MOUNTAIN-VALLEY NEWS

CEF OF SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

Seeking to reach the children of Schuylkill County with the Gospel

Burden



According to Mirriam-Webster the word burden means "load, duty, responsibility, oppress". My favorite is the archaic definition, "chorus or refrain" and the example given is from Shakespeare, "I would sing my song without a burden; thou bringest me out of tune.""It means the speaker would like to sing freely without any weight or distraction, but the other person's influence disrupts that harmony — both literally (by "out of tune" the music) and figuratively (by disturbing the mood)."

Burdens do that: they disturb the mood and disrupt the harmony we so desire. What we need is a burden-bearer. Someone who can carry the load for us. "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift." (2 Corinthians 9:15) We are blessed to have the One and Only Savior who will bear our burdens. When we go to Him in prayer, we are giving Him our burdens to carry which enable us to "sing freely without weight or distraction".

I don't know about you, but I can definitely become weighed down. It's in the moments when I sit with Jesus and share my thoughts and feelings that the burden becomes less heavy and if I sit long enough, the burden is lifted and I am emotionally lighter.

CEF World Day of Prayer is Wednesday, November 4. Take some extra time this day to pray. Join us in the CEF office from 11:00 a.m.—12:00 or join our committee members at Mountainside Bible Church, 6 Cadbury Street, Pottsville from 6:00—7:00 p.m. We would be privileged to pray for you as you join us in praying for the children of Schuylkill County.

~ *Shelley*

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Good News Club Highlights

We received the following email:
"My son is in Good News Club and asked for me to purchase a bible for him and I wanted to know what the correct version is that is needed to complete his homework."
In my response I recommended the ESV and told her of my excitement that her son wanted to complete the Quiet Time papers that are sent home from club.
Here is her response, *"Thank you, Shelley! I was overjoyed when he asked! I appreciate the offering of this club as we have had trouble getting to Sunday services as of recent with the addition to our family. Thanks again!"*
Good News Clubs meet children where they are: whether they're from a church-going family who needs a little help when an "addition" comes to the family or they are a non-churched family who wants their child to have a religious education.
The purpose of CEF is to evangelize children with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, disciple them in the Word of God and see them established in a Bible teaching church for Christian living. Good News Clubs seek to fulfill this three-fold purpose.

Local Committee

Erik Gottfried, Chairman
Chris Trapani, Vice-Chair
Linda Fetherolf, Secretary
Cathy Nagle, Treasurer
Members:
Jean Hurst
Tom Tilden

CEF of Schuylkill County is Looking for a Local Coordinator

The qualifications of the Local Coordinator/Director are:

- A passion to reach children with the Gospel
- Demonstrate leadership characteristics.
- Be skilled in analysis, problem-solving, planning and implementation.
- Be a strategic thinker.
- Be able to take initiative.
- Be able to direct the work of others.
- Have good people skills.
- Have vision and be able to communicate it to others so they will become involved in the ministry.
- Be able to resolve conflict.
- Submit to higher authorities including biblical authority
- Be able to successfully complete *CMI* and other training as needed.

If you or someone you know may be a good fit for the role of local coordinator/director, please have them call the CEF office for more information and on how to apply.
570-544-8042

Office Manager Needed

Responsibilites include: overseeing general office procedures which may include bookkeeping, mailings, typing, record management, filing and communication support. Must have a desire to reach the children with the gospel, submit to higher authorities including biblical authority, and have good people skills.
Contact the CEF office for more information and on how to apply. 570-544-8042

Weekly Prayer Time
Wednesdays: 11:00-12 noon
Please join us any Wednesday that works in your schedule.

Gifts were given to CEF between September 22 - October 21, 2026



In Memory of:

Ruth Wetzel
by: David and Karen Snyder



In Honor of:

Charlie and Sue Killian
by: Mrs. Joan Mengel

Mailbox Club

September
Lessons graded: 30
Certificates earned: 2
Professions of faith: 1

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Budget Corner

as of September 30, 2026
YTD Income: $137,704
YTD Expenses: $132,613
Difference: $5,091
2026 Budget $184,865

Saying Goodbye

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Trixie Ruch. She joined our team last September, served faithfully, and has been a joy to work alongside. Due to some recent unexpected changes, Trixie has made the decision to resign her position with CEF so that she is better able to serve her family. She will continue to teach club at Schuylkill Haven and Blue Mountain Elementary East, and has offered to help train the new office manager if we need her. Please keep Trixie in your prayers as she moves into this new area of ministry.

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Christmas Party Club™

A ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship Inc.

Help the children to know what the true meaning of Christmas is all about: Host a Christmas Party Club!

Do you have 2 hours free 1 evening during the holiday season?
What about 2 ½ hours on a Sunday afternoon?
Or how about 4 hours on a Saturday?
There are 8,760 hours in a year, are you willing to give 2 to 4 of them to help the children know the real meaning of Christmas? To teach the children about Jesus the Christ?

Our lesson this year is set in Hawaii and is about a grandfather who takes his grandsons to a hospital on Christmas Eve to distribute gifts to the children who are unable to be home for the holiday. During their visit the the story of Christmas is shared.

We have everything you need to put together a Christmas Party Club: Lesson, game and craft ideas, Scripture verse, decorating ideas, invitations, etc.

Contact CEF 570-544-8042 for more information on how you can host a Christmas Party Club in your area.

Christmas Party Club Dates and Locations

Saturday, November 21
1:00 - 3:30
Valley View Church of God
900 West Main Street, Valley View PA

Saturday, December 12
10:00 - 2:00
CEF Office
101 High Road, Pottsville PA
RSVP: 570-544-8042 by Dec. 8

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