, please feel free to stop by our Chaplain's office on the 3rd floor opposite the elevator. If I am not in, feel free to leave a note under the door.  
Chaplain John Koopman — 763.6003 or 765.6269

### United Way — Day of Caring

#### Day of Caring Project Registration is Now Open



Hello, everyone,  
We're all excited to let you know that planning has begun for the 2016 Day of Caring which will be on **Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** this year. Please go to the following website and click on Day of Caring to

sign up: <http://uwbroome.org>. Do let me know if you have any comments, questions or suggestions. I can be reached at: 607.240.2016 or at: [jkaiser@uwbroome.org](mailto:jkaiser@uwbroome.org).

**Thanks for your consideration.**

### 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, July 26

(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.

### Veterans of Modern Warfare

#### Local VMW (Veterans of Modern Warfare) Meeting

Saturday, July 2 — 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 July 2nd !**

### Samaritan Counseling Center

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607.724.9130

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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

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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.

**We reserve the right to edit and cut as space allows.**

**Deadline for the August 2016 issue**  
**4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 15**  
*Announcements must be for August 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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