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# Mountain-Valley News

DECEMBER 2022

## Awake, O sleeper.

The following information is from a blog post (Church and Culture) written by James Emery White. It is one of “two headlines taken from the latest statistics from the Center for the Study of Global Christianity.”

“Anchoring the worldwide growth of Christianity is the global South, particularly Africa (2.77% growth rate) and Asia (1.5% growth rate). To put that in perspective, in 2000 814 million Christians lived in Europe and North America, compared to 660 million in Africa and Asia. Currently, the entire global North holds only 838 million Christians, while Africa and Asia alone have climbed to nearly 1.1 billion followers of Christ. Leading the way is Africa, where the Christian population is growing faster than any other continent. In fact, more Christians live in African than any other continent in the world. By 2050, Africa will be home to 1.3 billion Christians. North America? Only 276 million.



One conclusion is clear: the global North has historically been the one sending missionaries to the world for the sake of the gospel, usually to the global south.

Now we need Africa to send them here.”  
(Volume 18 Number 12)

There is a mission field right outside your door. May your eyes be open to see.

On behalf of the children of Schuylkill County,

Shelley Hikes

*“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”  
Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.  
Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”  
Ephesians 5:14-17*

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**Gifts were given to CEF between October 19, 2022**

**In Memory of...**



**Gwen Houser**

*By: Tim and Marie Houser*

**Maribeth Lantz**

*By: Charles and Audrey Lantz*

**My husband, Les**

*By: Joan Mengel*

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**In Honor of...**

**Staff and Volunteers**

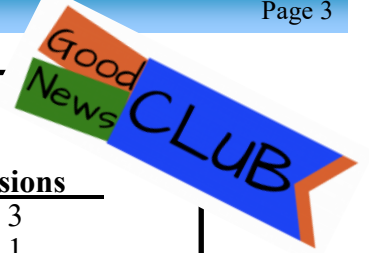
*By: Pat Kuchinos*



Good News Club® Statistics

Club	Enrollment	Professions
8 ASGNC	153	3
4 Regular	61	1
12 Clubs	214	4

**1 Fall Party Club~ Kimmel's E. Free Church ~ Attendance 10 Professions 0**

2022 Christmas Project

The head of the building and grounds sub-committee, John Racilla, comes to the office every week to work on building and grounds projects. He built a shed to store the tractor, he has been working to maintain the tractor, he buys supplies~ like a leaf blower and weed whacker, he repaired a cinderblock wall, the storage closet where the electrical box is kept had a major leak, and many other odd jobs. As he was looking over the building, he noticed the gutters were blocked, too far from the building, and the wrong size. He later learned that could be the reason there had been water getting into the basement.

As our Christmas project for this year, we are seeking money to put towards the purchase of new gutters. The estimated cost is \$5,000. If you would like to give towards this project, you can send in a donation with the enclosed Christmas insert or earmark the check "Christmas Project."

Thank you!



### You are invited to a... Christmas Party Club



Do you need a few hours to wrap presents? Bake cookies? Shop? Clean? Or just rest? Then bring your children to the Christmas party club where they will learn about the real meaning of Christmas in a fun and interactive way. There are 3 club locations and times to choose from. The time also includes snacks and games.

**Especially for children  
kindergarten through 6th grade.  
Older children are welcome to attend**

**Contact:** CEF of Schuylkill County for more information 570-544-8042

**Date: Saturday, December 3, 2022**

**Location:** CEF Office

101 High Road, Pottsville

(Primrose, just outside of Minersville)

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

RSVP: 570-544-8042 by November 30

*A light lunch will be provided.*



**Date: Saturday, December 10, 2022**

**Location:** Kimmel's E. Free Church

179 Pine Creek Drive, Orwigsburg

**Time:** 1:00-2:30 p.m.



**Date: Sunday, December 11, 2022**

**Location:** Manbeck's E. C. Church

110 Wild Cherry Road, Schuylkill Haven

**Time:** 2:00-4:00



### Mailbox Club Stats

October 2022

- \*Lessons graded: 58
- \*New students: 2
- \*Certificates earned for completing a series: 2
- \*Professions of faith: 1

**Pray for more children to sign up for the lessons.**



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## Looking ahead....

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

RSVP: January 12



### *Prayer Summit*

**Saturday, May 20, 2023**

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

This is a 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.

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button at the top of the  
page and follow the  
prompts.

### Budget Corner

November 2022

Income \$9,418  
Expenses \$10,793

### 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.**