

# Mountain-Valley News



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## *Losing Weight*

Did you ever dream that you were running away from danger and your legs felt like lead? You could barely pick them up; it was like you were running in slow-motion. Sometimes I feel that way in my spiritual walk with the Lord. Although I may not be running away from anything, my spiritual legs can become sluggish.

In Hebrews 12:1, our life as a believer in Jesus is likened to a race. We are instructed to "throw off" everything that hinders us. These may not necessarily be sinful things but even good things that hinder us in the race. An athlete may wear good heavy clothing to protect him while he is not running. But when he runs, those "good" heavy clothing become a hindrance. The Greek word for race comes from the same word from which we get the word *agony*. The race we are in is not a pleasure run; it is hard, demanding, requiring discipline and self-denial.

I have been thinking about what things can hinder our running. It could be fears, unhealthy relationships, entertainment, hobbies, material possessions, or self-focus. In short, it is anything that hinders us from using our re-

sources, such as time, energy, wealth, and gifts, to enlarge the kingdom of God. When we throw off these encumbrances, we can "fix our eyes on Jesus", whose example shows us how to run without becoming weary and loosing heart.

As we begin a new year, let's lose some weight - the weight that hinders - and let us run with freedom. And let us pray for each other that we will not become weary. Rest and the prize are yet to come.

Running with you,

*Linda*

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**Good News Club® Stats**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Enrolled</b>	<b>Professions</b>
2 All-year ASGNC	77	4
7 Two-semester ASGNC	161	9
2 RTGNC	59	15
5 Regular GNC	37	0
16 Good News Clubs	334	28

**Good News Party Club Stats**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Enrolled</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Professions</b>
Mahanoy City	25	13	0
Gordon	7	7	1
Bethel	6	6	0
3 Party Clubs	38	26	1

ASGNC~ *After-school Good News Club®*, RTGNC~ *Released Time Good News Club®*

**2019 Budget Corner**

Yearly Budget: \$112,232.  
 YTD Income as of Dec. 18 \$109,135.  
 YTD Expenses as of Dec. 18 \$111,989.  
 Difference: \$ 2,853.  
 Monthly Budget: \$9,352.66

**2020 Budget**

Yearly: \$114,313.  
 Monthly: 9,526.

Thank you to everyone who gave to CEF through time, praying and finances. Together we can share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the children of Schuylkill County.

**November Report**

Lessons graded: 35  
 Certificates earned: 2  
 New students: 3  
 Salvation: 0



**www.communityaid.net**  
**The Community Aid**  
 bin is located at:  
 1315 Long Run Road  
 (Route 443 West)  
 Friedensburg PA 17933

Community Aid takes donations of clothes and sells them in their stores. What is not sold is bundled and donated overseas. CEF of Schuylkill County receives \$ .04 a pound.

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter via email, please send the request to cefschpa@gmail.com. If you would like to be removed from the mailing list contact CEF with your name and address.

**Gifts were given to Child Evangelism Fellowship  
of Schuylkill County  
November 19 to December 20, 2019  
to the Glory of God**

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**In Loving Memory of:**

**Cullin DeWire**

*By: Dave and Ellie Billman*

**Laurin and Helen Edmonds**

*By: Marty and Linda Cerullo*

**“Dad” Mike Gilbert**

*By: Carol Merbah*

**Bill Houtz**

*By: LaVerne Houtz*

**Meredith Michelle Lantz**

*By: Charles and Audrey Lantz*

**My husband, Les**

*By: Joan Mengel*

**Charles, Ina and Curt Luckenbill**

*By: Will and Connie Wright*

**Our Pastor**

*By: Garry and Karen Harring*

**Max Rizzardi**

*By: Carol Rizzardi*

**Florence Walton**

*By: Carolyn Parnell*

**Viola Wright**

*By: Will and Connie Luckenbill*

**Hilda Yeager**

*By: Lloyd Yeager*




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**In Honor of:**

**All the CEF Children**

*By: Pat Kuchinos*

**Phyllis Bloch's 92nd Birthday**

*By: Rachel Koppenhaver*

**Shelley Hikes**

*By: Gary and Suzy Billman*

**Judy Ketz**

*By: Evelyn M. Jones*

**Our Grandchildren**

*By: Mr. and Mrs. Mark Masser*



# 2020



June 22-26	Lewistown Valley Tabernacle, Tamaqua
June 29-July 3	Chinatown, Philadelphia
July 6-10	Valley View Park, Valley View
July 13-17	Manbeck's E. C. Church, Rock (Pine Grove Area) (Transportation is provided for Pine Grove area children)
July 20-24	Christmas Pines Campground, Auburn (Swimming is scheduled at Auburn)
July 27-31	Higher Ups Park, Ashland (Near the Pioneer Tunnel)

**Who:** Any child entering 1st grade (completed kindergarten) through those entering 7th grade (completed 6th grade) are welcome to attend as campers. Upon completion of 7th grade, older youth may qualify to serve as helpers. (Many students earn community service hours for helping at camp.)

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. daily

**Cost:** \$35. per child for the week. There is a \$5. per child discount for early registration. (No child is turned away due to a lack of funds~ sponsor money is available.)

**Purpose:** Our goal is to give every child in the area, no matter their location or situation, the opportunity to hear about Jesus through a memorable week at camp.

Good News Day Camp is a day packed with Bible lessons, crafts, recreation, and surprises. Each camper and staff member should bring a lunch and drink each day. Sno-Kones will be served every afternoon.

We will gladly mail you a camp registration form or you can download the registration form from the website listed below.

### Volunteers are needed to serve at each week of camp.

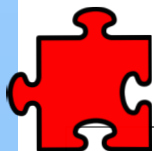
If you would be interested in helping to reach the children in your neighborhood with the soul-saving message of the Gospel, please contact CEF.

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# Bits and Pieces

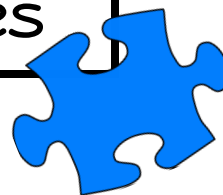


## Check it Out!

We are excited to announce the launch of our new website. The address is the same: [www.cefschuykill.com](http://www.cefschuykill.com).

Wesley Gehman of Christ Link ministries, [www.christlink.org](http://www.christlink.org), spent many hours updating the old site to make it more user friendly and setting it up so that more people would be able to find CEF of Schuylkill County if they do an internet search for children's ministry. And he did it all for free. Christ Link is a ministry helping ministries.

Be sure to check out the site often, looking for updates and keeping up with what's new. The newsletter and prayer calendar can also be found there~ in full color!



## Craft Items Needed:

- ✓ Half gallon milk or juice cartons ~not plastic (tops may be open in order to stack them)
- ✓ New popsicle sticks
- ✓ Tongue depressors



## Volunteer Training Classes

**When:** Tuesday, January 14, 2020

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** St. John's Reformed Church  
Fellowship Hall  
17 Chestnut Street, Friedensburg  
(Behind Friedensburg Firehouse)

**Who can attend?** Anyone. While our focus is the Good News Club ministry we also have Bible lesson materials available to loan. We are planning to show a video from the series, "*That the World May Know*" by Focus on the Family.

The spring semester Good News Club lessons will focus on the Life of Christ (The calling of the disciples, the temptation of Jesus and Christ's miracles)

