



Mountain-Valley News

What People are Saying...

Regarding the Christmas Party Clubs:

Testimony from a *Good News*Club® volunteer whose church hosted a Christmas Party Club: "We received a lot of 'thank yous' for holding the party club~ it was great! So much gratitude was shown. Feedback from the kids on the following day of club was fun to listen to. They had a great time? And so did the adults."

From a grandfather whose grandson attends *Good News Club*[®] and the Christmas Party Club: "You don't know what an impact you're having on him (grandson). He always has a lot of questions to ask."

If you like a little cookie with your icing then we have just the cookie decorators for you! At the one club the children had icing about 2 inches thick on their cookies. At the office club the cookies were

totally sugared!

Our time together ended with hot chocolate and the eating of one cookie. The children were sent home on a sugar-high note!

As with all CEF ministries, the Gospel was clearly presented to the children and the true gift of Christmas as shared: "The Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world." ~1 John 4:14

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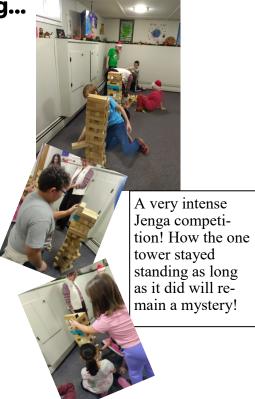
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Gifts were given to CEF between November 16— December 18, 2024

In Memory of...



By: Atty. And Mrs. Martin Cerullo

Bill Houtz

By: LaVerne Houtz

Charles and Ina Luckenbill

By: Will and Connie Wright

Ruth Luckenbill

By: Robert Luckenbill

Kenneth Wingle

By: Martha L. Scott

George and Viola Wright

By: Will and Connie Wright

Roy and Anna Zerbe

By: Ken and Kay Kintzel

In Honor of...



All the CEF staff

By: Joan Mengel Shelley Hikes

By: Gary and Suzy Billman Our grandchildren and greatgrandson

By: Mr. and Mrs. Mark Masser

Join us in praying for Schuylkill County.

Weekly Time of Prayer

Wednesdays 10:30—11:30 a.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.



November 2024

*Lessons graded: 72

New students: 3

*Certificates earned: 6

*Professions of faith: 0

Budget Corner

2024 Budget \$169,687.80 Monthly budget \$14,140.65

YTD November 30, 2024

Income \$167,163. Expenses \$168,367. [-\$1,204.]

Online donations are accepted through Tithely.com

Camp Crafts

The following items are needed for Good News Day Camp crafts:

- Foam meat/vegetable trays—any size
- → Half-gallon plastic jugs (milk, tea, juice) clean. We do not need the lid.
- Empty toilet paper tubes



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October Good News Club Stats~ November

Location	Enrollment	Professions of Faith
Blue Mtn East	41	0
Blue Mtn West	44	0
Hegins-Hubley	15	1
Mahantongo	21	0
Pine Grove	39	1
Pottsville	23	0
Schuylkill Haven	38	0
Shenandoah Valley	16	1
Tamaqua	30	3
West Penn K-2	12	0
West Penn 3-4	20	2
11 Good News Clubs	286	8 (Oct-Nov)

Please pray for the opportunity to counsel each child for their understanding of the Gospel. This is also the time when we ask if they have a church home and if they would like to receive the Mailbox Club lessons.

Christmas Party Club Stats

Location	Attendance	Professions of Faith
Valley View Church of God	8	1
Lehighton Bible Church	5	0
St. John's Reformed Church	18	0
CEF Office	16	0
4 Christmas Party Clubs	47	1

January Events

Volunteer Training Class

Tuesday, January 14 10:00 a.m.—12 noon or 6:30—8:30 p.m.

These times are open to anyone who teaches children whether at *Good News Club*[®], Sunday school, Awana, etc. Both times will present the same information and will include Good News Club lesson material, and teaching helps.

Shelley will also lead a session on *discipline*, sharing from her 26 years of ministry to children (including discussion time).

RSVP: January 9 (570-544-8042)

Saturday, January 18 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Christian Youth in Action (CYIATM) promotional meeting

This time is dedicated to hearing from previous summer missionaries and other men and women who have served as a summer missionary in the past and the impact that the ministry has had on their lives (lunch is provided). If you know of any youth who love the Lord and have a passion for missions please have them contact the CEF office for more information. RSVP: January 16

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 17 10:00 a.m.—12 noon Prayer Summit

Please join us in praying for our home: Schuylkill County. This is a time for God's people to gather in prayer for our county: our pastors, schools (administrators, teachers, children), government officials. The time includes worship through song, praise, and prayer (small groups and corporately). God has given us the gift of prayer, let's use it to go to the only One who can change the world in an instant. Location: Bethesda E. C. Church, Schuylkill Haven.

Good News Day Camp

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June 23-27	Lewistown Valley Tabernacle, Tamaqua
July 7-11	Valley View Park, Valley View
July 14-18	Manbeck's E. C. Church, Pine Grove
July 21-25	Christmas Pines Campground, Auburn
July 28-Aug. 1	Bethany E. C. Church, Ashland



Camps are 9:30-3:00. Cost is \$35. Registration forms will be available on our website in January at www.cefschuylkill.com. *Volunteers are needed! Call 570-544-8042 for more information*.