

# **Mountain-Valley News**

# Let's Talk About Time

**MARCH 2023** 

Time.

It takes time.

Time for God's Spirit to soften hearts.

Time for the Gospel to take root in the soul of a child.

Time.

That's what we have been witnessing at one of our Good News Clubs. Time. God using time to awaken a child to her need for a Savior. God's Spirit, in His perfect time, moving in the heart of a child to receive the Gospel message.

A girl, I'll call her Susie, received Christ as her Savior in the fall. Now is the time to watch and see if there will be any fruit. Susie comes to club excited. She answers review questions, sings the songs with a smile on her face, and is glad that her sister, brother, and nephew have come to club. She is memorizing the Bible verses and completing her take home papers! Oh the joy!

Time. It makes a difference.

A committee member shared with me the following story of what giving time looks like:

"Before Covid we had a girl in GNC for a couple of years. Because her home was on my way to church, I offered to pick her up. I did this for at least two years off and on. This girl still calls me to see how I am doing. She is 15 now and a sophomore in high school."

#### Time.

Do you have **time** to give for the soul of a child? Maybe there is one child in your neighborhood that you could bring to camp. Do you have **time** to give two hours a week to help at a *Good News Club*<sup>®</sup> in your neighborhood? Will you consider giving a tithe of your **time** to CEF of Schuylkill County?

The wonderful thing about the Word of God is that it always produces fruit... in time, so your time is never wasted.

Trusting in God, who is the Creator of time,

Shelley Hikes

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Appreciated

# Gifts were given to CEF between January 23 to February 17, 2023 In Memory of...



**Evelyn Jones** 

By: John and Maureen Seltzer

Robert Zechman

By: Rick and Sandy Kupres

In Honor of...

**Shelley Hikes** 

By: Larry and Jane Baudoin

**Richard and Sandy Kupres** 

By: Lester and Jean Kistler

# Good News Club® Statistics January 2023

January 30.

The Good News Club spring season began January 30. Stats will be in the April newsletter.



# **Prayer Summit**

Saturday, May 20, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Let's join together to pray for our homeland and our neighborhoods.

"Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays." - Kierkegaard

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 out of 8,760 hours in a year) You will be blessed~ serving the Lord and reaching a child with the Gospel~ because you are a blessing to someone else.

For information: 570-544-8042 email: office@cefschuylkill.com

Registration forms are available at: www.cefschuylkill.com

# **Volunteers Needed!**

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

Linda is planning a day in April 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

#### **Items needed for camp:**

- ✓ Ribbon
- ✓ 8oz. Styrofoam cups

## **Mailbox Club Stats**

January 2023

\*Lessons graded: 44

\*New students: 1

\*Certificates earned: 5

\*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.



#### **Budget Corner**

2023 Budget \$160,721.00

January Income \$8,820. Expenses \$10,406.

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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.