



# DSE Communitas

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178 UCC churches in southeastern Pennsylvania

## FOCUS ON: Mission in Our Local Churches

As part of *Churches Supporting Churches* (CSC) for the last two years, **St. Andrew's UCC, Perkasie**, has been in partnership with St. John Baptist Church in New Orleans. Thirteen delegates from St. Andrew's recently returned from a work/partnership in New Orleans where they built a community



garden. Pastor Donald Boutte of St. John Baptist Church interpreted the meaning and impact of their work: *"The seed of your labor has already begun to develop fruit. Your work has sparked the interest of many of the residents and some have asked how they could be helpful in maintaining the garden. Thus, we have been able to begin the discussion of healthy lifestyle choices within the community. This is a direct result of the attractive structures the team constructed. Thank you for sharing in our vision of holistic ministry."* To read more visit the blog at [www.cscvineyard.blogspot.com](http://www.cscvineyard.blogspot.com).

A new group has formed at the **United Church of Christ at Valley Forge**. It is called "Caring Crafters" and its members are dedicated to helping those less fortunate by using their talents of knitting, crocheting and sewing. The first project for the group was making blankets and hats for premature babies, many of whom don't survive, for presentation to new mothers. Members gather weekly to



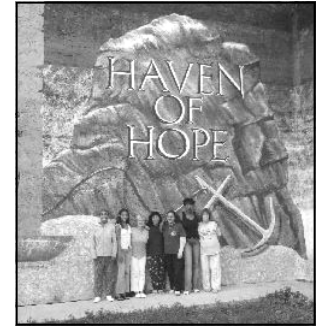
craft, share, and pray. They will soon start working on hats, scarves and prayer shawls. On Sunday, August 16th, the blankets and hats were dedicated by the Rev. Ann Devine and Rev. Anne Park, Interim Minister. They will be delivered to Einstein University Hospital where Rev. Devine is Chaplain. For more info, visit [www.uccvf.org](http://www.uccvf.org).

## HAPPENINGS IN OUR LOCAL CHURCHES

Mark your calendars now and contact the churches for more details or cancellation information.

### Saturday, September 19, Noon-4 pm

Come and join the Grand Celebration of the 5th Anniversary of Haven of Hope, 1600 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia 19122. Optional RSVP to David F. Wampole, President, Board of Directors, Email: [dfwampole@comcast.net](mailto:dfwampole@comcast.net)



Celebrate what the Lord had done in North Philadelphia with picnic food, singing, sharing of God's word, recognition of achievements, testimonies of students and more. Haven of Hope is a Christ-centered residential ministry to women with chemical dependency. It provides 6 to 12 months of resident education and life-skill training designed to develop a healthy and spiritually rewarding lifestyle. It all happens because of two dedicated mentors, Carol Freidinger and Barb Clipsham from Heidelberg UCC in Hatfield. Carol says, "As so often happens when you try to be a blessing to others, the Lord works it so that you, indeed, are blessed." You are welcome to join them to celebrate, and—if you choose—to discover ways you could be a blessing to the ministry of the Haven of Hope, and be blessed in return. For more information visit [www.havenofhopepa.org](http://www.havenofhopepa.org).

A new local church position has been added to the Classified Ads at [www.psec.org](http://www.psec.org)—Director of Music at St. John's UCC, Phoenixville.

### Your Church in the News . . .

If you would like to share news of your church's upcoming celebration, mission event or on-going ministry, please send date, time, location and contact information to Marge at [marge@psec.org](mailto:marge@psec.org). Good-quality pictures are appreciated. We are creating a **calendar of local church mission and ministry events**. A link will be included in the email version of Communitas with highlights listed in the printed version as space allows.



**PRAYER PARTNERS** - Your prayers are welcomed today for Church of the Good Shepherd UCC, Boyertown and their pastors as they celebrate the return of their leaders and youth from a very successful mission trip.