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# Mountain-Valley News

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## New Hire, New Horizons

It blows my mind that I am coming up on my first month at Child Evangelism Fellowship. Learning a new job is always challenging, and it seems especially with CEF I am truly learning something new each day because there is a lot to get oriented with. However, it has been a true joy working here and things are already in full swing as we head into the summer.

My first priority at CEF was preparing for an evaluation of my presentation of the Wordless Book, which I spent most of my time in my first few weeks learning about and structuring an approach to. Instead of merely memorizing the script that was used during a training day, I decided to memorize the main points of each page and supplement with more in depth theology. So I hit the books and studied doctrine and the Scriptural basis behind terms I have been taking for granted like salvation, regeneration, atonement, and forgiveness. This really paid off in my presentation, as I was able to reduce some heavy theological concepts into ways a child could understand without compromising on the significance of certain points, like the fact that God must punish sin. Overall, the presentation went well, and now I'm working on preparing Bible lessons that I'll be evaluated on during our week away at CYIA training.

Currently, work centers around preparation for the summer. We have Good News Day Camps and a week of 5-Day Clubs to plan for. This involves processing registrations and donations, prepping material for volunteer training, designing games for recreation times, and developing scripts and skits for puppets. Jimmie Lu Smallwood came in to teach us how to use puppets for ministry, and it was a blast to come up with silly voices and ridiculous personalities for our puppets. Although I've only interacted with our summer missionaries for a short time, I'm already looking forward to working with them!

Between preparing for CYIA and a summer full of camps and day clubs, my start at CEF has been jam-packed with learning tasks and procedures. However, with a God as good as ours, and coworkers as gracious as Shelley, Linda, and Jerusha, the onboarding process has been overall fun and exciting. I'm especially looking forward to the summer that is sure to be challenging, but working with the summer missionaries in furthering the kingdom in Schuylkill County will undoubtedly be an extraordinary experience.

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Gifts were given to CEF between April 20 to May 18, 2023

In Memory of...



**Bill Houtz**

*By: LaVerne Houtz*

**In Honor of:**

**Peg and Nate Heim**

*By: Joan Mengel*

**Joan Mengel**

*By: Linda Bollinger*



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### **Help Needed!**

John and Carol Clauser pick up clothes from Grace Bible Church of Hawk Mountain's clothing distribution center that are not needed and transport them to Community Aid in Harrisburg.

They will be away from the end of May until September. Would you be available to take over for them for 3 months? They make trips about twice a month, hauling 20-40 garbage bags full of clothes each time. This is a great benefit to CEF, as we receive \$.06 for every pound of clothes delivered. We have one volunteer who is willing to share the responsibility with someone else. Will you help CEF and the clothing closet at Grace Bible Church of Hawk Mountain for a few weeks this summer?

Please contact Shelley at 570-544-8042 for details.

### **Weekly Time of Prayer**

Our weekly time of prayer will be suspended for the months of June, July, and August. If you would like to pray with a staff person during the week, please call CEF 570-544-8042 to find out when someone will be in the office.

### **Mailbox Club Stats**

April 2023

\*Lessons graded: 49

\*New students: 8

\*Certificates earned: 5

\*Professions of faith: 1

**Pray for more children  
to sign up  
for the lessons.**



If you would prefer to receive the newsletter via email please send the request to [office@cefschuykill.com](mailto:office@cefschuykill.com).  
If you would like to be removed from the mailing list please contact CEF by email, or phone: 570-544-8042.



# 2023

## 9:30-3:00

June 26—30 ~ Lewistown Valley Tabernacle, Tamaqua  
 July 10—14 ~ Valley View Park, Valley View  
 July 17—21 ~ Manbeck's E. C. Church, Pine Grove  
 July 24—28 ~ Christmas Pines Campground, Auburn  
 July 31—Aug. 4 ~ Bethany E. C. Church, Ashland

**For information:**

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**Registration forms are available at:**

**[www.cefschuylkill.com](http://www.cefschuylkill.com)**

### **Volunteers are needed!**

#### Other Ways to Support CEF

When you shop at Redner's and Boyer's IGA, CEF of Schuylkill County receives 1% of the sales. The clothes that are delivered to Community Aid, Harrisburg from the clothing closet at Grace Bible Church of Hawk Mountain are weighed and CEF receives \$.06 for each pound donated.

#### 2022

**Boyer's IGA \$145.34**

**Redner's \$638.88**

**Community Aid: \$657.54**

#### 2023

**Boyer's IGA \$134.25**

**Community Aid: \$670.68**

*We just turned in the Redner's receipts ~ once they are processed by the store they will send CEF a check.*

*Thank you  
for your support!*

#### Budget Corner

2023 Budget

\$160,721.00

Monthly budget

\$13,393.

Jan—April

Income \$40,844.

Expenses \$43,424.

Online donations are

accepted through

[Tithely.com](http://Tithely.com)

### CAMP RECREATION DIRECTOR

You may remember Kari Gottfried. She served as a summer missionary from 2012 to 2014. She has returned to serve with us this summer. Kari has been hired as summer staff in the position of recreation director.

Kari will work at all five weeks of camp leading the county fair games in the morning and recreation in the afternoon. She will also serve as a camp counselor.



We are excited to have Kari on our summer team! She is an excellent recreation director, having served in this role as a summer missionary. Kari shared with me that she still has a file full

of recreation ideas and is very excited for the summer.

See the enclosed "Meet Our 2023 Summer Missionary Team" for more information about the summer missionaries.

#### Items needed for camp:

- ✓ Ribbon 1/2" or wider
- ✓ 8oz. Styrofoam cups
- ✓ Plastic store bags (with no holes)
- ✓ **8 oz EMPTY water bottles**