

MOUNTAIN-VALLEY NEWS

CEF OF SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

Seeking to reach the children of Schuylkill County with the Gospel



**Thank you to all our
Good News Day Camp
and World Cup Soccer
Outreach Volunteers!**

“How do you know the Bible is true?”

At camp there was boy.

A boy who loved camp but did not believe anything that he was taught from the Bible. He wondered how to know that it is true. Good question. His team leader encouraged him to keep asking questions and to read his Bible while asking God his questions.

This is part of the “Go and make disciples” process. The going into the world, the world that does not know the God of the Bible. Pray for this boy and others like him who are searching for truth. Pray that they persevere and keep asking questions. Pray that God puts believers in their path who will guide them to the Savior so that they find the truth that will set them free.

~ Shelley Hikes

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Summer Highlights

Good News Day Camp

Location	Enrollment	Professions
Tamaqua	62	3
Valley View	76	5
Pine Grove	82	6
Auburn	62	1
4 Camps	282	13

5-Day Clubs

Location	Enrollment	Professions
Schuylkill Haven	8	0
Orwigsburg	9	0
2 Clubs	17	0

Soccer Outreach

Location	Attendance	Professions
Blue Mountain	44	1
Pine Grove	44	0
Valley View	16	0
3 Outreaches	104	1

Schuylkill County Fair

Summit Station	93	2
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What Were the Soccer Events?

Since the World Cup games were played in the United States this year, CEF wrote a curriculum around soccer to use as an evangelistic tool. The soccer events were an opportunity to reach more children in Schuylkill County with the Gospel. Our events included: soccer drills, huddle time (when the Gospel was shared, a Scripture verse taught, and review game played), and ended with the children playing a 3 on 3 or 4 on 4 scrimmage. Church volunteers served as counselors, made food, acted as “coaches”, and fulfilled many other roles to make the events a success.

Summary of the Soccer Outreaches

“What a wonderful time last night! Thank you, Trixie! Thank you to everyone for all the amazing help and support given to share the gospel and give the kids and families a great night! I was so glad to be a part of this team.”

~ Pastor Preston Broadhurst, Kimmel's E. Free Church, Orwigsburg



Local Committee

Erik Gottfried, Chairman
Chris Trapani, Vice-Chair
Linda Fetherolf, Secretary
Cathy Nagle, Treasurer

Members:

Jean Hurst

Tom Tilden

Volunteer Training Classes

When: Tuesday, September 22

Time: 10:00 a.m.- Noon
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Where: CEF Office
101 High Road
Pottsville PA 17901
(Just off 901 West outside Minersville)

The classes are the same and are open to anyone who teaches children. This fall's *Good News Club* lessons are Joshua and Judges. We have a lending library full of materials that we love to share. Extra lesson helps and teaching are also provided. Please RSVP 570-544-8042 by Friday, September 18.

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Budget Corner

YTD Income: \$119,872

YTD Expenses: \$99,938

Difference: \$19,934

2026 Budget \$184,865

Weekly Prayer Time

Beginning Wednesday, September 16, we will be opening the office from 11:00-12 noon for a time of prayer. Please join us any Wednesday that works in your schedule.

Mailbox Club

May and June

Lessons graded: 51

Certificates earned: 4

Professions of faith: 1

Janet Kramer, The Mailbox Club Lady, has been having health difficulties. She has requested that we find someone to take over the Mailbox Club ministry.

Janet has been a blessing to many children and has been blessed by the children through the Mailbox Club ministry. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in grading the lessons and praying for the children please contact the CEF office 570-544-8042 for more information.

The Mailbox Club is a great outreach ministry that can be done from the comfort of your home.

Gifts were given to CEF between May 22-August 13, 2026

In Memory of:

Farel Becker

by: James and Beryl Becker

My parents

by: Bill Ziegler

Yolanda Newsom

by: Stuart and Judith Shappell

Jesse and Jeanette Zerbe

by: Chris and Suzanne Zerbe



In Honor of:

Charlie and Sue Killian

by: Joan Mengel

Nora Stoyer

by: Joan Mengel

Will and Connie Wright

by: Mrs. Joan Mengel



Brian Stump, a 12 year-old boy, was called home to the Lord after attending one of our soccer events. Please join us in keeping Jeff and Jen Stump and their family before The Throne of Grace as they walk this most difficult road of loss.



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