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Did you know?

My heart is heavy is for our children, and listed below are just a few reasons why.

Did you know that there are certain sex traffickers who target Christian girls? (1)

Did you know that in the Democratic Republic of Congo up to 40,000 children work in cobalt mines? Cobalt is used in electric car batteries. (2)

Did you know “the Physiological Society, an organization of more than 3,500 scientists from over 60 countries, reports that the loss of a smartphone is perceived to be almost as stressful as a terrorist threat?” (3)

Did you know the average age a child sees pornography is 11? (4)

Did you know there are approximately 16,400 elementary age children in Schuylkill County and CEF is reaching about 61 boys and girls through the Good News Club ministry?

Our children, the children in our communities, the children in our churches, the children in our schools, the children in our families, the children in our nation, the children in our world need to hear

the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Salvation is found in Him and Him alone.

Due to the pandemic, ministry to children (youth groups and Sunday schools) has slowed down or come to a halt.

CEF of Schuylkill County has not stopped sharing the Gospel and we won't stop. The stakes are too high.

Will you help us reach the children with the Gospel. We have the materials. We have the locations. We have the volunteers.

Will you help to get the children to one of the locations listed in this newsletter?

...because now you know.

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- (1) <https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/us/2020/october/fighting-a-frightening-trend-traffickers-targeting-christian-girls-for-the-sex-industry>
- (2) [Junkscience.com](https://www.junkscience.com)
- (3) <https://www.faithandsafety.org/>
- (4) <https://youthfirstinc.org/>

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Since 1937

CEF
CHILD EVANGELISM
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Wednesday November 4~ CEF World Day of Prayer

See the enclosed insert for specific prayer requests.

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference." - Max Lucado

*"The reality is, my prayers don't change God. But, I am convinced prayer changes me. Praying boldly boots me out of that stale place of religious habit into authentic connection with God Himself."
- Lysa TerKeurst*

"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?" - Corrie ten Boom

"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." - Martin Luther

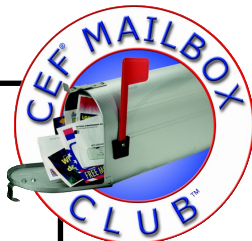
"I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right; but it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation may be on the Lord's side." - Abraham Lincoln

"The prayer offered to God in the morning during your quiet time is the key that unlocks the door of the day. Any athlete knows that it is the start that ensures a good finish." - Adrian Rogers

Mailbox Club Stats

September

*Lessons graded:	29
*New students:	1
*Certificates earned for completing a series	3
*Professions of faith:	1



Budget Corner

As of 10/22/20

YTD Income	\$102,061.
YTD Expenses	\$104,563.
Difference	[-\$2,000.]

Yearly Budget \$114,313

With Appreciation

Last month we put out a request for someone to take clothes to a Community Aid store on behalf of CEF of Schuylkill County. God is good. He burdened the heart of Carol Clauser and her husband John. Over the past few weeks they have picked up the overflow of clothes from God's Helping Hands at Grace Bible Church of Hawk Mountain, New Ringgold and delivered them to a Community Aid Store. Their willingness to pick up and drop off the clothes benefits several local ministries; God's Helping Hands, Community Aid, CEF of Schuylkill County, and through Care Cards, families in need. We are grateful.

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If you would like to be removed from the mailing list please contact CEF by email, or phone: 570-682-9790.

Zoom! *Good News Club*[®] LIVE! meets on the following days and times:

Tuesdays 4:15-5:15 with Linda McCarthy and Elizabeth Smallwood

Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 with Shelley Hikes, Bobby Oravitz
and Jimmie Lu Smallwood



Register at www.cefschuylkill.com click on Fall 2020 and scroll to the end of the page, click on the day and time that works best for you and that will link you to the registration page. Once you are registered you will receive a link to the Zoom Good News Club.

In Person



<u>Day</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Mondays	<i>Blue Mountain Christian Retreat, New Ringgold</i>	4:30-5:30	Don & Carol Billet, Joyce Dureeka, Fran Kowalewski, and Stephanie Miller
Tuesdays	<i>Bethany E. C. Church, Tamaqua</i>	4:00-5:00	Shelley Hikes, Rosemarie Noftz, Pastor Kevin & Danette Roberts, and Bethany Weber
	<i>Kimmel's E. Free Church, Orwigsburg</i>	4:00-5:00	Terri Fisher, Joan Stout, Jack & Barb Wetzel, Connie Wright
Wednesdays	<i>Calvary Chapel, Valley View</i>	2:30-3:30	Janet Costa, Pastor Jonathan Hikes, Thomas & Betty Kroh, and Donna Kimmel
	<i>First United Methodist Church, Pottsville</i>	1:00-4:00	Shelley Hikes, Elizabeth Smallwood (This time includes homework help and GNC)
	<i>St. Paul's E. C. Church, Pitman</i>	2:30-3:30	Linda McCarthy, Dale & Kathleen Rothermel, Jimmie Lu Smallwood, and Pastor Todd Wolfe
Thursdays	<i>Grace E. C. Church, Schuylkill Haven</i>	4:30-5:30	Liz Reed, Jodi Sitcosky, and Jimmie Lu Smallwood
	<i>St. John's Reformed Church, Friedensburg</i>	4:00-5:00	Janet Kramer, Lori Steffy, Deb Marbarger, and Connie Wright

All children, not matter where they live or what school district they live in, are welcome to attend any Good News Club[®]. Registration forms are available on the CEF of Schuylkill County website, www.cefschuylkill.com or at the club location.

In order to assure safety during Zoom Good News Clubs the child must be preregistered.