



March 2023

Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held on March 23rd, 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 see you at our next meeting!

Upcoming Events:

Choosing Life Auction.....	March 9 th -11 th
Bringing America back to Life Convention.....	March 10 th -11 th
Oratory Presentation at Preferred Insurance Center.....	March 12 th at 1:00PM
Pro-Life T-Shirt Day.....	April 18 th
Mother's Day Rose Sale.....	May 14 th
Ohio March for Life.....	Oct. 6 th

Pro-Life T-Shirt Day: Please plan to wear your pro-life t-shirts on Tuesday, April 18th! Thank you to Dee Grieshop for taking care of the t-shirt sales again this year, and also thank you to RB Design for printing the shirts for us at their cost. Dee said that over 1,200 shirts were sold. This is a lot of walking billboards! If you have any questions concerning t-shirt orders, please contact Dee at 419-979-2828.

Mother's Day Rose Sale: This year's Mother's Day Rose Sale will be on Sunday, May 14th. Caitlin Moeder is heading up this year's sale. If there is a church that is not selling roses and would like to, please contact Caitlin to get some roses for all the wonderful mothers out there! Her phone number is 419-852-8995.

Ohio March for Life: Last year we sent a bus to the state capitol to attend the first-ever Ohio March for Life. The march was a huge success! We were so thankful we could take part in this historic event. This year, we are excited to once again send a bus to Columbus to attend the second Ohio March for Life which will be held on October 6th. Mark your calendars for this day and please consider joining us for this event! As the date gets closer, more details will be enclosed.

Life Defenders Class: Thirty-nine people participated in the Life Defenders class on February 4th. We are so thankful to our two speakers, Mike Spencer and Ian Spencer, for teaching the two classes. Ian, in his 101 class, focused on the question, 'What are the Preborn?' He presented the case for life and why it is wrong to intentionally kill innocent human beings. Mike's 201 class was on Euthanasia. He did an excellent job making the case for the life of the elderly and the audience left more equipped to know what to do in tough situations.

Sweetheart Dance: This year's Sweetheart Dance was a success! We are so thankful to Karen Romer and her crew for the many hours of hard work in putting this dance together. Approximately three hundred seventy-five people attended the dance. The 50/50 drawing amounted to \$1090. The winner of this drawing, who would like to remain anonymous, gave part of her half back to MCRTL. Thanks to everyone who came out to

enjoy the wonderful evening and awesome band! Thank you to Romer's Catering for donating the hall for the evening. Below are the results of the raffle drawing!

Donor	Donation	Winner
Friend for Life	\$300 cash	Doris Wilker
Anonymous	1/2 Hog w/ Fisher Processing	Marlene Schmitmeyer
Anonymous	1/2 Hog w/Fisher Processing	Judy Wilson
Wenning Concrete Pumping	\$200 Cash	Dan & Marlene Evers
St Henry Tile Co	\$200 cash	Dave Rauh
SS Auto Detailing	Glass windshield coating (\$150)	Marvin Tuente
SS Auto Detailing	Glass windshield coating (\$150)	Roberta Abels
Dr & Mrs. Paul Langenkamp	\$100 Cash	Suzanna Wenning
Tom & Mary Pat Zitter	\$100 Cash	Rita McEldowney
MW Welding Equip Repair	\$100 Cash	Scott Kremer
The Inn at Romer's	One Night Stay	Jeanette Dues
Leugers Insurance	\$100 Cash	D Siefiring
Captured Memories	\$100 Cash	Fred Lochtefeld
Stolly Insurance Group	\$100 Cash	Jason Fortkamp
3-Way Machine & Tool	\$100 Cash	Steve Schitmeyer
Judge Mathew L Gilmore	\$100 Cash	Jeff Broering
Moeller Door Sales	\$100 Cash	Roger Evers
Coldwater K of C	\$100 Cash	Norma Will
Werling & Sons	1 case of large canned meats	Dorothy Niekamp
Grace & Serenity	1/2 hr. massage--1/2 hr. Infrared Sauna	Mary Ann Dues
Osgood State Bank	\$100 Cash Voucher	Denise Jutte
Pottkotter Construction LLC	\$100 Cash	Lorine Speck
Homan Gun Shop	\$75 Cash	Karen Schwieterman
Bob & Sharon Hibner	1 Hour massage at Revival Spa	Ruth Godeen
Catholic Adult Singles	\$50 Cash	Diana Koesters
Greg & Lori Homan	\$50 Cash	Elaine Evers
Mercer Color	Patriotic Yard Sign	Michelle Siefiring
Fort Recovery K of C	\$50 Cash	Michael Hayes
Mark & Kathy Speelman	\$50 Cash	Luke & Tammy Muhlenkamp
Citizens National Bank	\$50 Cash	Marvin & Carol Tuente
The Peoples Bank	\$50 Cash	Karen Wenning
Ft Recovery D of I	\$50 Cash	Joyce Albers
St Henry Bank	\$25 Cash	Tyler Sudhoff
Wendelin Sports Club	4 Buffet dinners	Lester Homan
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Oratory Contest: Video submissions for the 2023 Mercer County Oratory Contest were due on Friday, Feb 17th. We had 12 contestants participate. All speeches were well thought out and decisions were hard to make. We had pro-life stances from abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia.

Our top 6 finalists for the 2023 Mercer County Right to Life Oratory Contest are: Elizabeth Alig, Kylie Niekamp, Kaylie Dameron, Marina Muhlenkamp, Allison Dirksen, and Julia Siefiring. Congratulations to them! Other Participants included: Ava Evers, Alexis Wendel, Owen Rindler, Lydia Kelch, Sara Schwieterman, and Lauren Miering.

All contestants were notified on Tuesday, Feb 21st. Thank you's with the \$100 participation award were sent out to those contestants that were not a finalist.

The top 6 contestants will present their speeches orally on March 12th at 1PM at Preferred Insurance Center in

Coldwater. Prizes range from \$250-\$1000. Judges and MC are lined up and there's much anticipation for the contest. All are welcome to attend. Thank you!

-Co-chairs Julie Link and Sam Schmitmeyer

Miami University's Intent to Install Plan B Vending Machine: Miami University plans to install a vending machine which dispenses emergency contraception pills. If this happens, Miami University will be the first college in Ohio to dispense this pill, known as Plan B, or the "morning after pill." This machine will give students access at any time to Plan B. Students for Life of America started a petition against the vending machine in hopes the school will not install it. Miami University Students for Life states, "We do not take a stance on contraception; however, emergency contraception has the potential to end human life. According to the manufacturer, 'Plan B' may prohibit the implantation of an embryo into the uterine wall. Because human life begins at the moment of fertilization, and because this product can prevent a fertilized egg (human life) from implanting in the uterine wall, this product can effectively work to end an innocent human life in its earliest stages." It is unknown exactly when and where the vending machine will be installed at this time. Katie Alig, from Miami University, updated Mercer County Right to Life on what is going on and what we can do to help stop this evil:

"Hello! My name is Katie Alig, and I currently attend Miami University. I was born and raised in Coldwater, OH---you may know my parents Chuck and Lisa Alig---, so Mercer County has a special place in my heart, especially when it comes to its strong value of life.

I am writing to inform you of unfortunate news that Ohio may soon have its first 'Plan B vending machine' installed. I have been made aware that Miami University plans to install one come Fall 2023 semester, making the morning-after pill highly accessible to students. Not only will this affect Miami students, but it could signal the start of a Plan B movement on Ohio campuses---or even high schools---that I would not stop short to call a nightmare. Furthermore, I want to recognize that this vending machine may be placed merely an hour and a half from Mercer County---too close to home, in my opinion.

There is currently a petition being circulated against this plan to place a Plan B vending machine on Miami's campus. If you are willing and able, I kindly ask that Mercer County Right to Life sign it, as well as share it with members and their families. I have attached the link below. Please let me know if you have any questions or additional thoughts on this.

Here is the link --> <https://studentsforlife.org/petitionagainstplanbvendingmachines/>

Thank you in advance for your time and action!"

Standing Firm in the Pro-Life Fight, by Kaylie Dameron

In a world that is becoming increasingly hostile to the unborn and to the value of life in general, it can be easier for us to take the easy way out and blend with the cultural tide. Oftentimes, it is extremely difficult to keep pressing on, do the hard thing, or go against what is right in the eyes of culture. However, we cannot let ourselves become unpassionate while the world around us rages in the battle between life and death.

So many great things have been accomplished in the pro-life fight. Particularly, Roe v Wade was a tremendous victory! We celebrate this amazing news, but we have work that still needs done. We need to continue fighting through prayer, action, voting for pro-life legislation, and boldly standing up for those that cannot speak up for themselves. We need to be doing something.

Attorney General Dave Yost horrifically submitted a petition for an Initiated Constitutional Amendment to Enact Article 1, Section 22 of the Ohio Constitution— “The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety Amendment.” This is disturbing! If this petition is approved, the abortion industry moves along toward the next phase. We need to defeat this ballot measure!!

All of us have the responsibility to protect the most vulnerable among us. Proverbs 24:11 states, “Rescue those who are being led away to death, and hold back those who are stumbling toward the slaughter.” That is a call to each of us to do all we can do to help those who are being intentionally murdered.

Sophie Scholl, who was a young anti-Nazi political activist in Nazi, Germany, courageously took part in a non-violent resistance group. She stood up for her beliefs, boldly and accurately stating, “The real damage is done by those millions who want to ‘survive.’ The honest men who just want to be left in peace. Those who don’t want their little lives disturbed by anything bigger than themselves.”

May we not be those who just want to survive. If we claim to be pro-life, may we be continually dedicated to this work and standing firm in this fight. Let us devote ourselves anew to helping others understand the gruesome reality of abortion and the preciousness and value of little preborn children. Together, may we stand firm and do more to protect the little ones that are being targeted in their mother’s womb.

You can email Kaylie Dameron at 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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