

Summer Ministry Update

2 Corinthians 9:15 "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

These are the three verses that are written on the white boards in the CEF of Eastern Maine Office here in Sullivan. As Rachael, Hannah, and I sat down at the table in the office that first day of working together last month, we knew that the task before us of summer ministry could not be done on our own. We knew that only with the Lord as our guide and with full reliance on Him, could any of this work be done. Addie soon joined us this month and our summer ministry schedule quickly expanded from not only preparing for Downeast Day Camp, but also to holding a day camp and children's ministry skills training day, helping with an Echo Burst training with CEF of Northern Maine later this month, and helping with Vacation Bible School (VBS) training and VBS week in Machiasport next month. Our training session held on June 10th for day camp volunteers and others who are interested in learning skills for serving in children's ministries went very well. The students in attendance learned how to share the Gospel with children using the Wordless Book, how to disciple the saved child, and how to best serve children of different developmental ages and stages. They also learned practical skills for working in ministry with children such as how to teach games and songs to children. It was a wonderful time of learning and fellowship with those who share in the calling to share the Gospel with children such as how to teach games and songs to children. It was a wonderful

Downeast Day Camp preparations are also underway! We have 40 children signed up so far as of the writing of this newsletter! The dates are July 10th-13th! We have space for 20 more children to attend! Please join us in praying for the children who will be attending Downeast Day Camp, that the Lord will stir their hearts to receive Him if they have not made that decision already. Also, for those children who have already placed their trust in Him, please pray that the week will be one in which they learn more about Him and grow in their relationship with Him. Please also pray for the day camp staff and volunteers, for strength for the week, and for the Gospel message to be clearly presented to the children and that the children will experience God's love through the adults and teens who are serving at Downeast Day Camp. Please pray for more volunteers to answer the call to help for the week (please see the box on page 3 for ways to help if interested). The summer missionaries and I are so thankful to the Lord for the opportunity to serve Him with CEF of Eastern Maine this summer and we know that we could not do any of this without the support of all of you, both in prayer and financially! We are very thankful for all of you! - Kathrin Hastey

Summer Missionaries

This will be my third year working as a summer missionary for CEF of Eastern Maine. Throughout the years God has truly taught me so much. Each year I am truly amazed by God's power, sovereignty, and direction. Last year my summer did not go as planned. Due to some health reasons, I was not able to participate as much as I had hoped. Although I missed working at the Downeast Day camp, I can now see that God used the situation for good. Others were able to step into different roles which God used to stretch and guide them. It also taught me that God really doesn't need me. He is powerful enough on his own, but he still chooses to use me. He chooses me because he loves me, not because I am perfect, but because he uses my imperfect self to implement his perfect plan. -Hannah Maker



My prayer is that the Lord will work in the hearts of each of the children who come to day camp, and that the community will see God's love through it. There is so much to do and so many children who need to hear the gospel and who need support in their walk with the Lord. I trust that God is going to use this summer ministry to bring the light of Christ and His salvation to the people of Eastern Maine. -Rachael Hastey

In this past spring semester, I was asked to do the scariest thing to date; one of my professors asked me to give a twentyminute presentation to the schools of Elementary and Early Education at my college on how to help lead a child to salvation. I was extremely grateful for my experience from the past two summers, which helped me to prepare effectively. However, I was very nervous and shaking profusely at the thought of presenting this information to my peers, but after my presentation my professor came up to me and told me that I needed to keep evangelizing. I was so grateful for her comment and have realized that God has placed a burden on my heart to evangelize and disciple the children in downeast Maine, and when I graduate, I plan on using my degree to help me in some form of ministry. -Addie Jaffrey

Downeast Day Camp



We are busy preparing for all of the fun at Downeast Day Camp! Space is limited! If you have a camper you would like to sign up scan this QR code:

Summer 2023!!







How to help with Downeast Day Camp 2023

- Pray: Please pray for our day camp staff and team and for the kids who will be attending.
- Volunteer: If you would like to volunteer please email us at easternmaine@cefofmaine.org and we will send you an application.
- Amazon Wishlist: Scan the QR code if you would like to purchase any items on our wish list for day camp.
- Financial Support: If you would like to support day camp financially, send any donations to 34 Harbor View Drive, Sullivan, ME 04664. Or donate online at cefofmaine.org/eastern-maine-support.
- Picnic Tables! If you have any plastic picnic tables you are willing to lend during day camp week, we are in need of a few more of them.



Thank you!! If you have any questions feel free to reach out by calling or texting (207) 460-1866 or emailing easternmaine@cefofmaine.org



CEF of Eastern Maine has a monthly prayer lunch on the second Tuesday of the month. We meet in the upper level of Emmanuel Baptist Church from 12:00 – 1:00. This is a good way to hear the latest news and concerns that we can be praying for with this vital ministry. Bring your lunch and share in a time of fellowship with CEF volunteers and staff. Everyone is welcome to come – no advance notice needs to be given. For more details and information, contact Nancy Whitney at nancyw1208@gmail.com.

Some pictures from our June 10th training!







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