

Mountain-Valley News



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Another move.

In June 2011 the CEF office moved from Schuylkill Haven to Deep Creek Road, Hegins. For the past ten years, members of the Valley View Church of God have cared for the property and the girls in the office.

About a year ago, Primrose Bible Church voted to seek dissolution. This was a sad and difficult decision for the church members to make. In making that tough choice, the congregation voted to give the church building and property to CEF® of Schuylkill County. Over the past months the CEF committee has been researching what would be required for us to take ownership of the property, which is located at 91 High Road, Pottsville PA 17901. (The location is a few miles west of Minersville off route 901).

In December, Cathy Nagle, Pastor Ed Eifert (representing Primrose) and I attended a Zoning Hearing Board meeting to seek the necessary zoning approval to move the office. The thirty day waiting period for an appeal was up January 21. There is more paperwork to be completed and we will have work to do in the new building before we can officially move the office.

Please pray for the staff and committee as they make decisions in regards to the move.

Pray for the McCarthy family and the changes the closing of the church mean for them.

We have truly been blessed to have the office in the Tri-Valley area. We have built new relationships and strengthened existing ones. Over the past 10 years we held many Good News training classes, trained summer missionaries, prepared Good News Club materials, held a Teaching Children Effectively™ Level 2 course, made countless camp crafts, stuffed thousands of newsletters, enjoyed picnics to celebrate what God has done through the summer missionaries, we've prayed, laughed, and cried together, we've had snakes, mice, bugs, a bird get caught in the building and die in a box only to be found months later, bugs, snakes, (oh, I mentioned those already, didn't I?), we've seen a rabid skunk, deer, a daring squirrel who likes to sit on the porch to look at himself in the window of the door, we've enjoyed a woodpecker who liked to pound his beak into the metal roofing, the incredibly beautiful view...We have enjoyed everything about being here these past years

.....well almost everything~ there were the snakes and the mice~ did I mention that the snakes were in the office and that the mice were in our tea cups?

Enjoying the journey,

Shelley

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Gifts were given to CEF between December 24, 2020 to January 22, 2021

In Memory of...



Stuart Frew

By: Anna & Elwood Umbenhauer

My husband, Les Mengel

By: Joan Mengel

Cecilia Kamieniecki

*By: Farel & Dolores Becker
Charles Walton*

Benny Sadusky

By: Mr. & Mrs. Joan Seltzer

In Honor of...

Glory to God

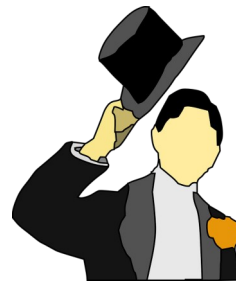
By: Jim & Connie Glunz

Shelley Hikes

By: Joan Rhen

Richard & Sandra Kupres

By: Anonymous




Prayer time will bear fruit.

On Tuesday, January 19, we held our volunteer training class and prayer time. We had the privilege of having Thomas Bush from Prayer Assist, lead our time of prayer. It was a fast and encouraging hour spent bringing the children of Schuylkill County and the ministry of CEF before the Throne of Grace. The morning session was attended by eighteen prayer warriors and the evening saw six saints come to plead with the Lord on behalf of the children. Jimmie Lu, Linda, Elizabeth and I were blessed and we are excited to see the fruit of our labor of prayer.

Here are a few testimonies from the day:

“Thanks Shelley! Thanks (for) coordinating the meeting last night. I was blessed to be a part of it.”
“First of all that meeting the other day was so uplifting. I gave my papers to Todd yesterday so he is in the loop of what was prayed for.”

<u>Mailbox Club Stats</u>	
December	
*Lessons graded:	23
*New students:	0
*Certificates earned for completing a series	2
*Professions of faith:	1




<u>Budget Corner</u>	
As of 12/21/20	
YTD Income	\$5,906.
YTD Expenses	\$7,085.
Difference	—\$1,179.
2021 Budget	\$109,821

Teaching Children Effectively Level 1

Enclosed is a flyer for Teaching Children Effectively, Level 1. This course is open to anyone who has a burden for sharing the Gospel. The focus is teaching children, but the information taught is valuable to sharing the message of salvation with anyone, no matter the age. If you have previously taken the course and earned a certificate you are entitled to sit in on any of the classes, at no cost to you. Please share the information with your church. If you have any questions, call CEF 570-682-9790.

Good News Club® Statistics

<u>Club (Host Location)</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Professions</u>
Bethany E. C. Church, Tamaqua	16	0
Blue Mtn. Christian Retreat	13	0
Calvary E. Free Chapel, Valley View	24	0
First United Methodist Church, Pottsville	3	0
Grace E. C. Church, Schuylkill Haven	7	1
Kimmel's E. Free Church, Orwigsburg	2	0
St. John's Reformed Church, Friedensburg	4	0
St. Paul's E. C. Church, Pitman	6	0
<u>2 Zoom clubs</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>
10 Clubs	86	1
1 Monthly Party Club in Mahanoy City	17	0





2021

- June 28-July 2** **Lewistown Valley Tabernacle, Tamaqua**
July 5-9 **Chinese School, Philadelphia**
July 12-16 **Valley View Park, Valley View**
July 19-23 **Manbeck's E. C. Church, Pine Grove** (Transportation for the Pine Grove area is provided)
July 26-30 **Christmas Pines Campground, Auburn**
August 2-6 **Higher Ups Park, Ashland**

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$35 (early registration discount of \$5.) Sponsor money is available for those who cannot afford to pay.

Campers

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. *Call the CEF office for information.*

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 of camp.

Activities

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. —a day packed with Bible lessons, crafts, recreation and surprises.

Camp Staff

CEF staff, along with many volunteers, takes constant care of the children. Adult volunteers with children attending camp are required to complete a registration form for each child and send it to the office. There is no charge for these children. Call the CEF office if you are interested in volunteering at camp. Child protection clearances are completed for each staff and volunteer serving at camp.

Volunteers are needed. Please consider giving a week (or 2) of your summer to reach the children of Schuylkill County with the Gospel. Community service hours can be earned for high school students.

Camp held at the Chinese School in Philadelphia

The Good News Day Camp held at the Chinese school in Philadelphia is a local mission's trip. Shelley Hikes, along with the summer missionaries will be staying in the Chinese school the week of July 4-9. We will be traveling to Philadelphia on Sunday July 4 and leaving on Friday July 9 after camp. While at the school, we will be holding Good News Day Camp during the day and in the evenings we will be experiencing the city and Chinese culture. If your church would like to team up with CEF of Schuylkill County in reaching the Chinese children with the Gospel, please contact Shelley Hikes at 570-682-9790 for details. This would be a relatively inexpensive way to experience a mission's trip~ it has a foreign field feel, while being in a local area.

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