OCT – NOV – DEC 2026

Tri-County News

Mifflin – Juniata – Perry Chapter of
Child Evangelism Fellowship of PA, INC.

CEF
CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP®
Since 1937 *Reaching children worldwide™*

Contact Us:

Child Evangelism Fellowship of PA Inc. of MJP
55 Howell Drive Unit 2
Mifflintown, PA 17059

717 458-1857
mjpoffice@cefofpa.net
www.cefmjp.org

MJP DIRECTOR
JOE COOK
OFFICE MANAGER
SHARON GETZ
MINISTRY COORDINATOR
VIRGINIA COOK

MJP COMMITTEE MEMBERS

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
MILT HERROLD
COMMITTEE SECRETARY
SCOTT KYPER
COMMITTEE MEMBER
RENA HOSLER
COMMITTEE MEMBER
SHARON KERSTETTER
COMMITTEE MEMBER
JONI GEISSINGER

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it".
Proverbs 22:6

Dear Ministry Partners and Friends,

Fall is officially in the air! As the seasons change, we are turning our hearts and attention to our upcoming fall and winter ministries. Looking back, we are filled with praise for how God moved during our busy summer season. We are so grateful for your prayers and support.

A Summer of Growth and Blessings

Our summer was filled with joy, fruitfulness, and faithful service. God brought us a wonderful team of young servants who served with the heart of Christ.

- **CYIA and 5-Day Clubs®:** We were thrilled to welcome back Ivy this year, and the Lord added two new summer missionaries, Ean and Alli, to our Christian Youth In Action® (CYIA) team. Together, they trained at Camp Harmony and grew from a group of strangers into a true ministry family. They led three 5-Day Clubs® and one VBS over three weeks. They shared the Gospel with a diverse group of children. Some heard about salvation for the very first time and trusted in Christ, while others were discipled in their walk with God.

Our young missionaries were deeply changed by the experience too. When asked how God worked in them this summer, they shared:

- *"My experience this year has brought me closer to God and in trusting Him more."* – **Ivy**
- *"God has given me courage to share the gospel with people I wouldn't have normally approached."* – **Alli**
- *"He taught me the significance of the unsaved children in our communities... He has helped me become more relaxed and confident."* – **Ean**

Camp Good News®: We also enjoyed a wonderful week of day camp with 29 registered children. Supported by seven fantastic new helpers, the week was packed with Bible lessons, devotions, songs, and games. Many children asked deep questions, and several made decisions to put their faith in Jesus.

OUR PURPOSE

Child Evangelism Fellowship® is a Bible-centered organization composed of born-again believers whose purpose is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to establish (disciple) them in a local church for Christian living.

Looking Ahead: Reaching Every Child

Now that summer is over, we are eager to enter back into schools with a new season of Good News Clubs® through our Released Time and After-School programs.

The more we serve, the more we see the urgent need to reach further into our communities. We are guided this 2026/27 school year by our core mission: to reach **"Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day."** We want to see these children grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ in a way that truly changes their lives.

Our Big Challenge: Connecting with Parents

Reaching children is vital, but we must also disciple them. This brings up a big question: *How can we connect children to a local church to further disciple them when we have minimal contact with their parents?*

We are actively working on ways to bridge this gap. One way we do this is by hosting a booth at local school open houses. This allows us to meet parents face-to-face, say hello, and promote our Good News Clubs®. We are constantly praying for more creative ways to connect with families.

Exciting Tools for Discipleship

To combat the heavy amount of "screen time" and distractions children face today, we are using great discipleship tools to fill their hearts with Biblical truth:

- **Digital Ministries:** We love recommending Christ-centered online spaces like **U-Nite** (unite.cefonline.com) and **Wondersurf** (wondersurf.com).
- **The Mailbox Club:** This program encourages children to build a daily routine in the Word of God by sending devotions to their homes. When we started this in 2023, we had just 2 participants. Today, we are excited to report we have 20 children enrolled!

Partner with Us in Prayer

Please continue to pray for Virginia, Sharon, and myself, and the entire MJP of CEF ministry as we launch into this school year.

- **Pray** for the children in our upcoming Good News Clubs to open their hearts to the Gospel.
- **Pray** for open doors and wisdom to connect deeply with parents.
- **Pray** for our Mailbox Club and digital ministries to grow and strengthen young believers.

Thank you for standing with us as we reach, teach, and disciple the next generation for Jesus Christ!

Serving Him together,

Joe, Virginia & Sharon and Our CEF Team
MJP of Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) of PA

Thank you for partnering with Child Evangelism Fellowship of MJP. Whether you served, prayed, gave, or encouraged others, you have played an important role in reaching children with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Together, we rejoice in what God has done this summer and what He will do in the months ahead.

6th Annual MJP Walk-a-thon Fundraiser

As we write this newsletter, our annual walk-a-thon is just around the corner! We are looking forward to a wonderful day at Kish Park. It will be a special time to walk, fellowship, and pray for the ministry of CEF of MJP.

We want to thank everyone who has already sponsored a walker or donated to support this event. Your generosity makes our work possible! Look for our next newsletter in January, where we will share all the exciting details and results from the day.

When our summer ministry wrapped up, we shifted our focus to preparing for our Good News Clubs and After School Clubs starting in early October. Around that time, God blessed us by bringing in two new volunteers who wanted to help. However, we also had a few helpers who could not return this year.

Because we need to keep a safe balance of children to leaders, we are still looking for more helpers to join our clubs.

Do you love working with children? Do you want them to learn about Jesus and find hope in Him? If so, we would love to hear from you! Please pray about this opportunity. If you want to join our CEF of MJP team or have any questions, please contact us at 717-458-1857.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Elementary School "Open Houses"

OCT 6 – Lewistown Intermediate 4th grade 5:30-7:00 pm

OCT 7 – Lewistown Intermediate 5th grade, 5:30-7:00 pm

OCT 8 – Lewistown Elementary K-3rd grade, 5:30-7:00 pm

Good News Released Time and After-school Clubs® start dates

OCT 6 – LES {RT) 1:20-2:20 pm

OCT 6 – LIS (RT) 1:30-2:30 pm

OCT 7 – JES (AS) 3:14-4:30 pm

OCT 8 – Strodes Mills (RT) 1-2 pm

OCT 8 – IVES (RT) 1:30-2:30 pm

DEC (TBA) Christmas Party Club in Perry Manor.

Dec 3-4 – Juniata River Valley Festival of Ice, Lewistown town square 6-9 pm

DEC 7 - MJP Committee Christmas Party 6-8 pm

JAN 8, 2027 – GNC Team Training

PRAISE:

- For all that the Lord accomplished through those who served in CYIA & Camp GN during the summer season.
- For the Lord's faithfulness as we serve in CEF
- For all our teachers and helpers who serve faithfully each year; without them ministry wouldn't be possible.

PRAYER:

- Possible After-School Clubs to be started in Blain Elementary & Greenwood Elementary in Perry County. For volunteers to come forward in order for these clubs to start.
- For the start of our new season of GN Released-Time and After-School Clubs.
- For new helpers in our Good News Clubs.
- For new partners to come along to support our CEF ministry financially. We are needing monthly supporters

CEF of PA

Matching Grant

PROGRAM

Match the Mission. Multiply the Impact

YOUR GIFT. **DOUBLE** THE DIFFERENCE.

Help more children hear the Gospel – your gift will be MATCHED up to $1,000 per chapter!
When you give monthly, you help change lives – and we'll DOUBLE your impact!

MORE CHILDREN MORE LIVES CHANGED.