



**We are Seeking a Special
Church Planter/Leader:
Associate Pastor for
Developing Ministries**

**Sarah Jane Johnson Memorial
United Methodist Church
Johnson City, NY**

½ time Position to develop new congregation, worship, and ministries with college and grad. students moving into our neighborhood and to connect them with existing outreach ministries.

Sarah Jane Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church is a beautiful old middle class church in a now-impooverished neighborhood. It has experienced dramatic change over the past 30 years and faces big changes again in the next 5 – 10 years.

- 1890 - Congregation founded at invitation of shoe company president George F. Johnson. Its first meeting was in a shoe factory using boot crates as pews and pulpit
- 1927 - Current building completed (a gift of the Johnson family) and dedicated in memory of their mother, Sarah Jane Johnson
- By the 1980's the shoe business, and thus the village were in decline but the congregation remained strong through the early 2000's
- 1989 – Began a meal ministry known as “The Lord’s Table” offering simple worship and a free meal every Tuesday for over 28 years; now serving 80 to 130 per week
- 2008 – Established the GFJ Dream Center supplying outreach ministries primarily for area children – Includes winter basketball, annual Bike Day, Kid’s books, and more
- Currently beginning a rebranding/PR project of which new person will be a part

Most recently, Binghamton University has been building their new School of Pharmacy less than two blocks from our facility and are planning to move their School of Nursing into a building just one block further away. A private developer is renovating two former shoe factory buildings nearby to become multi-rate housing. Our commitment is to be ready to welcome these new neighbors to our community and invite them to be a part of the worship and outreach ministries of Sarah Jane, and to encourage them to create their own.

We are seeking the right person to lead in developing relationships with our new neighbors and to plant a new congregation in our current building; sharing resources. If you think you might be that person, please contact:

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Salary and benefits to be negotiated – Detailed job description available upon request