

Council Calendar of Events

Monday, August 1
Bible Study Group — 10:00 a.m.
Peace with Justice — 12:00 noon

Tuesday, August 2
Yoga, Youth Group — 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 3
Yoga, Youth Group — 2:00 p.m.
Staff Meeting — 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 4
FIAV Advisory — 12:00 noon

Tuesday, August 9
Yoga, Youth Group — 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 10
Yoga, Youth Group — 2:00 p.m.

Monday, August 15
Bible Study Group — 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 16
Yoga, Youth Group — 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 17
Multidisciplinary Case Review — 8:30 a.m.
Yoga, Youth Group — 2:00 p.m.

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

Thursday, August 25
Executive Committee — 12:00 p.m.

Faith in Action Volunteers

CALLING ALL CLERGY
...*Faith in Action* Volunteers wants YOU!!

Dining for Dollars
Thursday, October 27

We are in need of Clergy Servers for this annual event. You may have received a letter regarding this. If so, please respond with a resounding YES! If not, please contact Sue Spencer, director, for more information. sspencer@broomecouncil.net 724-9130 ext. 304

Join us for a fun evening of fellowship, dining, and SINGING!!



Are you a social worker or nurse looking to use your skills to help older adults in Broome County?

Faith in Action Volunteers is looking for volunteer assessors. Assessors do the important job of gathering valuable information about potential clients. Meeting with them one-on-one in their home, the assessor is the eyes and ears of the program, finding out just what the client needs and determining how we can help them.

A training session will be provided.

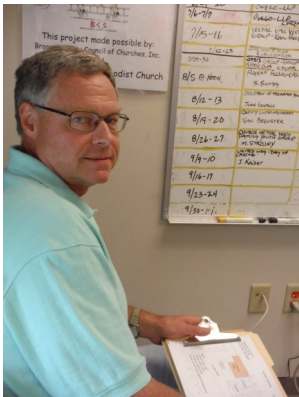
Please contact Sue at 724-9130 ext. 304 or sspencer@broomecouncil.net for more information.

broomecouncil.net for updated calendar

Volunteer Spotlight

We would like to honor our wonderful and greatly appreciated volunteer

Bill Austin



Bill has been volunteering for FIAV since this spring when he teamed up with the Ramp It Up Program. Bill is a valuable part of the program, assisting Bob and helping with all phases of the ramp building process. He has even brought in some friends who have now become RIU Volunteers! FIAV and RIU are grateful for Bill's time, energy and enthusiasm.

He is a wonderful addition to our program!

Faith in Action Shopper Program

Faith in Action is now offering shopper services to adults aged 60 and older who may be homebound or have limited ability to shop on their own due to health or transportation issues.

Please consider volunteering to help these folks out! We have a need for shoppers on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis.

For more information, please contact Paige Patterson at Broome County Council of Churches Faith in Action Program, 724-9130 ext. 316 or ppatterson@broomecouncil.net.

If you are adult age 60 or over in need of this service, please contact Office for Aging At 607.778.2411



Participants provide the grocery list. Volunteers do the shopping.

Save the Date



Dining for Dollars
A Clergy Server Dining Experience
Thursday, October 27



Watch for Your Save the Date Cards & Invitations

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 or call 607.724.9130 ext. 304.

Vestal Center United Methodist Church

478 West Hill Road, Vestal, NY — 607.748.0004



Vacation Bible School

Saturday, August 6

10 a.m.-7 p.m.

One Day — All Day
for All Ages

Call to register and for more information: 607.748.0004

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.)

Greene's Central Baptist Church

37 South Chenango Street — 607.656.4512



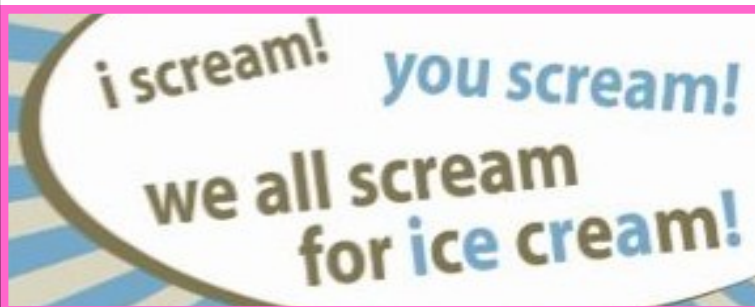
Greene's Central Baptist Church's 185th Birthday Celebration & Open House



Saturday, August 27
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Come Celebrate with Us!
Lunch, games, bounce house and more!

We're hoping to get donations of
185 pounds/items of food
for the Greene Area Churches' Food Pantry.



First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

30 Main Street Binghamton — 607-723-8981



Ice Cream Social & School Supply Give Away Thursday, September 1



5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Ice Cream! Games! Music!
Boy and Girl Backpack and Bike Raffles!

All Free!

Children must be present to receive school supplies
First come, first served - All are welcome!

At First Congregational Church
the Church with the Bell



Main Street Baptist Church

117 Main Street, Binghamton, NY—723-0031



Free Community Ice Cream Social & Games for Kids



Friday, August 5
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

This will be part of First Friday!

Please join us for fun and fellowship!!!

Trinity Memorial Church

44 Main Street, Binghamton, NY — email - trinity@trinitymemorial.org

First Friday — August 5 — 8:30 p.m.

Timothy Smith, organ with special guest star
Ladene Miles Bourne — *Broadway & Beyond!*
Free admission



CandleChant: An Ancient tradition

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

Based on the monastic office of Compline, CandleChant is entirely sung by a choir in a candlelit church. There is no 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 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, concluding with five minutes of organ improvisation.

Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church

918 Front Street, Binghamton, NY — 607.724.5421

Christmas in July 5K Run & Walk

Saturday, July 30 — 9:00 a.m. — Vestal Coal House

Proceeds benefit the

Bandera Family Free Christmas Dinner

Serving free Christmas Dinners to the Community for 27 years

Homemade Christmas Cookies Post-Race
Awards for Overall & Age Group



Santa will be on site
Enjoy live Christmas carols



USATF Certified Course — Official Results & Awards

Register online at Bandera5K.Eventbrite.com
or print form at TripleCitiesRunnersClub.org

More info: Vestal Coal House Facebook page or 607.221.3727

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, August 30
(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 607.222.5616.

Children of Abraham — Thank You

Meal Packing Update PLUS a Request for Your Help

The Children of Abraham Planning Group wants to thank all of you who donated their money, time and energy to come together and pack meals for refugees earlier this year. Together, our community packed nearly 30,000 meals to feed those facing the ravages of violence and starvation in the Middle East.

Watch a video of the day at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfuoWTMGdBHAZzchZf6Yx9w>

We are thankful to **Rogers Trucking Company** who delivered food at no charge from Binghamton, N.Y. to the **Orphan Grain Train** in the state of Delaware. The food is now on its way to Greece to be distributed to refugees in the camps there. (The shipment was stalled due to a port strike in Greece).

In addition to paying for the food packets, your generosity enabled us to contribute \$1500 towards the cost of shipping the food to Orphan Grain Train. It also enabled us to donate \$2500 to the **World Food Programme** to provide food directly to Syrian refugees.

**But unfortunately, the need continues...
Here is where we are asking for your help**

Second Meal Packing Event
Sunday afternoon, September 25
St. Michael's Church

We are looking for volunteers in the community to contribute a few hours to help us plan, fundraise, publicize, and implement this event.

Please email admin@interfaithbroomecounty.com, "Food Packing" in the subject line if you have questions or are interested in helping out. Alternatively you may call Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell at (607) 723-7355.

We are all part of the human family and we should be about doing what all good families do - caring for our less fortunate brothers and sisters.
- Dan O'Neill, Founder, Mercy Corps

Veterans of Modern Warfare

Local VMW (Veterans of Modern Warfare) Meeting
Saturday, August 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 August 6th !



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Binghamton, NY 13903

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Connecting Congregations — August 2016

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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 September 2016 issue
4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 12
*Announcements must be for September or later.***

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Email Barbara at bcook@broomecouncil.net

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