

## Council Calendar of Events

May 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Sunday May 12, 2019</b> Happy Mother's Day						
<b>Monday May 20, 2019</b> Bible Study - 10:00 AM						
<b>Wednesday May 22, 2019</b> Board of Directors Meeting - 12:00 - 1:30 PM						
<b>Friday May 24, 2019</b> Council Retreat - Council Closed						
<b>Monday May 27, 2019</b> Happy Memorial Day - Council Closed						
<b>Tuesday May 28, 2019</b> Program Directors Meeting - 8:30 AM						

## CHOW® News

The 27th annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive is on Saturday, May 11, 2019.

Specific questions regarding the Food Drive should be directed to NALC Director of Community Services at 202-662-2489.



The 27th annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is coming up in May! Don't forget to mark your calendars and keep an eye out for **these bag**.

Just fill the bag with non-perishable food donations and your letter carriers will do the rest!

Do not miss out on being part of CHOW®'s LARGEST food drive of the year!



## Need WIC or SNAP ??

### Ready, Set, Grow! with WIC

Good nutrition during pregnancy and in the first years of your child's life is very important.

WIC provides pregnant women, new and breastfeeding moms, and children under age 5 with healthy food, breastfeeding support, nutrition advice, and referrals to other services.

Dads, grandparents, foster parents and kinship caregivers can also apply for children in their care.

### What is WIC Help NY?

WIC Help Specialists provide free and confidential one-on-one services to connect you to WIC.

A WIC Help Specialist can help determine if you may be eligible for WIC, assist with gathering the necessary documents, and set up your first appointment at a convenient WIC clinic.

### Need Help Affording Groceries?

**SNAP** the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program helps people struggling to buy groceries and may be able to help you. SNAP is available for everyone who qualifies.

### Do I Qualify for SNAP?

You **may**, if you are a senior, a student, a working parent, a family who pays for child care or adult care or if you or a family member is disabled. You must meet the income requirements.

### What is NOEP?

NOEP is Nutrition Outreach and Education Program and the NOEP Coordinator can:

- Help determine if you may be eligible for SNAP
- Meet with you at a convenient location
- Help you complete and submit the SNAP application and schedule the SNAP eligibility phone interview.

### Find out if you may be eligible for SNAP

Call Jennifer, the NOEP Coordinator at (607) 723-8313, Ext. 827 or email [jeichler@familyenrichment.org](mailto:jeichler@familyenrichment.org)

Prepared by a project of Hunger Solutions New York; funded by NYSOTDA and USDA/FNS. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

## Trinity Memorial Church



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

Moses Hogan  
World-Renowned Arranger of African-American Spirituals

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 & Pei 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) 339-1219

## Vestal Free Methodist Church for Rent



### Beautiful Church in prime location for RENT.

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, Residential Rehab & Training Center Director, Rich Mecklenborg at 607 972-1926 or Site Director

## ABW Ministries of Community Baptist Church

### MOM'S BOUTIQUE & BAKE SALE

Saturday May 4th 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Community Baptist Church  
743 Chenango Street (Port Dickenson)

- Handicap Accessible

Please contact the President of AB Women's Ministries at 607-723-1332.

## Part-Time Catholic Care Position

Lourdes Hospice is looking for a part-time (20 hours a week) Catholic Pastoral Care Coordinator to visit patients at home, hospitals, and nursing homes.

Hours are flexible. This is a paid position that includes health benefits.

If interested, please contact Chaplain Steve Doyle at 607-

## Interested in Volunteering?

### 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

## Faith In Action Volunteers

*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](http://broomecouncil.net)



**FAITH**  
IN ACTION

## VISTA Position Available

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

May 2019 – May 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. We are looking for Super Giant Print Bibles. There is room for another Chaplain Volunteer Visitor at Wilson. Please call me

if you might feel the calling. Know how grateful I and the patients are for our Chaplain volunteers.

If you are in the UHS hospitals please tell folks when you enter the hospital that you go to your specific church, temple or mosque. Representatives of faith groups are welcomed to visit our Chapel offices on the 3rd floor in Wilson and the first floor in BGH. If someone isn't in the office it usually means our folks are doing rounds but leave a note under the door of our office. Our chapels are on the 4th floor in Wilson and the 1st floor in BGH. Note that starting Apr 1 there will be 1 entrance for visitors at Wilson at the Decker doorway. Unfortunately times have changed just like security at our churches has changed.

## 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

## Our Lady of Sorrows Community Meal

Mary's Meal Tuesday, May 28th

(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.

## Dining for Dollars

# Calling all Clergy...



**NEW** October 3,  
2019  
The Riverdale  
Banquet Hall

You are invited to participate in the fun, fellowship and fundraising for  
*Faith in Action* Volunteers!

Please let us know if you will join us as a clergy server for our 14th Annual Dining for Dollars.  
Contact Sue Spencer at 724-9130 ext. 304 or [sspencer@broomecouncil.net](mailto:sspencer@broomecouncil.net)

## SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE



**FRIDAY – MAY 3,  
5 - 8 PM**

**SATURDAY – MAY 4,  
9 - 12 PM**

**VESTAL CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
478 WEST HILL RD., VESTAL**



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# Connecting Congregations

May 2019

Please post this newsletter or pass it on to members of your congregation.



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(607). 724. 9130

Visit our Website: <https://broomecouncil.net>

## OUR PROGRAMS

- CHOW<sup>®</sup>
- Broome Bounty
- *Faith in Action*
- 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

We are in the process of reviewing our publishing and distribution costs. This may result in a price increase for announcements and inserts for non-congregational advertising.

**Deadline for the June 2019 issue:  
Friday, May 17, 2019**

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