

Meeting Date: Meeting date - 4th Thursday, February 28, 8:00 PM, at the Mercer Health Meeting Rm, Coldwater. Why not come and see how you can get involved.! See you there!

1st Baby of the New Year: The Mercer County RTL proudly announces the 1st Baby born at Mercer Health Hospital in Coldwater on January 1st, 2019 was little Lyndie Cisco, Celina. She was born at 5:04 PM to Samantha Homan and Cody Cisco. Lyndie weighed 8 lb. 8 oz. and was 19” long. Mercer Co. RTL President Dee Grieshop presented Lyndie and her parents an Afghan with matching booties and a child's book.



The Full Page Pro-Life NEWSPAPER SIGNATURE AD CAMPAIGN that was printed in the Daily Standard on January 16th, commemorating the 46th Anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision legalizing Abortion. It **LOOKED Wonderful!**

61 + Million Lives Lost to Abortion 1973 - 2019. As of 2019, 61 million American Babies have been aborted!! This is the 46th Year Memorial of Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing Abortion on demand. Pray for legal protection for the Sanctity of Human Life from Conception until Natural Death.

Pat Pottkotter and family did a Great Job! Thanks to all who participated. Thanks Pat for your work in gathering all the names, Hundreds & Hundreds of them!! Thanks, also, to the Staff at the Daily Standard for putting it all together.

MERCER COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE SEND-OFF RALLY was held at the Mary Help of Christian Church in Ft. Recovery beginning at 6:00 PM on Thursday, January 17th. It was very well attended even though the threat of BAD weather loomed over our area!!!

Rally Hostess, MCRTL's 2019 President Dee Grieshop, Welcomed ALL those in attendance. The Church Choir, under the Direction of Barb Grube, provided the lovely music for the evening. The Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Fr. Ned Brown.

The Guest Speaker for the evening was Emma Mysko, originally from Celina and affiliated with Mercy Missions. Emma has done much sidewalk counselling. She told of several stories of talking to young girls who were determined to abort their unborn child and after Emma talked to them, the young girls realized that it was a baby!! She put a smile on all our faces. We also received a legislative update from Ben Thaeler, a Representative of U.S. Congressman Warren Davidson who was in D.C. He invited our people riding to DC to their Office for refreshments after the March.

The annual '**Friend for Life Award**' was presented to Marilyn Pottkotter, Ft. Recovery. Marilyn served as the coordinator for our Sweetheart Dance for 20+ years and did a Super Job. The Dance/Raffle became our organizations largest fundraiser. **Congratulations** Marilyn. You deserved it!! You're Special.

March co-coordinator Chad Stolly stated that 'tomorrow, thousands of people will gather in DC all voicing the same concerns. "46 years is too long to keep coming back". He encouraged those making the trip to wear the lime green hats they were given that will help to identify our group members and to stay behinds our banner. Stolly also told the group not to rely on the major news network to cover the event, however, EWTN would be there to cover all of the March for Life News.

President Dee also took the time to introduce the audience to our new Vice President, Lisa Heckman, Maria Stein. Bus Captain Gary Borger then loaded the 55 people making the overnight trip to D.C. into the Bus. A special "Thank You" was given to Chad Stolly and friends for putting together the Snack Bags each passenger received when they boarded the Bus.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE – 1/18/19, 46th Anniversary, January 22, 2019

After a few minor problems with the bus ride to our Nation's Capital, we arrived a little off schedule. Due to a tire problem, our group was unable to attend the Mass at the National Shrine Basilica, but, we did make it to Harriett's, the Restaurant where we had a fabulous Breakfast Buffet. After we ate, we walked the short distance to where the Rally was to begin.

The crowd was the largest we have seen, even the police were unable to estimate the crowd. According to Chad Stolly, the weather was the best it's been in years – warm temperatures, 35 to 40 degrees, and clear skies and muggy! The March itself was very well attended; as usual, there were so many people, you couldn't see the end of the crowd in any direction!

The President of the March for Life Jeanne Mancini welcomed everyone and then delighted the crowd by introducing our Vice President Mike Pence and his wife Kathy to address the crowd. Seeing them live on the jumbo-tron, speaking directly to us about the value of every human life – born and unborn – gave us all chills. One of the Guest Speakers stated that 99 abortion clinics have been CLOSED thus far!!

The March down Constitutional Ave started around 1:30. It was SLOW due to the massive crowd. The marchers were dominated by young people. After the March, we did have an opportunity to visit Bob Latta's office for Hot Chocolate & cookies and Chris Smith office for donuts!!

When it was time to leave the DC area, we rode the Subway until the end of the line where we met up with our bus/driver. We all enjoyed a good meal at the various Food Courts before traveling home. The trip home was uneventful. We didn't run into slippery weather until we got about 30 miles from Ft. Recovery. We got home around 5:30 – 6:00 AM.

Show your prolife pride! The Mercer County Right to Life had yard signs (**PRAY TO END ABORTION**) available at the Send-Off Rally (FREE of charge) and IF there are any left, they will be available at the Sweetheart Dance in February. If you can't attend the Dance and you want one, please contact President Dee Grieshop and she will make sure you get one!

The Mercer County Right to Life also has Brian Anderson's book, **All of Us**, available for a small donation. Brian is the father of Maddie, in the book, "Bring Maddie Home" case. Brian explains in his book, what it truly means to be pro-life through the adoption of Maddie and his four other adopted children. If you would like a copy please contact, Dee Grieshop at 419-979-2828.

Mark Your Calendar: Saturday, February 23, 2019:

The MCRTL Sweetheart Dance will be held on Saturday, February 23rd at Romer's Catering in St. Henry. Get your gang together & come out for a good night of fun & fellowship. Dig out those tickets that were sent with last month's RTL Newsletter. Check out the Prize List!!! The tickets will get you thru the door for the Dance and also enter you into the Raffle Drawing.

Something NEW has been added this year. Doors will open at 5:30 PM. 6:00 PM, a Meal will be served. This is Optional - \$10.00 cost. RSVP for meals at (419-678-8482).

The Dance will begin at 7:00 and end at 11:00 PM. If you are unable to attend the Dance and want to be entered in the Raffle, send your completed ticket stubs along with a check, payable to Mercer County RTL in the envelope provided with the tickets, \$5.00 per ticket, Please. If you send them in advance, just hang onto the Ticket Stub & it will be your ticket into the Dance that night. Many Thanks to Doll Printing for donating the printing of the tickets.

Music for the evening will be provided by D.J. 'F 1 Sound'.

Mercer Co. RTL T-Shirt Design Contest: A \$300.00 cash Prize will be given to the Winner of the T – Shirt Design. The Winning Design will be used for the 2019 National Pro-Life T-Shirt Day. Contest Rules: All designs must have a maximum of two colors and utilize one side of a t-shirt. Design entries to be submitted to: prolifegeneration.mercercounty@outlook.com by January 31st, 2019. Please submit your Name, Address, Age, School and Grade with your design submission. This contest is open to all ages.

National Pro-life T-Shirt Day, Friday, April 12, 2019: T-Shirts this year will again be made using the winning T-Shirt design of the Contest run by the Mercer County RTL. T-Shirt orders AND the \$5.00 donation per shirt, will need to be turned in to Angie Bertke by Friday, March 15th. Her phone number is 419-925-4822. They will be available in Adult sizes - Small, Medium, Large, X-Large and 2X-Large.

2019 MERCER COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE ORATORY CONTEST FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS:

Mercer County RTL will hold its annual Oratory Contest on Sunday, March 10th beginning at 1:00 at the Mercer Health Hospital Meeting Room in Coldwater. Julie Link and Janelle Homan will Co-Chair the event. Contestants are to research, write, and present an original pro-life speech on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or stem cell research. We ask that all interested contestants e-mail prolifegeneration.mercercounty@outlook.com for further details. BIG Cash Prizes will be awarded!

Choosing Life Pregnancy Center: Choosing Life Pregnancy will be holding their 10th Annual Celebration & Auction at the Celina First Church of God, on Fairground Rd. on Sunday, March 10, 2019 beginning at 4:00PM and ending by 7:30PM. There will be plenty of food and fun. Tickets are FREE. Call Patty at 419-733-4847 for tickets. This is our their only big Fundraiser they have to help keep their Center up and running, so please come and enjoy your evening while supporting this very worthwhile cause.

They are 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. The Boutique is open to the public daily Monday – Friday from 11-5.

Brian Morris is our new Web Master

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