

BC3 Calendar of Events

Monday, June 1
Peace with Justice — 12:00 noon

Tuesday, June 2
RIU/Elfuns — 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 3
Staff Meeting — 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 4
FIAV Advisory Meeting — 12:00 noon

Tuesday, June 9
RIU/Elfuns — 10:00 a.m.

Monday, June 15
Bible Study — 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 16
RIU/Elfuns — 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 23
Program Directors — 8:30 a.m.
RIU/Elfuns — 10:00 a.m.
FIAV Orientation — 12:00 noon

Thursday, June 25
Executive Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon

Tuesday, June 30
RIU/Elfuns — 10:00 a.m.

www.broomcouncil.net for updated calendar

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Class

AUGUST TO DECEMBER 2015

(Wednesday and Thursday every other week)

- Congregation-Based Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) teaches
 - pastoral care
 - pastoral leadership
 - systems theoryfor clergy, seminarians and lay ministers in the church.
- It is designed for experienced pastors, lay workers and seminarians new to pastoral work.
- Clergy and lay ministers strengthen pastoral and leadership skills, address tension and conflict in the church, and work on their own personal growth in ministry.
- The program focuses on in-depth, systemic change and leadership development that reduce pastoral and congregational anxiety and address long-term issues in the church.

Contact Rev. Spilman for further information.

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716.479.7933 (Cell)
716.743.9117 (Samaritan Center office)
E-mail: rcspilman@roadrunner.com

Volunteer Spotlight

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



have Courtney here with us!!

Courtney has been with us for four months and currently volunteers in our Faith in Action program. Courtney has independently learned two new computer programs and has been helping with our database management. She also is involved with fundraising efforts. We feel so lucky to



Vernell is the coordinator for both the Food Pantry and the Community Meal at Cornerstone Community Church in Endicott, NY. She is a dedicated volunteer who is very pleasant and helpful to work with. She goes above and beyond for her clients, even opening on days they are closed to ensure that no one goes hungry. We couldn't ask for a nicer person to deal with!!



Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. — Helen Keller



Conklin Avenue First Baptist Church

91 Baldwin Street, Binghamton, NY — 607.724.1252



Annual Flea Market & Bake Sale

Saturday, June 6
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
in the church parking lot
(inside if raining)



Vendor Space Available, please call 797-8068

Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church

918 Upper Front Street, Binghamton — 607.724.5421

The Chancel Choir and Joy Ringers Bell Choir
of Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church invite you to



"An Afternoon of Delights"

Sunday, May 31 — 3:00 p.m.
918 Upper Front Street, Binghamton



The concert is FREE
and the public is cordially invited.
Desserts will be served in Fellowship Hall
following the concert!

*If you are able, please bring a
canned good for CHOW.*

*A free will offering will be taken to help fund the
Music ministry at the Church.*

Special Thanks to Dick's Garage



CHOW
would like to thank
Dick's Garage 23 1/2 Hour
Towing and Recovery



for helping us transport a forklift to help with the Construction
donations. Their generosity was instrumental in making
this collection possible.

CHOW Needs

CHOW

(Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse)

Peanut Butter and Jelly, Instant potatoes, Mac &
Cheese, Canned Fruit, Tuna Fish, Canned Meats, Soup,
Canned Fruit

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.)

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

594 Kent Street, Windsor (exit 79 off Route 17/86 East; turn right after the exit ramp).

Join Bronzissimo! for our Spring Concert

Sunday, June 7 — 7:00 p.m.

Bronzissimo! is an auditioned community handbell choir
ringing five octaves of English handbells and three oc-
taves of handchimes. Composed of experienced ringers
from across the Southern Tier, the group performs locally
for many types of events. The group has performed "en
masse" and "en solo" at both National and Regional Fes-
tivals of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers.
The mission of Bronzissimo! is to perform with excel-
lence, sharing with the audience the joys and technicali-
ties of the art of handbell ringing.

The concert is free and open to the public.

A free-will offering will be collected at the performance.
For more information, please contact Carol DeJager, president,
at 607.656.7818 or via email at bronzissimo@yahoo.com

Sister Mary Felice - Medical Doctor Missionary to the Congo

Come and join Sister Mary Felice as she shows her Power
Point presentation on the work being done in the Congo.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

(701 W Main St, Endicott, NY — Phone: 607.748.7417)
Sunday, June 14 — after the 11:30 a.m. mass

St. John The Evangelist (Blessed Trinity Parish)

(24 Rock St., Newark Valley, NY — Phone: 607.687.1068)
Sunday, July 12 — after the 11:15 a.m. mass

Jail Needs

At the Jail Ministry we have ongoing needs for single-
trip bus passes, first class stamps and hygiene prod-
ucts. We could also use more sweat suits as well as
some jigsaw puzzles. Inspirational paperback books
and modern English Bible translations in paperback
are always helpful.

It may seem early to write about our Christmas pro-
ject, but we could use small tissue packs, playing
cards and paperback word puzzle books which go
into the inmate gift bags at Christmas. The small
bags we distribute to the inmates at Christmas also
need to be decorated. As VBS and Summer camps
are right around the corner, this would be a wonder-
ful activity for the kids (or even adult small group
missions projects). Bags can be picked up at the
Council.

We also need interfaith materials for our non-
Christian inmates (please call the chaplain at
607.778.6518 to find out what is acceptable).

Choir Robes and Choir Music Are Available

50 choir robes, burgundy and cream with a cross on the front bib, are available to any church choir that can use them. They are made by Murphy with an original cost of around \$120 each. Sizes range from 5'4" to 6'5".

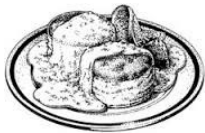
Choir music is also available: over 200 different songs.

For more information or to set up a time to go and see what is available, please contact Jill McFadden at 625.3479.

Jill made the comment, "It will bring joy to our hearts to know that these items will be used."

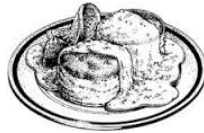
Boulevard United Methodist Church

113 Grand Boulevard, Binghamton, NY – 797.5675



Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

Saturday, June 6
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Benefit: Boulevard's Mission Team

Adults: \$8
Seniors: \$7 (65 and older)
Children: \$5

Calvary United Methodist Church

3505 Vestal Pkwy East, Vestal, NY — 607.729.0938

AARP Safe Driver 6 hr. Course

Wednesday & Thursday, June 3 & 4
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Must attend both sessions)

Cost: AARP Members - \$20
Non AARP Members - \$25

Bring check made out to AARP to class.

Call to register: Calvary UMC Office, 729.0938

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

If you are going to be a patient in the UHS Hospitals, please tell people when you check in what faith group you believe in. — Chaplain Rev. John Koopman

Veterans of Modern Warfare

Local VMW (Veterans of Modern Warfare) Meeting

Saturday, June 6 — 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 June 6th!

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

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 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

Samaritan Counseling Center

www.samaritanendicott.com

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Congregations, contact Keating Wilson:**

E-mail: kwilson@broomecouncil.net
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Congregations may submit items at no charge.
All others will be asked for a \$10 donation per article, per
month.

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



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Due date to submit items for the
July 2015 issue of
Connecting Congregations:

12:00 noon on Monday, June 15
*Please make certain the announcements are for the
month of July 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!
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