

### Council Calendar of Events

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**Monday, October 3**  
Peace with Justice — 12:00 noon

**Wednesday, October 5**  
Staff Meeting — 2:30 p.m.

**Thursday, October 6**  
FIAV Advisory Committee — 12:00 noon

**Friday, October 14**  
FIAV Volunteer Training — 9:00 a.m.

**Monday, October 17**  
Bible Study Group — 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, October 21**  
Multidisciplinary Case Review — 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, October 25**  
Program Directors Meeting — 8:30 a.m.

**Thursday, October 27**  
Executive Committee — 12:00 Noon  
Dining for Dollars Event — 5:30 p.m.

**MAHATMA GANDHI**  
1869-1948



“The day the power of love overrules the love of power, the world will know peace.”

### LET US BE HEALERS A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

Sunday, October 2 – 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

**Gathering at 6:00 p.m.** – Peacemaker Plaza (by the riverwalk, behind RiverRead Books). Music will begin at **5:55 p.m.** **We hope you can join us!**

**At 6:05**, a statement of welcome and purpose will invite us into unity. Immediately thereafter, we'll begin a procession, led by musicians, to Confluence/Peace Park.

**By 6:30**, the entire group will have arrived at the park, near the confluence of the rivers. Musicians will lead us in singing.

**At 6:40**, an Affirmation will be read by community leaders.

**At 6:45**, the winners of the Gandhi T-Shirt design competition will be announced and the winning T-shirt designs unveiled. (one by someone 12 or younger; the other by a young person 13-19)

**At 6:50**, a quartet of student string musicians will perform a selection of music, signifying the healing powers of harmony and creative, peaceful interaction.

*After brief words of dismissal, as we leave the park, at approximately 7 pm, the quartet will play an additional piece of music. Some may walk together back towards Peacemaker Plaza, and their cars.*

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

In the event of rainy weather, we will gather at the American Civic Association (ACA) Building at 131 Front Street.

#### **For more information, please contact:**

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Fred Brooks – [fbrooksjr@stny.rr.com](mailto:fbrooksjr@stny.rr.com)

## The Volunteer Spotlight

This month we would like to honor

### David Alexander



Dave has been volunteering with us for many years. He has been involved with our Encounter program, Faith in Action, CHOW and Ramp it Up.

While serving as host of our Encounter Program, he was personally very passionate about Veterans and the complications of returning

Veterans... He did several shows on the VOA and programs that they offer.

He has been instrumental in helping with the CHOW Bus, having dropped it off and picked it up for us numerous times. He has even gone so far as to volunteer to help train our employees for their CDL licenses.

On top of all that, he also volunteers at the UMC Soup Kitchen and helps us build ramps!!! What more could you ask for?! ☺ Thanks Dave.

### Jail Ministry Christmas Project

Each year we provide gifts of children's books to the families of the inmates at Christmas and give a small gift bag to each inmate containing a few items. Donations of *playing cards, word puzzle books, full size hygiene items, pocket packs of tissues, stamps, single-trip bus passes, sweat suits, socks, underwear, hats, gloves, gently used or new children's books* will help with this project.

Volunteers are also needed to help decorate gift bags, sort items and wrap and/or deliver the children's books.

You may contact the Broome County Council of Churches at 607.724.9130 or the Jail Chaplain's office at 607.778.6518.

## Save the Date



**Dining for Dollars**  
**A Clergy Server Dining Experience**



**Thursday, October 27**  
**Watch for Your Invitations**



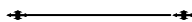
**75th Anniversary Jubilee**  
**Sunday, November 13**  
**First Congregational Church**  
**to DoubleTree Hotel**



## Jail Ministry

**Reentry** — The Jail Ministry program is attempting to intervene in curbing the cycle of incarceration, which often has intergenerational effects. 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 addressing this need we are reaching out to congregations and members who are open to coming alongside former jail inmates who would like to attend your church services. With a new network of support, people may find a new life in fellowship and 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.



**Remember that the happiest people are**  
**not those getting more,**  
**but those giving more.**  
**— H Jackson Brown Jr**



## 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.)**

## Valley Christian Reformed Church

1452 River Road, Binghamton, NY — 607.648.8224 — [valleychurchny@gmail.com](mailto:valleychurchny@gmail.com)

### Safe Church Ministry Conference - We're Better Together

#### A Conversation:

**A Church Response to Interpersonal Violence**  
 Friday, Nov. 4 — 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Building a Social Movement to End Child Sexual Abuse:  
 The Role of Faith Communities**  
 Saturday, Nov. 5 — 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

The Safe Church Ministry of the Christian Reformed Church equips churches in abuse awareness, prevention, and response. Conference plenary sessions will be live-streamed from Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI. Designed with a wide audience in mind: pastors and ministry leaders, parents and grandparents, young adults and others.

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<http://www.valleychurchny.org/>.

## Support the Stu Naismith Peacemaker Awards



### Fish Fry and Steak Roast for Peace



Friday, October 14  
 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Pick Up and Take Out — Inexpensive Dinners  
 from Gance's Complete Catering

Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church parking lot,  
 918 Front Street, across from SUNY Broome.

Choose

hand-battered haddock, strip steak, or pork barbecue  
 with hand-cut French fries and cole slaw

The Stu Naismith Peacemaker Awards are given annually to graduating seniors at Chenango Forks and Chenango Valley High Schools by Veterans for Peace and the Binghamton Community Friends Meeting (Quaker). At each high school 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.

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

Remember to let your nurse know you if you wish to have a Chaplain visit when you are admitted to Wilson or General Hospitals. We are there to help in hard times.

If you would like to be a religious volunteer, helping those in the difficult times of illness or death, please call Chaplain John at 763-6003.

## Trinity Memorial Church

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

### CandleChant

a Service of Choral Compline in a candlelit setting  
Sunday, October 16 — 8:30 p.m.

The service of Choral Compline, the final service of the monastic day, dates back many centuries. Held entirely by candlelight, this contemplative worship gives us pause from the hectic pace of our lives. Ancient chants and beautiful polyphonic motets, performed by an octet of professional voices, speak of gratitude for the day just passed, and ask for God's protection through the dark night.



### Goodies to Eat and Goodies to Buy



## Community Baptist Church

743 Chenango St, Port Dickinson—723.1332

### Rummage & Bake Sales

Saturday, October 15 — 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Bag sale starting at 12:00 noon

Contact: President AB Women's Ministries  
607-723-1332

## Boulevard United Methodist Church

113 Grand Boulevard, Binghamton, NY — 797.5675

### Boulevard's Annual Fall Rummage and Bake Sale

Friday, October 14 — 9:00 am - 4:00 p.m.

#### Bag Sale

Saturday, October 15 — 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

## Veterans of Modern Warfare

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

Saturday, October 1st — 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 October 1st !**

## Samaritan Counseling Center — Moving

www.samaritanendicott.com - 3001 E. Main St., Endwell, NY - 607.754.2660

### Samaritan Counseling Moving To Serve You Better!



After 33 years in Endicott, Samaritan Counseling Center of the Southern Tier is relocating to 3001 East Main Street in Endwell. With this larger facility we can accommodate a greater number of clients in a comfortable, professional setting.

Accredited by the Samaritan Institute in a global network, The Samaritan Counseling Center offers professional, mental health counseling for individuals, children, couples, and families for issues such as anxiety, anger management, depression, loneliness, grief/loss, family, stress, relationships, etc.

Samaritan Counseling Center is very grateful for the purchase and renovation of this building made possible with private donations and grants from The G. Clifford & Florence B. Decker Foundation, the George & Margaret Mee Foundation, the Conrad & Virginia Klee Foundation, and the Victor & Esther Rozen Foundation.

With moving scheduled for the end of August, Samaritan counselors plan to see clients at the new location beginning on September 1, 2016. For more information call 607-754-2660 or visit [www.SamaritanEndicott.com](http://www.SamaritanEndicott.com).

**Samaritan Counseling Center** (new address)  
3001 E. Main St, Endwell, NY – 607.754.2660

## The Dr. Garabed A. Fattal Community Free Clinic

225 Front Street, Binghamton — 607.778.3938 or 607.772.3519

**The Dr. Garabed A. Fattal Community Free Clinic**  
is **OPEN** — Thursdays 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Providing : Primary Health Care  
Exams, Medications, Labs, X-rays and Referrals

Health Insurance Information and Assistance

**Services available to uninsured adults at no cost.**

No appointment necessary!

225 Front Street, Binghamton,  
607.778.3938 or 607.772.3519

## 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, October 25

(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.



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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:  
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Phone: 607.724.9130 x 303

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**Deadline for the November 2016 issue**  
**4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 14**  
*Announcements must be for November or later.*

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