

PRO-LIFE CANDIDATES SCORE BIG IN WEST VIRGINIA

Though no one knows yet who the next US President will be, West Virginia, not surprisingly, gave all five of its electoral votes to Donald Trump on November 3. With 70% of the vote, Shelley Moore Capito won another US Senate 6-year term. All three congressional incumbents retained their seats. In the 1st Congressional District, David McKinley defeated his opponent by a margin of 69-31%. Alex Mooney won in the 2nd Congressional District by 70,521 votes and in the 3rd Congressional District, Carol Miller won a second term by 42 percentage points. This completed a pro-life sweep of the entire slate of federal candidates, all of whom were endorsed by West Virginians for Life Political Action Committee (WVL-PAC).

In the six statewide races, the WVL-PAC enjoyed a 100% success rate. Governor Jim Justice won with 65% of the vote. Patrick Morrisey won re-election to the Attorney General office ensuring that pro-life legislation will be defended, if challenged. Mac Warner, for the second time, beat pro-abortion Natalie Tennant for Secretary of State. John McCuskey will continue as State Auditor. Agriculture Commissioner Kent Leonhardt will remain in that role. The biggest surprise of the Board of Public Works races was that of Riley Moore. The first Republican to win the seat of State Treasurer in 92 years, Moore defeated long-time incumbent John Perdue by a margin of 56-44%.

Of the 16 Senate races in which endorsements were made, 14 were winners. Twenty-five of 34 senators support pro-life policies. The net gain of pro-life senators is +2.

WVL-PAC can report an 82% winning percentage in the House of Delegates. Of the 17 WVL-PAC losses, at least two winners are also pro-life. Seventy-eight of the 100 members of the State House will be



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Donald Trump



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U.S. Representative
Alex Mooney



3rd District
U.S. Representative
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pro-life as the next legislative session begins in February 2021. The House will enjoy a net gain of +6 pro-life seats.

Wanda Franz, Ph.D., PAC president, had this to say: "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 legislation in next year's West Virginia legislative session."

March for Life to Go On, but Bus/Meeting Cancelled

Together Strong: Life Unites! is the theme of the 2021 March for Life. It will take place a week later than usual due to the presidential inauguration. The date is Friday, January 29.

Due to the pandemic, the Monongalia County Chapter of West Virginians for Life will NOT be sending a bus. However, participants are encouraged to carpool.

Neither will there be a Congressional meeting scheduled.

It is hoped that a return to both the chartered bus and the meeting will materialize in 2022.



Dana Leech of Morgantown (foreground left) held a slogan she created for her 2019 March for Life sign.

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From the President



Actions Speak Louder than Words

Dear friends,

As I write this, election day is passed, but the election is not yet over in the race for President of the United States. Ballots are still being tallied and recounts are still under way. The possibility of President Trump being re-elected is slim, but West Virginians have shown their support by voting 70% to 30% for the President. He carried every county in West Virginia.

In addition, West Virginians voted overwhelmingly for state pro-life candidates. All the pro-life Congressional candidates won re-election and we have pro-life leadership in all six statewide races, including the Governor. Pro-life support increased to super-majorities in both the House of Delegates and the Senate. West Virginia has become the most pro-life state in the country.

The AP VoteCast poll taken on election day of 2020, shows that West Virginia has the highest percentage of people replying pro-life to the questions: *Do you think abortion should be legal in all or most cases? Do you think abortion should be illegal in all or most cases?* West Virginians answered pro-life, that is "illegal," by 64% to 35%. This was the highest pro-life response of any state in the union. Nationally, those with pro-life positions voted 78% to 27% for Trump, but the number of

these pro-lifers wasn't quite enough to overcome the enormous well-funded opposition, who also had the media to help undermine President Trump's support.

National Right Life Committee's post-election national poll showed that 23% of voters cited abortion as the most important issue and voted pro-life. An additional 18% of voters cited abortion as the most important issue and voted for candidates favoring abortion. Pro-life candidates had a 5% benefit in this election. These data help to explain the failure of the "blue wave" to materialize. In fact, the down-ballot results show an increase in pro-life winners across the country in Congressional and state seats.

I am so proud to live in a state where the citizens show so much respect for the dignity of every human person and can be counted on to support life from conception to natural death. This position is at the heart of all the love you show for your fellow human beings. Thank you for your help in spreading this culture of life in West Virginia.

Wanda Franz, Ph.D.

Wanda Franz, Ph.D., President

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For Women Who will Change Their Minds, Abortion Pill Reversal is a Godsend



By Wanda Franz, Ph.D.
WVFL President

West Virginians for Life will be working to amend the Women's Right to Know Law with the **Abortion Pill Reversal Act** in the upcoming legislative session. The abortion pill referred to in this legislation is RU-486, which was developed in France by Roussel-Uclaf back in early 1980's.

The pill was not available in the United States until 1994, when the Clinton administration colluded with pro-abortion forces to set up Danco Laboratories, a sub-licensee of the eugenics-founded Population Council to distribute the drug in America.

The pill's chemical name is Mifepristone. It works to kill the unborn baby in the womb by inhibiting Progesterone, the chemical in the mother's pregnant body to cause the lining of the uterus to thicken to nourish the life of the tiny baby. The abortion pill removes this source of nourishment thus causing the baby to die.

The pill is not 100% successful. There is a 15% "failure" rate. That is, the baby survives 15% of the time. In addition, in around 40% of cases, tissue is retained in the uterus and

a follow-up surgical procedure must be done to complete the abortion. To avoid these problems, a second pill called Misoprostol is given, which causes the uterus to contract and remove the contents, that is, the dead baby. Misoprostol is to be taken at home 24 to 48 hours after ingesting the abortion pill in the office. The mother experiences a painful, bloody



Becky Hagan spoke in defense of abortion pill reversal at the State Convention, having successfully used the procedure herself. Her boy is now 7 years old.

delivery at home without the help of medical personnel. She may be traumatized, especially if she sees her dead baby.

Sales for the abortion pill were very slow in the beginning, but they have

picked up recently. In West Virginia, 18.6% of abortions were done using the pill in 2016. By 2019, pill use had jumped to 41.3% of abortions, which is now similar to that found nationwide.

Often, after taking the pill in the office and returning home, the woman has second thoughts about the abortion. Our bill introduces the possibility of reversing the effects of the abortion pill. It is possible to take additional Progesterone, which restores the body's ability to maintain the lining of the uterus in order to sustain the baby. Our bill requires that the abortionist provide the woman with the information on the abortion pill reversal along with the website where she can get information on how to find a doctor to help her. The success rate for this method is between 55% and 70%. There are no long-term negative effects on the baby from being exposed to the abortion pill.

Dr. George Delgado developed the abortion reversal procedure and thousands 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. We intend to join them in protecting women and the lives of their unborn babies.

The **Abortion Pill Reversal Act** 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.

You can help by contacting your legislators to tell them you support passage of the **Abortion Pill Reversal Act**. In addition, you can encourage others to call and to watch the movie *Unplanned*. WVFL regrets that the March 15 Pro-Life Rally Day is cancelled.

Rose Dinner Photos



Hogan/Auber sponsored table - Left to right are Drs. Arpy and Thomas Hogan, Dr. Miklos Auber with wife Dianne Auber and daughter Stephanie



Covenant Church sponsored table - Seated are Pastor David Friend, Sherrie and Bear Collins. Standing are Alicia Martin, Rachel Friend, and Rhonda Fout.



W. Peter and Louise Fragle Deal table - Seated are Patrica Johnson, Jen Beasley, and Jill Ware. Standing are Kelly Byrnes, Kara Milinovich, and Louise Deal.



Standing are Kelly and Pastor Mike Allen. Seated are Oscar and Christine Lopez.



By Mary H. Tillman, J.D.
WVAFEHC Legislative Coordinator

Our second effort at the Legislature will be, again, to try to amend the WV Code where it gives model language for Living Wills, Medical Powers of Attorney, and Combined Forms (both a Living Will and a Medical Power of Attorney).

We have attempted this for the past two years but met up with resistance within some hospital communities.

Organizations that represent the interests of disabled persons are especially anxious to see this happen. Some cognitively disabled persons, in the so-called "vegetative state," are being denied artificially-provided food and fluids, which leads to death by dehydration.

The legal forms in the Code would be clarified so that people can designate whether or not they wish to receive food and fluids in those conditions, and that if opting NOT to receive them, they are informed that it may hasten or cause their death. Also, since there is frequent misdiagnosis of the "persistent vegetative state," we have increased the number of physicians that must certify the condition from only one to two.

Newest Petition Supports the Abortion Pill Reversal Act - Return to WVFL by March 8, 2021

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

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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Congratulations to Justice Amy Coney Barrett



WASHINGTON (October 26, 2020) -- The president of the nation's oldest and largest pro-life organization this evening commended President Trump and Senate Republicans for overcoming intense political attacks to successfully seat Amy Coney Barrett as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. The Senate voted 52-48 to confirm Barrett, with all 47 Senate Democrats voting in opposition (joined by only a single Republican, Sen. Susan Collins of Maine).

Carol Tobias, president of National Right Life, commented: "On behalf of Americans who treasure the rights protected by the Constitution, including the right to life, we commend President Trump and Senate Republicans for their landmark achievement of placing three advocates of judicial restraint on the Supreme Court. They accomplished this in the face of increasingly rabid political threats from Democrat-aligned interest groups and their media allies, and escalating threats of attacks on the independence of the Supreme Court by many Senate Democrats. I speak for millions of Americans who believe that the President, Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsey Graham, and the Republican Party collectively deserve our deepest gratitude and our energetic support."

Some have objected to Senate action on the Barrett nomination on grounds that "millions of Americans have already voted" in advance of the

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November 3 general election. NRL Senior Policy Advisor Douglas Johnson commented: “Those who refer to this nomination and confirmation as ‘illegitimate’ speak constitutional nonsense and dangerous nonsense. Under the Constitution, two things are required to seat a Supreme Court justice -- the President’s nomination, and the Senate’s consent; in 2016 the Senate exercised its constitutional prerogative to withhold consent. The 100 senators who voted today were elected by about 125 million Americans, and they were elected to represent their constituents at least until January 3, 2021--most for years longer. All 100 discharged that constitutional function today. The constituents of senators in cycle will very soon have the opportunity to express their approval or disapproval of their senators’ votes on Amy Coney Barrett. All of this is a fully legitimate exercise of the constitutional order.”

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State Convention on October 10



The keynote speaker, Rebekah Hagan, held everyone spellbound with her personal story of abortion pill reversal. Her second son was almost a statistic, but for finding the abortion pill rescue network after she had taken the first of the two-pill series.



WVFL President Wanda Franz, Ph.D., gave a history lesson on the abortion pill RU-486 and concluded with the agenda for the 2021 legislative session in Charleston.



Karen Cross took a selfie with Kay and Sherry Lowther, who always record the audio on cds for those wanting to purchase them.



National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross gave her talk for the Teen Day Camp entitled *From Tears to Triumph: My Journey in the pro-life movement*.



Trevor Morris (candidate in House 35), WVFL President Wanda Franz, SOS Mac Warner, National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross, Rebecca Polis (candidate in Senate 13), Guy Ward (candidate in House 50), and Laura Kimble (candidate in House 48)



Mary McKinley, Dr. Wanda Franz, and 1st District Congressman David McKinley



Our only vendor, due to Covid, was Deeper Still of Mountaineer Country. Their table was manned by Tracy Ketchem and Susan McCollum. The group ministers to those with an abortion-wounded heart. <https://www.facebook.com/deeperstillwv>



Winning pro-life poster honors in the Teen Day Camp went to Cecilia Shields and McKenzie Underwood.



Skip Gjolberg, with the State Knights of Columbus, was delighted to be at his first WVFL State Convention. Here he is seen with WVFL Vice President Mary Tillman, J.D.



Pastor Dan Stevens, of Bible Baptist Church in Parkersburg, gave the invocation.



Dr. Wanda Franz received the Angel of the Year award just as she was about to bestow the award upon another. Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan was happy to surprise her.



Pastor Doug Joseph is the State Treasurer and computer whiz extraordinaire. He gave the offering plea before praying.



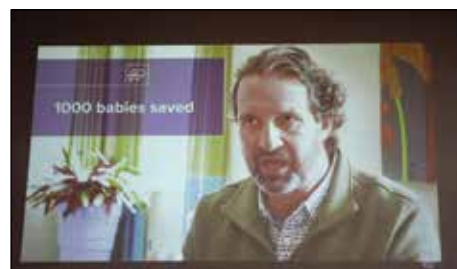
National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross explained what we can expect with a Biden-Harris administration.



WVFL Office Assistant Sadie Shields led the Teen Day Camp. Riley Keaton, candidate for House 11, spoke to the teens and enjoyed helping with the day camp.



WVFL President Wanda Franz with Fr. Brian Crenwelge of St. John University Parish in Morgantown and Dana Leech, secretary of the Mon County Chapter of WVFL. Crenwelge gave the luncheon blessing.



OB-GYN William Lile explained how abortion pill reversal works in a short video.



WVU Office Assistant Sadie Shields did a good job of both leading the Teen Day Camp and presenting to the teens.



1st District Congressman David McKinley did a wonderful job of pointing out how important this pivotal election is.



During the offering, Aubree Street (age 11) played "Humoresque" by Dvorak and "This is Amazing Grace" by Phil Wickham.



Secretary of State Mac Warner with Kanawha County Chapter Leader Missy Ciccarello



Mary Anne Buchanan, Linda Day, and Karen Cross have been friends for many years. Day outdid herself with the convention decorations.



Ben Shields enjoyed pulling winning tickets for the random prize drawings.

22nd Annual Rose Dinner on November 12



Bishop Mark E. Brennan of the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese gave the invocation.



A beautiful Lifetime Achievement Award was given to WVFL President Dr. Wanda Franz, unbeknownst to her; and a video tribute created by Pastor Doug Joseph was aired. He and wife LaDonna presented the award.



The crowd gave a standing ovation as Wanda Franz received the Lifetime Achievement Award.



Dr. Franz, in the seat of honor, as the 9-minute tribute played



Keynote speaker Melissa Coles spoke of her personal experience with getting off the abortion table, going through with the pregnancy, and meeting the son she had given up for adoption 19 years earlier.



I Lived on Parker Avenue is the award-winning documentary that chronicles the first-time meeting of Melissa Coles with the son she is meeting years later for the first time.



Franz sponsored Table featured WVFL Vice President Mary Tillman, Bishop Mark Brennan, Laura and emcee Kyle Wiggs, and WVFL President Wanda Franz, Ph.D.



The WVFL staffers included Financial Manager Sherri Stevens, Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan, and Office Assistants Alli Richard and Sadie Shields.



Harpist Susie Godfrey added to the event. She played so beautifully during the social hour.



Standing are Adam Etris and wife Nicki, Keynote speaker Melissa and Shawn Coles, and seated are Pastor Doug and LaDonna Joseph.



The Greer Industries table (Reception/Dinner Sponsors) was composed of Agriculture Commissioner Kent Leonhardt and wife Shirley. Standing are Gary Smith, Debbie Christopher, Rhett and Cristin Dusenbury.



The Rick and Linda Day Table seated Rod and Delegate Amy Summers (HD 49). Standing are Rachel Turak with husband Jason and Linda Day.



Emcee Kyle Wiggs did a good job of wiping down the microphone in between speakers/singers.



Buffet line



Nicki and Adam Etris sang "Waymaker" during the offering.



Pastor Mike Allen of Horizons Church in Salem gave the benediction at the conclusion of the event.

Pro-Life Profile

Cathy Weiss is retired with one daughter, Amanda, and two grandchildren, Ryan (7) and Rachel (5). She and her family all live in Huntington, WV.

Cathy attended college for a period of time at Marshall University, and retired from Calgon Carbon after working there for 33 years.

Cathy attends the Catholic parish in Huntington, where she is very involved teaching Sunday School (K-1) and helping with the adult Bible study. She belongs to the parish women's guild, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, the Blue Army, and the parish knitting group. She is also involved with the Pea Ridge Woman's Club, local Republican women's group, and the Cabell County Chapter of West Virginians for Life.

Cathy first became involved with the pro-life movement in 2001, around the age of 55. While she never agreed with abortion, she initially felt it had nothing to do with her and never would have dreamed it was so prevalent. She began watching EWTN a great deal, where they spoke strongly against abortion. At first, she tried to ignore the topic, but soon felt she had to listen and was convinced that she must get involved.

Cathy joined the Cabell County Chapter of WVFL in 2001. She's been the Chapter Vice President for 18 years. As a member, she helps to staff the tables at the Cabell County Fair, Pumpkin Festival, and Barboursville Fall Festival, as well as work various bake sales throughout the year. She has also been the coordinator for the National Life Chain in Huntington for the past 18 years.

Cathy shares that she has remained involved over the years because, once a person knows the truth about abortion and euthanasia, he or she has a responsibility to stay involved. Cathy adds that Chapter Leader George Wallace and wife Yoko have been a great example to her of such dedication.

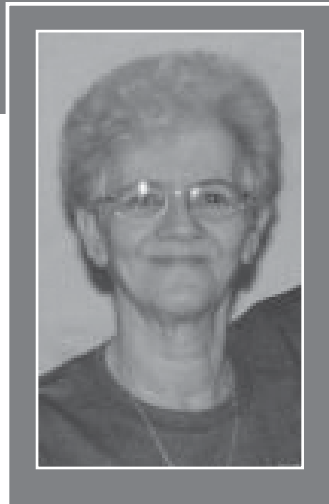
Cathy feels that the biggest challenge she faces in the right to live movement is getting local pastors involved in the pro-life cause. For the past 18 years, she has hand delivered a letter with attachments telling pastors she would like to meet with them. Sadly, she shares that it has been unbelievable how few pastors seem to care. In general, the few who have met with her say they are personally pro-life but will not bring it up to their congregations.

Furthermore, in 2019, she delivered information to local black churches stressing how the abortion industry, especially Planned Parenthood, targets minorities. Even though she did get to speak to four pastors, none showed any interest in teaching their people about the gravity and far-reaching effects of this problem.

Her own pastor has permitted her to have a table in the parish hall showing the development of the baby in the womb, as well as displaying the small pink and blue flags in the rectory yard in commemoration of the victims of abortion. Thankfully, her pastor does preach and pray for respect for life from conception to natural death.

Cathy's hope is that we can overcome the lies which have been taught in recent years about the so-called "right" to abortion. With so little regard for human life, it only follows that euthanasia will increase in the US, as it has in Europe.

She also understands that lack of chastity is at the root of the problem of abortion. Cathy feels that if our pastors and parents would teach the truth about the evil of abortion, while emphasizing the mercy of God, they could undo much of the confusion and harm in our current culture... harm which can lead to lack of self-esteem, abuse, and serious health problems, such as drug abuse, alcoholism, and suicide.



Cabell County Vice President
Cathy Weiss

WVFL Treasurer's Article

Dr. Wanda Franz receives Pro-Life Angel Lifetime Achievement Award at Dinner

On November 12, 2020, West Virginians for Life presented to Dr. Wanda Franz the first ever Pro-Life Angel Lifetime Achievement Award during a tribute to her at the 22nd annual Rose Dinner. A video shown during the event included heartfelt thanks & congratulations from Carol Tobias, National Right To Life (NRL) President; Karen

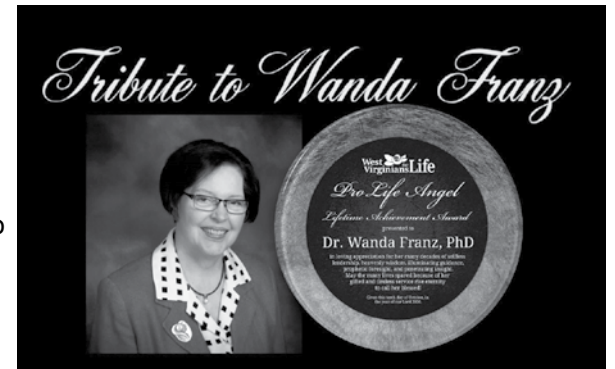
Cross, NRL Political Director & WVFL Political Liaison; Mary Anne Buchanan, WVFL Program & Communications Director; State Delegate Dr. Matt Rohrbach; State Senator Patricia Rucker; U.S. Congressman David McKinley; U.S. Congressman Alex Mooney; U.S. Congresswoman Carol Miller; and U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito. View the video here: www.wvforlife.org/tribute

Wanda Franz, PhD is a developmental psychologist and professor emerita of child development in the Division of Family and Consumer Sciences at WV University in Morgantown. She joined the WVU Right to Life Club in 1971, as a graduate student. Dr. Franz served as President of West Virginians for Life from 1975 to 1990 (and later began serving again) and as President of National Right to Life from 1991 to 2011. She has spoken on abortion and euthanasia across the U.S. and around the world. She has been profiled and interviewed on numerous radio and television outlets and, for 20 years, was the host of Pro-Life Perspective, NRLC's daily 5-minute radio program. She and her husband were married for 53 years and had three children and 12 grandchildren.

Join me in donating in honor of Dr. Franz and her late husband, Dr. Gunter N. Franz, both genuine pro-life heroes, at pac.wvforlife.org/donate
Join WVFL at: wvforlife.org/membership

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

*With determination,
Pastor Doug Joseph
WVFL Treasurer*



West Virginia

Teens For Life

Dear Teens for Life,

It's hard to believe that Christmas has come this quickly. Even a pandemic cannot keep it from happening.

I heard great things about the State Convention Teen Day Camp even though I was unable to attend. There was a poster contest plus great speakers including the keynote speaker Rebekah Hagan, Karen Cross from National Right to Life, House of Delegates candidate Riley Keaton, and the Day Camp Leader Sadie Shields.

The 48th Annual March for Life will take place January 29th in Washington, D.C. I hope you can get there by car, since West Virginians for Life did not charter a bus or set up a meeting with federal legislators due to Covid.

As always, be sure to get involved in your local community or parish. We all can have an effect on saving lives. Enjoy the holidays!

*Your WV Teens for life President,
Margaret Deely*



**WV Teens for Life
President**
Margaret Deely

2021 Calendar of Events

January 17 (Sun.) **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**
 January 29 (Fri.) **Annual March for Life, Washington, D.C** (no chartered bus and no congressional meeting this year due to Covid). Participants are encouraged to carpool, however.
 February 10 (Wed.) **Legislative Session begins**
 March 13, (Sat.) **Board meeting, Clarksburg**
~~March 15 (Mon.) **Pro-Life Rally Day, Charleston Capitol Building**~~ **CANCELLED**
 April 10 (Sat.) **Legislative Session ends**
 June 12 (Sat.) **Board meeting, Clarksburg**
 July 10 (Sat.) **9th Annual Golf FORE Life Tournament, Preston Country Club, Kingwood**

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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.

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(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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*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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More Rose Dinner Photos



Left to right are Justin White, Beverly Riffon, Monica Jakielo, Margie Pence, Delegate-Elect Joe Statler, and Steve Riffon.



Left to right are Delegate Caleb Hanna, Madison Simms, Cathy Leahy, Delegate-Elect Riley Keaton, Kathy Deely, and Rose Dinner sponsor Fr. Jeremiah McSweeney.



Seated are Jim and Susie Godfrey. Standing are WVFL Financial Manager Sherri Stevens, Kim Drvar, Delegate Terri Funk Sypolt and Senator David Sypolt.



Left to right are Roberta Eubank, Ed Baker and wife Kim Moss, and Amanda Posey.

Berkely and Jefferson



Berkeley and Jefferson County Chapter members helped with the Students for Life of America Justice4Life Rally in Martinsburg in October. This was one of four rallies in support of Amy Barrett.

Cabell and Nicholas



Standing at the Rose Dinner are Cabell County Chapter Leader/Board member George Wallace, Nicholas County Chapter Leader/Board member Randy Meadows, and Joanna Devabakhthuni. Seated are Lewis County Chapter Leader Judith Barrett, Merry Powell, and Kathleen Johnson.

Doddridge



Seated around the table (L to R) are Bill and Millie Heffern, Doddridge County Chapter Leader Chuck Northrop, Marge Northrop, Johnny Woods, and Cleve Forge.

Harrison



Harrison County's Pastor Doug Joseph (above) spoke at a couple of the four rallies conducted by Students for Life of America and WVFL in support of Amy Coney Barrett. Behind him is the SFLA truck that traveled the state. Senator Manchin voted against confirmation, in spite of the rally.

Lewis



Above was a pro-life demonstration of solidarity by the chapter on October 31.



Right: A smiling Lewis County Chapter Leader Judith Barrett and Linda Day looked over the educational materials while Mon County Chapter Secretary Dana Leech ably manned the table.

Monongalia



WVFL President/Mon County Chapter Leader Wanda Franz attended the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation annual Celebrate Life Banquet. On the right is Denise Wilcox.



Dr. Wanda Franz spoke at the #Justice4Life Rally in Fairmont.

WVU Mountaineers for Life



It's always a pleasure to see WVU students at the State Convention. They willingly collected the offering when called upon.



Above: Patricia Johnson and Louise Deal (behind her) participated in the Life Chain organized by the WVU group in October.



Left: At the 22nd Annual Rose Dinner, standing at the Dr. Mike Hogan Table are WVU students David Hadinger, James Kirby, Carl Starvigga, Reece Lopatka, Seated are Abby Crist and Sadie Shields.

Upshur

Representing the Upshur County Chapter at the State Convention on October 10 were Amanda Posey and daughter Aislinn (seated) with Upshur County Chapter Leader Maureen Hull (standing).





Berkeley County

Members of the chapter along with some from the Jefferson County Chapter joined forces with Students for Life of America in October for a #Justice4Life Rally in support of the Amy Coney Barrett nomination.

Cabell County

Chapter Leader George Wallace was able to attend the 22nd Annual Rose Dinner. One of the key members of the chapter is Cathy Weiss. Read about her in *Pro-Life Profile* on page 8.

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 County Chapter has been inviting folks from Ritchie County to join them for meetings. Contact number to do such is 304-782-1808. Several from Doddridge County attended the November 12 Rose Dinner.

Greenbrier County

Chapter Leader Paula McLaughlin was happy to have attended the State Convention.

Harrison County

Harrison County chapter member and West Virginians For Life state treasurer Doug Joseph did an excellent job of managing the November 12 Rose Dinner. The special tribute to Wanda Franz that he created, received many kudos. Visit the West Virginians for Life YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/OQCXFD0XSJ0> to see it.

Jefferson County

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Lewis County

On October 31, the chapter had a demonstration with 27 people holding up pro-life signs. Among them were Chapter Leader Judith Barrett with Bud Barrett, and Jim and Susie Godfrey. A couple of WVFL chapters joined them, too. Mary Tillman, Shirley Bowie, and more represented the Harrison County Chapter. The Doddridge County Chapter also joined in. Senate candidate Patrick Martin and House of Delegates candidate Adam Burkhammer were among the participants. They both won seats in Charleston. Judith also attended the Rose Dinner in November.

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

Chapter members participated in the Life Chain on October 5 sponsored by the WVU Mountaineers for Life. They collected ads for the WVFL Convention Book and bought a door prize for the WVFL Convention held on October 10.

Members of the chapter traveled to Fairmont on October 19 to join the Rally held by Students for Life in front of Senator Joe Manchin's office. The Senator was called upon to vote in support of Amy Coney Barrett's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court. Speakers from the chapter included Sadie Shields, representing WVU Mountaineers for Life and Wanda Franz, President of the Mon County Chapter.

Chapter members are making plans for the regular signature ad in the *Dominion Post* newspaper on January 22, 2021 to commemorate the legalization of abortion in America by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Roe vs. Wade* and *Doe vs. Bolton*.

Due to the Covid-19 limitations on gatherings, the Chapter will not be sponsoring the annual bus trip to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life, scheduled for January 29,

2021. Those who wish to go, are encouraged to arrange for carpools.

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 536 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.

Chapter President Betsy Wolfe finds herself in the middle of a move to another state. Therefore, the chapter needs a president. Pray this happens quickly. Email Betsy at family.concecration@gmail.com if you feel the nudge to take her place.

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

Chapter Leader Randy Meadows attended the Rose Dinner in November.

Pocahontas County

The Pocahontas Chapter is holding a baby shower for the Greenbrier Birthing Center located in Southern Pocahontas County. These women have chosen to give life to their

babies so the chapter wants to support them in that decision. Their baby bottle campaign was delayed in the spring; they felt the birth of our Savior would be a good alternative time to collect change and fill those bottles! The chapter continues to run a business card size ad in the local weekly newspaper with the reminder that all life is precious. The ad also includes the number of the Central WV Pregnancy Center for those who need counsel.

Upshur County

Chapter members attended the State Convention and the Rose Dinner.

Wayne County

Chapter leader Tranae Mathis invites Wayne Countians to monthly meetings. Find out details at 304-417-1925.

Wood County

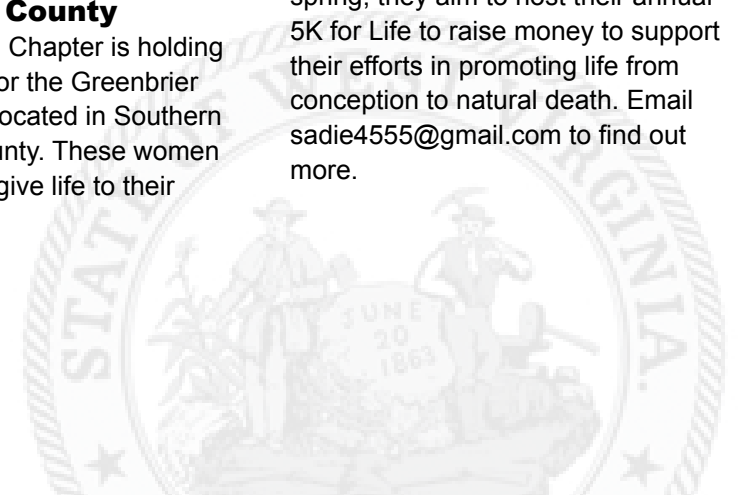
Email Jaime Bigley at mrsjbiggs@gmail.com or call 304-494-0333 to get involved and to find out meeting details.

WV Teens for Life

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

WVU Mountaineers for Life

The group is the West Virginia University student-led organization which serves as an active voice for the unborn by hosting tabling events on campus, attending rallies, sidewalk counseling outside of abortion clinics, and chalking on campus. In the spring, they aim to host their annual 5K for Life to raise money to support their efforts in promoting life from conception to natural death. Email sadie4555@gmail.com to find out more.





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Please join us on Monday, **March 15, 2021** outside the State Capitol building on the steps (facing the bell) at the State Capitol building in Charleston, West Virginia for **PRO-LIFE RALLY DAY**. Rally will be in the lower rotunda beginning at 9 a.m. Rally may be indoors depending on dome temperature.

CANCELLED

Come join us for the **Abortion Pill Reversal Act**
Options in Living Wills Act

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

For additional information: 304-594-9845 or wvforlife.org

The day will be filled with fellowship, music, exciting speakers, and a special prayer walk through the Capitol on behalf of the unborn **just prior to** the noon Rally.



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Tribute to Wanda Franz



Read Treasurer's article on page 8 for the full story.