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Faithful Service

Have you ever noticed how change often comes with joy and sadness? At CEF® change happens often. Summer missionaries who served for years, graduate from high school or college and move on to marriage or careers, staff does the same, and the committee, moves on to retirement and new life changes.

Gale Hurst, who has served on our local committee recently turned in her resignation. She and her husband, Dale, are moving to Florida to be closer to Gale's family after many years of living up north. Gale stated the following in her letter of resignation: *"I have enjoyed my years on the committee and relish the friendships I have developed. It was also a delight serving with Cathy at Good News Club and previously helping at Good News Day Camp. The work you do is so important in the Kingdom of God."*

She had great wisdom in decision making, administrative skills, and a passion for children to know Jesus as their Savior. Dale served on the building sub-committee and worked along with the rest of the committee members to replace the basement floor and he was instrumental in repairing the plumbing issues in the bathrooms. Committee members are valuable people in the work of the Lord through the ministry of CEF of

Schuylkill County. We will miss Gale, but we are filled with joy for her and Dale as they move on to another great adventure with our Lord.

Many of you remember Jerusha McCarthy who served with CEF of Schuylkill County as a volunteer, summer missionary, and staff. Last summer she moved to Wisconsin to finish Bible college and in the process became engaged and just got married! It is with great joy that I introduce to you Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Power. Pray for Gabe and Jerusha as



they serve the Lord with Ethnos 360.

Change~ it sure does keep life exciting! But in the midst of all of life's changes there is One who remains a sure foundation~ *"For I the LORD do not change."* Malachi 3:6

With joy,

Shelley

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Gifts were given to CEF between March 24 —April 28, 2025

In Memory of...



Sharon Davis

By: Esther and John Verchick

Ron Dietz

By: Deanna Dietz

George and Mary Grube

By: Joan Mengel

Aunt Linda Schwartz

By: Will and Connie Wright

In Honor of...

Our mom, Minerva Gilbert

By: Her children



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.

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter via email please send the request to office@cefschuylkill.com.
If you would like to be removed from the mailing list please contact CEF by email, or phone: 570-544-8042.

March 2025

Lessons graded: 43
 New students: 0
 Certificates earned: 3
 Professions of faith: 0

**Camp Crafts**

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

- ♦ **Foam meat/vegetable trays– any size**
- ♦ **Paper Towels**



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Budget Corner

2025 Budget
 \$170,180.
 Monthly budget
 \$14,182.

YTD as of March 2025

Income \$34,239.
 Expenses \$59,198.
 \$—24,959.

Online donations are accepted through
 Tithely.com

Just a note: The replacement of flooring and the plumbing repairs that needed to be made in the bathroom account for about \$13,000 of the expenses. We are grateful for those who added CEF to their estates: their gift is what covered these unexpected expenses.

Good News Day Camp Summer 2025

June 23-27	Lewistown Valley Tabernacle 614 Valley Road, Tamaqua
July 7-11	Valley View Park 524 Gap St., Valley View
July 14-18	Manbeck's E. C. Church (Pine Grove Area) 110 Wild Cherry Road, Sch. Haven
July 21-25	Christmas Pines Campground 450 Red Church Road, Auburn
July 28-Aug. 1	Bethany E. C. Church 15 North 13th St., Ashland



Camps are 9:30-3:00. Cost is \$35. Registration forms are available on our website: cefschuykill.com.

Volunteers are needed! Call 570-544-8042 for more information.

Students who complete 7th grade may qualify as helpers and earn community service hours.

***Please consider volunteering to serve or to provide
 transportation for the children in your neighborhood
 who otherwise would be unable to attend.***



Prayer Summit: **Partner with CEF in Praying for** **Schuylkill County**

CEF of Schuylkill County is again hosting a countywide time of prayer~
May 17, 2025 (10:00 a.m. to 12 noon)
Bethesda E. C. Church, 155 Reedsville Road, Schuylkill Haven PA 17972.

Partner with us as we go before the Throne of Grace on behalf
of our children, schools, those in government leadership, our churches and
pastors, all outreach ministries, etc.

At CEF we see the brokenness in the county: children who want to attend church with parents who refuse to take them, children who have NEVER seen a Bible or heard the name of Jesus, children who live in broken homes, and sadly the list goes on. Our Lord gave us a weapon to fight with and it is prayer.

Come. Worship. Pray.



When Nehemiah saw that the wall of Jerusalem was in ruin he gathered the people to rebuild. When the enemy was poised to attack, Nehemiah encouraged the people by reminding them that they were not fighting for themselves. Nehemiah was a man of prayer. We, too, need to be men and women of prayer and fight with the weapon the Lord gave to us~ Prayer.

“After I made an inspection, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials, and the rest of the people, “Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the great and awe-inspiring Lord, and fight for your countrymen, your sons and daughters, your wives and homes.” Nehemiah 4:14

If you are a pastor or lay leader and would like to lead a prayer segment
please contact Shelley at 570-544-8042.