

Council Calendar of Events

Wednesday, November 2
Staff Meeting — 2:30 p.m.

Friday, November 4
Family Violence Prevention — 8:30 a.m.

Monday, November 7
Peace with Justice — 12:00 noon

Friday, November 11
CLOSED
Veterans Day

Sunday, November 13
75th Anniversary Jubilee
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15
CHOW - Vines Meeting — 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 16
Multidisciplinary Case Review — 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, November 17
LOC Kick Off Breakfast — 7:30 a.m.
Board of Directors — 12:00 noon

Monday, November 21
Bible Study Group — 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 22
Program Directors Meeting — 8:30 a.m.


Thursday & Friday, November 24-25
CLOSED
Thanksgiving

Jail Ministry

Financial Support Needed — Please consider donating to the Jail Ministry Program. With increases in reentry and inmate program needs, we are running desperately low on funding for the last 3 months of this year. Although it is not as glamorous as some of the other programs, the Jail Ministry does serve the people of your community: they may be your neighbors, coworkers, classmates, friends or family members, all of whom will be returning home to your neighborhood. These returning citizens are part of your own church parish.

Reentry — The Jail Ministry program is attempting to intervene in curbing the cycle of incarceration. 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 trying to address this need we are reaching out to congregation members who are open to mentoring former jail inmates who would like to attend your church services. With a new network of support, reentrants may find a new life in fellowship and in 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.



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. White bags for decorating are available at the front desk at 3 Otsenigo Street.

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

broomecouncil.net for updated calendar

The Volunteer Spotlight

This month we would like to honor

Jeff Kellam and Jim Anderson

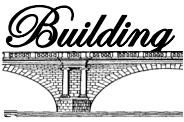


Jeff is a volunteer with our Encounter Program and has done many episodes over the last two years. He has used his camera and recorder to do some amazing things for the show. He has also taped our Lives of Commitment event and interviewed the honorees. Jeff did a radio show that talked about faith and rock music!! He's a great volunteer.



Jim is a volunteer in the CHOW Warehouse and goes above and beyond every day. He is a very quick learner and is always willing to do whatever is asked of him. We can always count on Jim to stay late if needed and to take the lead when others need to be shown what to do. We are so thankful that Jim is here.

Save the Date — Check Out the Flyer Inserts



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



14th Annual Holiday Traditions Craft Show



Black Friday, November, 25

3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, November, 26

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Binghamton University's West Gym



Track Friday 2016

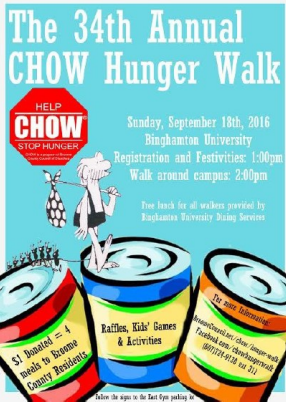
Friday, November 25

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Susquehanna Valley High School Track



A big thank you to all of our Hunger Walk participants and donors!



This year's event on September 18th was hugely successful, and we couldn't have done it without you. A special thanks to our "Platinum" sponsor, BAE Systems. Also, thank you to Our Lady of Sorrows Church for being the congregation with the highest number of walk participants and donations.

See you next year!

CHOW® Needs

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(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.)

Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church

918 Front Street, Binghamton, NY — 607.724.5421



Andrea's Karaoke /
DJ Dance Bash presents the:
Trunk or Treat Spectacular

Saturday, October 29
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



Food - Bake Sale - Vendors - Music - Activities - Prizes
Bounce House — \$1 single...\$5 unlimited bounces

Costume Parade — 5:00 p.m.

Rain or Shine!! Don't miss this!!

To donate to church call church directly: 607.724.5421
 For tables or more information call: 607.772.3127



Movie Night with Kung Fu Panda 3

Friday, November 4 — 6:30 p.m.

Come see a super good movie
and join the fun!



This movie is free and open to the community
 and anyone who would like to attend.

Please bring your own refreshments.

Vestal Center United Methodist Church

478 West Hill Road, Vestal, NY



Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 31
5:00 p.m.

A safe and fun way
to celebrate Halloween!



Join us for treats, snacks and a great time.
Folks will have candy packages to give out.

Ross Memorial Presbyterian Church

6 Morris Street, Binghamton, NY — Southside — corner of Mitchell Ave & Morris

Halloween Safe House

October 31
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Snacks, Drinks and Candy



Stop in at any time during your night of trick or treating.
We will be open for everyone to stop in for a bathroom
break, snack break or just to relax and hang out!

Our Doors Are Open For All Who Need
A Safe Place To Be On Halloween!

Bring a Friend and enjoy the night....

Trinity Memorial Church

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

CandleChant

A Service of Choral Compline in a candlelit setting
Sunday, November 13 — 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.



Boulevard United Methodist Church

113 Grand Boulevard, Binghamton, NY — 797.5675



**Election Day
Bake Sale &
Chicken & Biscuit Dinner**
Tuesday, November 8



Bake sale — 6:00 a.m. until all goodies are gone
Take out chicken dinner — 12:00 noon - 7:00 p.m.
Sit down Chicken Dinner — 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Main Street Baptist Church

117 Main Street, Binghamton, NY— 607.723.0031

Secretary Needed

Position is for 20 hours per week.
Computer skills are necessary.

If interested send resume to:
MSBaptistChurch@outlook.com

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

Remember to let your nurse know if you wish to have a Chaplain visit when you are admitted to Wilson or General Hospital. 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.

Valley Christian Reformed Church

1452 River Road, Binghamton, NY — 607.648.8224 — 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.

valleychurchny@gmail.com;
<http://www.valleychurchny.org/>.

Veterans of Modern Warfare

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

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, November 29
(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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- 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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Phone: 607.724.9130 x 303

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4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 11
Announcements must be for December or later.

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