

### Council Calendar of Events February 2019

| SUN   | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| <b>Wednesday February 6th, 2019</b><br>Staff Meeting—11:00 am           |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Tuesday February 12, 2019</b><br>CHOW Staff Meeting - 2:15 pm        |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Thursday February 14th, 2019</b><br>FIAV LOC Meeting - 8:30 am       |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Saturday February 16th, 2019</b><br>FIAV Brunch 9– 11:00 am          |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Monday February 18th, 2019</b><br>Bible Study - 10:00 am             |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Tuesday February 26, 2019</b><br>Program Directors Meeting - 8:30 am |     |     |     |     |     |     |

### Upcoming Event

**Women Warriors for Christ** would like to announce their upcoming event in March 2019. Given the height of Racism , Sexism, Religious Persecution , it is time for all people of every race , creed , and color to come together under one name God. We will be holding a dinner and praise gathering. For More Details and Information please call: Renee 607 - 232 -2235.

### Children of Abraham

#### Children of Abraham Jewish Passover Seder for non-Jews

Sunday, March 3, 2019 2-4pm

Experience a Passover Seder as Jewish people celebrate it with the ritual foods at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Drive, Binghamton, NY 13905. Each person will take home a Passover Haggadah (Seder Booklet). Volunteer to help with food preparations, set up or clean up as well. The Seder will be led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell, chair of the Children of Abraham Planning Group and of Temple Concord and Rabbi Geoffrey Brown of Temple Israel.

Cost is \$10 per person, subsidized by the Children of

### Volunteer Spotlight is on...



**Ariel Dohanich** has been volunteering in the CHOW– AVANGRID Warehouse since April of 2018. She never ceases to amaze everyone with her work ethic and her great outlook on life.

Ariel comes early, stays late and is always willing to go that extra mile when help is needed. She is much appreciated by everyone at CHOW and is an inspiration to us all!



Many thanks go out to **Vestal High School IB/ Honor Students** for volunteering in our CHOW– AVANGRID Warehouse. They helped us sort and box 5,220 lbs. of food; providing 4,350 meals to people in need in our community.

Thank you so much for all your help!

### Called to Serve?

We have many volunteer opportunities at the Council!  
For more information please visit our website :

**[broomecouncil.net/volunteer/volunteer-application-form/](http://broomecouncil.net/volunteer/volunteer-application-form/)**

Or call our Volunteer Coordinator Jessica Iacovelli at:

(607) 724-9130 x 312

We would love to have you join our Team!

### Trinity Memorial Church



**A MOSES HOGAN CELEBRATION**  
featuring  
**Derek Lee Ragin, countertenor**

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Performances of Spirituals including  
"His Light Still Shines, A Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."  
Sharon Ball, Narrator

Pre-Concert Lecture at 6:30 PM by  
Theresa Lee-Whiting, Musicologist

Sponsored by:  
[Your Name Here]

Bruce Borton, Conductor  
Jean Herman Hensler & Pej Reitz, Pianists  
With: The Madrigal Choir of Binghamton; Binghamton H.S. Choir members; members of Tabernacle UMC, Mt. Sinai COGIC & Trinity Memorial Church Choirs

7 PM SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019  
at  
TRINITY MEMORIAL CHURCH  
44 MAIN ST., BINGHAMTON, NY

Free Admission  
For more info call (607) 338-1219

### Vestal Free Methodist Church for sale

#### Beautiful Church in prime location for SALE.



The building was built in the 1950's original home of Vestal Free Methodist. Located on the corner of LaGrange and Mirador Drive. Close to Vestal High School—easy access to

Rte. 26 & Rte. 17/86.

Interested parties please call HOPE Teen Challenge of Vestal, a ladies Residential Rehab & Training Center director, Rich Mecklenborg at 607 972- 1926 or Site

### Main Street Baptist Church

Saturday, February 19th, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon  
**Free Clothes & More!!**

#### Third Saturday of every month

First Come First Served - Limited Supply· Hygiene Items· Paper Product · Cleaning Agents · Baby Care Items

**117 Main St., Binghamton, NY - 607.723.0031**

### United Methodist Church in Whitney Point

#### Thursday February 21st, 6pm

Learn about how to make your home greener using clean heating & cooling technology with HeatSmart Southern Tier a new program of the Binghamton Regional Sustainability Coalition. Clean heating and cooling (CH&C) systems—ground source and air source heat pumps—are smart and healthy options that will keep your home comfortable year round, lower your energy usage, and reduce your carbon footprint. AND, if you have solar, you can use that to help run your CH&C system!



By joining your neighbors and participating in Heat Smart Southern Tier you'll benefit from pre-negotiated pricing on the installation of a new clean heating and cooling system and energy efficiency as well. Learn about all this plus available incentives and financing. visit our website <https://heatsmartsoutherntier.org/> or call 607-873-9220 for more information!

### First United Methodist Church of Chenango Bridge



#### Friday, February 8, 2019 from 6-9 pm,

The **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](http://www.timtebowfoundation.org)

MANY volunteer positions available at our event. For

### VISTA Position Available

Broome County Council of Churches Development Dept.  
is looking for **Coordinating VISTA**

*January 2019 – January 2020*

*(VISTA terms always run for one full year, but we can be flexible on the start date)*

The Broome County Council of Churches (the Council) Development Coordinator will have a lead role in resource development efforts. For more info **please visit our website or call.**

### Hospital Ministry



Pastors please feel free to contact me if you have a patient at Wilson and can't get in to visit.

Call me at 763-6003 and ask or leave a message for Chaplain John. Churches please raise in prayer the many people that have loved ones in the hospitals. There is never a time we like to lose loved ones but as believers we have the knowledge of heaven to come.

- Chaplain John

### Red Cross



### Know a Hero?

The Southern Tier American Red Cross needs your help in finding local heroes for its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Real Heroes Breakfast in May 2019. This event honors those who have in the past year exhibited extraordinary courage to save the life of another. There are 12 Hero Categories: Blood Donor, Good Samaritan (Adult and Youth), Good Neighbor, Education, Lifeline, Fire Rescue, Workplace Safety, Law Enforcement, Medical, Military and Animal Rescue (for an animal that helped to save a life). For more information or to receive a nomination form, email [Susie.Chadwick@RedCross.org](mailto:Susie.Chadwick@RedCross.org) or call 607-785-7207. Submission deadline is February 15, 2019. Thanks!!!

### Our Lady of Sorrows Community Meal

**Mary's Meal Tuesday, February the 26th**  
*(the last Tuesday of every month)*

Doors Open 5:00 pm, Meal Served 5:30 - 6:30 pm  
801 Main Street, Vestal, NY

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

### Boulevard United Methodist Church

Boulevard UMC  
Chicken and Biscuit Dinner  
February 16<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm  
Take out Available  
Proceeds to benefit the Boulevard UMC Saturday

### MICAH Event

SPONSORED BY MOVING IN  
CONGREGATIONS ACTING IN  
HOPE (MICAH)

## BUILDING UNITY: A SERVICE OF PRAYER TO END RACISM

Preaching: Dr. Aloja Airewele  
Music: The Dorothy Cotton Jubilee  
Singers and the Fairview United  
Methodist Church Bell Choir

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SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2019  
4:00 PM  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
UNITED CHURCH OF  
CHRIST, 30 MAIN STREET,  
BINGHAMTON, NY 13905

Fellowship after Service with finger foods  
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(607). 724. 9130

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- Ramp It Up
- Senior Living Ministry
- Hospital Ministry
- Prison Ministry
- Encounter

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*“Connecting compassion with needs; inspiring growth with dignity”*

To submit items or to receive Connecting Congregations, contact:

E-mail: [admin-dev@broomecouncil.net](mailto:admin-dev@broomecouncil.net)  
Phone: 607.724.9130 x 303

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**Deadline for the March 2019 issue:  
Friday, February 15, 2019**

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