



# *Sarah Jane Johnson Memorial*

## *United Methodist Church*

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To Whom It May Concern,

Below is a partial listing of the community outreach ministries sponsored by Sarah Jane Johnson Memorial UMC. From time to time, we have other one-time and short term activities and/or events as well.

- Lord's Table free community every Tuesday 5:30 PM – Serves 80-130 guests per week
- Annual Bike Day on Second Saturday of May – Gave away over 300 refurbished bikes in 2016 – We also give some helmets and locks as needed (and available) Plus we offer safety sessions
- Organize a winter co-ed basketball league and host 2 teams – Players are from community
- Have organized summer basketball (may become soccer this year) for community youth
- Have partnered with BU to host 2 sessions (so far) of basic computer literacy classes through the “Bridging the Digital Divide” program
- In partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension, we have hosted monthly “Food Sense” (healthy eating/healthy foods) sessions following our Tuesday dinners
- Host J. C. American Legion for meetings and fund-raisers
- Host 2 Girl Scout troops
- Partner with BU STEM program to host banquets and meetings as needed
- Offer medical equipment such as canes, walkers, wheelchairs (when available) and commodes
- Have an emergency baby supplies closet offering primarily diapers
- Provide a venue for concerts and recitals for individuals and community groups
- Host 2 weekly AA Meetings, and two weekly FA (food Addicts in Recovery) meetings Plus a monthly Asperger's Syndrome support group
- Host up to 8 Red Cross blood drives annually
- Host Monthly WIC neighborhood clinics
- Provide book exchange for children – Free loans and exchanges to encourage literacy
- Administer a College Loan and Grant program for church families and staff
- Distribute free produce at our Lord's Table Suppers as it is available
- Host a community Cookies & Hot Chocolate event after the annual J.C. Christmas Parade
- Are establishing a free community clothing closet ministry set to open this spring
- Are planning a music and possible dance center for those who cannot afford private lessons
- Provide storage and meeting space for Broome County Council of Churches Jail Ministry
- Hosted a large Heroin Awareness event in 2015 in partnership with J. C. Rotary and others
- Coordinated a Fire Victims relief effort following the arson fire on Floral Ave in late 2015
- Host J. C. School gatherings in the village for folks who find it hard to get to the schools
- Provide informal assistance to community members in need which may include:
  - Bus Fare to get to appointments
  - Emotional support and referrals for those in crisis
  - Assistance to purchase OTC medications or pay medication co-pays
  - Transportation and support for family court appearances
  - Assistance and referrals to homeless folks to find short term shelter
  - Financial assistance and loans for emergencies (no direct cash given)

Sincerely,

Rev. Ron Wenzinger, Pastor