

President, Sarah Post
Ft. Recovery, OH
May 2017

Meeting Date: 4th Thursday, May 25th 8:00 PM, Mercer Health Hospital Meeting Room, Coldwater. 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! See you there!

Mom. Birth Mom, Adoptive Mom, Step-Mom, Single Mom, Bereaved Mom. In the pro-life world, we know beyond the shadow of a doubt that Human Life begins at Conception. We also know that in the same moment a new child is created, a new woman is created too. In that moment, she becomes a Mother. Whether she chooses to parent, to create an adoption plan, or tragically, to abort, nothing can erase that transformative moment that gives her the name "mother." ***Happy Mother's Day to ALL Mothers.***

MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE: Sunday, May 14th. It was a Beautiful Day! On that day, 22 churches in our county participated in the annual Mother's Day Rose Sale. Janelle Homan, Maria Stein, Chaired this project. She stated that she ordered 5,350 roses from Coldwater Flowers on the Corner. By the end of the day, they were all SOLD! Everything went ***smoothly***. Janelle would like to ***Thank*** all the Church Contact persons, all the Sellers and especially all the Buyers and to ALL who just gave a Donation! You are ALL GREAT!! If any Church is interested in getting involved in our 2018 Mother's Day Rose Sale project, give Janelle a call, 937-638-7426 and she will put your name on the List.

Thank You Janelle and Coldwater Flowers on the Corner for ALL your Help with this Project!!!

NATIONAL PRO-LIFE TEE SHIRT DAY: Friday, April 22nd. The Mercer County Right to Life provided t-shirts again to students in Grades 7-12 for a donation of \$5.00 per shirt. The theme: Pro-Life – Take My Hand Not My Life. They were very neat and designed by Macy Spieth, a member of MC Youth for Life. Angie Bertke, Maria Stein served as Chairlady for this project. The numbers were down from previous years. Only 400 + shirts were ordered. Angie stated that she does have some shirts left. If anyone is still interested in buying one, give her a call, 419-925-4822. We hope to see LOTS of "Walking Billboards" around our schools, parks, and EVERYWHERE this Summer!!

MOTHER'S DAY BABY BORN: In the early morning of Mother's day, May 14th, Baby Girl Ryleigh was born to Josh & Kayleigh Gurganus at Mercer Health Hospital in Coldwater. A Family Photo could not be obtained before our Newsletter Press Time. Therefore, the photo and an update on little Miss Ryleigh will appear in the June Newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS – WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT THEM??? We have all heard the old saying: "Many Hands make Light Work!" Well, that is the case with our Organization. The Mercer County RTL gives the Mom's & Dad's of newborn babies born at Mercer Health a GIFT, a homemade pair of Baby Booties OR a homemade Baby Bib. The only way that can happen is if we have ladies willing to make these adorable Baby items. Jean Adams, Coldwater coordinates the Bootie Project. The Bootie makers are: Connie Heffner, Joyce Johnsman, Sylvia Stammen, Mary Meinerding and Kay Wendel.. They make a variety of patterns of blue & pink Booties. They all make several pair each month to keep our stock supply healthy.

The Baby Bibs are ALL made by Judy Forsthoefel. She just whips them up in no time!! We don't go thru as many Bibs as we do Booties but there are some parents that have received several pair of Booties over the years and they really rather have a Bib.

And then, we have two very talented Ladies that make the Baby Caps. Karen Wenning makes those adorable Baby Girl Caps while Delores Cron makes those handsome Baby Boy caps. They make approx.. 350 caps a year! WOW!!

Finally, Lynn Huelsman and Margie Rose keeps the Ward supplied with baby Afghans that the Nurses give out to parents on special occasions. Mercer County RTL purchases the materials for all these items, but, without those wonderful Volunteers creating those adorable baby items, it would not be possible. Thanks Ladies!!!!

Couples turning extra IVF embryos into Jewellery: The difficult decision of what to do with unused embryos after a cycle of IVF has been solved by an innovative Australian Company. For many couples, donation isn't an option, the annual storage fee is a financial strain and disposing of them unimaginable.

Baby Bee Hummingbirds, an Australian company is turning embryos into keepsake jewellery.

Many couples share long, emotional stories. A must read for couples if interested:

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/parenting/real-life/in-the-news/couples-are-turning-extra-ivf-embryojewellery>

A New Crew for the Newsletter Sorting & Labeling & Mailing!!! Deb Post, who for the past 24 years has been coordinating the Volunteers and helping process the RTL Newsletter mailings and Carol Ranly, who has been Volunteering for 29 years taking the RTL mailings to the Post Office, both decided to step aside and allow younger members of our organization the opportunity to perform such tasks. Our Prayers have been Answered!!!! Karin Timmerman, from Rural Ft. Recovery has agreed to do both jobs, with the helping hands of several Ladies who have worked with the Newsletter mailing for many years. They plan to continue preparing the mailing at Pat Kittle's house in St. Henry. If you would like to lend a helping hand, give Karen a call at 419-942-8638. Karen and her husband Abe have seven children, ranging in age from 21 to 4, and she even works outside the home several days a week!! Thank You Karen for finding the time to help with this project. Thanks Deb & Carol for your years of service.

COLUMBUS: Michael Knox, a junior at Immaculate Conception Academy in Cincinnati, won the Ohio Right to Life Oratory Contest. The competition, which is held every spring in central Ohio, challenges high school juniors and seniors to write and present an original speech on the many issues pertaining to the right to life: abortion, infanticide, euthanasia or stem cell research. To compete in the state contest, students must first win their local competition. As winner of the state contest, Michael has been awarded an all-expenses-paid trip to the national contest at the National Right to Life Convention in Milwaukee, WI this summer. Two other students placed as finalists at the Ohio Right to Life contest as well: **Titus Meyer of Mercer County Right to Life won second place with his speech on how abortion is a modern holocaust;** and Rachel Wood of Wayne-Holmes Right to Life won third place with her speech on forced abortion in America. Congratulations Titus!!!

40 Days for Life campaign started in 2007. During that Campaign period, **13,305 babies** were saved from abortion ... **154 abortion workers** had conversions and left their jobs ... and **86 abortion centers** have closed their doors forever. FYI – Great Job!!

Planned Parenthood Federation of America has announced that Hillary Clinton will receive its “Champion of the Century” award “for her 40 years of service to women and girls in this country.”

Michael Spencer: The Mercer County Right to Life is proud to sponsor the nationally recognized & pro-life trainer Michael Spencer from Life Training Institute to come and speak at YOUR parish during the 2017-18 school year. This is at no cost to you, but a gift from Mercer Co. Right to Life. Michael travels around the country to train Christians and pro-life advocates to persuasively defend their views in the current marketplace of ideas by clearly presenting the pro-life position. Please contact Michael at [mspencer515@yahoo.com](mailto:m Spencer515@yahoo.com) to schedule a pro-life apologetic training engagement by December 31st 2017.

A statement from Fr. Gordon Reigle, Lansing Catholic High School, Lansing MI: “Michael Spencer spoke to all of our grade levels, freshman to senior. He did an amazing job of connecting with the students of varying ages & backgrounds. I have never before received such a positive student feedback about a speaker. Michael delved deep into the abortion debate and yet brought the students along step by step. This was an eye opener for our students and even those who were firmly in the pro-life camp found new motives to go make a difference.”

Choosing Life Pregnancy Center, Mercer County's only Pregnancy Center, is available to all those that need help in any way. Their services are **FREE**. They offer **Pregnancy Tests with verification, Ultrasounds, Counseling, Adoption Planning and Parenting Classes.** Their Baby Boutique is open to the public daily Monday – Friday from 11-5. All proceeds go back into the Pregnancy Center. They 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. We are located at 560 Touvelle St. in Celina. For more information, you can call 567-890-5433. or 419-733-4847.

P.S. With all the Garage Sales going on, if anyone has baby items that did not Sell: cribs, walkers, Hi Chairs, etc., Please consider donating those item to Choosing Life's Baby Boutique.

Check us out on the WEB, <http://mercerlife.org/> & Facebook page. * If you wish to receive the Newsletter via e-mail instead of the regular mail service, please send an updated e-mail address to: mercercountylife@gmail.com. Those receiving the Newsletter by e-mail will also be notified if & when an urgent message is received that needs immediate attention.

(Steve Jones is Mercer Co RTL Website Webmaster) & (Stacy Moeller Schwieterman takes care of our Facebook Page).

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