

Sowing Seeds This Summer How Will You Help?

- ☐ By praying for children, CEF staff, and volunteers this summer.
- ☐ By hosting a 5-Day Club. We will contact you to arrange a date and time.
- ☐ By helping to support our part-time summer intern, Abbey Yocum.
\$ _____
- ☐ By giving towards general day camp expenses. \$ _____
- ☐ By sponsoring _____ children for camp at \$25/child.
Total \$ _____
- ☐ By helping at camp.
 - ☐ Kiddie Camp July 13-17
 - ☐ Camp Week #1 July 20-24
 - ☐ Camp Week #2 July 27-31

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Sowing Seeds in the Hearts of Children

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Sowing Seeds This Summer and Every Summer

Summer ministry is probably my favorite time of year. It is also a very busy time of year. But how blessed we are to be able to sow the seeds of God's Word in the hearts of boys and girls throughout Columbia and Montour Counties all summer long through Good News Day Camps, Kiddie Camp, 5-Day Clubs, and Vacation Bible Schools!

Summer ministry is especially dear to me because it's how I began my ministry with CEF 32 years ago. After two weeks of intense training at our Summer Missionary Training School, I taught four 5-Day Clubs each day and sometimes a VBS at night for six weeks, traveling miles and miles all over the county, teaching literally hundreds of children about the Lord Jesus. Oh, such precious times and precious memories!

Although summer ministry looks somewhat different now than it did over three decades ago, our desire each summer is still for boys and girls to be saved from their sin and for others to grow in their walk with the Lord.

Summer ministry would not be possible at all without your support through prayer and financial giving. Thank you for all you do to help sow seeds in the hearts of area children!

Blessings,
Missy

Sowing Seeds This Summer at Day Camps

Schools are out for the summer and kids are looking for fun things to do. Camp flyers have already been mailed out to last year's campers, but there is room for more children who want to join us for some fun at camp this summer. If you need a flyer for your child or for a child you know, please call or email our office to request one. Or, you may also register online by going to our website and clicking on the "Ministries" tab or simply scroll down on the home page and click on the "Good News Day Camp" or "Good News Kiddie Camp" logos.

Maybe you are just a "kid at heart" but are looking for something fun and meaningful to do this summer. We could still use some committed teens (or adults) to help with one week or more of day camp. It is an opportunity to sow seeds and make an eternal impact in the lives of children, and you will receive a blessing for serving. To apply for a volunteer position, please contact Missy at the CEF office ASAP.



Sowing Seeds This Summer at 5-Day Clubs



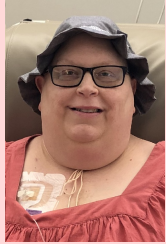
You see them all around . . . precious children who are growing up in a dark and hurting world. All over Columbia and Montour Counties there are countless troubled and lost children who are waiting for someone to tell them about Jesus. Will you give them that opportunity?

Consider hosting a 5-Day Club this summer! It's quite simple: You provide the location and invite the children. We come and do all the rest.

A 5-Day Club is a Bible club which is held for one hour a day for five days. They can be held just about anywhere: backyards, porches, in the garage, community centers, churches.

If you can help by providing a location, please give us a call immediately. We'll do our best to fit as many clubs as possible into our schedule.

Update on Missy



As of the time of this writing, my chemo treatments have been completed and I am awaiting a PET scan to determine if my cancer is indeed in remission or if any further treatment is still necessary. But all early indications are good, and I am trusting the Lord for good results.

What a gift these past few months have been! I hardly know where to begin to share the many, many ways God has blessed me through this cancer journey. The wonderful care I've received, the people I've met along the way, and the love that has been expressed to me in so many ways has been extraordinary. I am forever grateful! God has blessed me and taught me so much!

Though I am told my strength and immunity will not return for about six months, God-willing, I will be back up-and-at-'em and able to be fully involved in ministry this summer.

Blessings,
Missy

Sowing Seeds This Summer Through Prayer

Staff, summer interns, and volunteers are diligently preparing to share the Gospel and to sow the seeds of God's Word in the hearts of children this summer. We need YOU to pray us through each day of summer ministry.

Below is an overview of our summer schedule here in Columbia-Montour Counties as well as some specific prayer requests. Thank you for your prayers for us during the busy summer months.

June 13 Summer Missionary Training
School Staff Orientation

June 14-26 Summer Missionary
Training School

July 2 Camp Staff Training

July 6-10 5-Day Clubs and VBS

July 13-17 Kiddie Camp

July 20-24 Good News Day Camp
Week #1

July 27-31 Good News Day Camp
Week #2

August 3-7 5-Day Clubs and VBS

August 10-14 . . . 5-Day Clubs and VBS

☼ Pray for the staff and students who will be at Summer Missionary Training School. Ask God to give everyone teachable spirits, a firm sense of purpose, and health and strength for these strenuous two weeks.

☼ Pray for the open-air ministry that will take place on the afternoon of Thursday, June 18 in Shamokin. Students will be sharing the Wordless Book witnessing tool with children.

☼ Pray for the camps that will take place this summer. Praise the Lord for all those who are volunteering their time to work with us. Ask God to use this time to do a great work in the hearts of many.

☼ Pray for the 5-Day Clubs that will be held this summer. Ask God to bring out the children with prepared hearts. Thank the Lord for those who open their homes, churches, and centers to have 5-Day Clubs.

☼ Pray for the VBS's that CEF will be helping with this summer. Praise the Lord for the opportunity to partner with area churches to reach children for Jesus.

Sowing Seeds This Summer as a Result of Special Gifts

Since our last newsletter, special financial gifts have been given to CEF OF COLUMBIA-MONTGOMERY COUNTIES, INC. in loving memory of:

Janet Henrie

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As a result of gifts like these, many seeds will be sown in the hearts of children. If you would like to give a gift in honor or in memory of someone, please designate your gift accordingly.

Sowing Seeds This Summer In the Hearts of Children

After being taught the story of Zaccheus who needed to be changed: ***"I need to change my sin."*** (Boy, K)

"If God cannot look at sin, how could Lucifer have been in Heaven?" (Girl, 4th)

"If I go to Heaven, which level of Heaven will I be in?" (Girl, 4th)

After her Good News Club teacher returned from a vacation in Puerto Rico, a child asked, ***"Did you see my grandmother while you were there?"***

"I want to love Jesus more." (Girl, 1st)

"I used to come to Good News Club before but my daddy didn't want me to come. But now daddy is gone, so I can come back." (Girl, 1st)

"Thank you for teaching me about the Lamb of God." (Girl, 2nd)



Our Summer Intern Will Sow Seeds This Summer

We are pleased to introduce to you our part-time summer intern for this year – Abbey Yocum.



Abbey is 20 years old and a graduate of Columbia County Christian School. She is currently a student at Commonwealth University - Bloomsburg where she is a leader of the campus ministry DiscipleMakers Christian Fellowship. Abbey attends Ebenezer Faith Bible Church where she helps in various children's ministries. Abbey is certainly no stranger to CEF. She came faithfully to Good News Day Camp as a child and has helped at day camp and kiddie camp during her teenage years. She has a tender heart, exhibits great leadership skills, and demonstrates a real burden for taking the Gospel to children.

We need to see the Lord provide about \$3,000 for Abbey's small part-time salary, training, materials, gas, and other expenses. Won't you prayerfully consider a financial gift towards Abbey's support? By God's grace and with your prayers and support, many seeds will be sown in the hearts of children this summer.