

President, Dee Grieshop  
Ft. Recovery, OH  
March 2019

**Meeting Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 PM, Mercer Health Community Hospital Meeting Rm. in Coldwater. You can enter thru the Main Entrance OR the East Entrance. The rooms have not changed, just the way to get there... Why not come and see how you can get involved in the pro-life cause.

**The 2019 MCRTL Sweetheart Dance** was held on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at Romer's Catering in St. Henry. A great crowd was on hand for an evening of fun & fellowship. **According to Chairlady Karen Romer**, 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, at approx. 6:00 PM, a delicious meal was served before the Dance for an extra charge of \$10.00 per plate. The Dance started at 7:00 PM and ended at 11:00. It was Perfect for the older crowd. The Dance brought in approx. \$10,000.00. Good Job Every one!!

Many Thanks to Doll Printing for donating the printing of the tickets this year!!

Thanks, also to all those that donated desserts that were Ruffled Off.: Romer's Catering, Gels IGA, Chief Supermarkets, Coldwater Flowers on the Corner, Home Bakery, Andrea's Cookie Creations, Wayne IGA, The Bake Shoppe, Niekamps Farm & Flea Market, Moeller Door Sales, Moeller Trucking, Chickasaw Quik Stop, Leugers Insurance, Moeller Brew Barn, Pottkotter Construction, Wendelin Sports Club, and Friendly Markets.

1. \$500 Cash (Friend for Life) - won by Luke & Tammy Muhlenkamp
2. 1/2 hog (Friend for Life) & Regular Processing (Fisher Packing Co, Portland, IN) - won by Dennis Ontrop
3. 1/2 hog (Friend for Life) & Regular Processing (Fisher Packing Co, Portland, IN) - won by Nick Kremer
4. \$200 Cash (St Henry Tile Company) - won by Mary Rindler
5. \$100 Cash (Tom & Mary Pat Zitter, Fort Recovery) - won by Marilyn Poeppleman
6. \$100 Cash (Mathew L. Gilmore) - won by Rebecca Winans
7. \$100 Cash (Captured Memories, Sandy Huelskamp, St Henry) - won by Mary Alice Fallor
8. \$100 Cash (Midwest Welding Equipment Repair, St Henry) - won by Donna Woeste
9. \$100 Cash (3-Way Machine & Tool, Cassella) - won by Tom & Carol Rosenbeck
10. \$100 value Assorted Restaurant Gift Cards (Farm Credit Services, Celina) - won by Jane Kunk
11. \$100 Cash (Dr & Mrs. Paul Langenkamp, Coldwater) - won by Paul Koesters
12. Mixed 12 pack of Canned Meat (Werling & Sons, Burkettsville) won by Jane Hole
13. \$75 Cash (Pottkotter Construction LLC, St. Henry) won by Alan & Rosie Diller
14. Mixed 12 pack of Canned Meats (Werling & Sons, Burkettsville) - won by Elaine Grube
15. \$75 Cash (Homan Gun Shop, St. Henry) won by Sandy Keller
16. Relaxation Massage at the Revival Spa (Bob & Sharon Hibner, Coldwater) won by Dean & Vivian Liette
17. \$50 Cash (Ft. Recovery Knights of Columbus) - won by Jenny Huelsman
18. \$50 Cash (Greg & Lori Homan, Coldwater) - won by Lonie & Kathy Bruns
19. Body Wrap (Sunshine Treasures, Karen Kuess) won by Roger Stachler
20. \$50 Cash (Coldwater Knights of Columbus) - won by Ron Schwieterman
21. \$50 Cash (Mark & Kathy Speelman, Maria Stein) - won by Mary Bruns
22. Foot Reflexology Treatment (Sunshine Treasures, Karen Kuess) - won by Joe Langenkamp
23. \$50 Cash (Osgood State Bank, Osgood) - won by Jerry & Eileen Loctefeld
24. \$50 Cash (Mercer County Catholic Adult Singles) won by Abe Timmerman
25. Infrared Sauna Treatment (Sunshine Treasures, Karen Kuess) - won by Abe Timmerman
26. \$50 Cash (Daughters of Isabella, Ft. Recovery) - won by Don Rammel
27. Foot Reflexology Treatment (Sunshine Treasures, Karen Kuess) won by Paul & Nancy Broering
28. Coffee Gift Basket (Citizens National Bank, Celina)- won by Bill Woods
29. Amazon Fire Tablet (The Peoples Bank, Coldwater) - won by Kathern Langenkamp
30. 4 Buffet Dinners (Wendelin Sports Club) - won by Christina Wenning
31. \$25 Cash (St Henry Branch Bank, Maria Stein) - won by Doug Heitkamp
32. 4 Buffet Dinners (Wendelin Sports Club) won by Dave & Cindy Hemmelgarn

**Thanks so Much to ALL who helped in any way to make this Dance so Successful, to ALL those that donated an item, to those that worked on the meal, to those that worked at the Door. Thanks Karen and the staff at Romer's. You were delightful to work with. Thanks for a Job Well Done.!!**

**2019 Mercer County RTL ORATORY CONTEST:** The Contest is over for another year!!

Mercer County RTL held its annual Oratory Contest on Sunday, March 10<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. Julie Link and Janelle Homan Co-Chaired the event.

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.

**Thirteen Contestants submitted their speeches. The top six Finalists presented their speech to a panel of three Judges. The Top Three Placing Contestants are as follows: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Alexis Heath received a \$500.00 cash prize; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Riley Pearson received a \$750.00 cash prize; and the 1<sup>st</sup> Place went to Julia Beyke, she received a \$1,000.00 cash prize. Those finalists who did not place received a \$250.00 cash prize, and all Contestants who submitted a video entry received a \$100.00 cash prize. We Thank all the Contestants for taking the time to reflect on and strengthen their pro-life convictions!**

The Mercer Right to Life would like to Thank Mercer Health Community Hospital for allowing us to host the Oratory Contest in their meeting room. A BIG Thank You to the Judges: Dee Greishop, Lisa Heckman, and John Fullenkamp, for their time and knowledge and a BIG Thank You to Fullenkamp Video Productions for recording the presentations. Another Job Well Done!!!! Good Luck Julia and Riley as they compete at the State Level in April.

**Mercer Co. Right to Life Sponsors Bus Trip to Kettering Abortion Mill**

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 on **Thursday, April 4, 2019.**

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, pray, and give witness in behalf of God's precious human creation through our presence.

The 20 passenger bus will be stopping at the following locations for pickup and return:

**Coldwater** - cars park far west side of the Coldwater football stadium parking lot, departure: 7:50 a.m.; return home: 3:00 p.m.

**St. Henry** - west side of Gels IGA parking lot (451 Stachler Drive), departure: 8:00 a.m.; return home: 2:50 p.m.

**Minster** - St. Augustine Catholic Church (parking lot east of church on Lincoln St.)  
Departure 8:30 a.m.; return home 2:20 p.m.

Won't you please join us? To reserve a seat on the bus, write your **check payable to "Mercer County Right to Life"** for **Adults-\$25.00 & Youth-\$10.00** "bus trip to Kettering" on the memo line. Mail your check and the form below to: **Marie Heitkamp, P.O. Box 65, Burkettsville, OH 45310.** Any questions, please call 419-375-1044. Thank You!!

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Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes. Reserve me a bus seat so I can join others in praying peacefully outside the Kettering abortion clinic Thursday, April 4, 2019. I am over 18 yrs. of age. I absolve Mercer Co. Right to Life of all responsibilities en route, during and returning from the bus trip to Kettering.

\_\_\_\_ Yes. Reserve me a bus seat so I can join others in praying peacefully outside the Kettering abortion clinic Thursday, April 4, 2019. I am under 18 yrs. of age (Age: \_\_\_\_), but have a parent's Signature, below, giving me permission to go on this trip. My parent and I absolve Mercer Co. Right to Life of all responsibilities en route, during and returning from the bus trip to Kettering. \*Minors must be accompanied by a parent.

\_\_\_\_ I have not seen an ultrasound at the Pregnancy Help Center (across from the abortion mill) and I want to be included in one of the visiting shifts, if possible.

- Signature of person reserving seat (if under 18, parents signs): \_\_\_\_\_ -

**Show your Pro-life Pride!** The Mercer County Right to Life has yard signs (**PRAY TO END ABORTION**) available. We just ordered 500 more signs and they will be available at the Mother's Day Rose Sale (FREE of charge). If you don't have an opportunity to get one, please contact President Dee Grieshop and she will make sure you do!

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 RTL President Dee at 419-979-2828. We placed a copy in each Public Library in Mercer Co.

**Mercer Co. RTL T-Shirt Design Contest:** A \$300.00 cash Prize was given to the Winner of the T – Shirt Design Contest, Isabell Kleinhenz, Maria Stein. Her Winning Design will be used for the 2019 National Pro-Life T-Shirt Day.

**National Pro-life T-Shirt Day will be on Friday, April 12, 2019.** T-Shirts 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. Angie stated, that she does not need the money right now, just a number of shirts needed. Please order yours today.

**Congratulations** to Janelle & Zack Homan on the birth of their newest son, Louis Zachary. According to Janelle, "We are so in love with the newest member of our family, Louis Zachary. He was born at Joint Township Hospital in St. Marys on February 21st. Zach, myself, Gabriel, Nolan, and Elias all have enjoyed welcoming him home." Mercer Co. RTL presented Janelle and baby Louis with a baby blue afghan and matching booties. Janelle does so much for our RTL group that it was time for us to do something for her family!

**Teachers Saving Children® Inc. National Meeting in Coldwater:** Members of the National Teachers Saving Children® Inc. Board of Trustees will meet at the home of Trustee Judy Bruns, in Coldwater on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Board President Executive Director Frank Ebner, California, and many other members will be participating in the meeting electronically via Messenger.

Teachers Saving Children® Inc. is an organization that networks pro-life educators and support staff, both active and retired; also pro-life college students going into education. The Organization's mission is "advocacy for all innocent human life from conception to natural death" with the principal focus of the advocacy being among professional educators. (Now pro-life home school parents are joining the ranks, too.) Teachers Saving Children® Inc. hosts exhibits that feature fetal models, videos, books, charts, and materials that educate on human development and respect for the gift of life. To join, contact Teachers Saving Children® Inc. at 330 821-2747 or [info@teacherssavingchildren.org](mailto:info@teacherssavingchildren.org), or go to their website at <https://teacherssavingchildren.org/> Annual membership: Active \$35; retired and college educ. majors \$15.

**Choosing Life Pregnancy Center:** Choosing Life Pregnancy Center held their 10th Annual Celebration & Auction at the Celina First Church of God, on Fairground Rd. on Sunday, March 10, 2019 beginning at 4:00 PM and ending by 7:00PM. A Good crowd was on hand. Many nice items were donated and then placed on the Silent Auction Table and the Live Auction.

There was plenty of food to go around, too. Many Thanks to all who made that happen.

This is Choosing Life's only big Fundraiser they have to help keep their Center up and running.

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 them out. They are located at 560 Touvelle St. in Celina. For more information you can call 567-890-5433 or 419-733-4847.

**Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown Supports Infanticide!!** Brown is on Twitter defending his recent vote against the Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act. The Born-Alive Act was introduced by Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Nebraska) after the horrifying comments that we heard from Virginia Governor Ralph Northam when he said: "If a mother is in labor...the infant would be delivered. The infant would be kept comfortable. The infant would be resuscitated if that's what the mother and the family desired, and then a discussion would ensue between the physicians and others." This statement, essentially saying that infanticide should be accepted. Even pro-choice people condemned the Governor's statement.

It would seem that the choice to reject infanticide should be an easy one, but, that was too much for pro-abortion politicians to yield to. 44 Democrats voted against this commonsense and necessary protection for the most vulnerable.

**Sen Sherrod Brown was one of the Senators who voted NO, but he didn't stop there.** That's when he went on Twitter to make sure everyone heard his extreme abortion views. The Born-Alive Act, doesn't regulate anything about abortion. It mainly requires doctors to care for the tiny patient who survived. But, Sen. Brown made it all about abortion, showing himself for the extremist he really is.

Fortunately, Ohio is nowhere near as extreme as Sen. Brown would like to think we are. He doesn't represent the majority of Ohioans when he says that the decision about whether or not to give a newborn baby life-saving medical care. It's a dangerous business when the government turns a blind eye to the discrimination and neglect of the vulnerable.

If left to their own ways, pro-abortion politicians would make Ohio into the likes of New York or Virginia. We Must never let that happen!!!!

**Fr. Frank Pavone – Priest for Life** wrote that “Millions of Americans watched in utter shock and horror as pro-abortion fanatics celebrated the passage of New York’s evil abortion until birth law. As American witnessed those demonic celebrations, the scales from the eyes of the nation and people from all walks of life and every political persuasion saw how forty-six years of legalized abortion-on-demand was destroying the soul of America.

When you combined the sheer evil Americans saw on the faces of those New York lawmakers with the impassioned manner in which President Trump deplored their vile “abortion until the moment of birth” law, people are primed and ready to join us in the fight to end America’s abortion holocaust.

One recent poll shows how strongly America is with us right now. According to the survey:

- 80% of Americans OPPOSE abortion the day before a child is born.
- 79% OPPOSE third-trimester abortions.
- 80% say babies that survive abortions should be cared for and kept alive.

**Thanks to all those who Volunteer** making Baby Booties, Baby Bibs, & Baby Caps. Those Ladies that make the Booties are: Connie Heffner, Barb Fisher, Kay Wendel, Sylvia Stammen, Joyce Johnsman and Margie Rose. Lynn Huelsman makes baby Blankets. Karen Wenning & Delores Cron makes those lovely Baby Caps. Judy Forsthoefel makes the adorable Baby Bibs. It takes a lot of Ladies to keep the Maternity Ward stocked with these items. Each baby born at Mercer Health Community Hospital receives either a pair of Booties or a Bib and every baby receives a Baby Cap. The one who coordinates the whole project is Jean Adams from Coldwater. (Jean also makes booties!!) Many Thanks Ladies.

**“UNPLANNED”**: On Friday, March 29, the movie “Unplanned” will be released in theaters. This movie is based off the true story of former Planned Parenthood clinical director Abby Johnson’s change of heart after witnessing an abortion firsthand. Please call local theaters and ask them to show this movie. The more calls they receive the more likely they are to show it.

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