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# Mountain-Valley News

## A Day in Life at the Office

FEBRUARY 2023

Do you ever wonder what happens at the CEF office during those weeks when we are not teaching *Good News Club*® or having Day Camp? Well wonder no more.

It was one of those days in early January. The day was looking hopeful. The holidays were over and we were preparing for the training class for our volunteers. And that was how far it got before the trouble began! Shelley, in an effort to shorten the shortcut between the files on my computer and hers, accidentally deleted the shortcut all together. *Thankfully*, the panic did not last long, and she was soon able to restore the lost shortcut. But just as we were beginning to relax again, we heard sighs and moans coming from the treasurer's cubicle signaling Cathy's on-going battle with one of the computer programs. *Thankfully*, a member of the committee was at the office that day working on the building and had a better understanding of that program, and was able to help. That committee member and a volunteer were in the basement of the office, having found where the mice were entering the building. During our lunch break they were cleaning out the huge nest the mice had built and were giving us the details. *Thankfully* for us, this meant that (hopefully) the mice that had left their evidence on our counters, in our drawers, and

even in our craft supplies! were no longer going to be a problem. After lunch, I was copying and folding the registration forms that would be delivered to the schools for the spring-semester clubs. The folding machine was being a little contrary, so I was trying to be gentle with it, not giving it too many papers at a time to fold. I wasn't worried about the slower pace since the copier was busy catching up to me. When I heard the copier beeping, I assumed it needed more paper. Instead, across it's screen was written, **"Turn off machine. Unplug machine. Call maintenance."** With 2000 or more forms yet to be printed, this was not a pleasant message. How long would it take to get maintenance here? *Thankfully*, maintenance arrived within 24 hours. All the forms were able to be copied and delivered on time. And *thankfully*, Jerusha avoided any calamities that day!

God's work is not always what we expect. It is sometimes mundane and even frustrating. Jesus wasn't always teaching and healing; He was making breakfast on a fire, working in carpentry, walking on the road, and going to a friend's house for supper. And I imagine he had to fix his broken sandals at times, gather grain for bread, mend a fishing net, or clean out a boat.

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**Gifts were given to CEF between December 22, 2022 to January 23, 2023**

**In Memory of...**



**Janet Costa**

*By: David and Patricia Williams*

**Irma Fessler**

*By: Kathryn S. Reichert*

**Pauline Jones**

*By: Mr. and Mrs. John Seltzer*

**Arthur and Mildred Klinger**

*By: Steve and Bev Klinger*

**Charles, Ina, and Curt Luckenbill**

*By: Connie and Will Wright*

**Albert and Marian Schrawder**

*By: Steve and Bev Klinger*

**George and Viola Wright**

*By: Connie and Will Wright*

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**In Honor of...**

**Jane Baudoin**

*By: Tim Fisler*

**Paul and Jane Olson**

*By: Farel and Dolores Becker*

**Our prayer group of Bethesda**

**E. C. Church, Reedsville**

*By: Joan Mengel*

**William Stickler**

*By: Stuart and Judith Schappell*

**Joe and Iris Strauss**

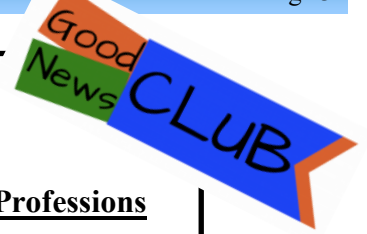
*By: Stuart and Judith Schappell*

**Helen Warmkessel**

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Good News Club® Statistics  
December 2022



<u>Club</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Total Professions</u>
8 ASGNC	179	16
4 Regular	71	4
12 Clubs	250	20



Prayer Summit  
Saturday, May 20, 2023  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

See enclosed flyer for more information.

*“Prayers outlive the lives of those who uttered them;  
outlive a generation, outlive an age, outlive a world.” – E.M Bounds*

**2023**



**9:30-3:00**

June 26—30 ~ Lewistown Valley Tabernacle, Tamaqua  
July 10—14 ~ Valley View Park, Valley View  
July 17—21 ~ Manbeck's E. C. Church, Pine Grove  
July 24—28 ~ Christmas Pines Campground, Auburn  
July 31—Aug. 4 ~ Bethany E. C. Church, Ashland

We are praying to reach 400 children through the Good News Day Camp ministry this summer. That means 90 volunteers are needed. How many weeks of vacation do you receive? Will you give one week to serve the Lord through the day camp ministry. (30 hours of one year) You will be blessed~ you are serving the Lord and reaching a child with the Gospel~ because you are a blessing to someone else. **Call 570-544-8042 or email: [office@cefschuykill.com](mailto:office@cefschuykill.com) for more information.**

**Registration forms are available at:  
[www.cefschuykill.com](http://www.cefschuykill.com)**

**Volunteers Needed!**

Calling those who like to sew!

We are looking for individuals to sew small drawstring bags for one of our camp crafts. This is a great way to use up scrap fabric. Finished bags should be about 5"x7" and have a 1/2 inch casing for the string. We have plenty of yarn and are willing to thread the bags. We need about 75 bags, but we are thankful for as many as you are able to make. For questions, please call Linda at the office. 570-544-8042

Calling those who like to cut, fold,  
staple, paint, and count!

In April, Linda will schedule a day for volunteers to come to the office and help prepare the materials for camp crafts. If you are interested in helping, please contact the office and Linda will call you to set up a date.  
570-544-8042



**Mailbox Club Stats**

December 2022

- \*Lessons graded: 56
- \*New students: 9
- \*Certificates earned for completing a series: 2
- \*Professions of faith: 1

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

**2022 Totals**

- \*Lessons graded: 448
- \*New students: 47
- \*Certificates earned: 30
- \*Professions of faith: 5

There are 89 active members.

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Do You Ever Wonder...**

None of these were wasted moments. Shortly before His crucifixion, Jesus told the Father that He had done the work God had prepared for Him (John 17:4). Every moment can be God's work.

What work has God prepared for you today?

*-Linda*

**Budget Corner**

2023 Budget  
\$160,721.00

As of January 23  
Income \$7,091.  
Expenses \$7,217.

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click on the "GIVE"  
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page and follow the  
prompts.

**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.**