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**Meeting Date:** Meeting date - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00 PM, Coldwater Community Hospital Meeting Rm. Why not come and see how you can get involved. With the new construction taking place at the Hospital, please use the Out Patient Entrance located on the East side of Hospital. Thanks! See you there!

**The 2018 MCRTL Sweetheart Dance** was held on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Hall in Ft. Recovery. A nice crowd was on hand for fun & fellowship. The Music for the evening was provided by D.J. 'F 1 Sound', who did a GREAT job!! Many Thanks to ALL who came out to the Dance and to those who purchased Raffle tickets. This year, the Dance started at 8PM and ended at 11. It was Perfect for the older crowd. The Dance brought in approx. \$11,000.00. Good Job!!

Many Thanks to Celina Insurance Group for donating the printing of the tickets again this year!! Thanks, also to all those that donated to our **Chance Table**: Romer's Catering, Gels IGA, Chief Supermarkets, Coldwater Flowers on the Corner, Andrea's Cookie Creations, Wayne IGA, Moeller Door Sales, Moeller Trucking, Chickasaw Quik Stop, Leugers Insurance, Moeller Brew Barn, St. Henry's Bake Shop, Pottkotter Construction, Midwest Welding Equipment & Repair.

1. \$500 Cash (Friend for Life) - won by Louie Hart
2. 1/2 hog (Friend for Life) & Regular Processing (Fisher Packing Co, Portland, IN) - won by Gary Brockman
3. 1/2 hog (Friend for Life) & Regular Processing (Fisher Packing Co, Portland, IN) - won by Dan Beyke
4. \$200 Cash (St Henry Tile Company) - won by Louie Hart
5. \$100 Cash (Tom & Mary Pat Zitter, Fort Recovery) - won by MaryAnn Lefeld
6. \$100 Cash (Dr & Mrs. Paul Langenkamp) - won by Jim Will
7. \$100 Cash (Captured Memories, Sandy Huelskamp, St Henry) - won by Duane Bergman
8. \$100 Cash (Midwest Welding Equipment Repair, St Henry) - won by Dan Brackman
9. \$100 Cash (3-Way Machine & Tool, Cassella) - won by Doris Wilker
10. \$100 value Assorted Restaurant Gift Cards (Farm Credit Services, Celina) - won by Patricia Diller
11. \$100 Cash (Homan Gun Shop, St Henry) - won by Scott & Michelle Hartings
12. \$75 Cash (Pottkotter Construction LLC, St Henry) - won by Rita Gaerke
13. Mixed 12 pack of Canned Beef & Chicken (Werling & Sons, Burkettsville) - won by Richard Lochtefeld
14. Mixed 12 pack of Canned Beef & Chicken (Werling & Sons, Burkettsville) - won by Reagan Wenning
15. Relaxation Massage at the Revival Spa (Bob & Sharon Hibner, Coldwater) - won by Mike Lamm
16. \$50 Cash (Mercer County Catholic Adult Singles) - won by Henry Kunkler
17. \$50 Cash (Greg & Lori Homan, Coldwater) - won by Mark Beyke
18. \$50 Cash (Fort Recovery Knights of Columbus) - won by Cindy Schatzer
19. \$50 Cash (Coldwater Knights of Columbus) - won by Mary Delzeith
20. \$50 Cash (Mark & Kathy Speelman, Maria Stein) - won by Milissa & Alan Albers
21. \$50 Cash (Daughters of Isabella, Fort Recovery) - won by Brian Kunkler
22. \$50 Cash (Osgood State Bank, Osgood) - won by Paul Rutschilling
23. Body Wrap (Sunshine Treasures, Karen Kuess) - won by Joyce Bruns
24. Infrared Sauna Treatment (Sunshine Treasures, Karen Kuess) - Kendall Wenning
25. Foot Reflexology Treatment (Sunshine Treasures, Karen Kuess) - won by Dennis Wenning
26. Foot Reflexology Treatment (Sunshine Treasures, Karen Kuess) - won by Martha Noll
27. Coffee Gift Basket (Citizens National Bank, Celina) - Teresa Clevidence
28. Tablet (The Peoples Bank, Coldwater)- won by Mrs Lisa Grieshop
29. 4 Buffet Dinners (Wendelin Sports Club) - won by Carol Marchal
30. 4 Buffet Dinners (Wendelin Sports Club) - won by Joseph Barga
31. \$25 Cash (St Henry Branch Bank, Maria Stein) - won by Dennis Siefring

**Thanks so Much to ALL that helped in any way to make this Dance so Successful, Mike, Lori & Sara Huelsman, Lisa Homan, Ruth Wynn, Linda Fesenmyer, Shel & Jerry Sutter and especially to Marilyn Pottkotter, who for the past 20 years has work to make this Sweetheart Dance so Special. Thank you, Thank You. You are Special!! This was Marilyn's last year for Chairing this event. Karen Romer has graciously agreed to Chair the Dance in 2019. Good Luck to you Karen. Let us know when you need some Help. And Marilyn, once again, Thank You for a Job Well Done for Many Years!!!!**

**2018 Mercer County RTL ORATORY CONTEST:** The Contest is done for another year.

Mercer County RTL held its annual Oratory Contest Sunday, on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Mercer Health Community Hospital Meeting Room in Coldwater. The Contest was open to High School Seniors and Juniors from Mercer County. Unfortunately, there were only seven Contestants that participated.

Each Contestant had to research, write, and present an original pro-life speech on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or stem cell research. The speeches were to be 5-7 minutes in length.

The top four placing contestants were: Julia Beyke of Saint Henry placed 4<sup>th</sup>, won \$250.00; Clayton Agler of Parkway placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and won \$500.00; Titus Meyer of Celina placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and won \$750.00, and Renee Homan of Saint Henry was the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner, winning \$1,000.00. The other three Contestants received a \$50.00 Participation Award.

We would like to Thank ALL of the Contestants who took the time to reflect, strengthen, and present on their pro-life convictions. A **BIG THANK YOU** to the adult Volunteers for helping make the Oratory Contest run smoothly. The Volunteers & Judges included: Esther Beyke, Dee Grieshop, Kristie Evers, Phyllis Wenning, Julie Link, and Janelle Homan. **Good luck to Titus and Renee as they compete on the State Level in April!**

**Janelle reported that they are working on getting the Oratory Contest up on the RTL's FaceBook.**

**National Pro-Life T-Shirt Day for 2018 is Friday, April 20th.** On this day, hopefully hundreds of teens will be wearing Pro-Life T-shirts to school and other functions throughout the rest of the school year and summer time activities. Our young people will become 'Walking Billboards' and people DO notice them!!

There is still time to order your T-shirt. T- Shirts will be available for a \$5.00 donation, same as in the past. T-Shirt orders AND the money need to be turned in to Angie Bertke no later than **Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**. To order your shirt, please contact Angie at 419-925-4822 or at [kenbertke@roadrunner.com](mailto:kenbertke@roadrunner.com). If you have any questions, give Angie a call, 419-925-4822.

**Pro-life advocates state that abortion kills more black lives than any other cause, including crime and disease.** The abortion rate is disproportionately high in the black American community. Even though black Americans make up 13 percent of the U.S. population, 35 percent of the babies killed in abortions are black, according to the Centers for Disease Control. The black genocide of abortion is disturbingly evident in New York City, where state data shows more black babies are aborted than are born. What's more, one analysis found that Planned Parenthood placed 79 percent of its abortion facilities within walking distance of minority neighborhoods. Many believe its founder, Margaret Sanger, also targeted blacks as part of her eugenic beliefs.

**Respected Pro-life Evangelist Billy Graham** passed away recently at his home in North Carolina. His devotion to Christianity and biblical values earned him praise and respect from people around the world.

While Reverend Graham was noted for his evangelical work in calling people to a relationship with Jesus Christ and repentance from sin, he also had a solid devotion to biblical principles. That included opposition to abortion. Graham once said that his heart aches for America because of the number of children killed in abortions. Graham also said "abortion has taken America's morality downhill — so far that the nation is on par with cities in the Old Testament that God destroyed because of their lack of sexual morality".

**Women Regretting Their Abortion Is a Common Phenomenon:** **Their** stories are heartbreaking and show the devastation and trail of pain abortions leave behind. Encouraging a woman to murder her child is not empowering. Instead, women need to mentor and support other women who are pregnant, instead of convincing them abortion is okay. The scars and trauma of abortion run deep.

Women who support abortion claim abortion is all about supporting the "woman", and allowing her the power to choose. They claim abortions are a normal part of life, and the pro-abort crowd has spent billions of dollars trying to glamorize abortions. But, inside the abortion clinic, there's a dark hidden world that isn't always talked about. In fact, abortionists want to shield women from the truth of what really happens behind closed doors. Women who have been traumatized by abortion are starting to speak up, and speak out, warning other women about the horrors of abortion.

**NIGHT AT THE OSCARS:** Hollywood displayed its Love Affair with abortion at the Oscars by featuring the President of the largest abortion chain in America on stage. Cecile Richards, CEO of Planned Parenthood, was one of 10 activists invited to stand on stage during Andra Day and Common's performance. Richards and the others wore black as Common and Day sang their Oscar-nominated "Stand Up for Something." The song urged people to resist violence and racism and to protect women's rights – which, in the eyes of many Hollywood celebrities, **means 'abortion on demand up to birth'**.

Planned Parenthood performed 321,384 abortions over this past year, according to **their latest annual report**. Since Richards took the helm in 2006, the number of abortions Planned Parenthood performs each year increased by nearly 11 percent. Richards is stepping down from her post in May.

**In a Red Carpet interview, Richards said her 12 years leading the nation's largest abortion provider have been "the honor of a lifetime."** (Editors Note - Terrible – Terrible!!!)

## **Mercer Co. Right to Life Sponsors Bus Trip to Kettering Abortion Mill, Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.**

In conjunction with the "40 Days for Life" Spring Campaign, Mercer County Right to Life is sponsoring a bus trip to the Kettering Abortion Mill. **There is still time to sign up! Give Marie a call to see if there are seats still available, 419-375-1044.** This is an opportunity for Christians of all denominations to set aside a portion of one day to stand up for the sanctity of human life. Many times we say we are pro-life, but this is one of those opportunities to "walk the talk." We will peacefully line the sidewalk of the Kettering Abortion Mill, pray, and give witness in behalf of God's precious human creation through our presence.

All the info & form was available in the February Newsletter. Check it out. Thank You!!

Every *40 Days for Life Campaign*, we stand in witness as God changes hearts ... and that happens on the sidewalks outside of abortion centers where faithful Christians pray.

When you Trust God, show up and Pray during a *40 Days for Life Campaign*, Abortion Facilities CLOSE!

**'Roe v Wade'**, is a movie in the making. Hollywood and the liberal media don't want anyone to know the true story of how a law that has killed over 60 million Americans was formed. However, the real untold story of how people lied and how the courts were manipulated to legalize abortion will be featured in a Movie about the true story. We will keep you informed when we know more.

Also a book, **What If We've Been Wrong? Keeping my Promise to America's "Abortion King"** by Terry Beatley is out and circulating in the local Libraries and is also available online. If you are interested, check it out. Terry Beatley was tasked by the cofounder of NARAL – Dr. Bernard Nathanson – to teach the truth of how he used propaganda to deceive Supreme Court Justices, legislators and the America Public. He equipped Terry with the truth. Now it's our turn to listen & learn.

**RU-486:** For nearly twenty years, abortionists across the country have been using the drug RU-486 to brutally end babies' lives. First, the abortionist gives the mother a deadly dose of mifepristone to end her unborn child's life. Then, the abortionist gives her a second pill, misoprostol, and sends her home -- leaving her to undergo a bloody miscarriage alone and in agony.

And now, pro-abortion radicals are trying to expand the "availability" of RU-486 even further by making RU-486, an over the counter drug, legal to sell over the internet. With just a couple of clicks, mothers would be able to mail-order an abortion at any stage of pregnancy. No prescriptions. No limitations. Just easy access to life-ending poisons.

Even as a prescription drug, since RU-486 was first rushed through FDA approval in 1999 the drug has tragically ended the lives of over three million innocent unborn children. That's more than three million children slaughtered by a single drug. And if abortion radicals get their way and start delivering their deadly poisons right to a mother's doorstep, even more unborn babies will lose their lives.

This must be STOPPED!

**JUSTICE ANTHONY KENNEDY TO RETIRE:** Justice Anthony Kennedy is one of those who voted in favor of keeping Roe v Wade in place and its allowance for virtually unlimited abortions nationwide. But the latest news today indicates he may possibly be retiring this summer — opening the door for another Justice who respects the value of human life or at least the rule of law without using the Supreme Court to invent a fictitious right to abortion.

According to the latest news reports, one Republican Senator says he has it on good authority that Justice Kennedy will retire this summer. Since Kennedy was appointed by a Republican he likely wants a Republican to appoint his replacement, and with President Donald Trump in office, that would make that possible.

Although Kennedy was expected to be like the other Republican-appointed members of the Supreme Court, he has wandered away from the pro-life position on abortion and confirmed Roe v Wade. Generally, he has sided with the pro-abortion Justices on abortion cases, as he did last summer when **the Court struck down a Texas abortion clinic regulations law.** However, he has sided with Pro-life Justices on a few occasions, including his decision to uphold **the partial-birth abortion ban in 2007.**

The Justice was appointed by conservative Ronald Reagan after the failed nomination of Robert Bork, but his judicial philosophy has placed him in the middle of the court on many important issues and given him an incredibly powerful position in the political life of the country.

**"I Was Honored to Vote to Help States Defund Planned Parenthood":** Vice President Mike Pence spoke at the conservative political action conference recently. He informed the audience about the pro-life gains made during the administration of President Donald Trump.

THE VICE PRESIDENT stated that the President promised to appoint strong conservatives to the Federal Courts at every level, and he came through. He appointed Justice Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court and set a record for the most Circuit Court Judges appointed in the first year of any administration in history.

And President Donald Trump promised to stand for the inalienable Right to Life. And from the first day of this administration, he reinstated the Mexico City Policy. And I was honored to cast the tie-breaking vote in the Senate to send a bill to the President's desk to allow states to defund Planned Parenthood.

**Choosing Life Pregnancy Center:** Choosing Life Pregnancy Center will be holding their 9th Annual Celebration & Auction at the Celina First Church of God, on Fairground Rd. on Sunday, March 18, 2018 beginning at 4:00 pm and ending by 7:30PM. They will have 30 items on a Live Auction and many nicer items on a Silent Auction. There will be plenty of food and fun. It is probably too later to get your tickets thru the mail, however, we encourage you to stop on by the Church that day and check things out. This is their only big Fundraiser they have to help keep their Center up and running so please come and enjoy your afternoon while supporting this very worthwhile cause.

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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