

## Shelley Moore Capito Votes Pro-Life in the Senate

by Wanda Franz

Senator Capito has served the people of West Virginia for many years in political life. When she first ran for office, she considered herself to be “pro-choice.” However, like so many other Americans, she had been getting her views on abortion from the pro-abortion media. Like so many other Americans, she didn’t know very much about abortion. But, she was prepared to listen to her constituents, and her pro-life constituents provided her with pro-life education.

From the beginning, she did not vote like someone who was “pro-choice.” Her voting record was mixed, but, over the years, her votes gravitated toward being pro-life. She has had a 100% pro-life voting record for the last 8 years. She has voted to defund Planned Parenthood and stop government funding of abortion. She voted for the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act and various bills to repeal and replace ObamaCare. She voted in support of both of President Trump’s nominees for the Supreme Court.

WVFL is pleased to work in the Senate with Shelley Moore Capito, whom we consider to be pro-life.



*Senator Shelley Moore Capito with National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross discussing the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which Capito fully supports as do Senator Joe Manchin plus all three West Virginia Representatives David McKinley, Alex Mooney, and Carol Miller.*



*1st District Congressman  
David McKinley*



*2nd District Congressman  
Alex Mooney*



*3rd District Congresswoman  
Carol Miller*

## West Virginia Has Three Pro-Life Members of Congress

by Wanda Franz

West Virginia is fortunate to have three principled members of Congress, who have 100% pro-life voting records: David McKinley (1st District), Alex Mooney (2nd District) and Carol Miller (3rd District).

Since the Democrats gained the majority in the House of Representatives, our Republican representatives have needed to vote to stop the pro-abortion bills being introduced by the pro-abortion majority.

All three of them signed the Discharge Petition to force a vote on the *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act* on the floor of the House of Representatives. This is the same bill that we are introducing in the West Virginia 2020 Legislative Session. This bill will protect babies born alive as a result of a failed abortion.

WVFL salutes our federal legislators for their stand against infanticide and their respect for the dignity of all human life.

Introducing the



*Mary H. Tillman, J.D.  
WV Alliance for Ethical Health Care  
Legislative Coordinator*

West Virginians for Life would like to introduce you to the WV Alliance for Ethical Health Care (WVAFEH), a subcommittee of West Virginians for Life, created to deal specifically with issues at the other end of the spectrum of life, i.e. hastened death at the end of life due to a “poor quality of life” perception, discrimination in access to medical care, physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Mary H. Tillman, J.D. will be the WVAFEH Legislative Coordinator and as such will be lobbying for the Options in Living Wills Bill (see page 3).

She serves on the Board of Directors as Vice President and is an active member of the Harrison County Chapter of West Virginians for Life.

She is included on the WVFL Speakers Bureau list. Call the office staff at 304-594-9845 to inquire about Mary speaking at your church or next event.

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## From the President



## Polling and the 2020 Election

*Dear friends,*

The 1973 Supreme Court decisions, *Roe vs. Wade* and *Doe vs. Bolton* gave women in the United States the constitutional right to have an abortion for all nine months of the pregnancy for any reason at all. Only the Supreme Court can reverse itself to make it possible for the legislatures to pass bills that outlaw abortion.

President Trump has appointed strong, constitutionally-oriented judges to the Supreme Court, which has triggered the anticipated reactions from all sides of the abortion debate. Lawyers on both sides of the issue disagree among themselves about the willingness of the Supreme Court to address the abortion issue.

There are at least two complicating factors that make it difficult to anticipate with accuracy how the Supreme Court will rule on abortion. The first is *stare decisis*, a judicial doctrine under which the Court follows prior decisions when deciding a case on similar facts. The second is a technical term, the “undue burden standard,” which the Court has adopted, which prevents laws that have the purpose or effect of placing a substantial obstacle in the path of a woman seeking an abortion. For example, laws, which require that women must get consent of both parents or a spouse to have an abortion, have been struck down by the Supreme Court using this standard.

It is unlikely that the Supreme Court will rule to reverse the 1973 abortion decisions any time soon. Court-watchers point out that, on paper, the Supreme Court has a 5 to 4 conservative split. In theory, it is possible to overturn a previous Supreme Court decision with this one-vote advantage. However, historically, it generally takes full support of all nine members of the Court to directly overturn a decision under the doctrine of *stare decisis*. Our current Court

has four solid pro-abortion votes.

In most past cases where the Supreme Court has overturned a previous decision, the Court made use of an incremental process. The bad precedent is undermined by many smaller steps developed in numerous Court decisions. Eventually, the precedent becomes a hollow shell of itself and is effectively overturned.

Only one of the current Justices has stated in a judicial opinion that he would overturn *Roe vs. Wade* and *Doe vs. Bolton*. That is Justice Clarence Thomas. He has strongly argued that the use of the “undue burden standard” in the case of abortion is unconstitutional. We don’t know how the other Justices would rule if abortion were to come before the Court.

At this time, it is too early to know what would happen if a direct attack on the abortion rulings were taken up by the Supreme Court using bills such as the “Life at Conception Act” or “Heartbeat” bills. There are only five possible votes on the Court, but we don’t know if they would take the step of over-looking *stare decisis* in order to overturn the abortion decisions of the last 46 years.

The pro-life movement must continue to provide the Court with laws that allow for an incremental process toward overturning abortion. One such law is the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which we are introducing in the state legislature this year. (See page 3). In addition, this law will save lives while we continue to work toward our goal of overturning *Roe* and *Doe*.

*Wanda Franz, Ph.D.*

**Wanda Franz, Ph.D., President**

## 47th Annual March for Life is Friday, January 24, 2020



## March for Life Bus Leaves Morgantown at 4:00 a.m.

- Chartered Bus leaves Morgantown Mall (JC Penney) at 4:00 a.m., Friday, Jan. 24 to return approx. 11:00 p.m.
- Cost is \$15 per person or \$30 for a family of three or more
- Congressional Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2168 of Rayburn House Office Building
- Reservations mandatory

**Call 304-594-9845**

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# Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act



Dr. Wanda Franz, President of West Virginians for Life, with lead sponsor of the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, Senator Patricia Rucker



Wanda Franz, Ph.D. (far left) with WVFL Political Liaison Karen Cross (far right) are seen here with the lead sponsors of the Born-Alive bill in the House. House sponsors are Delegates Kayla Kessinger and Jeff Pack.

by Karen Cross and Wanda Franz

Because babies have been left to die in West Virginia following failed abortions, the priority of West Virginians for Life will be to pass a Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act this legislative session. See the testimony of a nurse on our web site at [wvforlife.org](http://wvforlife.org). She found a baby dying on a dirty utility room counter in a West Virginia teaching hospital. Her testimony is powerful.

We believe the Born-Alive bill can pass in the next legislative session which begins January 8, 2020. The three-fold purpose of the bill is to require that the child born alive as a result of abortion receives the same care as any other child delivered at the same gestational age. The bill applies criminal penalties to those who violate the law and a civil cause of action to women harmed by violations of the Act.

Lead sponsors of the Born-Alive bill are Senator Patricia Rucker in the Senate and Delegates Kayla Kessinger and Jeff Pack in the House. Many cosponsors are expected to sign on. Governor Justice has said that he will sign the bill.

On the federal level, our West Virginia delegation has voted for the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act in spite of the myriad number of times that action on the bill has been thwarted.

West Virginians for Life (WVFL) is pleased to report that Karen Cross will be the Legislative Coordinator for the bill.

Please sign the Born-Alive petition on our website, print out the petition to take to your church, friends and family, and contact your West Virginia legislators to tell them you want them to pass the legislation that will stop infanticide in our state. The general switchboard number in the Charleston Capitol is 877-565-3447.

Mark your calendars now to attend Pro-Life Rally Day on February 24 when the petitions will be presented at the noon Rally after the Prayer Walk. See more details on the back cover.

# Improving the WV Living Will in 2020

by Mary H. Tillman, J.D.

This January, WVFL will again present the “Options in Living Wills” legislation that we proposed last year in Charleston. Although we succeeded in passing the legislation through the Senate, we ran out of time to convince the House leadership to put the bill on the agenda. Consequently,

Mary Tillman, as Legislative Coordinator of a new subcommittee within WVFL called the WV Alliance for Ethical Health Care, has been going to the interim sessions to educate legislators why we are proposing this, and seeking sponsors.

The purpose of this new subcommittee is to garner support from legislators and advocacy groups that normally do not agree with us on the abortion issue. Thus, certain legislators who normally do not vote pro-life on abortion, DO favor protecting the rights of disabled persons. Similarly, there are multiple organizations in the state that will lobby for the rights of disabled persons, but remain neutral or even in favor of abortion. We expect that, like last year, we will be joined again in this effort by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.




The bill would amend that portion of the WV Code that sets forth sample language for the legal forms known as “Living Wills” and “Combined Medical Power of Attorney and Living Will.” Instead of the current dangerous language whereby artificially-administered nutrition and hydration (provided by IV or feeding tube) must be removed from patients diagnosed to be terminally ill or in a “persistent vegetative state,” the proposed

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WV Developmental Disabilities Council Advocacy Specialist Christy Black and WV Alliance for Ethical Health Care Legislative Coordinator Mary H. Tillman spent lobbying time together at the Capitol in September.

PRO-LIFE RALLY DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020. PLAN NOW TO ATTEND.

Where Do the Candidates Stand on Life?			
Candidates	Roe v. Wade/Abortion	Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act	Taxpayer Funding of Abortion and/or Abortion Providers
Candidates are listed in order of their primary election polling in the 9/4/19 Real Clear Politics average and have at least a 1% average.			
Where Do the Republican Presidential Candidates Stand on Life?			
 Donald Trump (R) President (84.25% average)	The 1973 Roe v. Wade and its companion Doe v. Bolton decisions together essentially legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States, resulting in more than 60 million abortions since then.	The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act would prohibit abortions (with narrow exceptions) after the unborn child is capable of experiencing pain from abortion.	Direct taxpayer funding of abortion, as well as taxpayer funding of abortion providers, such as Planned Parenthood, means more abortion and more dead children.
 Bill Weld (R) Former Governor (MA) (10.75% average)	President Trump has proven his pro-life commitment through his many pro-life accomplishments as president including: appointments of pro-life advocates in his cabinet and administration, restoring the “Mexico City Policy,” and he has pledged “to veto any legislation that weakens current pro-life federal policies and laws, or that encourages the destruction of innocent human life at any stage.”	At his 2019 State of the Union speech, President Donald Trump called on Congress to “pass legislation to prohibit the late-term abortion of children who can feel pain in the mother’s womb.”	In 2018, President Trump’s HHS Department issued regulations to ensure Title X funding does not go to facilities that perform or refer for abortions. His Administration cut off funding for the UNFPA due to their involvement in China’s forced abortion program and he committed to defund abortion providers.
Where Do the Democrat Presidential Candidates Stand on Life?			
 Joe Biden (D)	Joe Biden supports the current policy of abortion on demand. Joe Biden voted for the Harkin Amendment	Joe Biden criticized the U.S. Supreme Court majority for upholding the Partial-Birth	Joe Biden supports using tax dollars to pay for abortion. Joe Biden says he will overturn

# Presidential Candidate Handout Updated + Voter Registration Plea

The comparison piece at left has been updated and can be found at the National Right to Life website as well as the WVFL site ([wvforlife.org](http://wvforlife.org)). By the time this newspaper is published, some of these candidates may have already dropped out of the race. Nonetheless, you will know where the remaining ones stand.

Feel free to share the comparison piece widely, even in churches.

The Primary in West Virginia is Tuesday, May 12. If you know anyone of voting age who is not registered, have them do so at <https://ovr.sos.wv.gov/Register>. Elections have consequences.

# PASS THE BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT IN 2020

Bills that legalize the killing of unborn babies until birth have clearly caused a blurring of the distinction between abortion and infanticide. West Virginians are asking, “Can this happen in West Virginia?”

This bill will protect infants born alive following an attempted abortion. It would require hospitals and medical personnel to exercise the same degree of care for the baby born alive as a result of a failed abortion, as would be given to any other preborn child at the same gestational age. It provides for immediate transport to facilities capable of caring for such children, and it provides for reporting requirements in the event the law isn’t observed.

**We, the pro-life citizens of West Virginia, join together with West Virginians for Life in calling for The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act to become law in 2020.**



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**Please return immediately to West Virginians for Life.**  
PLEASE COPY AND DISTRIBUTE FREELY. Get more copies of the petition by calling or emailing WVFL. Submitted emails will get future communications.  
**Download the petition from the website and get your friends to sign online at: [www.wvforlife.org/call-to-action/](http://www.wvforlife.org/call-to-action/)**

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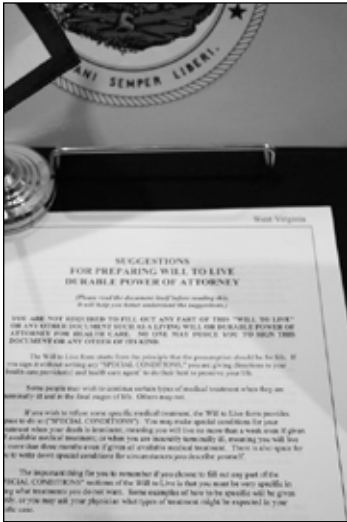
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*Improving WV Living Will*

NEW sample language would present two options to people: (1) to choose to receive food and fluids (with the further explanation that they would be discontinued if the body becomes unable to assimilate them, OR if the provision became excessively burdensome to the patient); or (2) to refuse the food and fluids, with the explanation that such refusal could hasten or cause death.

As recently as 2018, the American Academy of Neurology and other medical groups issued revised guidelines for the treatment of disorders of consciousness, one of which is the so-called vegetative state (PVS). The new guidelines admit that there is a misdiagnosis rate of 40% for PVS. Some studies have indicated that within 12 months, up to 52% of PVS patients regain some level of consciousness. Furthermore, new treatments are being developed that are showing promise for some patients.

By amending the Code to insure people realize what they are signing is only common sense, and essential to informed consent.

In the meantime, we advise that the forms commonly provided by hospitals around the state NOT be used. Please instead, go to [wvforlife.org](http://wvforlife.org) for a “Will to Live” form tailored to WV state law, with its protective language.





# PRESS RELEASE from National Council on Disability - Federal study finds nation's assisted suicide laws rife with dangers to people with disabilities

WASHINGTON (October 9, 2019) – Today, the National Council on Disability (NCD) released the findings of a federal examination of the country's assisted suicide laws and their effect on people with disabilities, finding the laws' safeguards are ineffective and oversight of abuses and mistakes is absent.

Currently, eight states and the District of Columbia have passed assisted suicide laws that make it legal for doctors to prescribe lethal drugs to patients diagnosed with terminal illness and with a prognosis of 6 months or less to live, if certain procedural steps are followed.

Despite the belief that pain relief is the primary motivation for seeking assisted suicide, in *Assisted Suicide Laws and their Danger to People with Disabilities*, NCD found that the most prevalent reasons offered by someone requesting assisted suicide are directly related to unmet service and support needs, which NCD urges policy makers respond to through legislative changes and funding.

"Assisted suicide laws are premised on the notion of additional choice for people at the end of their lives, however in practice, they often remove choices when the low-cost option is ending one's life versus providing treatments to lengthen it or services and supports to improve it," said NCD Chairman Neil Romano.

Closely examining the experience in Oregon, where the practice has been legal for 20 years, NCD found that the list of conditions eligible for assisted suicide has expanded considerably over time, including many disabilities that, when properly treated, do not result in death, including arthritis, diabetes, and kidney failure.

*Assisted Suicide Laws and their Danger to People with Disabilities* also notes suicide contagion in states where assisted suicide is legal; as well as a loosening of existing safeguards both in states with

legalized assisted suicide and states considering bills to legalize.

In the report, NCD details limitations of purported safeguards of assisted suicide laws, finding:

- Insurers have denied expensive, life-sustaining medical treatment, but offered to subsidize lethal drugs, potentially leading patients to hasten their own deaths;
- Misdiagnoses of terminal disease can cause frightened patients to hasten their deaths;
- Though fear and depression often drive requests for assisted suicide, referral for psychological evaluation is extremely rare prior to doctors writing lethal prescriptions;
- Financial and emotional pressures can distort patient choice;
- Patients may "doctor shop" limitlessly to find a physician who will obtain a colleague's concurrence and prescribe a lethal dose

"As someone who has battled cancer and been given weeks to live and am still thriving years later, I know firsthand that well-intending doctors are often wrong," said Mr. Romano. "If assisted suicide is legal, lives will be lost due to mistakes, abuse, lack of information, or a lack of better options; no current or proposed safeguards can change that."

NCD concludes its research with recommendations, including highlighting the need for:

- Federal research on disability-related risk factors



in suicide prevention, as well as on people with disabilities who request assisted suicide and euthanasia;

- Federal regulation requiring non-discrimination in suicide prevention services; and
- Greater federal investment in long-term services and supports.

## About NCD's Bioethics and Disability Series

NCD's bioethics and disability report series focuses on how historical and current devaluation of the lives of people with disabilities by the medical community, researchers, and health economists perpetuates unequal access to medical care, including life-saving care. NCD will release its reports in the series on the following schedule:

**September 25** – Organ Transplant Discrimination Against People with Disabilities

**October 9** – The Danger of Assisted Suicide Laws

**October 23** – Genetic Testing and the Rush to Perfection

**November 6** – Quality-Adjusted Life Years and the Devaluation of Life with a Disability

**November 20** – Medical Futility and Disability Bias

## About the National Council on Disability

*First established as an advisory council within the Department of Education in 1978, NCD became an independent federal agency in 1984. In 1986, NCD recommended enactment of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and drafted the first version of the bill which was introduced in the House and Senate in 1988. Since enactment of the ADA in 1990, NCD has continued to play a leading role in crafting disability policy, and advising the President, Congress and other federal agencies on disability policies, programs, and practices.*

## San Francisco bans city employees from taking work trips to 22 pro-life states



by Calvin Freiburger, LifeSiteNews.com

SAN FRANCISCO, October 22, 2019 (LifeSiteNews) – In its latest declaration of solidarity with abortion-on-demand and contempt for its opponents, the solidly left-wing city of San Francisco has announced a blacklist against public employees conducting business with or embarking on work-related travel to almost half the country in protest of "restrictive" pro-life state laws.

"Just as we restricted spending with states that have laws that discriminate against LGBTQ people, we are standing up against states that put women's health at risk and that are actively working to limit reproductive freedoms," San Francisco Mayor London Breed declared, according to Fox News. "By limiting travel and contracting with certain states, we are sending a clear message to states that disregard the right to abortion."

Starting January 1, 2020, the blacklist will apply to Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, **West Virginia**, and Wisconsin – all of which have "severe anti-choice policies" on the books, according to city leaders.

The blacklist appears to follow the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute's overview of state abortion policies, which identifies all of the blacklisted states as banning abortion between 20 and 24 weeks of pregnancy – a point around which preborn babies are capable of feeling pain.

"Although tax revenue from San Francisco alone may not be sufficient to encourage states to rethink their laws, if other cities and states follow San Francisco's lead, the financial pressure might be enough to prompt policy changes," Breed's office declared.

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# 46th Annual State Convention (article on page 9)



Keynote speaker Nicole Flynn survived a traumatic brain injury and now shares her story of hope and purpose. Visit her website at [trialsoffaith.com](http://trialsoffaith.com).



L to R: Elizabeth Parsons, Teen Day Camp speaker Sadie Shields from Students for Life of America, Mackenzie Underwood, Gov. Justice, Cecilia and Eva Shields.



WV Teens for Life President Margaret Deely sang "Amazing Grace" during the offering.



Wayne Sanders accepted the 2019 Angel of the Year award from WVFL President Wanda Franz.



One of the reasons pro-life bills, once passed, are left unchallenged is because of this man, Attorney General Patrick Morrisey.



Former Delegate Riley Moore is running for State Treasurer and pictured here with National Right to Life Political Director/WVFL Political Liaison Karen Cross.



Compass Women's Center had a vendor table manned by Executive Director Nancy Strader (scarf) and Kathy Schnell. Check out their website at <https://compass4women.org/>



Tranae Mathis of WV Sidewalk Advocates for Life brought the crowd up to speed with the latest news regarding the lone abortion clinic in the state. Her website can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/WVSidewalkAdvocates4Life/>.



Keynote Nicole Flynn presented at Teen Day Camp 2019 after speaking to the main group in the Fellowship Hall.



The audience had the added benefit of hearing WVFL Vice President Mary Tillman regarding an improved Living Wills option since we ended up with more time in the morning



L to R: Dr. Wanda Franz, Congressman David McKinley, Karen Cross, Mary McKinley, and Mary Anne Buchanan



Fr. Brian Crenwelge, who heads Vocations for the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese, gave a heartfelt luncheon blessing.



Gov. Justice is seen here with Rhett Dusenbury, representative from pro-life 2nd District Congressman Alex Mooney's office.

This is called a "fidget quilt" and these give patients something to do with their hands. The Lynn Keener presentation revolved around hospice.



L to R: Ruthie Buchanan, Pro-life Gov. Jim Justice, and WVFL program Director Mary Anne Buchanan (Ruthie's niece)



Couldn't have a Teen Day Camp without Tucker County Chapter Leader/Board member Lacey Evans.



WVFL Office Assistant Brandi Loop sold the new statewide t-shirts as designed by WVFL Graphic Designer Cheryl Carr.

Kanawha County Chapter Leader Missy Ciccarello and Kathy Crow manned their vendor table.



L to R: Bev Anderton and Pocahontas County Chapter Leader Judy Fuller, Gov. Jim Justice, WVFL Financial Manager Sherri Stevens and Board member Mary English



Doddridge County Chapter Leader/Board member Chuck Northrop and wife Marj were a huge help from making/setting up the coffee in the morning to cleanup at the conclusion of the event.





*Pro-Life 1st District Congressman David McKinley*



*Pro-life Delegate Kayla Kessinger got animated while talking to the teens.*



*L to R: Pastor Curly Ray, Raleigh County Chapter Leader Hilda Shorter, Carol Hudnall, Gov. Jim Justice, Joy and Kenneth Roy...all are from Randolph County except for Shorter.*



*L to R: Kathy Crow, Ben Hanlan running for a House District 48 seat, Mary Anne Buchanan, Missy Ciccarello, Derrick Evans running for the House in District 19, and Karen Cross*



*Delegate Caleb Hanna, elected at the age of 19, spoke at Teen Day Camp 2019.*



*NRL Political Director Karen Cross gave an informative and motivating presentation engaging us in the election battles of 2020.*



*Pastor Ray Eubanks of Parkersburg's Glory of Agape Worship Center gave the invocation.*



*Pastor Curly Ray, Jr., Senior Pastor of Tygart Valley Ministries/Beverly Community Church, Beverly, WV, gave a wonderful benediction.*



*WVFL Board member/ Nicholas County Chapter Leader Randy Meadows did an excellent job of preparing the crowd for the offering baskets.*



*This is a so-typical pose of Kanawha County Chapter Leader Missy Ciccarello. Her great presentation was full of much-needed information regarding more effective ways to combat pro-abortion billboards.*



*Amy Bolyard lent a helping hand as educational table volunteer.*



*Pictured are the Lowthers with Governor Justice. Kay and Sherry recorded the day's presentations and will mail to any who want any or all three discs. See ordering info on page 7 in bottom corner.*



*Board Member Patty Cooper with Gov. Justice*



*Gov. Jim Justice with former Delegate and former Mayor (of White Hall) Guy Ward. Pro-life Ward is running to reclaim his seat in House District 50.*



*Pictured are table vendors Traci Ketchum and Susan McCollum of Deeper Still of Mountaineer Country with Allen Whitt who is running for U.S. Senate in 2020. Deeper Still provides healing weekend retreats for both post-abortive women and men. For more info, visit <https://www.facebook.com/deeperstillwv/>*

*Bill Heffern conversing with Tranae Mathis of WV Sidewalk Advocates for Life*



*Sadie Shields of SFLA (standing right) had no trouble finding teen helpers to man her vendor table.*



*Teen Day Camp is serious, yes, but also fun as this captured memory would indicate.*

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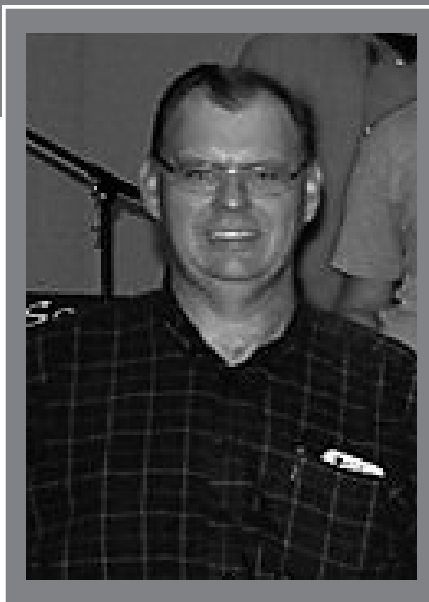
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## Pro-Life Profile

Jamie has been married to his beautiful wife, Valerie, for 22 years and they have one son Drew (16). He attended school in McDowell County and graduated with a degree in education from Concord. He is a licensed bishop through the Church of God (Cleveland, TN), and is in his 11th year of serving as the Elkins Family Worship Center pastor and administrator of the Elkins Christian Academy.

Jamie became involved in the pro-life movement through the movie “Unplanned.” He had intended to do a summer Bible study based upon the movie when, out of nowhere, his town and surrounding regions were slammed with pro-abortion billboards. It was at this time that their Bible study grew into multiple churches coming together to combat the pro-abortion agenda. Jamie invited West Virginians for Life (WVFL) Board member Mary English to answer some of their questions and to offer guidance, and she directed them toward WVFL. They found out that their county had an active WVFL chapter as recent as eight years ago, but it dissolved leaving nothing in its place. They held meetings, elected officers, and now are an official chapter! Jamie serves as president of the reactivated Randolph County Chapter of WVFL. The facts, statistics, and information which he has learned over the past few months keep him involved in the fight for life.



*Randolph County Chapter Leader*  
**Pastor Jamie Estep**

*One of the biggest challenges Jamie sees in the pro-life movement today is the lack of exposure to the truth about abortion, euthanasia, etc. The Bible says in Hosea 4:6, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...” and he believes this indeed is the truth of our culture today. Abortion (murder) has been sanitized and transformed into ‘health-care’ and ‘women’s rights.’ Jamie desires to expose the truth about this modern-day genocide.*

Jamie also shared that the Bible says in John 8:32, “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” He believes exposing the truth will bring freedom and healing to our state and to our nation. Jamie hopes that, all people, both believers and non-believers, will be exposed to factual studies, statistics, and irrefutable information and they will be inspired to take a pro-life stance in their beliefs and in their voting.

WVFL thanks Jamie for his passion and dedication in spreading the truth about the tragedy of abortion and the life-giving love of the truth in Jesus Christ!

## WVFL Treasurer’s Article U.S. Code Section 230 and Big Tech Bias

Last time I called attention to Big Tech bias leaning left—such as social platforms blocking pro-life groups from advertising. Of course the problem runs deeper than ads, including shadow banning, search results suppressed, mysterious sudden reductions in numbers of followers, and so on. The issues seem prevalent on all the biggest platforms: Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram, etc. Recently our WVFL Program Director was temporarily restricted from interaction with Facebook groups.

A conservative educational group, Prager University (PragerU), led by Dennis Prager, a conservative pro-life Jewish man, is suing Google/YouTube (Google owns YouTube) for restricting viewers’ access to clean, conservative PragerU videos. The tech giant has actually violated its own policies in miscategorizing clean videos about the Ten Commandments (and dozens of other PragerU videos, including with pro-life messages) as pornographic, to discourage viewers from clicking through an extra layer of restriction to watch the videos.

U.S. Code section 230 is a key part of the discussion. (Read up on it.) We don’t want Internet platforms to be “the wild west” where anything goes, including child pornography and sex trafficking. We need common sense filtering and moderation. However, we also want pro-life truths (part of dissenting, conservative political views) to not be suppressed because of leftist bias in staff/leadership of big tech companies and their social platforms.

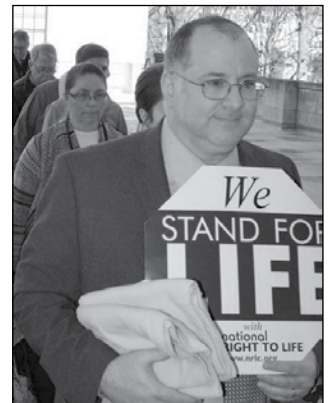
Your pro-life *actions, words, and donations* are needed now more than ever.

Join us: [wvforlife.org/membership](http://wvforlife.org/membership)

Better yet, step up to **Rose Society Membership** while you’re there!

Already a member? Give here: [wvforlife.org/donate](http://wvforlife.org/donate)

With determination, Pastor Doug Joseph, WVFL Treasurer



**WVFL Treasurer**  
Pastor Doug Joseph

## West Virginia

### Teens For Life

*Dear Teens for Life,*

It’s hard to believe that Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming so soon, but life moves fast when you’re a West Virginian for Life.

Two months ago, I attended the state convention with my fellow teens. We filled the day with games, music, and lectures. Lectures were given by the keynote speaker, Nicole Flynn, and the National Right to Life

Political Director, Karen Cross. Both made you stop and think about the strains on taking a life, no matter that life’s age.

All of the teens were able to get to know each other and the day was well spent.

The 47th Annual March for Life will take place January 24th in Washington, D.C. The trip lasts the entire day from 4 AM to 11 PM. Those who go will have the opportunity to meet many pro-life people and to feel important in such a large cause. All further information is on the website at [www.wvforlife.org](http://www.wvforlife.org). The trip costs \$15 per person and \$30 for a family of 3 or more.

As always, be sure to get involved in your local community or parish.

Anyone can have an effect on a person’s life if you do all you can. I hope to see my fellow teens soon. Enjoy the holidays!

*Your WV Teens for life President,*  
Margaret Deely



**WV Teens for Life President**  
Margaret Deely



# 2020 Calendar of Events

January 8 (Wed.)	<b>WV Legislative Session Starts</b>
January 19 (Sun.)	<b>Sanctity of Human Life Sunday</b>
January 24 (Fri.)	<b>March for Life, Washington, D.C.</b>
February 24 (Mon.)	<b>Pro-Life Rally Day, State Capitol</b>
March 7 (Sat.)	<b>WV Legislative Session Ends</b>
April 16 (Thurs.)	<b>22nd Annual Rose Dinner at Holiday Inn, Pineview Drive, Morgantown</b>
April 29 (Wed.)	<b>WV Primary Election - Early Voting Starts</b>
May 12 (Tues.)	<b>West Virginia Primary Election Day</b>
July 11 (Sat.)	<b>8th Annual Golf FORE Life Tournament, Preston Country Club</b>

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YES! You can count on me to help save unborn children from abortion. Enclosed is my BASIC state membership contribution of \$35 ( ) or a GOLD membership contribution of \$50 ( ).

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I wish to join the Rose Society with a monthly pledge of: (*Rose Society members receive a monthly update from the President and do not receive other fundraising mailings or calls other than fundraising for the political action committee.*)

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Because in addition to educating, we are involved in trying to change the law, contributions to West Virginians for Life, Inc. are not deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. "West Virginia residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305. Registration does not imply endorsement."

\*A maximum donation of \$1,000 per person per election cycle is allowed to the PAC. Please include occupation and employer when donating to the PAC. Corporate and church contributions to West Virginians for Life PAC are prohibited by law. Contributions to West Virginians for Life PAC are voluntary. Please disregard if you are a public employee or not a WVFL member.

## Painless Ways to Give to West Virginians for Life:

- Kroger Community Rewards Program
- AmazonSmile
- Goodsearch
- Goodshop

To find out how, visit [wvforlife.org/donate/](http://wvforlife.org/donate/) and click

## Give by Shopping

(continued from page 5) *Ban Includes WV*

"San Francisco is showing other cities and states how to stand up against dangerous laws that restrict a woman's right to control her own body," Planned Parenthood Northern California CEO Gilda Gonzales said in support, according to SF Gate. "Now, more than ever, we must work to expand, not ban, reproductive rights for all."

"I don't think (San Francisco's government) has any real power with this boycott," Pro-Life San Francisco executive director Terrisa Bukovinac responded in comments to *The Daily Signal*. "It's a PR tactic. This is an attempt to fire up their base, but I don't think that even they expect this to stand up to actual scrutiny in a courtroom."

"The pro-life movement in this area has grown exponentially," Bukovinac added. "We have more than a dozen people organizing in the Bay Area right now. We are millennial-led, we are seeing a lot of crossover from the animal-rights community and from the Catholic community, and we've all been able to come together in a bipartisan way (...) Killing other human beings is not progressive."

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<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/san-francisco-bans-city-employees-from-taking-work-trips-to-22-pro-life-states>*

## "...Best Convention Ever!"

by Mary Anne Buchanan

"That was THE best WVFL State Convention that I have ever attended!" said one woman as she was leaving the 46th annual event which took place October 19 in Fairmont, West Virginia.

The highlight of the day was a visit from pro-life Governor Jim Justice who spoke for 30 minutes. Gov. Justice talked of his support for upcoming legislation as well as a personal story of one of his wife's pregnancies.

The crowd was also addressed by Rep. David McKinley who has a 100% pro-life voting record. Attorney General Patrick Morrisey spoke as well, and reiterated the importance of mounting a rigorous defense should our pro-life laws be taken to court.

Traumatic brain injury survivor Nicole Flynn delivered the Keynote Address. She reminded us how precious life is and how each person's life has purpose.

Other presentations included: what to look for in a hospice; the introduction of the West Virginia Alliance for Ethical Health Care (a WVFL sub-committee) ; and National Right to Life Political Director/WVFL Political Liaison Karen Cross' *The Battle Continues* gave us a thorough preview of the 2020 elections and all that is at stake.

Another timely topic was *Saving Babies with Sidewalk Counseling*, while the last presentation dealt with a strategy to combat the *Abortion is Still Legal in WV* billboard campaign.

Nicole Flynn also spoke at the Teen Day Camp that went on in conjunction with the adult convention. The younger group participated in a Q&A with two of the youngest members of the West Virginia House of Delegates—Kayla Kessinger and Caleb Hanna (himself a teen at the time).

Judging by the evaluation sheets returned, the vast majority said they would be coming back next year.

For a full complement of convention photos, visit the WVFL Facebook page.



## Cabell



Cathy Weiss and Chapter Leader George Wallace manned a table at September Fall Fest in Barboursville.

## Kanawha



The chapter had two tables at the Boone County Courthouse on August 15 for the Pro-Life Candlelight Vigil.

## Mason/Putnam



Mason/Putnam County Chapter Leader Wayne Sanders humbly accepted the Angel of the Year award at the 10/19 Convention.

## Monongalia



The WVU Homecoming Parade entry featured empty strollers displaying pro-life facts (i.e. Abortion Stops a Beating Heart). It was well received by the crowd.

## Morgan



A scene from the Morgan County Chapter's annual dinner with Chapter Leader Betsy Wolfe (standing far left)



Former Morgan County Chapter Leader Jim Fritz speaking after being presented with a well-deserved pro-life award at the November 9 dinner.

## Nicholas



The 50th Annual Potato Festival in Summersville came and went with the crowd knowing there is a Nicholas County Chapter. The entry was greatly applauded.

## Mineral



The chapter's booth at the Burlington Apple Harvest Festival was manned here by Kayelah Davy and Ricky Tasker.



Earl and Mary Pappas along with little Faith Lucas took their turn at the booth.



The incredible Hulk and Spiderman checked out the chapter booth at the Knoble Tunnel Day Festival.

## Raleigh



At a November Faith Community meeting called by Third District Congresswoman Carol Miller (center), pro-life Delegate Kayla Kessinger (left) and Raleigh County Chapter President Hilda Shorter had the pleasure of being invited. Miller is a strong supporter of the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

## Randolph



The Randolph County Chapter had a most successful outing at the annual Forest Festival in Elkins. Approximately 1,700 signatures were collected on the Born-Alive petition. Way to go!

## Pro-Life Elected Officials/Candidates at 8/15 Candlelight Vigil



L to R: Del. Ralph Rodighiero, Josh Barker, Rupie Phillips, Chris Pritt, Danny Moore, Riley Moore, Del. Tony Paynter, Del. Zack Maynard, John Paul Abbott, and Del. Joe Jeffries



West Virginians for Life met with the new Bishop of the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese in early October. Presenting pro-life issues to Bishop Mark Brennan were Mary Anne Buchanan and Wanda Franz.





### Cabell County

In late July, Cabell County Right to Life was at Cabell County Fair in Milton. On August 15th, Harold Smith and Chapter Leader George Wallace attended a pro-life candlelight vigil for the unborn at the Boone County Courthouse. They were blessed to see a good number of people attend. In September, the chapter had a table at Fall Fest in Barboursville and at the Pumpkin Festival in Milton in October. October 6th Michelle Plumley represented the chapter at the Boone Memorial Hospital Fair in Madison. In October, Cathy Weiss led a Life Chain. She has done an excellent job in singlehandedly doing this by herself and the chapter very much appreciates it. Cabell County Right to Life has been doing some of these events for years, and yet, this year was their best ever!

### Clay County

Sheena Rapp-Leedy, the chapter president, is looking for more interest from others in her county. The contact email is sheena192001@gmail.com and phone is 304-587-7073.

### Fayette County

For meeting times, dates and location, email Teresa Pack at tdpack4yeshua@gmail.com or call her at 304-222-0644.

### Harrison County

The Harrison County Chapter had a booth at the Lost Creek Festival in September and helped man a booth at the Salem Apple Butter Festival in October. Literature was handed out and signatures collected for the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act" legislation. Mary Tillman, WVFL Vice President, spoke on end of life issues at the State Convention and at a conference at All Saints Church in Bridgeport sponsored by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Catholic Charities WV, WV Alliance for Ethical Health Care and WV Developmental Disabilities Council. Members ordered the new WVFL "Life is for everyone" t-shirts for themselves, their families and friends.

### Kanawha County

Chapter President Missy Ciccarello was a presenter at the October State Convention and she and Kathy

Crow had an amazing vendor table compete with big red pop-up tent and all of their pro-life swag. A memorial tribute took place at the First Annual Wetzel Blevins ThanksLIVING Gathering in November. Please keep Wetzel's sweet wife, Ann, in your thoughts and prayers.

### Marion County

The chapter participated in the Life Chain in Fairmont on Sunday, October 6.

### Marshall County

If there are interested parties in Marshall County who would like to help with the chapter, please email Karen Ali at klee1105@yahoo.com.

### Mason/Putnam County

The Angel of the Year Award was bestowed upon Wayne Sanders at the State Convention on October 19. Ever the encourager, Wayne is the chapter leader for both Mason and Putnam Counties and serves on the Board, too.

### McDowell County

Herman and Renee Bolden are interested in starting a chapter in the county. If you live in McDowell and want to join them, please contact the Boldens at 304-320-5340. They are looking to have State President Wanda Franz attend a meeting if enough people show interest.

### Mineral County

The chapter has been busy over the summer months. There was participation in the Knobley Tunnel Day Festival in Cispark, WV on July 27. They distributed literature, buttons, water bottles, balloons and held profitable conversations with the visitors of their booth. Chapter members were encouraged by superheroes Hulk and Spiderman. The Corbin Farms Festival in Fountain, WV also saw a chapter booth. Additionally, in October, they manned a booth at the Apple Harvest festival in Burlington, WV.

### Monongalia County

The Chapter had a successful participation in the West Virginia University Homecoming Parade held on Friday, October 4. They had many walkers, who pushed empty strollers with signs, such as "Missing

Mountaineer." A very good response was received from the crowd.

They collected ads for the WVFL Convention Book and door prizes for the WVFL Convention. Wanda Franz wrote a reply to a pro-abortion letter in the local *Dominion Post* newspaper.

Plans are being made for the regular signature ad in the *Dominion Post* on January 22, 2020 to commemorate the legalization of abortion in America by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Roe vs. Wade* and *Doe vs. Bolton*.

The Chapter is making plans for the annual bus trip to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life, scheduled for January 24, 2020. The bus will leave the Penney's parking lot at the Morgantown Mall at 4 a.m. and return at 11:00 p.m. The cost is \$15 a person or \$30 for a family of 3 or more. Those interested in riding on the bus must make reservations by calling 304-594-9845.

### Morgan County

The chapter held its annual dinner on November 9 where WVFL Vice-President Mary Tillman spoke regarding end of life issues. Magician Derrick Robey entertained the crowd, too. James Fritz, the former chapter leader for many years, received special recognition with the awarding of a plaque in his honor.

The chapter is known for its effective sidewalk counseling two days a week in front of the abortuary in Hagerstown, Maryland. Over 500 unborn babies have been saved, not to mention the women. It is estimated that at least an equal number of women have changed their minds about abortion after viewing their large signs and witnessing the people praying.

WDTF broadcasts several pro-life messages a day including a five-minute National Right to Life program called *Pro-Life Perspective*. The Knights of Columbus originate and record another set of pro-life messages created by Dick Byrne. Another Knight, Patrick Crosby is the pro-life station engineer.

The chapter continued its 8' X 12' pro-life billboard outside of Berkeley Springs on Route 522. Thanks to all who support this, especially the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society.

### Nicholas County

The 50th Annual Nicholas County Potato Festival took place in the city of Summersville on Friday and Saturday, September 6th and 7th. Fifteen people represented the Nicholas County Pro-Life Chapter in the parade by riding on or walking alongside their float. Many pro-life items, such as bracelets, pens, candy, and miniature fetal models, were distributed to those that lined the parade route. As they marched, they were greeted with continuous applause and supportive remarks from the parade goers. The exposure with the community was beneficial and will be a mainstay on their calendar moving forward. Many thanks to Paul and Mary Brown, CJ and Alice Hamilton, Ruth Ann Walker-Elliott, Randy and Janice Meadows, Christy Hamilton, Nicole Anderson, Jeremy and Kelsy Menner, and Melissa Coleman.

### Raleigh

In November, members of the faith community were invited to an event hosted by Third District Representative, Carol Miller, thus the reason for Chapter President Hilda Shorter being invited. Rep. Miller is solidly pro-life and has even defended the federal Born-Alive bill on the floor of the U.S. House. She is behind WVFL with its Born-Alive bill.

### Randolph County

The Chapter had a booth at the Forest Festival in Elkins and collected roughly 1,700 petition signatures. They also hosted a pro-life pastor's prayer breakfast on November 2. Contact Chapter Leader Estep at elkinsfwc@gmail.com or call 304-614-7118 to join up with the group.

### Wood County

Chapter meetings are the third Thursday monthly at the Public Library on Emerson Avenue in N. Parkersburg. Email Jaime at mrsjbiggs@gmail.com or call 304-494-0333 to get involved.

### WV Teens for Life

President Margaret Deely did a beautiful job singing "Amazing Grace" during the State Convention offering. She invites teens to contact her at deelyma@aol.com.



# PRO-LIFE RALLY DAY



Please join us on Monday,  
**February 24, 2020 outside on  
the north steps (facing the bell)**  
at the State Capitol in Charleston  
at Noon for **PRO-LIFE RALLY  
DAY**. Registration will still be  
in the lower rotunda beginning  
at 9:00 a.m.

*Come and support the  
Born-Alive Abortion Survivors  
Protection Act and the  
Options in Living Wills Bill*

## Highlights

- Meet with your legislators (10 a.m.  
11 a.m. by appointment)
- Prayer Processional preceding rally  
at 11:30
- Rally at Noon

The day will be filled with fellowship,  
music, exciting speakers, and a  
special prayer walk through the  
Capitol on behalf of the unborn  
*before* the Rally this year.

For additional information: 304-594-9845 or [wvforlife.org](http://wvforlife.org)

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*Young People bring life and energy to the movement. Pictured is Teen Day Camp  
Leader Lacey Evans (far right) along with other adults who presented and the  
keynote speaker Nicole Flynn (front and center).*



*State Convention keynote  
speaker Nicole Flynn with  
her youngest of four*

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