

President, Dee Grieshop  
Ft. Recovery, OH  
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**Meeting Date: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 8:00 PM, Coldwater Community Hospital Meeting Rm.**

Come – see How and What YOU can do to Help the Unborn cause. With the new construction taking place at the Hospital, please use the **Out Patient Entrance** located on the East side of Hospital. Thanks!

**MOTHER’S DAY ROSE SALE:** Sunday, May 13th. On that day, most of the churches in our county will sell beautiful Red Roses after their morning services. Janelle Homan, Maria Stein, has graciously agreed to Chair this lovely project, again. She has ordered dozens & dozens of roses from Coldwater Flowers on the Corner. Owner/operator Theresa Jutte has worked well with our organization for many years now and has done a terrific job filling our order. Janelle has Church Leaders lined up and these Leaders have their helpers ready and willing to sell the Roses, \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. What a wonderful way to remember your Mom on her Special Day - with a Rose. Most of our Rose sellers are MOM’S. ***Thank You*** for sharing your morning!

If your church is interested in becoming involved in our 2019 Mother’s Day Rose Sale project, give Janelle a call, 937-638-7426.

**Mercer Co. Right to Life’s Sponsored Bus Trip to Kettering’s Abortion Mill, with several weather delays, IS finally going to happen on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.** Marie Heitkamp, Chairlady for this Trip, reported that there are 20 people planning on making the trip to Kettering, in conjunction with the ***Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign***. We hope that the weather will cooperate this time around. We will give a full report on our adventures in the May Newsletter.

Regarding this past *40 Days for Life*: We’ve seen God save 14,643 babies from abortion, closed down 96 abortion centers, helped 177 workers quit the abortion industry and spread the 40 Days for Life mission around the globe.

No one grows up wanting to work in an abortion facility. That’s why at 40 Days for Life vigils, we pray for everyone impacted – the babies, women, men – and even those who work in the abortion industry. **The pro-life movement is a movement of converts ... and therefore, a movement of hope.**

**NATIONAL PRO-LIFE TEE SHIRT DAY:** Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> The Mercer County Right to Life has provided t-shirts again this year to students in Grades 7-12 for a donation of \$5.00 per shirt. The orange shirts are ***SHARP***, stating “Pro-Life Guard – on Duty”. Project Chairlady Angie Bertke states that the shirts have all been delivered. Be on the Look Out for our pro-life teens. We hope to see LOTS of ***Walking Billboards*** around our schools, and parks, and EVERYWHERE!! ***Thanks Angie for your time & effort!!***

**NATIONAL DAY OF PROTEST AGAINST PLANNED PARENTHOOD!**

On ***April 28***, ***#ProtestPP*** will conduct the ***third annual*** nationwide protest at ***Planned Parenthood*** facilities from coast to coast, to be held on the fourth Saturday of April every year until the abortion chain no longer preys upon our communities.

Join us as we tell our communities that we don’t need ***Planned Parenthood*** and call on our leaders in Congress to strip the corrupt organization of their massive, half-billion dollar government subsidy! **Time: 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Location: Planned Parenthood, Dayton 224 N Wilkinson St, Dayton, OH 45402 (corner of Monument and Wilkinson Streets in downtown Dayton) Details: Street parking available. Contact: Margie Christie (937) 461-3625 mchristie@daytonlife.org**

**SWEETHEART DANCE:** With Marilyn Pottkotter doing such a fantastic job with the Sweetheart Dance for almost twenty years, could it be time for a change??? We would like YOUR input.

Karen Romer has graciously agreed to take over chairing the Dance. She has lots of good ideas for the next Dance. Date: Due to several other engagements on the third week of February, the Dance will probably continue to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> week of February. Would you like the Dance to remain at Ft. Recovery Legion Hall OR moved to Romers Hall in St. Henry?? The cost will remain the same, \$5.00 per ticket. At this last Dance, many people indicated they would like to have a meal before the Dance. Romers could do a meal before the Dance. The meal would be a separate charge than the Dance. RSVP for the meal.

It was decided to let you, the dance patrons decide. Give Pres. Dee Grieshop, 419-979-2828 or Treasurer Phyllis Wenning 419-678-8123 a call and ‘Speak Out’ or Come to the next meeting and Voice your Opinion.

***Mercer Co. Right to Life’s current Vice President Taylor McGee has informed us that she will not be able to fulfill her obligation to serve as Vice President this year and President for 2019. Therefore, Mercer Co. RTL is looking for an individual to take over as VP for the remainder of this year and move into the Presidency role in January 2019. Could YOU be that person???***

**May 8<sup>th</sup>, Primary Election: With there being three strong Pro-Life candidates running on the 84<sup>th</sup> District House of Representative Republican ticket, it was suggested that we ask each of them for a short bio of themselves. Let it be known that we contacted unopposed Democratic Candidate Joe Monbeck and asked him for a bio but he stated he will offer something after the election.**

### **Travis Faber**

Travis Faber lives in Celina and is engaged to Paige Becker of Minster. He practices law in Mercer County and manages a locally-owned law firm, Faber and Associates. Travis believes that all Life begins at conception and ends at natural death and he will support any legislation that restricts, reduces, or totally outlaws abortions. For his leadership on Life issues and his continued support of the Life movement, he is the only candidate endorsed by Ohio Right to Life and the Right to Life Action Coalition of Ohio, Ohio's two flagship life organizations. In his law practice, Travis has helped with adoptions, aiding families seeking to give unexpected mothers a pro-life option. Through this work, he has seen first-hand how adoption can be a powerful option that gives children and mothers alike a real choice. That is why Travis has been so vocal about his support for pro-adoption legislation that would reduce the cost and burdens put on parents who wish to adopt. Travis was also the first candidate in the race for State Representative to publicly support both the Heartbeat Bill and Ohio's recently passed ban on selective abortions. Travis looks forward to working with Ohio Right to Life and other pro-life groups to end abortion in our country once and for all.

### **Aaron Heilers**

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself and why I am the most qualified candidate for the 84<sup>th</sup> District House of Representatives.

Most importantly, **I'm a husband and a father.** My wife, Sarah, is an agricultural education teacher at Anna High School. We have 3 children, William, Elijah and Luke. The experience of being a parent illustrates the importance of good, family-based public policy. I am 100% pro-life from conception until natural death with no exceptions and have been endorsed by Ohio Value Voters.

**I'm a 4th generation farmer and experienced advocate for agriculture.** We need someone with a deep understanding of our agricultural way of life. I grew up on a farm in Houston and now own and operate our own farm. I am the project manager for a water quality initiative that looks at voluntary ways agriculture can be a part of the solution in our water quality issues in GLSM and Lake Erie.

**I'm an invested leader.** I have served this community for over a decade. As Shelby County Farm Bureau president, I advocated to policymakers for agriculture and rural community values. I'm a member of the County Fair Board and serve on Parish Council at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in McCartyville. I'm a lifetime member of Shelby County RTL and supporter of Elizabeth's New Life Center. I'm passionate about making an impact on my community and leading by example.

**I'm a lifelong resident of the 84th District.** I'm proud to be from west central Ohio. I'm passionate about raising my children here. I'm passionate about being surrounded by people who have the same values as I do; values based in their faith, family, and hard work.

As your Representative, I will aggressively stand for life from conception to natural death. I will lead on legislation that will save the lives of the unborn and support adoption and families across Ohio. Thank you and I appreciate your vote on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Susan Manchester**

I grew up on my family's farm just outside of Waynesfield, Ohio and attended The Ohio State University. After graduating from Ohio State in 2010, I had the opportunity to do pro-life mission work at a Venezuelan orphanage through Campus Crusade for Christ.

In 2011, I moved to Washington, D.C. to work on pro-life issues for Congressman Jim Jordan. I took the lead on Congressman Jordan's "Life at Conception Act", and recruited 132 other Members of Congress to sign onto the bill.

In 2015, Planned Parenthood was exposed for selling fetal body parts of aborted children. I felt that we needed to be a strong voice for the unborn in light of this horrific news. I wrote a statement that was delivered to the House of Representatives during a series of one-minute speeches concerning Planned Parenthood. We worked extensively to continue exposing the moral failures of Planned Parenthood while highlighting the value of every life.

(continue Susan Manchester) I returned to Ohio in 2016 where I immediately started helping the Susan B. Anthony List with their Ohio grassroots operation. I recruited people to advocate specifically for pro-life candidates during the primary and general election.

I then went to work for the Ohio Republican Party where I developed a grassroots network across six counties. We were ultimately victorious in electing a pro-life President and U.S. Senator from Ohio. I believe that every life has value and every life is worth fighting for. My life experiences have continually affirmed that truth.

Congressman Jim Jordan has endorsed me in this race and knows that I will work hard to stand up for life. As State Representative, it is my hope that we can continue fighting for life and allowing everyone to see the potential that exists within every person.

**Ohio has become one of the most pro-life states in the country: LiveAction declared Ohio one of the most pro-life states in the country!** We couldn't be more proud of how the culture of life is winning here in Ohio. We won't stop fighting until the Ohio Abortion Report reads zero!

**Ohio Right to Life** has led the charge to enact 20 pro-life legislative initiatives in the past 7 years and today we are at historic lows in the number of abortions and abortion mills in Ohio.

In recent years, Ohio has [banned abortion on babies with Down syndrome](#), introduced a bill that [recognized preborn babies as human beings](#), and passed a 20-week abortion ban. And women must be given an ultrasound and, if their preborn baby's heart is already beating, the opportunity to see it. The legislature is also currently considering mandating burial or cremation for preborn babies killed in [abortion](#).

Polling is [consistently clear](#): only a small number of Americans want abortion to be legal, on demand, and completely unrestricted. While the Abortion Industry and its advocates want abortion to be widely available and taxpayer funded, most Americans want abortion to be highly regulated and rare. **A majority of Americans view abortion as morally wrong**, want it banned after the first trimester except in very rare circumstances, and want it outright banned after 20 weeks. Most Americans also support other restrictions, like laws requiring parental consent, waiting periods, counseling, and informed consent. And after all, this is the standard [for most of the world](#); very few countries have abortion laws as permissive as the United States.

Showing the woman the ultrasound? Giving her the option of hearing the heartbeat? This is necessary, as abortion facility staffers have been caught [lying to women](#) about fetal development in order to push them towards abortion, rather than keeping the baby, even [denying them the ability to see their baby](#).

Ohio is looking out for women; pro-abortion activists are just trying to make sure abortion is as widely available as possible. Ohio *is* one of the most pro-life states in the nation, but that doesn't make it extreme, nor is being pro-life a partisan issue. Approximately [one-third of Democrats identify as pro-life](#), and there have been widespread calls for the DNC to [reject its pro-abortion extremism](#).

**New Pro-Life bill introduced in Ohio's State Legislature:** We've been trying to pass the pro-life Heartbeat Bill for over 7 years. Now there is a **new pro-life bill** that needs our support! **House Bill 565** was introduced on 3/19/18 by Reps Ron Hood & Nino Vitale.

**HB-565** would abolish abortion outright in Ohio. It already has 18 sponsors & co-sponsors. Please leave a message for the Speaker of the House Cliff Rosenberger. Leave Message: **"Please pass HB-565, the new pro-life bill sponsored by Rep Hood & Rep Vitale."** *Call day or night. Leave your name, title if any & your city.*

Speaker Rosenberger: [614-466-3506](tel:614-466-3506)

Also email him at: <http://www.ohiohouse.gov/clifford-a-rosenberger/contact>

**iVoterGuide** : Is the Most comprehensive, easy-to-use voter guide. The results of this year's midterm elections will be immensely important — not just in shaping the direction of the Presidency, but in shaping the American political landscape for many years to come.

This year there are 33 Senate seats, 435 seats in the House of Representatives, 36 state Governors, 26 secretaries of state and many state legislature seats. That's a lot of races.

**The consequences of midterms are far-reaching – one critical implication is the battle for control of the Senate. Which ever party wins, they would receive veto power over any of the administration's nominees.**

Furthermore, the results of the 2018 midterms will have an enormous impact on the course of US politics for the next decade — because the once-a-decade redistricting process is coming up. In most states, the governors and state senators who win in 2018 will serve four-year terms and still be in office when the redistricting process takes place in 2021 and 2022. The maps they draw for US House and state

legislative districts will be in place through 2030. **iVoterGuide is equipping and educating Christians to become informed before participating in the upcoming state primaries and general midterm elections, which are notorious for low voter turnout – low voter turnout means your vote carries even more weight.**

**The Shocking Truth Behind TOYS “R” US Closing: Human Life International** reported on the real reason the chain store is going out of business. Most of their end-customers are newborns and children and as a result, their revenues are dependent on the birth rates in countries where we operate. In other words, No babies, No toys, No store!! In recent years, many countries birth rates have dropped or stagnated, a continued and significant decline in the number of newborns and children in these countries could have a material adverse effect on their operating results.

The U.S. fertility rate is dropping to the point that our population is not replacing itself from one generation to the next. This rate is currently one-third of what it was in the 1960s. Couples are having less children, and the horror of abortion takes the lives of thousands upon thousands of preborn children per year. And, therein lies the truth behind the end of the decades-long reign store.

**Toys “R” Us has been a corporate supporter of Planned Parenthood for years. They have helped literally kill off their future customers and put themselves out of business in the process. For years, the left has bullied businesses to be “politically correct” and “socially conscious” in order to continue to receive the hard-earned money of consumers.**

Of course, Planned Parenthood has directly kills some 300,000 unborn U.S. citizens per year. There have been some 60 million preborn babies aborted since Roe v. Wade. Imagine if these children had survived, married and had children. Not only would America’s population be stronger, but there would have been huge number of Toys “R” Us customers!! Experts predict that many businesses are going to feel the effects of the decline in population that will continue into the future if things don’t change.

Experts points out the obvious, toy stores focuses on kids, so it’s feeling the crunch from declining birthrates long before the rest of the economy. But it’s just a matter of time before the trends that toppled the troubled toy maker put the squeeze on businesses that cater to consumers of all ages.

The worst of it is that this is a self-perpetuating cycle. If this generation is smaller than the last, because fewer parents are having kids, the generation after that will be even smaller. And in an economy set up to depend on growth, that’s bad news. Not only for the U.S., but for other countries who rely on population growth for economic growth. An anti-life culture is causing a decrease in population all over the world.

**Toys “R” Us is not the first or last store to fall prey to economic issues or a changing demographic. But, they are perhaps the first to have such a direct hand in their own demise by aiding the cause of killing off their future shopper.**

**Question of the day: If you are pronounced Dead when your heart stops – Why are you not pronounced Alive when it starts??**

**Choosing Life Pregnancy Center is the only Pregnancy Center in Mercer County.** All of their services are FREE and for anyone who needs them. **Pregnancy Tests with verification, Ultrasounds, Counseling, Adoption Planning, and Parenting Classes.** For attending classes you receive “Life Points” which can be redeemed in our Boutique for FREE items for your baby.

Their Boutique is open to the public daily Monday – Friday from 11-5. All proceeds go back into the Pregnancy Center. They will ALSO gladly accept new and gently used items of all sorts including, crafts, kitchen items, clothing all sizes, jewelry, men’s items etc. Stop by and check us out. They are located at 560 Touvelle St. in Celina. For more information you can call 567-890-5433 or 419-733-4847.

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