

## BC3 Calendar of Events

- Tuesday, September 1**  
RHSC Member Enrollment — 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday, September 3**  
COAD — 12:00 noon  
Staff Meeting — 2:30 p.m.
- Friday, September 4**  
Last Friday of early closing — 2:30 p.m.
- Monday, September 7**  
**CLOSED**  
Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 8**  
CHOW Agency Meeting — 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 9**  
C.P.E. Class — 11:00 a.m.
- Thursday, September 10**  
C.P.E. Class — 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, September 11**  
Today's Options — 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 16**  
Case Review Team — 8:30 a.m.
- Friday, September 18**  
Assessor's Tea — 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 21**  
Bible Study Group — 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, September 22**  
Program Directors — 8:30 a.m.  
FIAV Orientation — 12:00 noon
- Wednesday, September 23**  
C.P.E. Class — 11:00 a.m.
- Thursday, September 24**  
CPE Class — 9:30 a.m.  
Board of Directors — 12:00 noon

## Doctors With A Heart — Free Dental Care For Those In Need

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Doctors With a Heart Day**  
Saturday, September 19 — 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
Free dental care will be available at the following locations:

Progressive Dental, 1113 US Rt 11, Kirkwood, NY  
— 607.722.5464

Progressive Dental, 565 Hooper Rd, Endwell, NY  
— 607.754.2273

Progressive Dental of Norwich, 101 S.Broad St., Norwich, NY  
— 607.334.8666

Progressive Dental of Montrose, 57 Public Avenue, Montrose, PA  
— 570.278.1186

Marusich & Conti Dental Office, 190 Main Street, Johnson City, NY  
— 607.797.1310

Those with urgent dental needs, who have no money, job, or means of welfare health care, are invited to visit one of the above locations for care on a "first come, first served" basis. Any dental service that can be performed and completed in one visit will be offered which includes; cleanings, fillings, extractions, fluoride treatments, and x-rays.

Twenty seven years ago, Dr. Duane Schmidt, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa founded DWAH day, Inc. Today, DWAH has become the largest doctor charity in the world. It has been estimated that over 15,000 doctors and staff in various health care disciplines participate in this day of giving.

Nineteen years ago this tradition was started locally by Dr. Spera and his dedicated staff and associates. Over the past nineteen years, all participating doctors and staff have treated over 5,134 patients and completed over \$866,318.00 worth of dental services. "Across the nation, once a year, doctors close their cash drawers to help people who have no means of support," said Dr. Spera. These doctors know of no better way to show they care for those in need who live in our community.

For more information contact Michelle Parker at Progressive Dental, 607.722.5464.

## Volunteer Spotlight

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

### Britany DeGroat & George Weidman



Britany has been an incredible asset to our Broome Bounty program for over six months. She has a great work ethic while volunteering and we can always count on her being here. She works well with all of the agencies and brightens their days when they come to the warehouse with her smile and attitude.



George has been a dedicated and hard working member of our team of volunteers for a year. He is always willing to help with any task around the warehouse while maintaining a positive attitude. We would like to sincerely thank George for his service.

**"The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service" — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

## Save the Dates



**CHOW Hunger Walk**  
Sunday, September 20  
Binghamton University Campus



**Dining for Dollars**  
Thursday, October 22  
St. Michael's Greek Catholic Church



**Global Poverty & Nonviolence**  
Saturday, November 7  
One Day Retreat



## Hospital Ministry — We are there if you need us

If you are hospitalized at Wilson or Binghamton General please notify your home church and have the admitting person notify the chaplain.

Pastors please feel free to stop by the Chaplain's office at Wilson on the third floor across from the elevator. If I am not there (I am often out on the floors or in rooms) please leave a note with your name, church, and phone number. — Chaplain John Koopman

## Veterans of Modern Warfare

**Local VMW (Veterans of Modern Warfare) Meeting**  
Saturday, September 5 — 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 September 5th!

## CHOW Needs

**CHOW**  
(Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse)  
Peanut Butter and 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 Presbyterian Church of Johnson City

2 Main Street, Johnson City — Corner of Floral Ave and Main St. — 607.797.0836

**"A Free Concert for Johnson City"**  
featuring **Brother Sun**  
Sunday, September 27 — 3:00 p.m.

Fusing folk, Americana, blues, pop, jazz, rock, and a cappella singing, Brother Sun's compositions promote love, social justice, and faith in humanity, "where unsung heroes struggle and sometimes win the daily battles of life and love." The event is totally free to the public, so please invite family, coworkers, and friends.

The concert, underwritten in part by First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, is seeking additional sponsorships from Johnson City business owners to cover advertising and other costs. For more information, contact Diane Olmstead at 759.0467.

## Sarah Jane Johnson UMC Women

308 Main Street, Johnson City, NY— 607.797.3938



### Annual 'Rummage Sale'

Friday & Saturday  
September 18 & 19  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## Endwell United Methodist Church — UMC Women

3301 Watson Boulevard, Endwell, NY 607.754.5735

### Rummage & Bake Sale

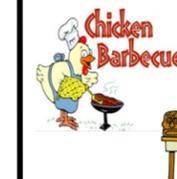
Saturday, September 12  
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bag Sale - 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.  
With Doug's Fish Fry  
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



## Vestal Center United Methodist Church

478 West Hill Road, Vestal, NY



### UM Men's Annual Chicken BBQ Yard & Craft Fair

Saturday, September 5  
Yard & Crafts 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
BBQ 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## Broome County Martin Luther King Commission

### Community Picnic

Sunday, September 6  
3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Free food, entertainment & activities for all! To be held on the Martin Luther King Promenade located on Wall Street, along the river (Binghamton NY)

For more information call 607.786.5449



## Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton

### International Jewish Film Festival October 18 through October 29

The films will be shown at the Jewish Community Center and at the Binghamton High School.

One of the films of special interest is Sophie Scholl. "In 1943 Hitler continues to wage war across Europe, a group of college students mount an underground resistance movement in Munich. They call themselves the White Rose. Sophie Scholl is captured. Her cross examination by the Gestapo quickly escalates into a test of wills as she delivers a passionate call to freedom and personal responsibility that is both haunting and timeless."

#### Film schedule:

JCC — Sunday, October 18 — *Outrageous Sophie Tucker*  
BHS — Tuesday, October 20 — *Run Boy Run*  
BHS — Thursday, October 22 — *The Gett*  
JCC — Sunday, October 25 — *The Green Prince*  
BHS — Tuesday, October 27 — *Hunting Elephants*  
BHS — Thursday, October 29 — *Sophie Scholl*

For tickets and information, please call 607.724.2332 or contact the Federation at [www.binghamtonjewishfilmfest.org](http://www.binghamtonjewishfilmfest.org)

## First Congregational Church with the Sophia Center

30 Main Street Binghamton – 607-723-8981

### Exploring Quadratos with Alexander John Shaia.

Thursday, September 17 thru Sunday, September 20

According to Shaia, "Quadratos is a door to a new paradigm within Christianity, and a fresh dialogue with world spirituality, psychology, the arts and even science."

"His unique contribution, in my opinion, is to look at the four gospels more as a whole, as a progression, and through the lens of archetypes and Jungian concepts. This would be appropriate for clergy, of course, but more generally for the interested lay person." - Art Suggs

#### Schedule:

Thursday, Sept. 17, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.:  
*Talk* - open to the public  
Friday, Sept. 18, 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.:  
*Preparing for the Journey & First Path (Matthew)*  
Saturday, Sept. 19, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.:  
*Second Path (Mark), Third Path (John)*  
Sunday, Sept. 20, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.:  
*Fourth Path (Luke), Continuing the Journey & Blessings*  
Talk only: \$25 - Retreat only: \$150 - Lecture & Retreat: \$160  
Lunch & snacks included

Make check payable to First Congregational Church. Mail to 30 Main St., Binghamton, NY 13905. To register, call 607.644.0736 or visit [www.thesophiacenterforspirituality.org](http://www.thesophiacenterforspirituality.org) More about Quadratos is available at [quadratos.com](http://quadratos.com)

## Greater Owego Tent Revival



**CHURCHES & INDIVIDUALS** — please help in getting the word out about the 2nd Annual Greater Owego Tent Revival ... it's only one month away. Share all about it on your WEB Site, your FaceBook Pages, etc.

#### You are invited!

Come, just as you are, bring a friend and relax while you listen to music, experience life stories and much more.

Thursday, 9/10 at 6:00 p.m. - *Opening Night*  
Friday, 9/11 at 6:00 p.m. - *Tribute to Fallen Heroes*  
Saturday, 9/12 at noon - *Children & Family Event*  
Saturday, 9/12 at 6:00 p.m. - *Youth Event*  
Sunday, 9/13 at 1:00 p.m. - *Community Celebration*  
Serving refreshments every day!

<http://greaterowegotentrevival.org>

## All Saints' Episcopal Church



### Johnson City Field Days

Friday, September 4 thru  
Monday, September 7

All Saints' Episcopal Church has a food booth at the west side of the park in the pavilion under the roof. It is one of our biggest fund raisers of the year. We serve hamburgers, hotdogs, pizza, and meatball subs, chips and assorted drinks all for a modest price. A lot of the booths at Field Days are run by non-profit organizations.

So come join in all the fun and support the All Saints' Episcopal Church and the other non-profit organizations.

Enjoy the fireworks Monday night, September 7.

## The Landmark Church

126 Court Street, Binghamton

### Singer-Songwriter-Recording Artist-Worship Leader

#### Chuck Girard

Saturday & Sunday, August 29 & 30

Chuck Girard is one of the pioneers of Contemporary Christian Music with songs like: "Sometimes Alleluia," "Lay Your Burden Down," "Little Pilgrim," "The Name Above All Names" and many others!

No tickets required — Free will offering welcomed

#### Concert Times

Saturday, August 29 — 7:00 p.m. — Concert  
Sunday, August 30 — 11:00 a.m. — Morning Service  
Sunday, August 30 — 6:30 p.m.

"A Night at the Throne" Worship & Prayer Service

For Information Call: Grant & Sherry Bell 607.748.3985 or Email [Info-tlcconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:Info-tlcconcerts@gmail.com)



## Broome County Health Department Environmental Health Services

Debra A. Preston, County Executive . Claudia A. Edwards, MS, Public Health Director

225 Front Street . Binghamton, New York 13905

Phone: (607) 778-2887 . Fax: (607) 778-3912 . [www.gobroomecounty.com](http://www.gobroomecounty.com)

August 19, 2015

Dear sir or madam:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the requirements for religious, fraternal, and charitable organizations who serve food to the public within Broome County. Within the New York State Sanitary Code (Title 10) Part 14-1.184, religious, fraternal, and charitable organizations may be exempt from certain aspects of Part 14-1, which are the regulations for food service establishments. Even though certain provisions of the food service establishment code do not apply to these organizations, the Broome County Health Department is still required to ensure the public health.

As per Part 14-1.184, religious, fraternal, or charitable organizations are required to make notice to our department of their intent to serve food to the public. Once the necessary requirements to ensure the health of the public have been satisfied, a letter of permission will be granted to the organization for a period of two years. There shall be no fee charged to religious, fraternal, or charitable organizations seeking permission to operate a food service.

In order to obtain the letter of permission, all members of the religious, fraternal, or charitable organization who will be preparing or serving food to the public must take an approved food safety course. The Broome County Health Department offers a free online self-paced course to meet this requirement. The course can be found at [gobroomecounty.com/eh](http://gobroomecounty.com/eh); under food protection click on the active link [Temporary Food Service Safety Class](http://gobroomecounty.com/eh/temporary-food-service-safety-class) available at <http://www.gobroomecounty.com/eh/temporary-food-service-safety-class>.

Religious, fraternal, or charitable organizations with a letter of permission to operate a food service are required to contact the Broome County Health Department at least two weeks prior to any event in which they will be serving food to the public to share the location, time, and menu for the event. The Health Department will provide any technical guidance as needed to ensure a safe and healthy event.

Any questions may be addressed to Mark Mancini at 607-778-2810. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Chris Coddington  
Director of Environmental Health  
Broome County Health Department

## Holiday Meals?

## Soup Kitchens?

### Guidelines for serving food to the public

### United Way of Broome County

#### Volunteers are Needed for 85 Day of Caring Projects 9/11/2015

United Way of Broome County will be coordinating the 14<sup>th</sup> year of Day of Caring, which will be held on the National Day of Service & Remembrance (Friday, September 11, 2015). We have 85 Projects we hope to successfully "match" with a thousand volunteers from local businesses, churches, civic groups and trade associations. Projects can be for the morning (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon), for the afternoon (1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) or for a full-day (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

We have a broad array of Projects, from landscaping, to painting, to visiting with nursing home residents, to improving local child care and arts centers, to making quilts. We have Projects from all the area's youth campgrounds, two State Parks, two cemeteries and numerous non-profit agencies like the Broome County Council of Churches Ramp It Up Program. Won't you please consider joining in with us to volunteer by memorializing 9/11 and the heroes who lost their lives that day?

Please go to the following website link to register and to order T-Shirts: <http://www.uwbroome.org/volunteer-day-caring>. Please contact Joni Kaiser with any comments, suggestions or questions. She can be reached at: 607.240.2016 or at: [jkaiser@uwbroome.org](mailto:jkaiser@uwbroome.org).

### Valley Christian Reformed Church

1452 River Road, Binghamton, NY — 607.648.8224



#### Faith & Finances

Tuesdays, September 22 — December 8  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Total cost is \$12 for 12 sessions



Dinner, workbook and childcare are included.

*Faith & Finances* is a 12-week program where we'll be uniting people from varied financial backgrounds and exploring together money management skills and biblical stewardship principles. Join our *Faith & Finances* discussion group where we'll eat, laugh, and struggle together as we learn to overcome obstacles, set savings goals, make spending plans, manage debt and loans, and more. Come and consider how God's plans for your money might be larger than your own.

For more information or to register, call 648.8224, visit [www.valleychurchny.org/faith-and-finances.html](http://www.valleychurchny.org/faith-and-finances.html) or email [broomefaithfinances@gmail.com](mailto:broomefaithfinances@gmail.com). Also contact us if you would be interested in hosting *Faith & Finances* at your church or non-profit site.

### Hearing Loss Association of America



The Lord said to me, gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words. Deut 4:9.

**Help Needed!** The Binghamton Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America is compiling a list of area churches with assisted listening devices for those with hearing loss. For example: PA, Loop, Infrared, FM, visual signing etc.

Please provide this information to: Binghamton Chapter HLAA. Lynn Finch, 843 St Rte 369, Port Crane, NY 13833, or 607.648.4533, or [lmfin@citlink.net](mailto:lmfin@citlink.net)

A copy of the compiled list will be available.

### Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA)

#### Are you a food addict?

To find out, ask yourself the following questions and answer them as honestly as you can:

- Has a doctor or family member ever approached you with concern about your eating habits?
- Do you eat large quantities of food at one time?
- Is your weight problem due to "nibbling" all day long?
- Do you eat to escape from your feelings?
- Do you eat when you're not hungry?

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous, "FA," offers help and hope for people who suffer from food obsession, overeating, bulimia and under-eating. The program is based on the Twelve Steps of AA.

— Everyone is Welcome to This FREE Meeting —

Visit [www.foodaddicts.org](http://www.foodaddicts.org) or call 607.595.7381 for more information. FA meets locally:

**Mondays & Thursdays — 7:00 p.m.**  
Wilson Hospital, Johnson City  
Picciano Building, 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room 2

**Fridays — 10:00 a.m.**  
Union Presbyterian Church, 200 Main St., Endicott

### Samaritan Counseling Center

[www.samaritanendicott.com](http://www.samaritanendicott.com)

*Spiritually Sensitive Counseling Services for  
Individuals of All Ages, Couples, Families & Groups*

Available for Group Presentations  
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## Connecting Congregations

September 2015

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**Please post this newsletter or pass it on to members of your congregation.**

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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 x303

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.**

#### Directions to BC3

Coming East from Vestal, Endicott or Endwell areas, take the Vestal Parkway East. Follow the signs for Conklin Avenue, go past the Crowley's plant. After you pass the Rite Aid Drug Store, the next street on your LEFT is Otseningo Street. Go to the end of Otseningo Street.

Coming East down Main Street in Binghamton, Main turns into Court Street. Stay on Court Street and turn right on Route 7 South over the Tompkins Street Bridge. The first light is Webster. Take a right onto Webster and continue to the T (a short block). Take a right onto Otseningo Street and there we are!

#### Programs of the Broome County Council of Churches (BC3):

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



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Due date to submit items for the  
October 2015 issue of  
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**8:00 a.m. on Monday, September 14**  
*Please make certain the announcements are for the  
month of October or later.*

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via e-mail? We can provide this to you in PDF format.  
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Your emailed pdf document will spring to life!  
Email Barbara at [bcook@broomecouncil.net](mailto:bcook@broomecouncil.net)

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