

BC3 Calendar of Events

Monday, November 2
Peace with Justice — 12:00 noon

Tuesday, November 3
Staff Meeting — 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4
C.P.E. Class — 12:00 noon

Tuesday, November 10
Strategic Planning — 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday, November 11
CLOSED
Veterans Day

Thursday, November 12
CPE Class — Rm. 131 — 9:30 a.m.
COAD membership — 12:00 noon

Monday, November 16
Bible Study Group — 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 18
Multidisciplinary Case Review — 8:30 a.m.
C.P.E. Class — 12:00 noon

Thursday, November 19
CHOW Meeting — 9:30 a.m.
CPE Class — Rm. 131 — 9:30 a.m.
Board of Directors — 12:00 noon

Tuesday, November 24
Program Directors — 8:30 a.m.
FIAV Orientation — 12:00 noon

Thursday, November 26
CLOSED
Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 27
CLOSED



Red Bird Mission 2015

It is that time of year to start planning to fill shoeboxes to be given to the Red Bird Mission, located in Beverly, Kentucky. My name is Dave Alexander and I am the organizer and driver to the Red Bird Mission, this year.

Tracy Nolan, Director of Community Outreach at the Red Bird Mission has asked if small plastic storage containers could be used instead of the shoeboxes. The plastic containers would provide needed dry storage for their clients. I have been checking for a good price on these containers. The plastic storage boxes can be purchased online from Walmart at www.walmart.com/ip/Homz-Small-Clear-Storage/20751734 for \$2.50 each in lots of 10, including postage if shipped to the store. This year's goal is to fill a 26 foot rental truck with the needed items. The truck will leave immediately after Thanksgiving.

Local pickup points: New Milford UMC, Forty Fort UMC, Elm Park Oneonta UMC, Skinners Eddy UMC, Endwell UMC

Adult Shoeboxes: Mark either Man or Woman (Please do not wrap boxes)

comb or hair brush, shampoo, hand lotion (small), deodorant, toothbrush & toothpaste, chap stick, full size bath soap, wash cloth (1 or 2), disposable razors, shaving cream, nail care supplies, work gloves (1 pair), scarf & hat, socks (1-2 pairs), mittens

Children's Shoeboxes - Boy or Girl - Ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14

2 or 3 toy items, 2 or 3 school items, full size bath soap, children's toothbrush, children's toothpaste, shampoo, comb/brush, lotion (small), chap stick, wash cloth (1 or 2), socks (1-2 pairs), hats, mittens, small flashlight, Christian bookmark, wrist band or other spiritual item

Many if not all of these items can be purchased at one of the local "Dollar" stores. Money will also be accepted to cover truck rental, fuel, lodging and the trip back home. There is still a need for clean clothing and cleaning supplies. Your consideration to help with this project is greatly appreciated. Additional information will be sent out shortly.

Blessings, Dave Alexander, Coordinator
607.743.8955 Dalexander4@stny.rr.com

www.broomcouncil.net for updated calendar

United Presbyterian Church

42 Chenango Street, Binghamton, NY

Single Mother Support Group

Wednesdays, November 4 – November 18 — 12:00 noon
Terrace Room, United Presbyterian Church, 42 Chenango Street, Binghamton
(Across the Street from BC Transit Station)

Looking for encouragement to get through the challenges of being a single parent? Need to talk about the stressful week you had? Join our open single mothers group to chat with local single mothers. We learn from each other and offer encouragement and friendship support.



Free childcare is available during the meeting to moms with children ages 18 months to 6 years of age. We have professional fully-background-checked staff. Light refreshments provided.

Contact: Jennifer for more information at 722.4219 or office@upcbgm.org.

You can attend one, two or all meetings, whatever works for your family.

Our Lady of Sorrows

801 Main Street, Vestal, NY

Mary's Meal

A free community meal for those in need of food or companionship.

Tuesday, October 27
(and the last Tuesday of every month)
doors open 5:00 p.m.
meal served 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
At Our Lady of Sorrows
801 Main Street in Vestal

The frequency of our meal offerings will increase as we gather in visitors.

If you have any questions, please call 222.5616.



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.

Veterans of Modern Warfare

Local VMW (Veterans of Modern Warfare) Meeting

Saturday, November 7 — 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 November 7th!

Hospital Ministry — Looking for Volunteers

Hospital Thoughts

I am asking local religious groups to make sure you have a phone number-answering machine that patients or family members can actively contact you on. I encourage patients and family members to tell their religious groups, churches and others that they are in the hospital. If a person can't reach their religious body, it often adds to their stress and depression. Hospitalization is a very trying time. God and His Instruments are strengths for many. To God's Glory, Chaplain John Koopman

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.)

Tabernacle United Methodist Church

83 Main St, Binghamton



VENDOR CRAFT FAIR

Food, Crafts, Fun & Music!!

Hosted by:

I'm Dope Without Dope

and individuals who are in recovery



Saturday, December 5 — 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

All proceeds will support a future sober leisure club.

Vendors can apply by phone or email.

For more information, call 607.727.8066

All Saints' Episcopal Church

475 Main Street, Johnson City, NY — 607.797.3354

Radio Daze

A cabaret featuring a trip down memory lane to the "golden days" of radio.



Saturday, November 14



Doors open at 6:30 p.m. to view and bid on gift baskets and certificates.

Show time is 7:00 p.m.

The show features an array of local talent.

Light refreshments, soft drinks & mixers will be available.

Tickets are \$12.00 and can be reserved by calling the church office at 797.3354. If no one is available, please leave a message with your name, phone number and number of tickets desired. Tickets can be picked up at the door by 6:30 p.m. the night of the show.

Proceeds benefit outreach programs of the church including the CHOW Pantry and Soup and Sandwich Saturday Luncheons to feed those in need. We hope you can join us for a great evening of entertainment for a good cause.

Jail Ministry

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 would be 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.

Vestal Center United Methodist Church

478 West Hill Road, Vestal, NY



Harvest Ham Dinner

Saturday, November 14
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.



Adults — \$9.00

Children: Ages 6-12 — \$4.50, Under 5 — FREE

Take Out Available

Boulevard United Methodist Church

113 Grand Boulevard, Binghamton, NY — 607.797.5675



Chicken & Biscuit Dinner & Bake Sale



Election Day — Tuesday, November 3

Bake Sale starts at 6:00 a.m.

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

Takeout available from 12:00 noon until 7:00 p.m.
Sit down dinner served from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Adults — \$8, Seniors (65+) \$7 — Children \$5

Questions 607.797.5675

Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church

918 Front Street, Binghamton, NY — 607.724.5421

Harvest Dinner

Saturday, November 7
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



- Menu -

Roasted Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dressing,
Cranberry Sauce, Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Dinner Roll
and Dessert

Adults—\$10.00, Children—\$5.00 (5+), Under 5—Free

Vestal United Methodist Church

328 Main Street, Vestal, NY —



Hooked on Rugs A Kaleidoscope of Color Hooked Rug Show



Friday, November 6 — 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 7 — 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Biennial Rug Show – Rugs and other hooked pieces of traditional rug hooking by the 47 members of the Pearl McGown Rughookrafter's Guild, Chapter #1, of the Southern Tier (as well as those of several local teachers).

Sponsored by the Red Bird Mission Circle

No Admission Fee

Donations accepted for Red Bird Mission in Kentucky

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 HLA. Lynn Finch, 843 St Rte 369, Port Crane, NY 13833, or 607.648.4533, or 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,” is based on the Twelve Steps of AA.

— Everyone is Welcome to This FREE Meeting —

Visit 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, 4th floor conference room 2

Fridays — 10:00 a.m.

Union Presbyterian Church, 200 Main St., Endicott

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contact **Keating Wilson**:

E-mail: kwilson@broomecouncil.net
Phone: 607.724.9130 x 303

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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 Bounty
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
December 2015 issue of
Connecting Congregations:

4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13
*Please make certain the announcements are for the
month of December or later.*

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