

Sacred Sites Open House Sunday

Tour 23 Religious Structures in Binghamton, Johnson City, Endwell and Endicott

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019

Free and Open to the Public

Note: **NEW** indicates first time participants for 2019

Each site has its own opening and ending time. Please take notice of the times in order to plan your visits.

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BINGHAMTON - North Side and Downtown	
Directions- Chenango St. near Binghamton Plaza to Court St. & Exchange St. to Conklin Ave.	
<p>1- Centenary-Chenango St. United Methodist Church 438 Chenango St. - Open 10:00am to 12:00pm</p> <p>106-year-old edifice is a landmark on the North Side of Binghamton. The stained glass windows are from the Haskins Studios in Rochester, N.Y. and are original to the building. A large 2-story arched stained glass window is centered on the facade. The interior has been maintained in its original appearance retaining a high degree of architectural integrity.</p>	<p>2- United Presbyterian Church 42 Chenango St. - Open 12:00pm to 3:00pm</p> <p>Designated a historic landmark, this Romanesque Style edifice is the second oldest church in Binghamton. Built in 1863 after a fire destroyed the building, it contains a Tiffany Mosaic at the rear of the pulpit and a Tiffany stained glass window in the narthex.</p>
<p>3- The Landmark Church 126 Court St. - Open 2:00pm to 4:00pm</p> <p>Built in 1866 in the Gothic style, constructed of Syracuse limestone and brick. The church was designed by architect Isaac G. Perry and is part of the Court St. Historic District. Architectural details include carved wood friezes, heartwood cherry ceiling and stained glass cathedral art memorial windows from Munich, Germany. The tower was removed in the 1930's. Site of historic 1913 Women's Suffrage Convention.</p>	<p>4- Islamic Awareness Center NEW 74 Conklin Ave. - Open 11:00am to 1:00pm</p> <p>Used as a House of Worship since 1871. Designed and built by architect Henry M. Congdon with double staircase leading to the main entrance. Roof features multiple gables with a tower at the rear of the building. Formerly the Church of the Good Shepherd it was purchased by the present congregation in 2010.</p>
BINGHAMTON - Clinton Street Area	
Directions- Clinton St. to Glenwood Ave., Right on Baxter St.	
<p>5- St. Michael's Orthodox Church 280 Clinton St. - Open 11:00am to 2:00pm</p> <p>"It has been said that Icons are literally windows into heaven. Come and behold the glory of our Lord and His Saints through the magnificent Icons of St. Michael's Orthodox Church" (Fr. Dutko). An atrium containing eighteen stained glass windows connects the church to the recreation center.</p>	<p>6- Holy Spirit Byzantine Eastern Rite Catholic Church 360 Clinton St. - Open 11:30am to 1:30pm</p> <p>Byzantine and Romanesque style with double-columned porch supporting lintel with inlaid mosaic decoration. Gold leaf domes support three-barred cross. Interior with marble and inlaid mosaic Iconostasis (Icon screen). Canopy over altar (baldachino), depicts in Tiffany glass, descent of the Holy Spirit. Traditional Church Slavonic Hymns playing during the open house.</p>
<p>7- Dormition of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church 54 Baxter St. - Open 12:00pm to 2:00pm</p> <p>Three gold-toned domes dominate front facade of the church. Locally known as St. Mary's Church, the first service was held in 1916. The congregation was established by immigrants from Galicia in Eastern Europe. Interior contains a unique Iconostasis and the vestibule is dominated by a spectacular mural of the Virgin Mary, the namesake of the church.</p>	
BINGHAMTON - West Side and Riverside Drive Area	
Directions- Main St. near Binghamton High School to Leroy St. and Riverside Drive. Traffic circle to Floral Ave. and Grand Blvd.	
<p>8- First Congregational Church UCC 30 Main St. - Open 11:30am to 1:30pm</p> <p>Designed by Isaac Perry, built in 1869, enlarged in 1884. Historic marker identifies site as Peterson's Tavern where Binghamton was incorporated in 1834. Remains of tavern wall still visible in basement. Dominant front gable and side towers open to the sanctuary of fluted wooden columns and arches that support the clerestory.</p>	<p>9- St. Patrick's Church 11 Leroy St. - Open 11:00am to 1:00pm</p> <p>Isaac Perry was the architect in 1873. It is of Gothic Revival Style. Stained glass windows were crafted by Franz Mayer & Co., Munich, Germany. Celtic cast stone cross located on east front lawn of church. Presentation on history of church at 11:30.</p>
<p>10- Temple Concord Synagogue 9 Riverside Dr. - Open 12:00pm to 3:00pm</p> <p>Contemporary style, one floor synagogue connected to Jonas M. Kilmer mansion. Kilmer was a member of Binghamton's business community whose patent medicine industry included the famed cure-all called Swamp Root. Tours of synagogue and mansion during open house.</p>	<p>11- Unitarian Universalist Congregation NEW 183 Riverside Dr. - Open 12:30pm to 2:30pm</p> <p>Present building constructed from 1957-1958 by architect & builder Charles Saldun of contemporary design. Building is comprised of two distinct sections: a tall parabolic chapel and an attached one-story section. A historic marker on the Court House Square indicates Universalist First Society formed 1838. Church was erected on this square facing Exchange St. in 1846.</p>

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BINGHAMTON - West Side and Riverside Drive Area Continued	
12- Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church 44 Main St. - Open 12:00pm to 3:00pm	13- Tabernacle United Methodist Church 83 Main St. - Open 12:00pm to 2:00pm
Constructed in 1895 in the High Victorian Gothic Style of New York bluestone with limestone trim. There are a number of beautiful stained glass windows including the Welden Window which dominates the south end of the church. Original Casavant organ, with recent additions and renovations will be played offering traditional Episcopal Service music during open house.	Dedicated in 1884. T.I. Lacey designed the Semi-Gothic style church of brick and Onondaga Limestone trimmings. Alfonso Fredericks of Brooklyn painted the windows depicting plants and flowers of the Bible Lands. A rose window is located in the north gable of the church.
14 Boulevard United Methodist Church NEW 113 Grand Boulevard - Open 12:00pm to 2:00pm	
Built in 1909, it is the work of architect N.I. Mather. Exterior walls are of red brick and features are outlined in cream colored brick. The massive tower above the main entrance is at the intersection of Floral Ave. and Grand Boulevard. Stained glass window of the Good Shepherd is prominent in the sanctuary.	
JOHNSON CITY	
Directions- Riverside Dr. to Grand Ave. to Main St. near Wilson Hospital. Harry L. Dr. near Airport Rd. to Virginia Ave., right on Leigh St., left on Spring St.	
15- Sarah Jane Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church 308 Main St. - Open 2:00pm to 4:00pm	16- All Saints Episcopal Church 475 Main St. - Open 12:00pm to 3:00pm
Named for George F. Johnson's mother. Built of Hummelstown Pa. brown stone . Church tower is 112 ft. high with Carillon Bells. Church is a landmark and can be seen from all directions.	Main part constructed in 1918 in English Country Style of native stone and slate. The interior follows the chancel and nave floor plan with a clerestory having stained glass windows of symbols of the Apostles.
17- Sacred Heart Ukrainian Catholic Church 230 Ukrainian Hill Rd. - Open 3:00pm to 5:00pm	18- St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Church One St. John Parkway - Open 12:00pm to 2:00pm
Unique style is Folk Architecture of wooden churches in Carpathian Mts. of Ukraine. Denysenko Family, father and son, wrote the icons and built the iconostasis. Rem Bohutyn was artist of copper side altars, stations of the cross.	Byzantine Style with three gilded cupolas. At the front entry is mosaic of St. John the Baptist and monument to the millennium of Christianity in Ukraine. Mosaics and large stained glass windows surround the spacious interior. A highly decorated iconostasis separates the sanctuary from the nave.
ENDWELL	
Directions-Exit 69, 17C West, Endwell. Right on Hooper Rd. Left on Watson Blvd.	
19- Endwell United Methodist Church 3301 Watson Blvd. - Open 12:00pm to 4:00pm	
Founded in 1921 at location where old Hooper School was later built and became the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Endwell. Present contemporary building of brick has had several additions including 100 ft. steeple installed in 1983. Fifteen years ago, sanctuary re-done. Photos of old church and renovations on display. There will be an Instrumental Performance during the open house.	
ENDICOTT - Main St. and Union District	
Directions- Main St. past E.J. Workers arch. At intersection with Nanticoke Ave(RT26N) past Cider Mill to left on W. Wendell.	
20- Holy Nativity Lutheran Church 312 E. Main St. - Open 1:00pm to 3:00pm	21- Union Presbyterian Church NEW 200 East Main St. - Open 12:00pm to 4:00pm
Entry to the church features intricately hand carved doors in wood showing the life of Christ. Former Vestal Art teacher and member, Eileen Fanning spent eight weeks carving the unique eight birch panels which was part of a larger renovation which moved the entrance from the side to the front. Organ recital during open house.	The Church is celebrating its Bicentennial this year and is the oldest continuing faith community in the Southern Tier. Union Presbyterian Church worships in a Dutch Renaissance stone building built in 1907 after being struck by lightning. The interior has been renovated several times, the last by The Rambusch Decorating Co. with Viggo Rambusch completing the work designed by Leif Neandross. Self-guided and guided tours of the Sanctuary and the Doris M. Edwards Museum will be featured followed by light refreshments.
22- Central United Methodist Church NEW 17 Nanticoke Ave. - Open 1:00pm to 3:00pm	23- St. Andrew's Church 400 W. Wendell St. - Open 11:30am to 1:30pm
Structure is of red brick in the Gothic and Old English styles with a tower of Battlement style on the South Side of the building. In 1927 Lester A. Kaley designed the Gothic style sanctuary presently used for worship. The Gethsemane Memorial window is at the back of the Chancel. A historic quilt believed to be made in the 1920's is on display.	A plaque in the nave states, This church is the gift of the people's friend George F. Johnson MCMXXIII. Originally built for the Methodist Episcopal Congregation in 1923. The front facade exterior is of Tudor style with two towers. Present congregation moved here from Vestal in 2013. Five stones in the church yard commemorate members of the Methodist Episcopal Church who lost their lives in World War II.