

Issues Programs List
Quarterly Issues Programs List
Station(s): 99.1 WAAL, 98.1 WHWK, 1290 WNBK, 104.1 WWYL
January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024

Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. **Community Resources/Education.** There are a wide variety of community resources available to assist residents. From youth counseling, to parenting resources, resources for the differently abled, to resources for women. Many in our community are unaware that help and education exists in these areas.
- B. **Diversity.** There continues to be concern about racial tensions pointed toward Jewish members of the community, particularly at Binghamton University, considering world events in Israel. Tensions are also high with the current migrant situation in the community.
- C. **Politics/ Community Issues.** Tensions between the community and police have been high. However, police reform is re-educating officers on how to address implicit biases. The League of Women Voters is working to make sure all community members are registered to vote and that they do.
- D. **Religion.** The need for religious resources and outlets for people of all faiths is evident by the request for varying religious services. Broome County has a diverse religious landscape yet many in our community are still unaware of the religious offerings in our community.

Section II. Responsive Programs

Encounter is a locally produced and hosted religious program originating from the Broome County Council of Churches that addresses topics selected by the council in a faith-based discussion.

Airs every Sunday at 6 a.m. on WWYL, 6:30 a.m. on WNBK, 7:15 a.m. on WHWK, and 7:30 a.m. on WAAL. The program is 30 minutes in length.

Date Aired	Issue Discussed. Description of Program
01/07/24	Community Resources. Host Mark Kimpland spoke with Rev. Rachel Helgeson, Chaplain, UHS Wilson Hospital and they discussed religious resources available to patients of UHS Wilson Hospital. The chaplains at UHS Wilson Hospital not only offer religious services but can help connect patients and their families to community support groups.
01/14/24	Education, Community Resources. Host Mark Kimpland spoke with Michelle C. Brown, Executive Director, Life Choices Center about the Life Choices Center of Binghamton which offers support for expectant mothers to guide them through a safe and healthy pregnancy as well as after-birth parenting recourses offered from one-on-one mentoring to parenting classes.
01/21/24	Community Resources, Education. Host Jeff Kellam spoke with Jill Lloyd, Executive Director, of Samaritan Counseling Center about how the Samaritan Counseling Center empowers residents through a spiritually sensitive approach through counseling education and consultation. They work with people of all ages to help them overcome struggles
01/28/24	Religion, Diversity. Host Dr. Joe Sellepack spoke with Pastor Damond Wilson of Trinity AME Zion Church about his vision for the church as the new pastor and

	what he hopes his church will be able to offer the community including bringing together people of all races. He hopes to put together volunteers to reach more of the Black community.
02/04/24	Non-Profit, Community Resources. Host Dr. Joe Sellepack spoke with Tina M. Barber, Executive Director, Community Foundation for South Central New York about what the Foundation is doing to make the community a better one to live in. The Foundation helps to fundraise for other non-profits in the community to help them obtain the money they need to continue their various lines of service to the community. The Foundation also provides grants to community organizations.
02/11/24	Community Resources, Religion. Host Dr. Joseph Sellepack spoke with Dawn-Victoria Mitchell, St. Mark's Episcopal Church and Father Time Taugher, St. Francis of Assisi about opening their doors for the Lent season to the community and the various things both churches will be offering to the community from ashes on Ash Wednesday to Lenten Luncheons of soup and bread, all free of charge.
02/18/24	Religion, Diversity. Host Mark Kimpland spoke with new Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez of United Methodist of Upper New York about how he hopes that his Puerto Rican background will appeal to community members of the same background and that they will visit his church and receive the support they need from his church that they might be hesitant to accept from a church with a leader of a different background.
02/25/24	Community, Police Reform. Host Jeff Kellam spoke with Captain Chris Streno of the Vestal Police Department about the training and credentials police officers are required to have as well as the over 100 standards officers must comply with. Streno discussed the training his officers are undergoing to address implicit biases so they can better serve the community.
03/03/24	Community Resources, Religion. Host Jeff Kellam and Father John Martinichio, Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church discussed the youth ministry the church offers to all youth in the community whether they attend the church or not, and the importance of the church being available to the youth and willing to assist them when they seek help in any area.
03/10/24	Education, Community Resources, Employment. Host Mark Kimpland and Lisa Kost, Executive Director, HCA Cheryl Gordon, Residential Director, HCA Julie Henry, Education Director, HCA about how Helping Celebrate Abilities assists community members who have intellectual abilities by educating them about self-care, assisting in job placement, and teaching them communication tactics so they can better thrive in the community.
03/17/24	Community Resources, Education. Host Jeff Kellam spoke with Rick Marsi, author and naturalist about all the places in the community where individuals can enjoy a variety of free outdoor activities from hiking to fishing to learning about area trees and plant life.
03/24/24	Elections, Community Resources. Host Jeff Kellam and Carla M. Michalak, Professor/History, Philosophy & Social Sciences at SUNY Broome discussed the League of Women Voters and the role that the organization plays in the community by helping people register to vote, providing community members with voter information, and advocating for community members to get involved in local government issues.
03/31/24	Diversity, Religion, Education. Host Dr. Joseph Sellepack and Rabbi Micah Friedman, Temple Israel, and Rev. Douglas Taylor, Pastor, Unitarian Universalist Congregation discussed how community members of different faiths can come together during the Easter season to celebrate new life and new beginnings and open dialogue with one another to better understand each other's views and beliefs and how important this is given the current hostilities at Binghamton University toward Jewish students.