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# Mountain-Valley News

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## Across the County Kid's Stories

### From the Mailbox Club Lady:

"I am amazed how many children are putting names of their friends down to try the Mailbox Club lessons. Even one of the adults signed up the child's mother (age 50) because she wanted to try the lessons."

### Good News Club®

**Pottsville**~ A boy who was handed a candy cane, "I don't like candy canes." He says with a big smile on his face. He continues using excited hand motions and voice, "But you know what I do? I tie a string around them and make a grappling hook!"

**Shenandoah**~ One boy asked, "What's this?" when he saw a Bible sitting at his place at *Good News Club*®. "Is this for me to keep?" During the Bible lesson he asked for help to find the passage in the Bible. He and the boy beside him eagerly leaned over his Bible trying to follow along with that week's Bible lesson.

**Pottsville**~ We were waiting for the bus to pick us up when I (Shelley) overheard a mom telling Jerusha how she had attended *Good News Club*® when she was in elementary school. I had to jump in the conversation asking her where she at-

tended club and her name. Based on the information she gave, Norma Minnich and I were the club teachers at the time she attended. Now her son is participating in club!

**Pitman**~ In *Good News Club*® we encourage the children to give and pray for our missionaries. This year the children were raising money for gospel tracts to go to the children in the Middle East. Our missionary had provided nativity ornaments that the children in the Middle East had colored. The last day of club when I announced to the children that they would each get an ornament from a child who lived in the Middle East, one of my clubbers shouted out, "We gave to them, and now they are giving to us!"

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Gifts were given to CEF between November 25 to December 21, 2022

**In Memory of...**



**My mom, MaryAnn Boyer**

*By: Deborah Babb*

**Art Chaffee**

*By: Donna Chaffee*

**Laurin and Helen Edmonds**

*By: Atty. and Mrs. Martin Cerullo*

**Gilbert Engle**

*By: Sonja Spickler*

**Stuart Frew**

*By: Audrey and Charles Lantz*

**Mike "Pap" Gilbert**

*By: Children and Grandchildren*

**Gwen Houser**

*By: Marie and Tim Houser*

**Bill Houtz**

*By: LaVerne Houtz*

**Grandson, Alexander Kriner**

*By: Bob and Alma Davis*

**My sister, Lori Lehman**

*By: Deborah Babb*

**Our Parents**

*By: Danny and Diane Overkott*

**Pauline Schoener**

*By: Ernie and Maureen Schoener*

**Dot Sterner**

*By: Brenda and Jim Ebling*

**Charles Walton**

*By: Carolyn Parnell*

**In Honor of...**

**CEF Staff**

*By: Dan and Sue Jacobson*

**Bob and Ellen Degler**

*By: Joan Mengel*

**Minerva "Nan" Gilbert**

*By: Children and Grandchildren*

**Shelley Hikes**

*By: Gary and Suzy Billman*

**Joan Mengel**

*By: Ark Rentals*

**Mrs. Lois Morgan**

*By: Rev. Morgan*

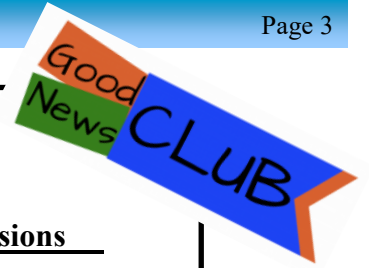
**Our grandchildren**

*By: Mr. and Mrs. Mark Masser*

**Pastor Stewart and Joelle**

*By: Linda Bollinger*

*You are*  
**Appreciated**



Good News Club® Statistics  
November

<u>Club</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Professions</u>
8 ASGNC	179	7
4 Regular	69	1
12 Clubs	248	8

Christmas Party Club Stats

<u>Club</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Professions</u>
Valley View Church of God, Valley View	14	1
CEF office, Minersville	16	0
Kimmel's E. Free Church, Orwigsburg	10	0
Manbeck's E. C. Church, Pine Grove	7	0
<b>4 Christmas Party Clubs</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1</b>

The party club at the CEF office was fantastic! Good News Club children attended and so did neighborhood children that have not attended the weekly club. The children had a blast! One mom used the four hours of the club to volunteer for another ministry. One dad stayed with his kids, which gave the opportunity for him to know us and become familiar with the CEF ministry~ he and his family live in the neighborhood. Another mom was glad to have her son participate since their church doesn't have many children's activities. We are definitely planning to hold this outreach again next year!



Prayer Summit  
Saturday, May 20, 2023  
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this dedicated time to pray for Schuylkill County's children, schools, churches, and leadership.

Jeff Beauvais will guide us in worship and prayer. On piano: Keith McCarthy, Jr.

*"I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping.*

*It doesn't change God. It changes me."*

C.S. Lewis



### Mailbox Club Stats

November 2022

- \*Lessons graded: 52
- \*New students: 3
- \*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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**www.18888788660.**



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### Volunteer Training Class

**Tuesday, January 17, 2023**

10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

6:30-8:30 p.m.

A special session will be offered focusing on the **child's identity in Christ**, based on information learned at a seminar Jerusha attended from The Center for Biblical Unity.

The seminar focuses on the child's identity in the Lord to help guard the child against the false identities the world offers.

Both classes are the same and are open to anyone interested in Children's ministry.

**RSVP: January 12**

Give online through  
Tithe.ly.



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click on the "GIVE"  
button at the top of the  
page and follow the  
prompts.

### Budget Corner

2023 Budget  
\$160,721.00

### 2022 Year-End

Income \$128,854.  
Expenses \$125,283.  
\$3,571.

### Weekly Time of Prayer

Wednesdays

12:30-1:30

CEF office.

All are welcome.

Stay and pray as long as time allows.

**Schuylkill County is a homeland  
mission field.**