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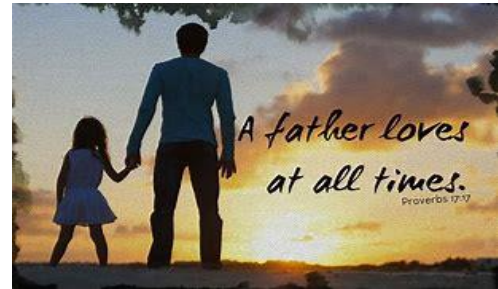
**Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at 7:00PM, at Preferred Insurance Center, 809 W. Main St., Suite 2 (basement), across from Mercer Health Hospital in Coldwater. Please park in the back of the building. We would love to have you join us at our next meeting!

**Upcoming Events:**

- Ft. Recovery Diaper Derby.....Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM
- Ft. Recovery Parade.....Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM
- Celina Parade.....Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM
- Coldwater Parade.....Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM
- Minster Oktoberfest Parade.....Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00PM
- Ohio March for Life.....Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

**Mother’s Day Rose Sale:** Thank you to everyone who purchased roses for the Mother’s Day Rose Sale! Many mothers were blessed with roses on Mother’s Day!

**Happy Father’s Day to all Dads!** Thank you for the love you give your children and the ways you provide and care for them. We are truly blessed by and thankful for every dad! May God bless you and give you the strength and courage to be bold and compassionate examples to your children.



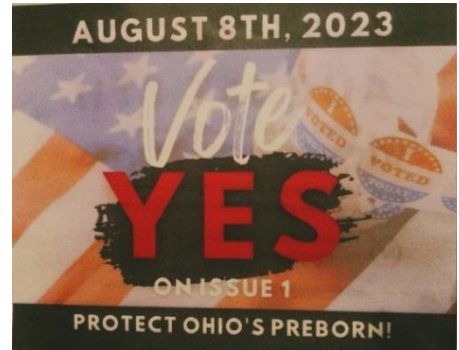
**Diaper Derby:** A reminder that on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM, there will be a Diaper Derby in Ft. Recovery at the Ambassador Park, sponsored by MCRTL. Contestants must be under the age of 1, and can be pre-registered by texting 419-979-2828. Registration can also take place the day of the event. Prizes will be awarded to the winner. The first 10 contestants to register will receive a free 2023 pro-life onesie.

**Day of Action:** The Day of Action, hosted by Created Equal, is Thursday evening, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and all-day Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Columbus, Ohio. This year’s theme is, “Life after Dobbs: The State-by-State Abortion Battle,” featuring Michael Spencer, Haili Gusa, and more! This 24-hour training event will prepare you to participate in the abortion debate and is open to anyone passionate about fighting against abortion. You’ll get to hear from several of the top pro-life apologists in the country and then get to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with them in conversations with abortion advocates. If you are interested in attending this event, you can register at [CreatedEqual.org/ACTION](https://CreatedEqual.org/ACTION). The deadline to register is Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Parade Float:** Be on the lookout for our float in the parades this summer displaying the title, “Protect Life at all Stages!” We will have sweets and treats to pass out! Keep an eye out for us at Ft. Recovery, Celina, Coldwater, and Minster.

**Fair Booth Helper:** If you would like to help out with this year's fair booth, please contact Audrey Subler. She would really appreciate a helper for this year's booth in hopes of having them take over in the future. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Audrey at 567-644-5622.

**Vote YES on Issue 1:** On August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, we are asking you to Vote Yes on Issue 1. By voting Yes, we can 1) Protect and defend against late-term abortions being placed into Ohio's Constitution, 2) Give voters in EVERY county a voice in elections and our State's Constitution, 3) Protect and defend the Right to Life and Parental Rights. You can go to [ohiolife.org](http://ohiolife.org) for more information.



Protect Women Dayton writes, "A Yes Vote on Issue 1 on August 8<sup>th</sup> will raise the threshold to pass a constitutional amendment in Ohio from the current simple majority of 50% plus one to 60%. It is important to protect our Ohio Constitution against future proposed radical initiatives, including the extreme pro-abortion, anti-family Amendment that is likely to be on the ballot in November." You can go to [Protectwomendayton.com](http://Protectwomendayton.com) to learn more.

**Mercer County Right to Life Encourages You to Vote Yes on August 8<sup>th</sup>:** By voting Yes on Issue 1 we can ensure the protection of the preborn, our parental rights, farmers' rights, business owners' rights, and gun owners' rights.

To make our voices heard and protect the preborn, we must make sure that our supporters are registered to vote before July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Go to [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov) to verify your voting information is up-to-date or register to vote.

Dates to be aware of:

Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>: Deadline to Register to Vote or Update Voter Information

Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>: Absentee and Early In-Person Voting begins

Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM: Early In-Person Voting ends

Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>: Last day to drop off or postmark your Absentee Ballot

Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup>: ELECTION DAY

It is critical for Issue 1 to pass in Ohio. Please do your part in helping this issue to pass with an overwhelming "Yes" vote!

**Billboards, Banners, Radio Spots, Yard Signs:** The Mercer County Right to Life Inc. is making a major effort to inform the voters in Mercer County about the Constitutional Amendment Issue 1 on the August election ballot. We are doing this with a billboard near Ft. Recovery, banners near the towns, yard signs throughout the county, and radio spots on WCSM. If anyone is available to help put up 3' x 6' signs, please contact one of the MCRTL officers. We are looking for yards on major highways going into towns to put the signs on. If you are willing to have a sign in your yard, please contact one of the officers. The sign will say: *Protect Life and Family Vote Yes on Issue 1 on August 8<sup>th</sup>*. Additionally, we would like to thank Knapp's carryout for giving us a billboard to use! May many hearts and minds be changed as people pass by these billboards, banners, and signs! If you would like a small yard sign, please stop at Choosing Life

Pregnancy Center (419-852-1021) in Celina or the home of Judy Bruns (419-302-0472) in Coldwater to pick one up. You can call Judy, but a text message is preferred.

**Safe Haven Baby Boxes:** The Safe Haven Baby Box is a resource for mothers in crisis. When they are unable to care for their baby, they can anonymously place their baby in the box. These boxes are placed in a fire house or hospital because they are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Once the exterior door closes it automatically locks and will not reopen. Dispatch is notified and an alarm goes off to alert a baby has been placed in the box. The boxes are temperature controlled and sometimes have cameras to monitor the baby. Within a couple minutes, a staff member is able to go and remove the baby from the box and transport it to a hospital, if not already located at one.

There is an informational packet inside the box for mothers. It provides a number to the National Safe Haven Baby Box Hotline. They will get an explanation on their rights as a mother and medical information. The mother can also provide medical information about the baby, as well as where they can seek help for themselves.

If you would like to know more about the boxes or have questions feel free to contact me. If I cannot answer your question, I will get an answer for you. Lindsay Bath 419-733-8209.

**Ohio March for Life:** We have two buses reserved to take to Columbus for the Ohio March for Life on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. We have had a generous donation for the buses, so the cost to reserve a seat will be \$20. To sign up for this event you can go to our website, [MercerLife.org](http://MercerLife.org), and use the drop-down menu in the top right of the screen, hit get involved, and then register for events. Click on Ohio March for Life and then add to your cart the number of people you are signing up and check out accordingly. If you have any questions, you can contact Kari Dameron at 419-790-8596, or Dan Schmiesing at 419-953-6363. We hope that you will consider joining us for this event!



***We Are the Champions*** By Mike Spencer

I recently spoke at a large church in Indiana on the sacredness of human life. At one point in my message I stated,

*“There are no disposable people. We are each a part of God’s plan to sanctify, or mature, one another. The unborn child diagnosed with Down syndrome and the aging parent whose mind has been ravaged by Alzheimer’s need us, and we need them. God uses the imperfections and the neediness of others to mature us.”*

Immediately after the worship service ended, a smiling young mother cradling an infant approached my wife and me and said, “Hi, my name is Dani and I want to introduce you to my son. His name is Samuel. He has Downs syndrome, and he is perfect.” It was a touching moment, and the warmth and pride with which she introduced us to her son expressed beautifully what I had just spent 35 minutes trying to convey. A Down syndrome diagnosis coupled with the often loud, intimidating voices of “enlightened” abortion activists could not suppress the maternal love of this proud mother. Dani understood what so

many in our culture do not, namely that “every good and perfect gift is from above...” (James 1:17). Indeed, her little Samuel is a good and perfect gift!

This story powerfully illustrates the stark difference between the pro-life position and the “pro-choice” position. When pro-lifers gaze upon an ultrasound image of a developing child in utero, we see a fellow image-bearer who should be loved and protected, regardless of whether he has an extra chromosome. Conversely, abortion supporters look at that same child and see only “medical waste.” Pro-life political scientist Hadley Arkes sarcastically describes these abortion enthusiasts as, “people of large natures, with sensitivities cultivated to the most exacting liberal temper, and so they are prepared to engage their sympathies for all species of hurts suffered by the mass of mankind.” Unfortunately, however, their cultivated sympathies do not extend to the unborn. Although they have what Arkes describes as the “most generous reflexes” toward every politically approved victim group, they think nothing of injecting an unborn baby’s heart with a lethal dose of potassium chloride and calling it “reproductive justice.” They are to be pitied for such a morbidly defective worldview which robs them of the ability to value that which is most valuable.

Friends, contrary to the narrative that has been pressed onto to us by pro-abortion politicians and Hollywood elites, we are the inclusive and tolerant ones, not them. We don’t discriminate against the weak and vulnerable, or the minority group. Whether those destroyed by abortion would have lived to become future inventors or future competitors in the Special Olympics is irrelevant. Einstein counts and so does the child with an extra chromosome.

We are the real champions of human worth and human equality. And we’ll keep on fighting to the end because like this young mother, we recognize the intrinsic and inestimable moral worth of every human being, and we consider it one of life’s greatest privileges to “speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,” (Proverbs 31:8).

*You can email Kaylie Dameron at [cc2023kd@gmail.com](mailto:cc2023kd@gmail.com) to send any information you would like to be put in upcoming newsletters.*

*Visit our web page at <https://www.mercerlife.org> or our Facebook page to get updates between the newsletters.*

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### **Respect Life at All Stages**

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