

Mountain-Valley News

Does *Good News Club*® Make a Difference?

OCTOBER

“Reach the parents and they will bring the children to church.”

You may have heard someone say this or you may have been the one who said it.

I just received a letter from a woman who taught *Good News Club* through her church at a local elementary school. Here are portions of that letter:

A young man began to attend her church, *“I know him and the voice is distinct.”* were her thoughts every time she saw him. She began to pray asking God for a way to recognize him and how she knew him. The timing was right~ she remembered! This young man had attended *Good News Club* in Frackville. She told him that she remembered him and how excited he would be to walk to club each week. *“His face lit up! Oh my, God,”* he said, *“You’re Miss Tina!”*

Tina went on to have a discussion about his walk of faith and he confirmed that he loves to hear about Jesus. This club teacher went on to say, *“It clearly reminds me of the importance of your ministry and all who volunteer. I just wanted to share~ to encourage you. We may never know whom we have helped to lead to Christ but this was a reminder to me that Christ is always working. For those who may think children are too young to understand salvation—they are wrong. God uses people to share His gospel and the Holy Spirit to impress and keep it tucked in their hearts”*

George Barna in his book, *Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions* said, *“When it comes to grasping the substance, the subtleties and implications of the Christian faith, don’t adults possess the greatest learning and intellectual capabilities? Strategically, isn’t it more important for us to equip adults so that they can use their gifts and resources to advance the Kingdom? No, no, no and no. In retrospect, my view was so far off the mark that I didn’t just miss the boat—I missed the entire ocean!”* p. 11-12

Does *Good News Club*® make a difference? ~ Yes! Yes! Yes! *Good News Club* makes a difference, not because it is a ministry of *CEF*® or because *CEF* is anything special. It makes a difference because of the Gospel that is shared in each and every club. It makes a difference because GOD uses it to reach the children with the message of salvation.

Thank you for your support of *CEF* of Schuylkill County. You are helping to make a difference. A difference that God, every now and then, gives us the privilege of glimpsing. Pray for the children, God is working in their lives.

Reaching the children,

Shelley

Contact information

101 High Road
PO Box 486
Minersville PA 17954
Phone—570-544-8042
E-mail—
office@cefschuylkill.com
Website:
www.cefschuylkill.com
“Like” us on Facebook
(CEF of Schuylkill County)

Director
Mrs. Shelley Hikes

Field Workers
Mrs. Linda McCarthy
Mrs. Elizabeth Garcia

Committee
Erik Gottfried, Chairman
Wendell Heisler, Vice-chair
Linda Fetherolf, Secretary
Cathy Nagle, Treasurer
Members:
Gale Hurst Dana Oravitz
John Racilla Luke Walker
Havilah Walker
Luke Walker

Inside this issue:
*Memorial/Honor of
*Mailbox Club Stats
*TCE Level One
*Budget Corner
*Time of Prayer
Tel-A-Story News
Mark Your Calendars
*Prayer Calendar



Since 1937

CEF
CHILD EVANGELISM
FELLOWSHIP®
Reaching children worldwide™

Gifts were given to CEF between August 25 to September 24, 2021

In Memory of...



C. Harris

By: Mabel Ruth Wray

Nancy Romanko

*By: Susan Gregory &
Paul Romanko*

R. Swenk

By: Mabel Ruth Wray

In Honor of...



Janet Kramer

By: Joan Mengel

J. B. Harris

By: Mabel Ruth Wray

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

Tel-A-Story® News

Tel-A-Story® is a number children can call to hear a different biblical truth story each day. For many years Linda Cerullo made it a priority to record these stories every day all year long. At one time, should a child have questions about the Gospel, there was a counselor available to speak with them. Over the years, we lost the volunteers to counsel the children, but Linda remained faithful to record the story. When there were times she was unavailable, my mom, Nancy Guitas, would fill in for her.

Well, times change and the calls to the Tel-A-Story® became less and less. God worked in CEF of Washington to develop a Tel-A-Story® with all the stories prerecorded. Children even have the option to listen to the story online. At different times there are counselors available to speak with the children and if a counselor is not available there is a pre-recorded Gospel message. We spoke with Linda and did some research on the new ministry to confirm that this is a change CEF of Schuylkill County PA should make and the decision was, now is the time.

This change will save the ministry \$40. a month for the cost of the local Tel-A-Story® number. The new Tel-A-Story® is 1-888-878-8660 the online is www.18888788660.

We are very grateful for Linda Cerullo and her love for the children and the ministry of CEF and the years she gave in service to our God to reach the children with the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And we are looking forward to how God will use this new ministry in our local area.



Mark Your Calendars!

**CEF World Day of Pray is
Wednesday, November 3.**

**Please join us in praying for the ministry of
CEF of Schuylkill County
and CEF worldwide.**

**The office staff will be available for
a time of prayer 12:30-1:30
at the CEF Office
101 High Road, Minersville**

**BEWARE IN YOUR
PRAYERS, ABOVE
EVERYTHING ELSE,
OF LIMITING GOD,
NOT ONLY BY
UNBELIEF, BUT BY
FANCYING THAT
YOU KNOW WHAT
HE CAN DO.**

ANDREW MURRAY



Bits and pieces.

Teaching Children Effectively Level One

Teaching Children Effectively (TCE™) Level 1 is designed to offer a fresh approach to evangelizing and teaching children. Based on spiritual and educational principles, the course provides the methods and procedures to lead children to Christ and immediately equips the believer to begin and sustain a ministry where he lives. Student practicums are a vital part of the instructional procedure which make *TCE* a refreshing way to train Christians in child evangelism.

CEF of Schuylkill County is planning to hold TCE Level 1 in the new year. If you would be interested taking the course, contact Shelley at 570-544-8042. Please let us know if you would prefer a daytime or evening or Saturday class. The cost is \$125. Scholarships are available.

Course Objectives:

To provide each student with:
 Increased knowledge about the spiritual needs of children
 Effective methods of evangelism
 Basic skills for organizing and conducting productive children's Bible classes
 Practical ideas, which make learning enjoyable for boys and girls

Course Subjects:

How to Lead a Child to Christ
 Scripture Memorization
 Bible Lesson Preparation and Presentation
 Discipline
 Music
 Visual Communication and more



Time of Prayer

Starting October 6 at 12:30-1:30, we will hold a weekly prayer meeting at the CEF of-
 fice, 101 High Road, Minersville (Primrose). All are welcome. If you have 10 or 15
 minutes~ come. If you can spare 30 minutes~ come. If you are able to stay for the hour~
 come.

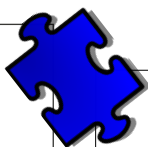
The mission field of Schuylkill County needs prayer. Our children need prayer.

Budget Corner

As of September 24, 2021
 Monthly budget \$915.75

Sept. Income \$5,435.75.
 Sept. Expenses \$6,432.24
 Difference <—\$996.49.>

Please note: Last month's *Budget Corner* included the summer missionary income which is not part of CEF of Schuylkill County's yearly budget. This *Budget Corner* contains September numbers only.



Mailbox Club Stats

August 2021



Celebrating 55 years of ministry

*Lessons graded: 34
 *New students: 7
 *Certificates earned for completing a series 0
 *Professions of faith: 0

Pray for this ministry.