



Mountain-Valley News

Summer Stories!

My granddaughter often asks me to tell her stories from the summer~ especially if the story is about an animal. No animal stories this year (at least not that I recall), but good stories~ God stories: stories of His faithfulness, His lovingkindness, and His humor!

Enjoy!

From Tamaqua

- Extreme heat and humidity~ it was air you could wear, until Friday. The temp dropped 30 degrees and it rained all day.
- A little boy was singing the camp songs to his mom.
- A bossy little boy (he was hitting the other boys with a stick) wanted his own way in crafts. Linda said to him, "You have a mind of your own!" He responded, "Who told you that?"
- Almost everyone felt the loss of a precious 13 year old girl who was called to heaven 2 weeks before camp began. She grew up attending camp and was led to the Lord when she was in kindergarten and her nanna served as a team

leader. Her nanna led her to the Lord.

Five Day Club

- A 6 year old girl gave me a hug and said, "Thank you for teaching us about Jesus. This week went fast." I wasn't the teacher, but she loved club!

Valley View

- During the Bible lesson introduction I asked the children, "What would you do if you were king?" Answers: "Create affordable housing and cars" and "buy a mansion".
- A boy wet his pants~ two pastors took care of his emotional needs and physical needs.
- A mom stopped at the park and asked Pastor Ben what we were doing and he explained about the camp. The mom registered her two sons for the rest of the week. The following week we learned that God used praying grandmothers to bring that woman and her boys to the park. Ben's mom is in a prayer group with the boys' grandmother in Montandon!

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Gifts were given to CEF between May 22—August 11, 2025

In Memory of...



Colleen Becker

*By: Allen & Kay Artz
Farel & Dolores Becker
Ron & Shelley Hikes*

Jane Berk

*By: Mr. Clarence Berk
Kathryn Reichert
The Dale Edgar Family:
Pauline Edgar, Allan & Deanne
Mull, Darlene Steiner, Carl &
Claudia Overmyer, Dan & Diane
Edgar, Mark Edgar & Deks
Life Group at First Baptist,
Orlando
James & Beryl Becker
Fern & Dale Bittle
Anne Snyder
Ron & Shelley Hikes*

Glenn & Esther Heisler

By: Al & Cheryle (Heisler) Giles

Bill Houtz

By: Joan Mengel

Emily Snibbe

*By: Kevin & Danette Roberts
Jeffrey & Michelle Rex
John Ziolko
Anthony & Marjorie Petrucci
Thomas & Ashley Rodgers
Ron & Shelley Hikes*

Kenneth Wingle

By: Martha Scott

Jesse and Jeanette Zerbe

By: Chris & Suzanne Zerbe

Claude and Irene Ziegler

By: Bill Ziegler

In Honor of...

Shelley Hikes & Amy Hautle

By: Rachel Koppenhaver

Ed and Tina Moyer

By: Mrs. Joan Mengel



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Rock (Pine Grove)

- A boy projectile vomited in the bathroom. Camp directors need all kinds of skills that are not listed in the job description!
- We were blessed with the use of a Ga-Ga pit (a penned-in area where a kind of dodgeball is played) thanks to a teenage boy who grew up attending camp and built the pit as his Eagle Scout Project. He was very concerned that it be completed in time for camp.
- During counseling a girl answered all the Gospel questions. Her team leader asked her where she attends church. Her reply, "I don't." The little girl explained that she attends Good News Club and learned about Jesus there.
- Another child told her team leader being at Rock camp is like "coming home."

Auburn

- The leader for the oldest team of boys was 16 years old. The boys were not being very respectful and were giving the young man a hard time. When I gave the leader the option to move to a different team he said, "No. I'd like to give them the chance to show they can be respectful. What does that say if, when it gets hard, I quit?"
- In the bathroom drying my hands when a kindergarten girls says to me, "Aren't you supposed be teaching?" Me, "I did this morning, now I'm going to a meeting with the team leaders. Aren't you supposed me in crafts?"
Girl: "I had to poop!"

Email from a mom

"Sam and Grace thoroughly enjoyed their time @ Bible Camp! Both of them are looking forward to the entire week! They have their attire ready for tomorrow--red, white, blue or camo! Lol"

Schuylkill County Fair

While a summer missionary was sharing the Gospel with two girls, she asked them, "Do you know who God is?" The girls shook their heads and said, "No." The parents were standing nearby and overheard the exchange. The mom said to the dad, "Did you hear that? They said they didn't know who God is?" Dad replied, "Well, we don't go to church." Mom, "I know, but still!?"

Pray that God uses the Gospel tract and devotional information to move their family to "seek" for the Lord because He promised He would be found.

"You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13

~Shelley

Weekly Prayer Time

Wednesdays 11:00 a.m.— 12:00 noon

Join us in praying for the children who live in Schuylkill County. Feel free to come anytime within the hour and to stay as long as you are able. Our children need someone to pray for them~

are you willing to be that someone?

Summer 2025 Statistics

Good News Day Camp Training Attendance

June 2	Valley View Church of God, Valley View	15
June 3	St. John's Reformed Church, Friedensburg	35
June 5	Calvary Evangelical UM Church, Tamaqua (Lewistown Valley)	12
3 Trainings	Total attendance	62

Good News Day Camp

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrolled</u>	<u>Professions</u>
June 23-27	Lewistown Valley Tabernacle, Tamaqua	54	3
July 7-11	Valley View Park, Valley View	68	7
July 14-18	Manbeck's E. C. Church, Rock	78	6
July 21-25	Christmas Pines Campground, Auburn	70	8
<i>Due to a lack of volunteers and enrollment, camp in Ashland was cancelled.</i>			
4 Camps		270	24

5-Day Clubs

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrolled</u>	<u>Professions</u>
June 30-July 3	Bethesda E. C. Church, Sch. Haven	13	0
July 8-11	Shenandoah Elementary School	4	0
2 Five Day Clubs		17	0

Schuylkill County Fair

119 children

3 professions of faith

Total children reached: 406

27 professions of faith

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May-June-July 2025

Lessons graded: 175

New students: 5

Certificates earned: 11

Professions of faith: 0



Budget Corner

2025 Budget

\$170,180.

Monthly budget

\$14,182.

YTD as of July 2025

Income \$102,563.

Expenses \$112,037.

\$—9,474.

Online donations are accepted through
Tithely.com

(Expenses include about \$16,000 spent for new flooring, spouting, and excavating to redirect water from the basement.)

Office update:

Tina Moyer has resigned her position with CEF in order to have a job that is more conducive to her family's needs.

We are thankful to God for bringing Tina to the CEF staff, and we pray that God will bless her as she begins a new journey.

Volunteer Training Class

Tuesday, September 16 10:00 a.m. to Noon and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

CEF Office
101 High Road, Pottsville PA 17901
(Located just west of Minersville off route 901)

The morning and evening sessions are the same and are open to anyone who teaches children. We have a large library of materials that we are happy to loan to churches or individuals free of charge. During the training we will give the necessary supplies for teaching *Good News Club*[®]: Bible lesson visuals, Bible lesson outlines, songs, missionary information, games, Bible verse visuals, and lots of extras!

Please RSVP by Thursday, September 11. 570-544-8042



I know! It's only September. And yes, we are thinking about Christmas Party Clubs. Linda and I have our date set for the club we will be holding again at the CEF Office: Saturday, December 13, 10:00 am—2:00 p.m. This will be our fourth year and a day we look forward to. It's four hours of FUN! And a wonderful opportunity to tell the boys and girls about God (*if you read the testimony from the Fair, you know there are children who don't know who God is*) and His way of salvation through the completed work of Jesus Christ on the cross~ His life lived in total obedience to God, His death, burial, resurrection and ascension.

Will you consider hosting a Christmas Party Club? We have all the materials needed to teach the club, loaned to you or your church free of charge, training may also be available.

Don't wait! Get a date on your calendar to reach the children in your neighborhood or local elementary school with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.