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Did you know?

Every day Linda, Dillon, and I spend time in prayer. This time includes praying for other CEF chapters, other ministries, each other, and prayer requests that have been shared with us or those requests for which the Lord has given us a burden. Many days our hearts cry out for the northern region of our county. CEF has very little ministry there, it is a difficult area to reach with the Gospel. But there is a great need!

Did you know there are children in our county who are locked out of their homes in the morning until the parents return from work at the end of the day?

Did you know that over the summer there are children who do not have any lunch?

Did you know there is a church who opens it's doors to the youth of their town only to have the youth break in and steal from them? The church continues to be a welcoming home to the youth in their neighborhood.

Did you know that in Schuylkill County there are towns without a Bible teaching church?

Help is needed. Linda has been helping to care for her aging parents and may need to take a leave of ab-

sence for a period of time. Please pray for us. Volunteers are needed to cover for Linda during her leave of absence and to cover existing clubs so new areas of ministry can be explored.

Scottish preacher, Alexander Whyte said, *"We have plenty of time for all our work did we husband (manage) our time and hoard it up aright. We cannot look seriously in on another's faces and say it is want of time. It is want of intention. It is want of determination. It is want of method. It is want of motive. It is want of conscience. It is want of heart. It is want of anything and everything but time."*

Will you make the time to pray for CEF?

Will you make the time to reach the children in your neighborhood with the Gospel?

Will you make the time?

For the children,

Shelley

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Gifts were given to CEF between December 19, 2023 to January 23, 2024

In Memory of...



Alex

By: Gram and Pap

Dot Sterner

By: Sandra Berk

Lewis and Mildred Ebert

By: Mrs. Diane Ebert

Charles and Flo Walton

By: Mrs. Diane Ebert

Anonymous

Pap Gilbert

By: Carol Merbah

Ruth Luckenbill

By: Robert Luckenbill

In Honor Of...

Pastor Mark Brooks and Family

By: Joan Mengel

Patsy Krammes for faithful service to CEF

By: Mary Ellen Krammes

Paul and Mary Jane Olson

By: Farel and Dolores Becker



Join us in praying for Schuylkill County.

Weekly Time of Prayer

Weekly prayer time.

12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Stay for the whole hour, come for 15 minutes, 30 minutes~ whatever fits in your schedule.

Let's join together in praying for the children in Schuylkill County.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR! 2024



- June 24-28 Lewistown Valley Tabernacle
614 Valley Road, Tamaqua
- July 8-12 Valley View Park
524 Gap St., Valley View
- July 15-19 Manbeck's E. C. Church
110 Wild Cherry Road, Sch Haven
- July 22-26 Christmas Pines Campground
450 Red Church Road, Auburn
- July 29-Aug. 2 Bethany E. C. Church
15 N. 13th Street, Ashland

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$35.00
(early registration fee discount of \$5. applies if fee paid 2 weeks prior to first day of camp.)

Please note: Swimming will not be available at Auburn this year.

Craft items needed: scraps of heavy or corrugated cardboard from the backs of calendars, writing tablets, etc.

JUST ADDED: 4" CERAMIC TILES (ANY COLOR WILL DO)

Budget Corner

2024 Budget

\$169,687.80

Monthly budget

\$14,140.65

YTD January 243, 2024

Income \$9,044.58

Expenses \$20,050.27

\$11,005.69

Online donations are accepted through Tithely.com

Stats

December 2023

*Lessons graded: 66

*New students: 0

*Certificates earned: 3

*Professions of faith: 0

2023 Totals

*Lessons graded: 661

New students: 30

Certificates: 55

Professions of faith: 8

Pray for more children to sign up



The spring semester of club begins the week of February 5.

December 2023 Statistics



<u>Club</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Professions</u>
10 ASGNC®	190	10
2 Regular clubs	50	2
12 Good News Clubs	240	12



Prayer Summit

CEF of Schuylkill County is again hosting a countywide time of prayer to be held on May 18, 2024 (10:00 a.m. to 12 noon). At Bethesda E. C. Church, 155 Reedsville Road, Schuylkill Haven PA 17972.

This event is hosted by CEF but is not about or for CEF~
Join us as we go before the Throne of Grace on behalf of our children, schools, those in positions of authority, our churches and pastors, all outreach ministries, etc.

**We are looking for pastors to lead us in prayer during the summit.
Please contact Shelley at 570-544-8042 if you interested in participating in this time of corporate prayer.**

“When we are hearing the Lord confirm the hard things that must happen in our lives, we need to station ourselves on our prayer tower and ask Him to help us see things from His perspective.

For it is in prayer that we will eventually be treated to a heavenly view of our earthly mess. Prayer is just like a tower—lifting us up and away from the situation and helping us to see things God’s way!”

~Jill Briscoe (Running on Empty)

may 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Do You Have The Time? Consider Becoming a Committee Member.

Currently the CEF of Schuylkill County committee consists of six members: Erik Gottfried, John Racilla, Linda Fetherolf, Cathy Nagle, Gale Hurst, and Tom Tilden. Each one has unique gifts they bring to the ministry: leadership skills, bookkeeping experience, secretarial abilities, maintenance knowledge, etc. In order for the committee to meet and vote to pass the treasurer’s reports, previous minutes, and to make any decision five members must be present at the meeting.

Will you prayerfully consider joining this local body of believers who seeks the spiritual welfare of our neighborhood children? Or maybe you know someone who would be a good fit to serve on the CEF local board?

The committee meets the 4th Thursday of each month (exception Thanksgiving and Christmas) at the CEF office, 101 High Road, Pottsville (just west of Minersville in Primrose) at 7:00 p.m. We are looking for people who have a desire for children to learn about Jesus. Maybe you have a gift for teaching, or your talent may be more of a hands-on type of guy~ helping to maintain the property, or maybe your background is accounting/bookkeeping~ you would be a help in maintaining the treasurer’s records, or you may have an understanding of the law~ you would be good at helping to fill out legal forms as needed (I recently had to go to Rocket Lawyer to fill out a form needed to complete a building usage application for a local school district.

Will you ask the Lord if He wants you to give your time to CEF by serving on the committee?

For the children,

Shelley Hikes