

Mountain-Valley News

Rejoicing...in what?

folded and put away the chairs from my Good News Club®. As I thought of the children who sat in those chairs, I prayed a silent prayer for them. I put away the flannel pieces from the last lesson. How I loved that lesson about the relationship between Jesus and Peter, and how that relationship was tested those few days before Jesus died, and then strengthened after Jesus arose again. I folded my flannel board, packed up my prize box, took the notes out of my Bible, put away the songs, and put the CD player back in my bag for next school year. Another year of *Good News Club*® was over. This was a new club. It was held at our office with the expectation of reaching the children in the neighborhood. However, expectations are not always met as we hope. There were days when 11 children were at club, and there were more days when there were only the faithful three.

As I was reading my Bible recently, a passage jumped out at me. Jesus had sent the disciples out to tell others about Him. Upon returning, they excitedly told Jesus that the demons obeyed them. Jesus' response was "...

do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in Heaven." (Luke 10:20) Having demons obey is pretty amazing to me, but it is an outward sign that doesn't necessarily indicate what is true of the heart. (cf. Matthew 7:22-23). Likewise, having 11 children in my club is pretty amazing, but my rejoicing should be that our names are written in Heaven.

With GNC® packed and put away, we begin to prepare for Good News Day Camp. We have prayed for God to send 400 children to camp this summer. That means that we need at least 80 volunteers to help at camp. It is exciting to wait and see how God is going to answer that prayer. We pray for 400 campers not as a sign that we are doing something amazing, but so that we may rejoice that those children's names are written in Heaven! Will you pray with us for the 400 children and for the 80 volunteers? Maybe you will be an answer to your own prayer by choosing to volunteer at camp. If you have questions about how you can volunteer, please call the office. We will be happy to talk with you! Tinda

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Gifts were given to CEF between March 29 and April 20, 2022 In Memory of...

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Joanne Birster

By: Ashland Bethany E. C. Church Ron and Shelley Hikes

Donald Smith

By: MeriJocelyn and Eric Friday

Charles Walton

By: Ron and Shelley Hikes

In Honor of...

Jane Baudoin

By: Joan Mengel Maureen and John Seltzer

By: Evelyn Jones

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.



Mailbox Club Stats

March 2022

*Lessons graded: 23

*New students: 0

*Certificates earned for completing a series: 3

*Professions of faith: 0

Pray for more children to sign up for the lessons.

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Building and Grounds Update

New Windows: Installation is scheduled for Monday, April 25 and Tuesday, April 26.

Furnace: We have purchased a heating system: a propane furnace and propane tank. Installation is scheduled to begin Wednesday, April 27.

Property clean up: On Saturday, April 2, members of the committee and a few volunteers, spent the day cleaning up the office yard and parking lot. Trees and brush were cleared away opening up the parking lot to an additional twelve feet. The work is being done to prepare the lot for additional stone building up the lot to prevent another winter of an icy lot. We are thankful the committee is looking to the safety of the employees and volunteers.

Preparations are being made for a new shed to store the lawn tractor, chairs, and a picnic table. We are grateful to Pastor Keith McCarthy who cuts the grass, trims the weeds, and kept us cleared of snow and ice.



Tithe.ly

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 April 19, 2022

Income: \$10,390. Monthly budget need: \$11,170.

[—\$780.]

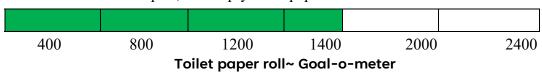


Supplies needed for camp:

- ✓ 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.

Volunteers are needed!
Will consider tithing a week of your summer to serve God
by working at Good News Day Camp?



March-April Good News Club® Stats

Ministry	Enrollment	Professions
6 Regular GNC	94	6
7 ASGNC	176	30
13 Good News Club	270	36

Party Club at Kimmel's E. Free Church, Orwigsburg
Party Club at Grace E. C. Church, Schuylkill Haven

17 in attendance
6 in attendance