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Mountain-Valley News

Comfort Zone? Where?

It has been years since a TCE™ Level One Course has been held in the county~ and what a blessing it was! There were only three students: Linda McCarthy, Bill Engelhardt, and Mary Engelhardt. Instructors came from the following counties: Delaware, Philadelphia, and Greater Lehigh to help me instruct the course. Mary and Bill traveled from Lebanon County even in a snow storm in order to complete the thirty-three hour course on schedule. Mary left me a note which reads, *“I’ve been completely stretched! Thank you so much for doing this course for us. It has made a lifelong difference.”*

When was the last time you were **stretched**? You know what I mean, going outside your comfort zone and doing something radically different because you know God wants you to? I am sure Esther wasn’t comfortable going before the king to plead for her people. And Daniel, who when he was only a teenager, *“resolved that he would not defile himself with the king’s food, or with the wine he drank, Therefore he asked the chief of eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself.”* (Daniel 1:8) Isaiah probably didn’t feel like he was in his comfort

zone when he was told by God, *“Go, and loose the sackcloth from your waist and take off your sandals from your feet, and he did so, walking naked and barefoot.”* Isaiah 20:2

Here’s the thing with comfort zones, God likes to make them bigger, because He is a big God and He can do anything. What helps me see God’s bigness is when I see how small I am. When He has me step out of my comfort zone~ boy do I feel small!

Are you in need of a good stretch? Then ask the Lord what He would have you to do. Maybe it will be to serve as a team leader at Good News Day Camp, or to begin hosting and teaching a Good News Club in your neighborhood, (children do have a way of taking us out of our comfort zones), or participating in a two hour prayer and worship time to seek God on behalf of the county. It could be that God wants you to do something different, something that has nothing to do with CEF (I can’t imagine that, but He is God and I am not).

Pray about it~ and then go. You, too will see how big our God is as He stretches you outside your comfort zone.

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Gifts were given to CEF between February 22 to March 29, 2022

In Memory of...



My wife, Ruth Luckenbill

By: Robert Luckenbill

Donald R. Smith

By: Barbara Smith

Kathryn Kopey

Rose Charetti

Terry Kessler

Louise Howal

Susan Davis

In Honor of...

Nate and Peg Heim

By: Joan Mengel

Helen Warmkessel

By: Stuart and Judy Schappell



Weekly Time of Prayer

Wednesdays

12:30-1:30

CEF office.

All are welcome.

Stay and pray as long as time allows.

There is a mission field outside your door... THE CHILDREN.

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.



Mailbox Club Stats

February 2022

- *Lessons graded: 11
- *New students: 1
- *Certificates earned for completing a series: 0
- *Professions of faith: 0

Pray for more children to sign up for the lessons.



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Building and Grounds Update

New Windows: Eight new windows are scheduled to be installed on April 25. Thank you! This year's Christmas project raised \$5,435. towards the cost of the new windows (\$8,661.) That money, along with money given and saved from past Christmas projects will see the windows paid in full with no expense to the general fund. You are appreciated! The new windows will help to save in heating and cooling costs plus the added benefit of being able to see out the windows, and for parents to see in knowing that their children are safe here.

Furnace: We are thankful to have made it through our first winter in the new office space. We knew moving in that the furnace was old and could go at any time. Well, that time has come. The furnace is on it's last leg. We are currently in the process of switching to a propane heater. This will save on the cost of fuel and electric as the new heater will also help to heat the upstairs, which is currently only being heated by a heat pump. Our new committee member, John Racilla, has been working hard to prepare the dingy furnace room for the new heating system.

Property clean up: On Saturday, April 2, the committee will be working at the office to clean up some brush which will extend the parking lot preparing the lot for stone. This past winter we have seen how the parking lot became a sheet of ice whenever it snowed or rained. They will also be cleaning up the bushes along the driveway which interfere with visibility.

Give Online

We have had requests in the past for the opportunity to give online, and it is now possible! CEF of Schuylkill County is set up to receive online contributions through **Tithe.ly**.

Go to www.cefschuylkill.com, click on the "GIVE" button at the top of the page and follow the prompts.

Budget Corner **As of March 23, 2022**

Income: \$8,432.

Monthly budget need:
\$11,170.

[—\$2737.]



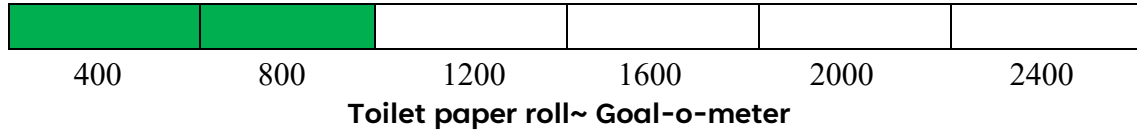


Supplies needed for camp:

- ✓ Large to family size ~ Plastic or Styrofoam meat trays
- ✓ Paper towels

- ✓ Empty toilet paper rolls

Please help! 2,400 empty toilet paper rolls are needed for a craft.



Good News Day Camp 2022

- June 27-July 1 Lewistown Valley Tabernacle, Tamaqua
- July 11-15 Valley View Park, Valley View
- July 18-22 Manbeck’s E. C. Church, Pine Grove
(Transportation for Pine Grove is available)
- July 25-29 Christmas Pines Campground, Auburn
- August 1-5 Higher Ups Park, Ashland
(Near the Pioneer Tunnel)

Cost: \$35
*(\$5 early registration discount)
 Volunteers are needed!
 We base child registration on the
 number of volunteers. Please ask the
 Lord if He would have you serve at
 camp so that more children have the
 opportunity to hear the Good News
 of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

Call 570-544-8042 for more information.

Included with the newsletter is information about sponsoring a child for Good News Day Camp. Camp sponsorship costs \$30 per child. Please note: in the past more camp sponsorship money was received than was needed for individual campers. The money given to sponsor children for camp keeps the cost affordable for all campers. The \$30 registration fee includes all activities: recreation games, crafts, devotionals, payroll for staff, location fees, and of course the daily favorite~ Sno-Kones! Thank you for helping CEF of Schuylkill County reach all children, regardless of income, with the Gospel.



February Good News Club® Stats

Ministry	Enrollment	Professions
6 Regular GNC	91	5
7 ASGNC	168	20
13 Good News Club	259	25
1 Party Club at Kimmel’s E. Free Church, Orwigsburg		12 in Attendance