

Council Calendar of Events

Monday, September 4
CLOSED
 Labor Day

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

Thursday, September 14
 Empower Presentation — 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 17
 Hunger Walk — 1:00 p.m.

Monday, September 18
 Bible Study — 10:00 a.m.

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

Tuesday, September 26
 Program Directors Meeting — 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 28
 Board of Directors — 12:00 noon

Children of Abraham of the Southern Tier

Interfaith Discussion Series

Sunday, September 24
 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*Islam, Judaism, and Christianity:
 Common Ground, Collaboration and Mutual Respect*
 (resuming after summer break)



Our facilitated discussion groups offer a safe environment to explore the hopes and concerns within our communities, the fears that may divide us, religious and cultural traditions, and current events through the lenses of our religious teachings.

Attend one session or participate in many.

The discussion groups are meeting on the 4th Sunday of each month from 3:00-5:00pm at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Binghamton located at 183 Riverside Drive, Binghamton 13905.

Please RSVP to help us plan.

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**Don't ever question the value of volunteers.
 Noah's Ark was built by volunteers;
 the Titanic was built by professionals.**

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The Volunteer Spotlight

This month we honor

Dan Terry and Beth Pasto



Dan has been with us for over a year and is our ideal volunteer. Always a bit early and willing to stay late when needed, he has the charm to deal well with our pantry agencies and the leadership skills to get the job done. He has recently graduated from Sage Trucking school with

his CDL-A license and will soon be taking his hard working work ethic to a new stage in his life. Thanks, Dan, for all you have so graciously given to us.



Beth Pasto has been volunteering in the FIAV offices since December 2016. She has been able to master the hectic pace of the scheduling office as well as provide help with a variety of computer related tasks. She has also stepped in on several occasions when

we needed extra help. We are pleased to have Beth on board and appreciate her willingness to learn and serve the older adults in our program.

Boulevard United Methodist Church

113 Grand Boulevard, Binghamton, NY — 797.5675



Holy Hackers Open

10th Annual Golf Tournament
Saturday, September 23
1:00 p.m.



at the Endwell Greens Golf Course.

Deadline to sign up: Friday, September 8

Benefits the Boulevard UMC Mission Team
and the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.
\$65 per person (includes golf, cart, dinner)

contact Bobby Granish: 607.725.9005 /
Robert.Granish@gmail.com or Shawn Granish: 607.725.8252/
Shawn.Granish@lmco.com

Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church

918 Front Street, Binghamton, NY — 607.724.5421 (see below)

Hawleyton United Methodist Church

901 Hawleyton Road, Binghamton 13903 — 607.669.4520

Chiz Rider in Concert

Saturday, September 16 — 7:00 p.m.
at Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 17 — 7:00 p.m.
at Hawleyton United Methodist Church.



Chiz is an extremely talented trumpet player from State College, PA. Charles "Chiz" Rider's "high-tech, high-energy, high-God" concerts are bold when it comes to his faith.

This is no charge for the concert.
A free-will offering will be taken.

If you have any questions, please contact
Nimmonsburg at 724.5421
or Hawleyton at 669.4520.

We welcome you and your people
with open arms and hearts.

Why not join us for an inspiring evening together!

Hospital Ministry — *We are there when you need us*

If you are admitted to a UHS Hospital please tell the admissions personnel your church and if you would like a Chaplaincy visit. With HIPPA rules we have to be careful, but we are here to give comfort if you need us.

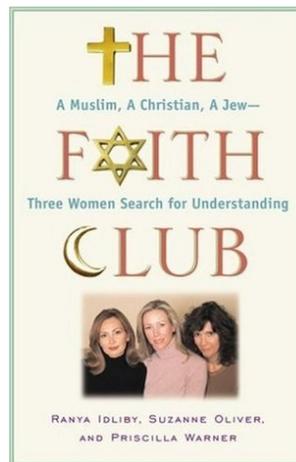
We are always looking for volunteers who are willing to pray and bring spiritual comfort to patients. Please call me, Chaplain John, at 763.6003 for more information if you feel so called.

Children of Abraham of the Southern Tier

A Women's Interfaith Book Club

Our first meeting is scheduled for
Tuesday, September 26 — 7:00 p.m.
at the

United Presbyterian Church in Binghamton



We are planning to read The Faith Club—A Muslim, a Christian, a Jew—Three Women Search for Understanding by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner.

We plan to discuss the first three chapters of the book (about 35 pages) during our first meeting and discuss how we want to proceed. Currently we are planning to meet monthly, but we can adjust the time to suit the most people.

We can order copies for anyone who is interested and distribute them at our first meeting. The book is available online for less than \$5.

We would appreciate knowing in advance if you plan to attend. Email us at interfaithbroomecounty@gmail.com.

Endwell United Methodist Church

3301 Watson Boulevard, Endwell, NY 607.754.5735

Southern Tier Mobile Pack

Friday & Saturday, November 3 & 4

Our church is tackling the devastating problem of hunger in the world by putting together an event known as Southern Tier MobilePack™ (STMP).

STMP will host a food packing event to be held in November to pack 100,000 meals for starving children who are desperately in need throughout the world. Each meal that is lovingly packed costs 22 cents.

In order to pay for the rice, soy, dehydrated veggies and vitamins needed to fill the meal bags, we need to fundraise over \$22,000. To make this event happen, Southern Tier MobilePack™ must raise a significant portion of the meal costs by September 1st. We are inviting you, your family and your church family to help. In addition to monetary donations, we need over 500 volunteers to help.

For more information: check out the flyers at:
www.broomecouncil.net.

On the website go to the About page menu, select newsletters and look under the September 2017 Connecting Congregations. It is all there!



Join us to *Sound the Alarm* about home fire safety and save lives.

Ask me how.

The American Red Cross asks everyone to help **Sound the Alarm** in the Southern Tier, and be part of the nationwide Red Cross effort to help reduce the number of deaths and injuries caused by home fires.

Here in the Southern Tier, the Red Cross is holding a **Sound the Alarm** home fire safety and smoke alarm installation event between September 23-October 15. Red Cross volunteers and local partners will be canvassing neighborhoods, installing 100 free smoke alarms, replacing batteries in existing alarms, and helping families create escape plans.

A **Sound the Alarm** kickoff event will take place at the Southern Tier Chapter, 620 East Main Street in Endicott, at 10am on Friday, August 25. Several members of the Regional **Sound the Alarm** Cabinet, listed below, are expected to attend, as well as Red Cross staff, board members, and volunteers. Other partners working with the Red Cross include: National Fire Adjustment, Inc.; National Grid; CNY Community Foundation, Inc.; Corning Foundation; Lewis Tree Service; Pyramid Management Group, Dryden Mutual Insurance Co., Stephanie S. Kata Foundation; and Greater Rochester Health Foundation.

“Over the last 12 months, volunteers in the Southern Tier have responded to 67 home fires. In fact, home fires are the biggest disaster threat our community faces, killing seven people in this country every day,” said Colleen McCabe, Southern Tier Chapter Executive Director. “Please help us **Sound the Alarm** by volunteering to install smoke alarms in your community, making a financial contribution, or taking steps to protect your own family from home fires.”

The Red Cross responds to nearly 64,000 disasters a year, the majority of which are home fires. Working smoke alarms in a home cut the risk of death by half, and having an escape plan further improves the odds of survival. The Red Cross wants to end these tragedies and save lives, the reason why the organization launched the Home Fire Campaign in 2014.

Across the country, the Campaign is making a difference. As of June 30, 2017, the Red Cross and our partners across the country have saved at least 260 lives, including [two in Buffalo](#) and [one in Rochester](#). Between July 1, 2016-June 1, 2017, volunteers installed 461 smoke alarms in the Southern Tier.

For more information, or to schedule an alarm installation, please visit www.soundthealarm.org/wcny.

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, September 26

(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, September 2 — 11:00 a.m.

(and the first Saturday of every month)

at *The Church Commons Community Center* (in the 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 2nd!

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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 October 2017 issue
4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 14
Announcements must be for October or later.

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