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# Mountain-Valley News

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## *What is Memorial Day About?*

**I** was recently in a local grocery store when a girl behind the counter asked a co-worker, “What is Memorial Day about?” The co-worker and I were stunned for a moment, then I replied, “I’m sorry you don’t know. That’s sad.” The girl agreed. The co-worker explained to her that Memorial Day is when we remember those who fought for our freedom.

As I was leaving the store, I began to think, if she doesn’t know about the importance of Memorial Day, does she have any idea about the Savior who died to set us free from our sin? We are living in a world that does not know truths you and I take for granted.

As our summer ministry begins keep our summer missionaries in prayer. They are serving on the front line of a spiritual battle for the eternal souls

of our county’s children. A few of the summer missionaries battle discouragement and fear. Some struggle staying on task and organized. Amy and Christopher will be stepping up into a greater leadership role, and Bennett is new to everything.

But the one thing they are each sure of is this: God has called them to fight in the battle. To stay the course. To challenge themselves. To share the life saving message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They are fighting for freedom~ spiritual freedom from the darkness of sin and their weapon is the Word of God.

Pray for them to be bold as they witness to the children.

*Shelley*

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## Gifts were given to CEF between April 24—May 26 , 2026

### In Memory of...



**Deb Baker**

*By: Cindy Zimmerman*

**Minerva Gilbert**

*By: The Gilbert Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Doug LaScala  
Ron and Shelley Hikes*

**Phyllis Bloch & Helen Koppenhaver**

*By: Rachel Koppenhaver*

### In Honor of...

**Committee members, Staff & Volunteers**

*By: Patricia Kuchinos*

**Nate & Peg Heim**

*By: Mrs. Joan Mengel*

**Shelley, for her many years of  
dedication to CEF**

*By: The Olsons*

**Mother's Day**

*By: Simpson United Methodist Church*



### Weekly Prayer Time

Due to summer ministries, Wednesday prayer time at the office will not be held.

We will begin again in September.

Thank you for keeping CEF of Schuylkill County before The Throne of God's Grace.

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### April 2026

Lessons graded: 69

New students: 3

Certificates earned: 3

Professions of faith: 4



### Budget Corner

*2026 Budget*

*\$184,865.*

*Monthly budget*

*\$15,405.*

### **YTD as of April 2026**

Income \$73,001.

Expenses \$61,709.

Difference +\$11,292.

Online donations are accepted through  
 Tithely.com

Boyer's IGA is changing the way the Caring and Sharing Rebate Program operates. Please see the enclosed flyer for details or contact your local Boyer's IGA for more information.

### **Prayer Summit Update:**

We were blessed and encouraged to have 25 people attend our Prayer Summit on May 16. Our hearts cried out for our children, schools, administrators, churches, summer ministries (VBS, camps, clubs, etc.), and Christian organizations including Jewel, God's Helping Hands, Young Life, Bridge 127, to name a few. We went before the Throne of Grace for families: Christian parents, non-believing parents, blended families, homeschoolers, and children with special needs. We were led in pray for the spiritual condition of our county: children who have never seen a Bible or entered the doors of a church. Our hearts were blessed through the reading of Scripture and through the singing of hymns.

Through it all we were reminded that *Our God Reigns* and before departing we were challenged to ask ourselves, "What does God want us to do now that we have prayed?", "What truth is the Holy Spirit revealing?", and "What next step is He prompting?"

I hope you will join us next year for this sweet time of fellowship, prayer, and praise to God.

### **Summer Ministries**

#### Good News Day Camp

June 22—26 Lewistown Valley Tabernacle  
 Tamaqua

July 6—10 Valley View Park, Valley View

July 13—17 Manbeck's E. C. Church  
 Schuylkill Haven (Pine Grove)

July 20—24 Christmas Pines Campground  
 Auburn

Contact CEF for a registration form or go to [cefschuylkill.com](http://cefschuylkill.com) for more information.

#### Soccer Kids Events

August 4 Blue Mtn. High School  
 6:00—8:00 p.m.

August 6 Grove Life Wesleyan Church  
 74 Bethel Road, Pine Grove  
 Time: TBA

August 8 Hegins-Hubley Elem. School  
 9:00 a.m.—Noon

For more information and to register your child please go to [cefschuylkill.com](http://cefschuylkill.com). Every child who pre-registers will receive a soccer ball.