

## PRO-LIFE CANDIDATES FARE WELL IN WV PRIMARY



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**Donald Trump**



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**Shelley Moore Capito**



*1st District*  
*U.S. Representative*  
**David McKinley**



*2nd District*  
*U.S. Representative*  
**Alex Mooney**



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*U.S. Representative*  
**Carol Miller**



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**Jim Justice**



*Supreme Court*  
*Division 1*  
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*Commissioner*  
**Kent Leonhardt**

Two of the highlights in the 2020 Primary election returns on Tuesday, June 9, were the wins by incumbent Governor Jim Justice (won 63% of the vote) and incumbent Chief Justice Tim Armstead to a 12-year term on the State Supreme Court-Division 1. West Virginians for Life Political Action Committee (WVL-PAC) believes that in November Justice will provide a stark contrast to Democrat challenger Ben Salango. As for Armstead, his firm, family-friendly leadership will continue. The court makeup is still a solid pro-life 3-2 majority.

Except for two of the other Supreme Court races, every single federal and statewide race was won by a WVL-PAC endorsed candidate. WVL-PAC endorsed Senator Shelley Moore Capito will be challenged by Paula Jean Swearengin on November 3. The PAC is also pleased with the wins of Representatives David McKinley, Alex Mooney and Carol Miller in Congressional Districts 1, 2, and 3.

Pro-life Senate President Mitch Carmichael lost the Republican nomination to pro-life challenger Amy Nichole Grady in the 4th Senatorial District. "Senate President Mitch Carmichael was instrumental in the passing of numerous pieces of pro-life legislation over his years in office," said WVFL Legislative Coordinator Karen Cross. "Many lives have been saved because of his steadfast commitment to the unborn. Well done, good and faithful servant."

Of the 140 races where the WVL-PAC made endorsements, there were 121 victories or 86%. In the 19 cases where the WVL-PAC-endorsed candidates did not prove to be successful, at least nine winners are pro-life.

The following quote can be attributed to Wanda Franz, Ph.D., President of West Virginians for Life PAC: "Given the challenges that the pandemic presented, WVL-PAC is pleased with the election results overall. The PAC works to support pro-life candidates from both parties. The overwhelming pro-life successes in this election are, in part, due to voters' desire to elect legislators at both the federal and state levels, who reflect their values regarding the dignity of each human life. West Virginians for Life looks forward to seeing increased support for pro-life candidates in the general election in November."

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## From the President



## Actions Speak Louder than Words

*Dear friends,*

There are many both inside and outside of the pro-life movement who doubt the sincerity of President Trump's belief in the pro-life cause. This doubt is partly based on the fact that he spent a portion of his adult life claiming to be "pro-choice." However, he has also claimed to have had an important personal experience that caused him to change his position. There are many in the pro-life movement today who have gone through the same transformation. How do we determine the sincerity of these transformations?

There is no way to determine it except through the actions of the individual once in office. In that regard, President Trump has proven himself. He knows the impact his personal presence makes on people, which he demonstrates at his rallies. His attendance at this year's March for Life was his way of giving his personal gift to the pro-life movement.

However, even more than his public statements, it is what he does behind the scenes that shows his dedication to the cause of life. Pro-life presidents can have an enormous impact on policies, because it is the role of the executive Branch of Government to *enact* the laws and determine regulations that affect spending.

Never has there been a pro-life administration that implemented pro-life policies the way the Trump administration has done. He has systematically undertaken changes without regard for political considerations. One example of his creativity is the way he has changed the regulations governing implementation of the law providing for federal funding of contraception, which specifically called for preventing funding to go to facilities that provided abortions. He took on Planned Parenthood and won. Planned Parenthood has withdrawn from the program

providing Federal tax dollars to groups that give out contraception because they can no longer use that money to fund abortions. For the first time, the law passed by Congress has been correctly implemented.

We are fortunate here in West Virginia to have a governor, who, like President Trump, has demonstrated his pro-life credentials while in office. Governor Jim Justice has signed every bill that has come to his desk and held a public signing of this year's Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, he called for closure of all non-essential medical treatments to free the hospitals to treat the expected cases of the virus. He worked with Attorney General Morrisey to include *abortion as a non-essential medical procedure*. These public servants have demonstrated their courageous commitment to the pro-life cause.

West Virginians for Life Political Action Committee (WVL-PAC) is proud to stand by these pro-life incumbents as they run for office this election season. There is no way for us to assess the emotional and mental beliefs of candidates. The best measure of pro-life commitment is what they do while in office. That is the reason, whenever possible, WVL-PAC endorses pro-life incumbents for the specific office for which they are running.

WVL-PAC has placed the endorsement list for your specific district on the website at [pac.wvforlife.org/vote](http://pac.wvforlife.org/vote). Please check this site as you plan for voting in the General Election and provide this information to all your friends and relatives.

*Wanda Franz, Ph.D.*

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

## Are Abortions Considered "Essential" Medical Procedures?

by Wanda Franz, Ph.D.

West Virginians for Life is proud to report that, in West Virginia, due to the courageous actions taken by Governor Jim Justice and Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, abortions are not considered essential medical procedures. Due to the COVID-19 crisis and the national shortage of personal protective equipment, on March 31, 2020, Governor Justice issued an executive order designed to provide capacity in the West Virginia healthcare system for the expected surge of COVID-19 patients.

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# Legislation for 2021 – Abortion Pill Reversal

by Wanda Franz, Ph.D.

In the United States, if a woman wants to abort her pregnancy, she has two choices. She can get a surgical abortion which involves the abortionist invading her womb to remove the pregnancy. Different techniques are used depending on the age of her baby. The second method is referred to as a “medical” or “chemical” abortion. In this approach, the woman takes pills which kill the baby, and she then “delivers” the dead baby by herself at her home.

The actual expulsion of the baby is stressful and bloody and the woman often sees her dead baby, which can be traumatic and emotionally damaging. Abortion facilities have been known to play down the negative aspects of this abortion method.

If the woman chooses to have this procedure, she will be given the abortion pill at the office of the abortionist. The abortion pill is Mifepristone. It has been available in the United States since 2000 and 30-45% of abortions are performed using Mifepristone (approximately 300,000-450,000 each year). The abortion pill kills the baby by interfering with the chemical changes that occur in the mother’s body to provide the protective lining in the womb that sustains the embryo. The pill causes the lining to slough off and the embryo dies.

If nothing more is done at this point, there is a 15% survival rate of the baby, that is, the abortion failure rate is about 15%. In addition, around 40% of these women will not completely empty their uterus and a follow-up surgical procedure must be done at that point.

To help avoid these problems, the abortionist gives the woman a second pill called Misoprostol, which causes the uterus to contract and remove the contents, that is, the dead baby.

This pill is to be taken at home 24-48 hours after ingesting the abortion pill. Often, when the woman returns home and has time to really think about it, she begins to regret her

decision to abort her baby. If she contacts the abortionist, she is often told that reversing the procedure is impossible, or that, if reversed and she gives birth to her baby, he/she will likely have disabilities.

Both pieces of information are false. First, it is possible to reverse the effects of the abortion pill. This is done by giving the mother high levels of Progesterone. This is the chemical that causes the lining of the uterus to become thick enough to keep the embryo alive. The mechanism for

the reversal procedure is to use the Progesterone to override the effects of the Mifepristone. The success rate for this method is between 55% and 70%.

Secondly, there is no risk to the developing baby from Progesterone or Mifepristone. There is a very small risk to the baby from the use of the second pill, the Misoprostol. However, if the reversal is successful, it is because the use of Progesterone

has overridden the Misoprostol. Thus, there is no negative impact on the baby brought to term following the use of the abortion reversal procedure.

Dr. George Delgado

developed the abortion reversal procedure and hundreds of women in the United States and 14 other countries have successfully used his method to give birth to their babies. Nine states currently have laws providing for doctors to give this important reversal information to their clients, including Arizona, Arkansas, South Dakota, Utah, Idaho, North Dakota, Kentucky, Oklahoma, and Nebraska.

West Virginians for Life will be introducing a bill in the 2021 legislative session to require

abortionists to tell their clients that it is possible to reverse these chemical abortions. Women deserve accurate information about their abortion decisions. In the landmark Supreme Court case, *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* 505 U.S. 833 (1992), the court held that the state has a legitimate interest in making sure women are fully informed, when they state:

*“In attempting to ensure that a woman apprehend the full consequences of her decision, the State furthers the legitimate purpose of reducing the risk that a woman may elect an abortion, only to discover later, with devastating psychological consequences that her decision was not fully informed. If the information the state requires to be made available to the woman is truthful and not misleading, the requirement may be permissible.”*

Our bill will not tell physicians how to practice medicine but will simply require them to inform their clients that abortion reversal is possible. It will protect the rights of women by providing them with information and will not place obstacles on women seeking abortions. Informed consent legislation is not an attack on personal freedom, but a guarantee of it. It is constitutional because it safeguards a woman’s right to know.

More information about our bill will be available as we get closer to the Legislative Session in January.



## State Pro-Life Convention in October will Highlight Rebekah Hagan’s Successful Abortion Pill Reversal Story - Son is now six.

Rebekah Hagan is one of today’s youngest speakers on the issues of teenage pregnancy, abortion and abortion pill reversal.

Raised in a Christian home where abortion was never discussed, Rebekah’s role in the pro-life movement was unplanned and fueled, instead, by firsthand experience. She became pregnant at seventeen with her son, Eli, and again with a second child while in her first year of college.

Feeling ashamed and fearing that she would lose her family’s support and have to drop out of school, Rebekah thought that raising two children alone would be impossible. At just over seven weeks pregnant, she began a medication abortion that would later change her life.

Her story, however, did not end after taking the abortion pill. Minutes after leaving the clinic, she experienced a radical change of heart and turned to the internet to search for a way

out. Feeling determined to reverse her mistake, Rebekah underwent what most thought would be an impossible attempt to save her baby.

At age twenty, she began speaking across the United States and sharing her own story of hope and redemption, which has caught the attention of both local and national media, as well as religious and secular organizations, including Vice News HBO, Focus On The Family, and World Magazine.

A passionate advocate for grace-centered outreach, Rebekah Hagan uses her story to unravel the mindset of women in unplanned pregnancies, and to equip and encourage others to lead with hope and compassion.

Rebekah is a graduate of William Jessup University, and she and her family reside in Roseville, California where she works for her local pregnancy center.



*Becky Hagan*

# Deadline is 3/8/21 for Abortion Pill Reversal Petitions

The new petition deals with abortion pill reversal. The legislative article on page 3 by Dr. Wanda Franz, gives details.

Please copy and distribute. These are available online at [wvforlife.org/call-to-action-petition/or](http://wvforlife.org/call-to-action-petition/or) call the office at 304-594-9845.

The lone abortion clinic in Charleston, Women's Health Center (WHC), has admitted to administering the abortion drug, so West Virginians for Life believes the bill to be timely. Please join us in support of **The Abortion Pill Reversal Act**.

## YES, WOMEN DESERVE TO KNOW

### Unborn children could possibly be saved by abortion pill reversal.

The abortion pill, known as Mifeprex or RU-486, is the first drug in a two-drug, multi-step process that has the potential to be reversed after the first step. The abortion pill reversal hotline has received over 2,000 calls from hopeful women who changed their minds once they realized the pill might be reversed.

The first step, using Mifepristone, blocks progesterone effects, shutting down the system that provides nutrients to the baby.

A second drug, Misoprostol, taken a day or so later, triggers severe cramping and bleeding to the mother in order to expel the baby.

It may be possible for a woman to reverse the intended effects of Mifepristone within 24 to 48 hours after taking it, but before taking Misoprostol, with a safe and effective reversal method for women who change their minds. **Babies have already been saved this way!**



### We the undersigned support informing women that their baby could possibly be saved by abortion pill reversal.

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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: [wvforlife.org](http://wvforlife.org)**

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## West Virginia Helping Other States with Pro-life Efforts



In yet another instance of West Virginia's leadership in pro-life efforts among other states, a member of the Harrison County chapter, Pastor Doug Joseph, who also serves as the state treasurer of West Virginians for Life, assisted the pro-life leadership of both California and Nevada.

The California pro-life leader, Brian Johnston, needed assistance with publication of a pro-life book, and secured help from Pastor Joseph in the matter (check out the book at [newregencypub.com](http://newregencypub.com)).

Nevada pro-life leader, Melissa Clement, needed help with the creation of an address database lookup system for digital distribution of voter guides, and other web programming work. She also secured help from Pastor Joseph. He was able to clone and reuse computer code he had written for West Virginians for Life in providing assistance to the Nevada counterpart, thanks to having already created just such a system here.

In fact, the code was repurposed for two different uses for the Nevada pro-life organization known as Nevada Right To Life, because they also needed a similar lookup system for an initiative they have called Protect Our Girls.

Check out these sites:  
[pac.nvrtl.life](http://pac.nvrtl.life)  
[protectourgirlsnv.org](http://protectourgirlsnv.org)



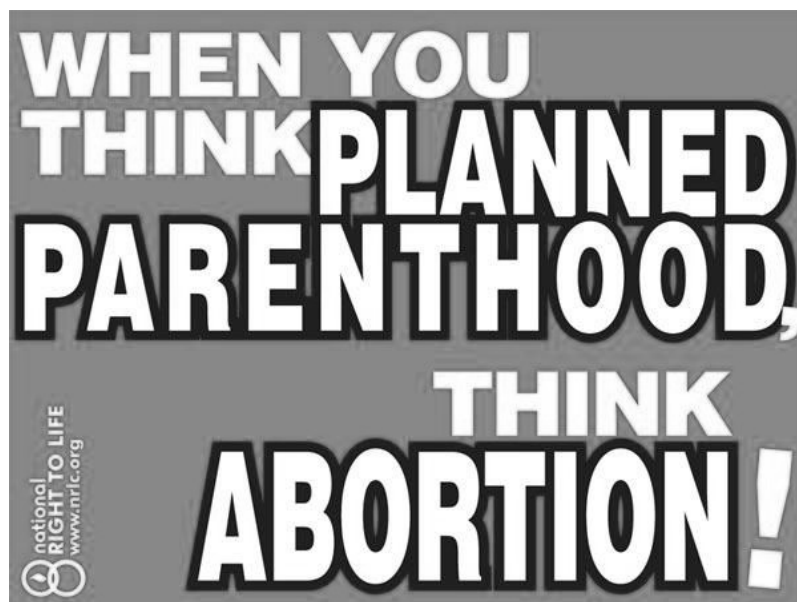
# National Right to Life says Planned Parenthood should return \$80 million in funds intended for small businesses

WASHINGTON – According to a report on May 19 from Fox News, thirty-seven Planned Parenthood affiliates applied for and received more than \$80 million in funds from the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program, created by Congress to provide relief for small businesses with fewer than 500 employees.

Planned Parenthood has more than 16,000 employees nationwide.

"The Paycheck Protection Program is designed to protect small businesses, not behemoth organizations with over 16,000 employees," said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. "Planned Parenthood should return the \$80 million in funds."

According to its most recent annual report, Planned Parenthood reported performing 345,672 abortions for 2018, the most the organization has ever reported. That figure represents 40.1% of all the abortions the Guttmacher Institute says were performed in the U.S. in 2017 (the most recent



year available).

The abortion giant also reported \$1,638,600,000 in revenue for 2018-2019. These figures continue to cement Planned Parenthood's reputation as the country's top abortion performer and promoter.

West Virginians for Life stands in agreement with National Right to Life.

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## ***Abortions Considered Essential Procedures?***

The order applied to all licensed health care professionals and all licensed health care facilities in the State. It stated that "all elective medical procedures are hereby prohibited, provided that patients will still have access to urgent, medically necessary procedures like those needed to preserve the patient's life or long-term health. The term 'elective' includes medical procedures that are not immediately medically necessary to preserve the patient's life or long-term health, except those procedures that cannot be postponed without compromising the patient's long-term health."

West Virginians for Life encouraged Governor Justice and Attorney General Morrisey to declare abortion an elective medical procedure. Approximately 95% of all abortions done in the United States are elective procedures. The lives and health of these women are not in question when obtaining most abortions. It was clear that West Virginia would be sued as was happening in other states, including Ohio and Texas. Attorney General Patrick Morrisey was prepared to support Governor Justice's decision in Court in the event of a suit. He believes the state can uphold the claim that abortion procedures fall under the definition of

all other non-essential medical services that are not "immediately medically necessary to preserve the patient's life or long-term health."

West Virginians for Life salutes Governor Justice and Attorney General Morrisey for their courageous stand. As expected, the Women's Health Center of West Virginia sued Patrick Morrisey in The United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia. They claimed that they were only able to perform 9 of the 105 abortions that they anticipated in April.

The counter-argument is that non-essential medical treatments can be set aside during a national emergency and elective abortions are, without question, an example of such procedures.

The ban on non-essential medical procedures has been lifted for the end of May and the lawsuit is now moot and will not be pursued. We now have precedent for abortion to be recognized as "non-essential" in the state. In West Virginia, only 22% of registered voters support abortion for elective reasons. (2/05-07/20, Triton Polling). We are proud to live in a state where the leadership respects the pro-life position of the people of the state.



Register, Vote, and  
Use Voter Guides at  
[pac.wvforlife.org/voter/](https://pac.wvforlife.org/voter/)

The list of candidates endorsed by the WVL-PAC will be found on the West Virginians for Life website at <https://pac.wvforlife.org/voter/> for the general election in October.

All you will need to do is plug in your street address and zip code to see who the pro-life candidates are in your house district.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**September 18 to October 28**

mail absentee ballots

**October 13**

voter registration deadline to vote in the November 3 General

**October 21-31**

Early Voting

**November 2**

Deadline to Hand-Deliver Absentee Ballot to the Clerk's Office

**November 3**

General Election Day

Most Americans know that abortion has gone too far. Yet, some candidates support abortion for any reason.

Be sure to vote on Tuesday, November 3, and before you vote, find out where the candidates *really* stand on abortion and human life. *Vote as if life depends on it ... because it does.*

Please vote **only** for pro-life candidates, even if your ballot says you can vote for more. A vote for a pro-abortion candidate is a vote **against** unborn babies.

With close to 62 million abortions since 1973, nearly 2,700 daily, abortion has killed more unborn children than those combined who died in the:

- Revolutionary War
- Civil War
- World Wars I & II
- Korean War
- Vietnam
- Persian Gulf War
- War on Terrorism



# Memories of the 2020 Legislative Session

*Lobbying for West Virginians for Life this year was Karen Cross, the WVFL Legislative Coordinator. The West Virginia Alliance for Ethical Health Care represented by Mary H. Tillman, J.D. and Wanda Franz, Ph.D., lobbied for an improvement to the Living Will. Karen's efforts with the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act succeeded. The other bill may come around again in 2021. The following are shots taken, mainly by Karen Cross, during legislative interims.*



*Karen Cross with Delegate Tom Bibby*



*Senator Donna Boley with Karen Cross*



*Karen Cross, Delegate Scott Cadle, and Dr. Wanda Franz*



*Senator Chandler Swope with Karen Cross*



*Delegate Kevan Bartlett*



*Taken at the Governor's March 2 bill signing are Senator Patricia Rucker, Delegates Jeff Pack and Caleb Hanna, Senator Sue Cline, and Senate President Mitch Carmichael.*



*Senator Chuck Clements*



*Delegate Vernon Criss with Karen Cross*



*Karen Cross with Delegate Joe Ellington*



*Delegate Tom Fast, Karen Cross, and Delegate Patrick McGeehan*



*Agriculture Commissioner Leonhardt with Wanda Franz, Ph.D.*



*Delegates Buck Jennings and Terri Funk Sypolt with Karen Cross and Delegate Ruth Rowan, lead sponsor of the Born-Alive bill*



*Delegate Chris Phillips*



*Dr. Wanda Franz, House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, and Karen Cross*



*Delegate Joe Jeffries, Karen Cross, and Delegate Geoff Foster*



*Delegate Daniel Linville*



*Delegate Rollan Roberts*





*Delegate John Mandt, Karen Cross, and Delegate John Hardy*



*Senator Mike Woelfel with Karen Cross*



*Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, Dr. Wanda Franz, and Mary H. Tillman, J.D.*



*Delegate Patrick Martin with Karen Cross*



*Delegate Chuck Little with Dr. Wanda Franz, and Delegate Eric Nelson*



*Delegate Trenton Barnhart*



*Senator Mike Azinger with Karen Cross*



*Mary H. Tillman, J.D. with Senator Eric Tarr looking over the Options in Living Wills Bill*



*Delegate Tony Paynter with Karen Cross*



*Delegates Rick Atkinson and Kayla Kessinger*



*Delegate Amy Summers with Karen Cross*



*Mary H. Tillman, J.D., Karen Cross, Senator Roman Prezioso, and Dr. Wanda Franz*



*Delegate Matt Rohrbach was lead sponsor in the House of the bill that Mary Tillman lobbied.*



*Senator John Unger with Karen Cross*



*Senator Dave Sypolt with Karen Cross*



*Mary Tillman, J.D. with Senator Tom Takubo*



## Pro-Life Profile

Tranae Mathis is married to Josh Mathis, her high school sweetheart, who ran for WV House of Delegates in District 19. In June they will celebrate their 14th wedding anniversary.

Tranae and Josh have 6 children: Colton (11) Kaylynn (10), McKenzie (8), twins Dakota and Kelsey (6), and Lilly (3). She graduated from Marshall University with an Associate's Degree in Radiologic Technology, then went on to specialize in Radiation Therapy through Washburn University. They attend New Vision Baptist Church in Wayne, WV, thankful for a church which speaks out against abortion and doesn't cater its message to be pleasing to the ears.

While Tranae has always been pro-life, she was not active in the movement until the Center for Medical Progress released their undercover videos of Planned Parenthood selling fetal body parts. At that point, she knew she could no longer simply believe abortion was wrong... she had to start turning her beliefs into actions. Tranae began volunteering at Birthright of Huntington. When NY passed the "Reproductive Health Act" (allowing abortions on demand up until birth), she attended the Day of Mourning event in Albany hosted by Elizabeth Johnston. At that point, she knew God was calling her to do more. She decided to begin going to the Women's Health Center of WV to reach out to abortion-minded women. This led her to start a chapter of Sidewalk Advocates for Life in WV. Through this organization, Tranae facilitates a training course to better equip others like her who feel called to be the last line of defense for women in crisis pregnancies.

Tranae recently became the chapter president of Wayne County Chapter of WVFL. She hopes to learn how to be a good leader and to encourage new membership, as well as increase overall participation from current members. She desires to focus on reaching young people and leaving a lasting impression on the sanctity of life. Planned Parenthood, the National Abortion Federation of America, and WV Free are targeting our children and she understands that we need to reach out to them and be a voice of reason.

Locally, lack of participation from churches and their members is a challenge. Tranae shares that she cannot understand why so many churches are silent when it comes to the sin of abortion. On a larger scale, she sees the lack of unity within the pro-life movement as a major barrier. While many have different ideas as to what to do next, she believes the end goal is ultimately the same.

Tranae's hope is that the movement will no longer be necessary. She prays that, one day in her lifetime, abortion will not only be against the law, but unthinkable. Until then, she hopes the church will wake up and stand in the gap.

WVFL thanks Tranae for pouring her heart and her energies into serving God's precious gift of life, and shares her belief that we need not only to protest what is wrong, but to proclaim what is right in deed and in truth!



*Wayne County Chapter Leader*  
**Tranae Mathis**

## WVFL Treasurer's Article

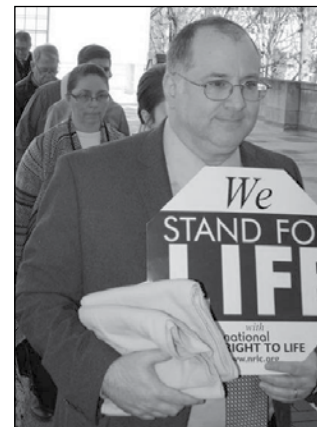
### Thank you to all West Virginians who are FOR LIFE

As pro-lifers, we each have our favored candidates. We can have vastly differing views about which pro-lifer is best for an office. Regardless, we ought to be careful not to burn bridges or destroy trust during a primary. The primary will pass and we'll all still need to work together to make sure we succeed in the soon-coming general election. How do you define "success" in an election cycle? I urge you to not answer with "seeing **my** candidates elected," but rather with "seeing **pro-life** candidates elected." We aim to get pro-lifers into every office from "county dog-catcher" to U.S. President. I'll admit that during the previous U.S. Presidential primary, my favored candidate was not selected, and I did not think much of the candidate who was selected.

However, I now have to concede that I was mistaken in my forecast of how well he would do. President Donald J. Trump has become the most effective pro-life president since the US Supreme Court mandated abortion on demand for practically any reason through all nine months of pregnancy (back in 1973). If the candidate you favor didn't get an official endorsement, please don't shoot down our state's only grassroots organization for pro-life action and success in West Virginia. Don't withdraw. Stay in the fight. My sincerest, heartfelt gratitude to all West Virginians who are FOR LIFE. Our namesake really says who we all are: We are West Virginians **For Life!** Your pro-life support and vote 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,*

I would like to welcome everyone to the early weeks of Summer. Over the past few months, the organization has been working to support the cause of Life even with a pandemic going on. Though we work hard, we welcome all the support from you.

There is always room to make a difference, even at a young age.

Thankfully, everyone can look forward to our next event, the 8th Annual Golf Fore Life Tournament. The tournament will be held July 11th from 12:00 noon - 6 p.m. at the Preston Country Club on Club House Drive in Kingwood. Registration and box Lunch are at 12:00 p.m., the Putting Contest is at 1:00, and Tee Time starts at 1:30. The barbecue (also boxed) and awards ceremony will take place at 6:00. You can find any additional information on the West Virginians for Life website.

I hope everyone who golfs can attend and endorse a cause so important. I volunteered last year and had one of the best times of the summer!

*Your WV Teens for life President,*  
**Margaret Deely**



**WV Teens for Life President**  
Margaret Deely



# 2020 Calendar of Events

July 11 (Sat.)	<b>8th Annual Golf FORE Life Tournament,</b> <i>Preston Country Club</i>
Sept. 12 (Sat.)	<b>Board Meeting, Clarksburg</b>
Oct. 10 (Sat.)	<b>Annual State Convention,</b> <i>Trinity Assembly of God, Fairmont</i>
Oct. 21 (Wed.)	<b>Early Voting Starts in General Election</b>
Nov. 3 (Tues.)	<b>General Election</b>
Nov. 7 (Sat.)	<b>Board Meeting, Clarksburg</b>
Nov. 12 (Thurs.)	<b>22nd Annual Rose Dinner,</b> <i>Holiday Inn, Pineview Drive, Morgantown</i> <i>Melissa Coles, birth mother in "I Lived on</i> <i>Parker Avenue", is keynote.</i> (Event moved from April 16 to November 12 due to public health and safety concerns.)

## NEW WEST VIRGINIANS FOR LIFE T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

You may place your orders at the state office at 304-594-9845 or send the order form with your payment to West Virginians for Life, 25 Canyon Road, Morgantown, WV 26508 or email [info@wvforlife.org](mailto:info@wvforlife.org).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of shirts & sizes:

\_\_\_\_ Small    \_\_\_\_ Medium    \_\_\_\_ Large

\_\_\_\_ XLarge    \_\_\_\_ 2XLarge    \_\_\_\_ 3XLarge

**Cost per shirt: \$15.00 includes shipping    TOTAL COST:** \_\_\_\_\_



red t-shirt with  
white lettering

YES! You can count on me to help save unborn children from abortion. Enclosed is my **Basic membership** contribution of \$35 ( ) or a **GOLD membership** contribution of \$50 ( ). One statewide pro-life t-shirt at no additional cost is an optional gift to those who pay the **GOLD membership**. Adult sizes are: S-M-L-XL-2XL-3XL. Indicate size here: \_\_\_\_\_

YES! You can count on me to help save unborn children from abortion with this donation.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to support the work of the Political Action Committee\* with a contribution of:

( ) \$10    ( ) \$25    ( ) \$50    ( ) \$100    ( ) \$500    ( ) \$1,000    ( ) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to support the educational work of WVFL with an additional tax-deductible contribution of:

( ) \$10    ( ) \$25    ( ) \$50    ( ) \$100    ( ) \$500    ( ) \$1,000    ( ) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to join the Rose Society with a monthly pledge of:

( ) \$10    ( ) \$25    ( ) \$50    ( ) \$100    ( ) \$500    ( ) \$1,000    ( ) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(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.)*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation/Employer\* \_\_\_\_\_

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 \$5,000 per person per election cycle is allowed to the WVFL State PAC or \$5,000 per person per year to the WVFL Federal 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.

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## 8th Annual GOLF FORE LIFE TOURNAMENT

**Saturday, July 11**

Registration/Box Lunch at Noon  
Putting Contest 1:00 pm • Tee Time 1:30 pm  
MT State BBQ Box Dinner/  
Informal Awards Ceremony 6:00 pm  
Preston Country Club, Kingwood, WV

*There are several ways to participate in the Golf FORE Life Tournament, including playing in the tournament, sponsoring a hole, donating tournament prizes or gifts, or doing all of the above! Please complete this form and send back to us. Please contact us with any questions.*

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you would like it to appear on signage if sponsoring a hole)

\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*City: \_\_\_\_\_ \*State: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\* = Required, if available

- ☐ **Individual Golfer** - Quantity: # \_\_\_\_\_ \$95 each (Golf registration includes lunch, BBQ & one gift bag.)
- ☐ **Team Registration** - \$380 each (Golf registration includes lunch, BBQ & one gift bag per team player.)
- ☐ **Platinum Sponsorship** - \$2,000 each (includes 1 foursome, lunch & BBQ for 4, a plaque, name on Banner & T-box)
- ☐ **Gold Sponsorship** - \$1,500 each (includes 1 foursome, lunch & BBQ for 4, name on Banner & T-box)
- ☐ **Silver Sponsorship** - \$1,000 each (includes 1 foursome, lunch & BBQ for 4 & name on Banner)
- ☐ **Hole Sponsorship** - \$200 each (includes a sign on a hole - does not include golf registration)

*Proper golf attire required - No sleeveless shirts or jeans permitted - Soft spikes mandatory*

**My foursome includes:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

If using check, please make payable to WVFL Ed Trust Fund. Mail, with this form, to WVFL, 25 Canyon Road, Morgantown, WV 26508. If by credit card, please complete the following:

☐ VISA    ☐ MASTERCARD    ☐ DISCOVER

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Donations for tournament prize items and players' gifts are also needed - contact us for more details.**

*All proceeds benefit the WVFL Educational Trust Fund,  
a 501(c)(3) organization.  
1-304-594-9845*

*Amounts are tax deductible less goods and services received.*

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**PLEASE COPY AND DISTRIBUTE**

*Registration forms are downloadable at [www.wvforlife.org/events](http://www.wvforlife.org/events)*



## Cabell



Michelle Plumley and George Wallace at the Piggly Wiggly in Milton in January



These two young boys enjoyed the SOHLS display at Michelle's church, Madison Baptist.

## Monongalia



WVFL Pres./Mon County Chapter Leader Wanda Franz (left) spoke at a Susan B. Anthony List brunch at the Capitol in January. With Franz are Susan Liebel of SBA List (IN), State Republican Party Chairwoman Melody Potter, and Caitlin Connors of SBA List (AL).



Mon County Chapter Treasurer Rhonda Fout shared fetal model info at Covenant Church in Morgantown on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday in January.

## Monroe



Monroe County Chapter took on the Memorial Cross Project. Call the State Office at 304-594-9845 if you would like to borrow the display.



## Pochontas



A reorganization meeting of literature, books, and other pro-life materials for 2020

## Upshur



Upshur County Chapter had to curtail their normal Walk-for-Life (with donated prizes and food) to just a socially distanced walk. Thanks to those who took time out to show their support on May 30.

## Chapter Leaders Roundtable on Pro-Life Rally Day - February 24



Ten chapters were represented at the annual Chapter Leaders Roundtable. They included these counties: Berkeley, Cabell, Harrison, Jefferson, Kanawha, Mason, Monongalia, Raleigh, Summers, and Wayne.



Wanda Franz was interviewed by Dave Mistich with PBS in the WVFL State office in the fall of 2019. WV Public Broadcasting was doing a pre-legislative session segment. In the end, it was never used by Legislature Today TV Show.



## Priceless Volunteers!



These volunteers drove in from Preston County to lend a helping hand with the January/February membership mailing. They are Dawn Conrad and her mother Debbie Bruner.



L to R: Austin Dawson, Carol Starvaggi, James Gomez, and Office Assistant Sadie Shields





### Cabell County:

The chapter had the best bake sale ever on January 11, at Piggly Wiggly in Milton. The people were great and it was a fantastic day for Cabell County RTL. The chapter did something probably never done by another chapter in West Virginia. They had six full displays on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday at six different churches. "And get this," Chapter Leader George Wallace said, "for 13 different services." A conservative estimate is that over 2,500 people had the opportunity to see pre-born babies in their early development. Next year, Lord willing, they will do eight different churches. Michelle Plumley headed up a display at her church, Madison Baptist. Chapter officer Cathy Weiss did multiple services at St. Joseph, while Harold Smith had a display at Lewis Memorial Church. The other displays were at Sunrise Missionary Baptist, Fellowship Baptist, and a church in Ashland, KY at which George spoke.

### 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.

### Doddridge County:

Doddridge Chapter recently replaced their worn out billboard posters at the intersection of Rte. 18 South and Rte. 50 West by West Union exit with new posters that say "West Virginians for Life" with web site info and "Vote Pro-Life".

### Harrison County:

Harrison County chapter member and West Virginians For Life state treasurer Doug Joseph helped other state pro-life organizations with digital distribution of their voter guides and assisted them with pro-life efforts including book publishing. See article on page 4.

### 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.

### Monongalia County:

The Chapter was forced to cancel two of their regular activities due to

the Coronavirus Pandemic. One was the annual Mother's Day Walk for Life, which includes a walk of 3.2 miles along main streets in Morgantown followed by a Rally with lunch and prizes awarded to the walkers. The second event that was cancelled by Main Street City of Morgantown, is the annual Kids' Day, where the chapter always has a booth and hands out fetal models to educate the children about what they looked like before they were born.

The first chapter meeting following the Lockdown will be Monday, July 6 when they will discuss the plans for running the Precious Baby Contest, which has been done online for the last two years. They will also be helping to plan the WVFL Golf Fore Life Tournament scheduled for Saturday, July 11. It will be held with rules appropriate to protect the participants from the virus using social distancing.

### Monroe County:

110 crosses are on Rte. 219 North in Monroe County due to the hard work of Dan and Jennifer Copeland. Jerry and Glenda Boggs allowed the chapter to put the display in their yard! Monroe County also had a pro-life Mother's Day ad in the *Monroe Watchman*.

### Morgan County:

The chapter is known for its effective sidewalk counseling two days a week in front of the abortuary in Hagerstown, Maryland. The count is 509 unborn babies that have been saved over the years, 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.

One of the sidewalk counselors had this to say,

*"Another couple came to the abortion mill and pro-lifers tried their best to try to help them realize the truth about abortion and to trust in God and know that the pro-lifers are there with help for them. 'L' even offered a Bible to one person, while 'P' prayed fervently. Sadly, the help and Bible were both turned down by the person.*

*Please, pray for all those affected or hurt by abortion and for the*

*conversion of those working in the abortion industry...*

*Sometimes it's very sad out there, especially, when we see so much suffering. So, I thought this as an appropriate quote for the day: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?*

*Hope on God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God. - Psalm 42:11"*

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 Annual Jim Gilbert Memorial golf tournament is on hold due to the pandemic. Projected date is late July/

early August. Call Chapter Leader Randy Meadows for more info at 304-545-3060.

### Upshur County:

The chapter held its annual Walk-for-Life on Saturday, May 30, though, because of social distancing, there was no eating or awarding of prizes. It was basically an event to show how much, as fellow human beings, they care for and about the babies.

### Wayne County:

Newly installed chapter leader Tranae Mathis invites Wayne Countians to monthly meetings. Find out details at 304-417-1925 and read about Tranae on page 8.

### Wood County:

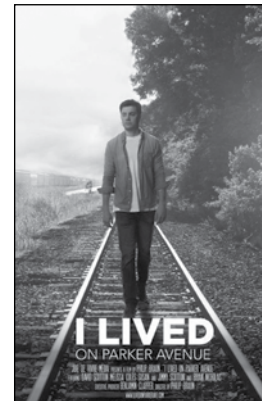
Chapter meetings are the third Thursday monthly at the Public Library on Emerson Avenue in N. Parkersburg. Email Jaime Bigley at mrsjbiggs@gmail.com or call 304-494-0333 to get involved.

### WV Teens for Life:

President Margaret Deely invites teens to contact her at deelyma@aol.com.

## 22nd Annual Rose Dinner Featuring Melissa Coles

*April 16 Annual  
Rose Dinner  
Rescheduled  
for Thursday,  
November 12  
due to public  
health and  
safety concerns!*



**Thursday, November 12, 2020**

**Holiday Inn, 1188 Pineview Drive, Morgantown**

The night of the dinner, see the 30-minute documentary *I Lived on Parker Avenue* and hear the story directly from Melissa, the birth mother of the young man she gave up but would meet 19 years later.

- **Silent Auction starts at 6:00 p.m.** All proceeds will go to the Educational Trust Fund, a charitable division of West Virginians for Life.
- **Reception followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.** Catered by Atria's.

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*Details on page 9*



*Delegate John Mandt teeing off in the 6th Annual Tournament*



*Pat Higginbotham took her turn in the Putting Contest sponsored by Hamstead, Williams and Shook. A third of the 7th Annual Golf FORE Life golfers participated in it. The prize, a \$100 Lowe's gift card, went to Seth Yoho.*