Council Calendar of Events

December 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
December 2, 2018 Choruses for CHOW						
December 5, 2018 Staff Meeting - 11:00 am						
Monday December 17, 2018 Bible Study 10:00 am						
Friday December 21, 2018 Council Christmas Party						
Monday & Tuesday, December 24-25, 2018 COUNCIL CLOSED Christmas						
Monday & Tuesday, December 31 & 1 COUNCIL CLOSED						

Fairview United Methodist Church

Amnesty International Write for Rights
Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 11:45 am

Binghamton Community Friends Meeting (Quaker) will supply you with ten letters and envelopes, to personalize as you wish and send to officials in different countries, in support of women defenders of human rights. So that we can prepare enough letters, contact Ralph at mcgrewrv@sunybroome.edu by December 6. You can pick up your letters at 11:45 AM Sunday December 9, 2018 at the rear door of Fairview United Methodist Church, 254 Robinson Street, Binghamton; or in some other convenient way.

Volunteer Spotlight is on… J.P. Morgan Chase Bank

Many thanks go out to **J.P. Morgan Chase Bank** and their amazing team of Volunteers who have helped us the past two years sort through our annual ***Food-A-Bago*** event donations. This year they sorted over 14.,000 lbs. of food in 2.5 hours! Thank you so much for the help! You guys rock!

Nirchi's - 954 Upper Front Street

From now through December 28th, you can donate $1 (or any amount you'd like) to Take A Slice Out Of Hunger ! CHOW® will then use this money to provide FOUR MEALS to people in our community facing hunger this holiday season. Donations are accepted in store when picking up your pizza, or can be made online at : https://tinyurl.com/SliceOutOfHunger.

Choruses for CHOW® at St. Cyril's

148 Clinton Street, Binghamton NY

First United Methodist Church
740 River Rd, Binghamton, NY 13901 · (607) 648-4339

NIGHT to Shine
SPONSORED BY THE TIM TEBOW FOUNDATION

Friday, February 8, 2019 from 6-9 pm First United Methodist Church of Chenango Bridge is proud to be an official host church for the 2019 Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation.

Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older. The event will be hosted by an estimated 700 churches around the world simultaneously on Friday, February 8, 2019. We have rented space at the Chenango Valley High School to hold this event.

To learn more and see all the churches that are a part of this worldwide movement, check out www.timtebowfoundation.org

MANY Volunteer positions available at our event. For more information, refer a guest, volunteer or donate, please email: night2shinecb@gmail.com

VESTAL CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
478 West Hill Road, Vestal NY 607.748.0004

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW & BAKE SALE

SAT. DEC. 8, 2018
10AM – 3PM
Lunch available

All things Christmas!!!
(including Welsh Cookies)

Main Street Baptist Church
117 Main St., Binghamton, NY - 607.723.0031

Free Clothes & More
Saturday, December 15th, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
Third Saturday of every month
First Come First Served - Limited Supply

Things you can't get with WIC or SNAP

· Hygiene Items · Paper Products
· Cleaning Agents · Baby Care Items

Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church
918 Upper Front St, Binghamton, NY 13905

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
44 Main St, Binghamton, NY 13905

HANDBELL CONCERT AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Trinity Ringers of Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church will be presenting a Concert of Christmas Holiday Favorites for First Friday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. The Trinity Ringers uses a 3 octave set of British White Chapel Handbells and a three octave set of Handchimes.

This program is open to the community. The concert is free but donations will be accepted for the Music Ministry program at Trinity. Trinity Church is located across from Binghamton High School at the Corner of Oak and Main Streets.
FREE Parking is located behind the church off Oak Street.

Trinity Episcopal Church - will be hosting the Cayuga Vocal Ensemble on Sunday, Dec. 16th at 4:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary. This group of singers from Ithaca is presenting:
SHINING NIGHT
"A Tapestry of Music for the Season."

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH – BINGHAMTON:

5:00 p.m. – Family Christmas Eve Service

10:30p.m. – Music Prelude sung by the TRINTY CHOIR – "*Magnificat" by Pachelbel; and Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata".* This will be followed by Candlelight Eucharistic Celebration of the Birth of our Lord beginning at 11:00 p.m.

Faith In Action, Volunteers Shopper Program

3 Otseningo Street, Binghamton NY

SHOPPING LIST

The Harvest Is So Great, But The Workers Are So Few.

Do you have a couple hours to spare to help an older adult remain independent and healthy?

Volunteers are needed for the Office for Aging Shopper Program. If you have a vehicle and a couple hours a week, or every other week, or once a month to volunteer, you can provide this essential service to grocery shop for a homebound senior in Broome County. You pick up their grocery list and payment. You return with the groceries and a receipt. It's that simple to help someone remain independent in their home. If you would like to become a worker to help with the harvest contact: *Faith in Action*, Volunteers through the Broome County Council of Churches at: 607-724-9130 ext. 318 or visit: broomecouncil.net

Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is so great, but the workers are so few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send out more workers for his fields." Matthew 9: 37-38

You're Invited!

CLERGY DAY

INFORMATIONAL EVENT

December 6, 2018

12:00pm—4:00pm

State Office Building
Binghamton, New York

Administrative Judge, Molly Reynolds Fitzgerald, invites you to attend the 6th Judicial District's Clergy Day event. Our goal is to provide resources for navigating the court system that can assist you in your role as a Clergy member. The informational event will include descriptions of various court jurisdictions and specialty courts, such as Drug Treatment Court and Domestic Violence Court. Also, materials on court accessibility, and language access, legal aid services, local resources, and more. Light lunch to be provided.

Please RSVP by November 30th to Sadie Palmieri at 607-240-5322 or spalmier@nycourts.gov

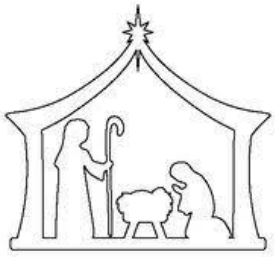
Tabernacle United Methodist Church

83 Main St., Binghamton, NY

2018 Annual Christmas Cantata/ Pageant

Sunday, December 9
10:30 am

The Thrill of Hope
by Bob Krogstad



With the Tabernacle Chancel Choir, Children's Choir and Nativity Characters, Orchestra, Piano, Organ and Narration. Come one, come all!

Jail Ministry at Sarah Jane Johnson UMC

The Christmas Project - We are still in need of people and church groups that would like to decorate white paper bags for the inmate's Christmas packages and gifts for their kids. We are also looking for drivers to deliver the gifts to their children.

We are looking for Volunteers **on 12/5 at 12:00 pm** to step in where needed to wrap presents for the children of the incarcerated. If you are a driver you can pick up gifts for delivery on that day at 3PM.

What we are collecting: **Nearly new children's books, new stuffed animals, playing cards, tissue packs, candy canes, single bus trip passes, small paperback puzzle books, bibles, money and wrapping paper.**

Contact:
Rev. Cris H. Mogenson, Coord. Chaplain,
Office of the Sheriff -607.778.6518

Our Lady of Sorrows

801 Main Street, Vestal, NY - 607.222.5616

Mary's Meal Tuesday, December 11th
(*the last Tuesday of every month*)

Doors Open 5:00 pm, Meal Served 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Free community meal for those in need of food or companionship.
If you have any questions, please call 607-222-5616.

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December 2018

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ATTENTION: CONTACT INFORMATION

To submit items or to receive Connecting Congregations, contact:

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

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Deadline for the January 2019 issue:
Friday, December 14 2018

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