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## St. John's UCC in Pottstown opens a "Little Pantry"

*From Jeff Moyer, consistory president, St. John's UCC, Pottstown:*

This fall we opened our Little Pantry. It is in our yard on High Street and filled weekly. Local people in need have the opportunity to pick up food, water, and personal care items as they need them. We used another item to have outside for the pantry. We have had our church as well as other churches donate items for our little pantry.

Now, we are honored that a local girl scout chose to build St. John's a new "Little Pantry" for her Silver Award! Construction has finished and was completed in May. This new pantry will take the place of the current pantry and help provide an improved area for serving our community! We just put it in recently.



## Addiction & Recovery Taskforce: Narcan in our Pastors' hands

The PSEC Addiction Task force is working to help all active pastors in our conference secure a life-saving supply of Narcan (Naloxone). Why should our pastors have such a thing? Because Pastors may very well be the first to know about the disease of opioid addiction in a family. In the course of offering pastoral care, members of a family may confide in their pastor. This could be long before they turn to other professionals for help or know about this safe antidote. In addition to referring people to local agencies and continuing being caring and supportive, gifting two doses of Narcan, along with education about usage, may very well save lives. Narcan is available free to any Pennsylvania resident. Thanks to a partnership between NEXT Distro and Prevention Point, anyone can become a trained responder. If you have not yet heard about how you can access Narcan, please contact any member of the PSEC Addiction Task force and we will help you get what you need. Check out our website for more information.

<https://psec.org/missions-ministries/justice-witness/addiction-and-recovery-task-force/>