

God's BATTLEFIELD

It's NOW or NEVER!

By Carter Heller

URGENT HELP NEEDED by December 31 to purchase the property across the street from the ONLY abortion business in West Virginia, Women's Health Center.

A spiritual battle is raging at 600 Washington Street, Charleston. This property is across from the lone abortion clinic in the state of West Virginia. On September 18, 2021, the Kanawha-Putnam County Chapter of West Virginians for Life (WVFL) took a giant leap of faith and entered into a three-month lease agreement that includes the first option to purchase the property by the end of the lease agreement, December 31, 2021.

If the goal of \$199,000 is not reached by December 31st, the Women's Health Center plans to purchase the land to further keep WVFL from proclaiming the truth. Chapter Leader Missy Ciccarello said, "We know this is bigger than we are, but it's not bigger than the God we serve!" God has called pro-lifers to SPEAK LIFE to the abortion business' patients, employees, and volunteers and to show His love to Charleston's West Side community. The goal is to make sure there are always life affirming resources for women in need; and to ensure they know ALL their choices. WVFL wants to honor and remember the thousands of little boys and girls that have been killed on the corner of Washington Street West and Greendale Drive.

From the first day of the three-month lease period, the Gospel of Life was being proclaimed at the 40 day prayer vigil, which ended on October 31. It is believed (but not confirmed) that two ladies changed their minds thereby saving their babies! Just think about the lives that could be saved with a constant pro-life witness on God's Battlefield.

Abortion clinic personnel, who have never expressed interest in the property, are now wanting to buy it. After December 31, if WVFL does not raise the money, donations will be returned to pro-life donors and the property will be theirs for the taking.

Please pray about partnering with West Virginians for Life in the effort to purchase the property and help God's Army on the frontline in the fight for life. To make donations, go to <https://www.wvforlife.org/donate/> or mail a check to 25 Canyon Road, Morgantown, WV 26508 and put "God's Battlefield" in the memo line.



BUILD BACK BETTER IS BAD, BAD, BAD + 1 MORE BAD BILL

At press time, The Build Back Better Bill (H.R. 5376) and The Women's Health Protection Act (H.R. 3755) were on the docket. If passed, they would reverse the life saving work of the pro-life movement.

The Build Back Better Bill:

- Would mandate abortion funding in Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) plans in states that did not expand Medicaid (starting in 2024).
- Creates a Medicaid look-a-like program which does not run through regular appropriations and would fund abortion (In the states that did not expand Medicaid.)
- Would fund abortions using reinsurance payments and cost-sharing funding to states.

- Would make the Obamacare expansion from the Covid-19 American Rescue Plan Act permanent. This would further subsidize Obamacare exchange plans that cover abortion and subsidize millions of individuals' taxpayer-funded plans that cover abortion on demand.
- Directs billions of dollars to various public health grants without Hyde Amendment protections.

The Women's Health Protection Act would nullify the following laws:

- Requirements to provide women seeking abortion with specific information on their unborn child and on alternatives to abortion.
- Laws providing reflection periods

(waiting periods.)

- Laws allowing medical professionals to opt-out of providing abortions.
- Laws limiting the performance of abortions to licensed physicians.
- Bans on elective abortion after 20 weeks when an unborn child is capable of feeling pain.
- Laws that require parental involvement in the case of a minor's abortion.
- Bans on the use of abortion as a method of sex selection and on abortion done upon a diagnosis of Down syndrome.

Go to [WVSpeaks.com](https://www.wvspeaks.com) to learn more about these bills and to contact your representatives. Contact information is on page 2.


WVSPEAKS.com
Thanks Senator Manchin

Senator Manchin needs to hear from you regarding his promise to keep the filibuster in the Senate in order to pass legislation with 60% of the Senators' votes, instead of 51%, to make it easier to pass their pro-abortion agenda.

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From the President



No excuse for these Eugenically- Driven Policies

Dear Friends,

West Virginians for Life will be supporting the *Unborn Child with Down Syndrome Protection Act* in the upcoming legislative session. Here in West Virginia, families who receive a diagnosis of Down syndrome or some other disability during pregnancy are under tremendous pressure to abort their babies. These are not medical decisions, and the goal is not better health for mother and baby. These are eugenic-driven attitudes that refuse to accept the child who has a disability.

The members of the medical profession who engage in this pressure fail to see the God-given dignity in each human being. Each of these children is a gift from God that deserves to be treated with respect, not brutally killed in abortion. If the baby is going to die, there is no need to engage in an invasive procedure to kill the baby first. Fetal hospice is a loving, life-affirming option that provides support for the entire family. As sad as such a situation is, the family members must grieve the loss of their child in a way that avoids the life-long guilt that comes with killing their own baby.

Furthermore, it is shocking that the medical profession casually suggests abortion to women in the absence of any medical necessity. They fail to investigate the thousands of international studies that demonstrate that abortion puts women at risk for physical and psychological damage. It is well established that abortion increases the risk for breast cancer, infertility, and premature birth in subsequent pregnancies. Population-based studies from countries

with government-run healthcare systems show that abortion puts women at higher risk of death than carrying the baby to term.

Mental health problems are common in women following abortion. In a major meta-analysis of 22 international studies with hundreds of thousands of cases, it was found that women who aborted experienced an 81% increased risk for mental health problems compared with women who carried their pregnancies to term.

Research has found that women who choose abortion due to detection of a disability are at even greater risk for severe, long-lasting negative mental health outcomes. As an example, one study found the rates of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) following these abortions were 67% at 6 weeks, 50% at 6 months, and 41% at 12 months. No one in good conscience should be recommending a procedure that has been shown to have such negative effects on the patient, especially when the patient is healthy.

There is no excuse for these eugenically-driven policies here in West Virginia. We must prevent those with disabilities from being killed before they can even be born. Our goal must be to provide education and support to these families. The *Unborn Child with Down Syndrome Protection Act* will make this possible.

Wanda Franz, Ph.D.

Wanda Franz, Ph.D., President

The Benefits of Perinatal Hospice

by Wanda Franz

The saddest thing is for parents to be told that their unborn baby has a fatal disability. It has become common in these cases for the medical profession to recommend abortion to their patients. It is undoubtedly the case that these recommendations are made with the best interests of the patients in mind.

It is clear that parents in this situation are deeply distressed. Doctors want to be able to alleviate the pain, but they misunderstand the outcome of their recommendations. There was a study of 40 women with the diagnosis of a disability, who gave birth to their babies. Of these, 35% suffered with the full diagnostic criteria for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) at the time they received the diagnosis. However, after birth of the baby there was a marked decrease in the symptoms. For many parents, the most stress is caused by the fear of the future

unknown and lack of information on how to manage potential problems.

Parents are not helped by having an abortion. What they need is loving support and medical care; that is, they need Perinatal Hospice. It is the approach that empowers the family, as with any other end of life situation. Perinatal Hospice offers support from a team of specialists. It emphasizes the family, especially siblings, and it provides guidance and planning for ways to document the babies' short life.

On the other hand, abortion means cutting life off for no good reason, denying the family the opportunity to grieve their loss, denying friends and family the chance to offer love and care, losing the memories of the baby that provide for future healing, losing the peace of mind that comes with caring for the child until natural death, and exposing the baby to the possibility of

experiencing the pain of late-term abortion after 20 weeks gestation when medical science shows that the unborn baby feels pain.

In addition, abortions performed late in pregnancy put the mother at high risk of physical and emotional damage. Abortion-related mortality for the mother is as high as 76.6 per 100,000 women after 21 weeks. Studies show that, following abortion of babies with disabilities, as high as 62.5% of women surveyed had PTSD symptoms and 65% had depression symptoms, which could last up to 7 years.

Women suffer, in part, because they experience guilt for having taken responsibility for prematurely ending their babies' lives. Families who cared for their disabled babies until natural death reported the experience was positive and lead to personal growth.

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Unborn Child with Down Syndrome Protection Act

By Wanda Franz and Karen Cross

This fall, West Virginians for Life has been actively lobbying in preparation for the next WV Legislative Session. We have been meeting with the leadership during the interim sessions to prepare for our legislative agenda.

The Board of West Virginians for Life (WVFL) indicated the importance of passing the *Unborn Child with Down Syndrome Protection Act* instead of attempting to pass something similar to the bill passed in Texas that outlaws abortion after the fetal heartbeat is detected at 6 weeks. The Texas bill went into effect while it is being adjudicated.

The Texas bill has not been adjudicated and we don't know what the outcome will be. In addition, the Supreme Court is considering the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. We won't know the outcome of this case until next summer, and we have no idea what that outcome will be. In the meantime, we have a bill that directly affects the people here in West Virginia.

The Unborn Child with Down Syndrome Protection Act is very important. Here in West Virginia, families whose children are diagnosed with Down syndrome or other disabilities face enormous pressure to abort. Most of these families succumb to the pressure to abort their disabled children. It is estimated that as many as 90% of these babies are aborted.

We need to protect these families by outlawing abortions when the only reason is that the child has a disability. It should never have become medical practice in West Virginia to perform abortions on healthy women without a medical reason. Yet that is the case today when abortions are done for eugenic reasons. This is especially problematic because these abortions are generally done later in pregnancy, when abortion causes higher risk for women physically and psychologically. We are allowing eugenic policies to be carried out that endanger women's bodily health.

What these mothers really need is information, education, and support to help them deal with their special children. Families raising children with Down



WVFL's Political Liaison Karen Cross and President Wanda Franz with Senate President Craig Blair during an interim session



House Speaker Roger Hanshaw was happy to meet with Wanda and Karen.



Flanked by Wanda Franz and Karen Cross, Senator Patricia Rucker will be lead sponsor in the Senate for the Unborn Child with Down Syndrome Protection Act.



Delegate Kayla Kessinger has agreed to be lead sponsor for the bill in the House.

syndrome are overwhelmingly positive about their experience.

The latest Marist Poll shows that 70% of adults "oppose abortion due to the expectation a child will be born with Down syndrome." West Virginians for Life supports passage of the Unborn Child with Down Syndrome Protection Act. This law supports the state's interest in protecting those with disabilities and their families from the trauma of coerced abortion.

**Plan to come to the Rally for Life
at the state Capitol on Monday, February 7, inside the rotunda to support
this important piece of legislation.**

Improving WV Advance Directives to Protect Vulnerable Lives in 2022

By Mary H. Tillman, J.D.

This coming legislative session, West Virginians for Life, through its subcommittee the WV Alliance for Ethical Health Care, will again introduce legislation to amend the Health Care Decisions Act found in the WV Code, which currently sets forth three kinds of advance directives: a Living Will, a Medical Power of Attorney, and a Combined Form. This will be the fourth year we have pursued this legislation. Advance directives are legal documents that tell health care providers what kind of treatments you would or would not like to receive, should you become unable, due to illness or injury, to make those decisions yourself.

The goals for our legislation are three-fold: to ensure patient autonomy; to promote informed consent; and to protect cognitively disabled persons

from denial of care.

To promote autonomy and informed consent, new language will be added to make sure persons realize that if they sign a Living Will, they are choosing to be denied not only CPR, breathing machines, and dialysis, but also medically-assisted food and fluids (such as a feeding tube). Currently, the Living Will form does not spell that out clearly, which may lead to the unintended consequence of death by dehydration.

The current Living Will form applies to patients in a "terminal condition," or patients in a "persistent vegetative



WV Alliance for Ethical Health Care Legislative Director Mary Tillman with West Virginians for Life Political Liaison Karen Cross, House Judiciary Committee Chair Moore Capito, and WVFL President Wanda Franz, Ph.D.

state (PVS)." The legislation will take out the patients in a PVS and have the Living Will apply only to terminal patients. The reason for this change is that medical standards regarding the diagnosis and treatment of PVS have changed a great deal since

the Health Care Decisions Act was passed, and it appears these patients, formerly understood to be hopeless, are misdiagnosed frequently and may in fact be able to be rehabilitated. These updated standards and guidelines were published by the American Academy of Neurology in 2018; and in July 2021 a study

published in JAMA Neurology says that 1 out of 4 PVS patients regained orientation if given 12 months to recover.

Finally, new language will specify that ORAL food and fluids, such as may be taken by spoon or by straw, must be offered as can be safely tolerated. This new language is in response to a growing dangerous trend among various states, and being promoted by the national organization, Compassion & Choices (which pushes for the legalization of physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia) to deny even food and fluids by mouth, especially for patients with dementia.

Disability rights groups and the Catholic Conference also support this legislation. Please contact your delegates and senators and ask them to vote FOR the Health Care Decisions Act Amendments.

NEW PETITION FEATURES SIGNATURE LEGISLATION FOR UPCOMING SESSION

Petition Deadline is January 31, 2022

Who is “Worthy” or “Unworthy” of Life?

Unborn Child with Down Syndrome Protection Act

Stop targeting babies in the womb that have been diagnosed with Down syndrome!

West Virginians for Life is working to pass a bill that will protect from abortion unborn children with a diagnosis of Down syndrome or any other disability. This will prohibit an abortionist from performing an abortion when the sole reason is due to the baby's disability.

Current research shows that 9 out of 10 babies

who are diagnosed with Down syndrome will be aborted. Many mothers who find out their babies will be born with a disability should be given ample information and resources instead of a referral to an abortion facility.

Given these resources, families can choose life and raise babies with Down syndrome or any other disability to have full lives filled with love and compassion.



We, the undersigned, support saving babies from abortion who have been diagnosed with Down syndrome or any other disability.

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Please return immediately to West Virginians for Life.

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Your loved ones were proud defenders of human life in the mighty state of West Virginia and should be honored for their battle against the Culture of Death.

Losing a loved one is never easy. West Virginians for Life wants to make honoring their memory as easy as possible.

If you would like to donate to the WVFL Educational Trust in memory of a loved one, please follow this link:

wvforlife.org/donate/

West Virginians for Life often does a memorial section for an individual in the *Life Matters* newspaper. Because WVFL has seen more memorials than usual, a recent update to the website has been created to handle all of them instead of printing them within these pages.

A landing page for a Memoriam section has been added to the *Giving section*. This new update will honor countless pro-life West Virginians on the memorial page:

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"Dadvocate" Kurt adjusting the mic for Chloe



WVFL President Wanda Franz educated the crowd on the aftereffects on women who abort their unborn children diagnosed with Down syndrome and other disabilities.



Pastor and WVFL State Treasurer Doug Joseph gave the fundraising plea as lunch was concluding.



Mary H. Tillman, J.D. was surprised to receive the 2021 Angel of the Year award from President Wanda Franz. Tillman is the WVFL Vice-President and the Legislative Coordinator for the WV Alliance for Ethical Health Care.

The crowd loved Missy Ciccarello's version of How Great Thou Art. Missy is president of the Kanawha-Putnam Chapter of WVFL.



1st District Congressman David McKinley received a signed copy of *Brilliant Souls* from Chloe.



During a break, WVFL Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan couldn't wait to have her picture taken with Chloe.



A pastor as well as a state senator, Rollan Roberts attended the entire day and gave a beautiful benediction.



Left to right: State Senator Rollan Roberts, Delegates Caleb Hanna and Laura Kimble, National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross, Delegates Riley Keaton and Guy Ward



Chloe Kondrich gave away more autographed books to Delegates Caleb Hanna and Riley Keaton.



Karen Cross reminded us to Save the Hyde Amendment during her presentation. The hashtag is #NoHydeNoBudget.



National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross enjoying the cake.



Amanda Cunningham gave sound suggestions to the legislators surrounding her after presenting on her Glory Days Company, founded to give online resources to parents with special needs children.



The convention could not have happened without the technical expertise of Jesse Colebank and Josiah Hoskins.



Kay and Sherry Lowther will mail you the recorded audio of the convention on two CDs. See order info on page 7.



Left to right: WVFL President Wanda Franz, Ph.D., U.S. Representative David McKinley with wife Mary, and NRL Political Director Karen Cross



The Deeper Still exhibitor table was manned by Kathy Myers and Susan McCollum.



Convention goer Andres Morante is being waited on by Kathy Crow at the WVFL Kanawha-Putnam Chapter exhibitor booth.



Sherry Lowther conversed with convention presenter Amanda Cunningham at The Glory Days Co. exhibitor table.



Delegate Riley Keaton, Sadie Shields, WVFL Office Assistant Alli Richard, and Carl Starvaggi were a huge help throughout the day.



WVFL's Financial Manager Sherri Stevens and Cheryl Carr when they weren't registering attendees.

23rd Annual Rose Dinner

November 11

(more promised in next issue)



At the Franz-sponsored table sat Dr. Wanda Franz, Bishop Brennan, Keynote Speaker Melissa Ortiz with her husband Tony. Standing were U.S. Rep. David McKinley and NRL Political Director Karen Cross.



Left to right: Pastor Doug Joseph, Laura and Kyle Wiggs, Delegate Riley Keaton, Sadie Shields, former State Senator Mike Oliverio, Mary Anne Buchanan, and LaDonna Joseph



Seated at the Dr. Greenbrier Almond table were Roberta Eubank, Dr. Almond, and Rob Baarnett. Standing were Susie Godfrey and Judith Barrett along with Mike and Tina Casto of the Lewis County Chapter.

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1st District Congressman David McKinley with Melissa Ortiz



John Raese, head of Greer Industries, attended the dinner and enjoyed conversing with WVFL President Wanda Franz, among others.



Wheeling-Charleston Diocese Bishop Mark E. Brennan gave a fitting invocation.



Wheeling-Charleston Diocese sponsored a table. Seated were Cathy Deely, Colton and Donna Kolanko. Standing were James Kirby alongside Sandra and Hugh Costello.



Seated at the Dr. Tom Hogan/Dr. Miklos Auber table were Drs. Arpy and Tom Hogan and Dr. Miklos Auber. Standing were Maria, Dianne, and Stephanie Auber.



Representing well for Trinity High School were Katrina Hyde and Kyndel Kisner singing Chris Tomlin's "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)."



This table sat Colleen Criste, Gabriel and Charlotte Velloso, and Annastella Vester. Standing were Mike and Mary Tillman, and table sponsors Louise and Pete Deal.



At 3rd District Congressman Alex Mooney's table were sitting: Delegate Laura Kimble, Kim Devault, Cristin Dusenbury, and Jeani Hawkins. Standing were Jeff Kimble, Mike Devault, Rhett Dusenbury, and Kevin Hawkins.



The Restoration Church International table seated Ashley Weber with mother Marcie Weber, Sandra Ayivor, Marcia O'Connor, Debbie Anderson, Adrienne Titus, Cindy and Allen Mansberger.



Tribute was paid to the former Chris Kolanko, who had been a Monongalia County Chapter Leader at one time. His son Colton and widow Donna were in attendance. Many donations to the chapter have been made in his honor.



Susie Godfrey, of the Lewis County Chapter of WVFL, again played harp during the social hour preceding dinner.



MetroNews Sportscaster Kyle Wiggs was emcee.



Left to right around the table were Steve Riffon, Chris and Kelly Byrnes, Debbie and George Street, Mark and Debbie Riffon, and Beverly Riffon.



Pastor Mike Allen of Horizons Church in Salem, gave the benediction.

Pro-Life Profile

By Patricia Johnson

Pastor Nathan Williamson is a husband and father of 6 children (2 birth, 3 adopted, and one foster in the process of adoption). He attended Asbury University in KY for his undergraduate and received a Masters of Divinity from Wesley Biblical Seminary in Jackson, MS. He has been a Pastor for almost 20 years and has served as the senior pastor at Covenant Church in Morgantown for the past 8. His father, Dr. Ed Williamson, founded the church in 1984 and he finds it to be a real honor to shepherd his home church family, some of whom changed his diaper as a baby.

Pastor Nathan first became involved in the pro-life movement in his adolescence. His father helped found the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Morgantown and had the family involved in marches and rallies as far back as he can

remember. It has never been a debate in his life: all life matters equally. He remains involved in the Pro-Life movement because to live is the most basic of human rights. All of humanity is made in the image of God and so has eternal value. The unborn is truly the least in our society so we have to be their voice to our state and national leaders.

Pastor Nathan is involved in many ways, including attending the annual March for Life in DC, the local Walk for Life in Morgantown, the Rose Dinner, and the Golf FORE Life...even though he admits to being a terrible golfer! The predominant way he is involved in the Pro-Life movement is by being a foster and adoptive parent. Pastor Nathan says so often we encourage people to love their babies and give them life, but do not offer consistent assistance after they do decide to give that child life. He believes if every church had one family that fostered, then no children would be left in the system.

“We change the course of our nation one life at a time by being a father or mother to the fatherless.”

As a Christian, he believes because of Jesus’ death and resurrection, all those who choose to follow Jesus are adopted sons and daughters of God and that it is a high honor to do the same for any of God’s children. New life is always a gift no matter the circumstance or situation. He is constantly encouraging people to not only vote Pro-Life, but live pro-life and prayerfully consider becoming a foster or adoptive parent. This is the most effective way to change the course of a family for generations from patterns of destructive cycles: to make these lives part of your family with your name and legacy. When you are a rescue, you understand the need to rescue others.

The biggest challenge he sees to the Pro-Life movement today is prioritizing social action and human rights. Both sides of our political party system tout the rights of different individuals and groups and force us to choose whose life or cause is more important and valuable. He believes the rights of the unborn are the primary issue because there is no human right greater or more foundational than the right to exist. All other civil and human rights come after that right. The unborn crosses racial, gender, and social boundaries as abortion occurs across the national spectrum. Pastor Nathan shares that if you want to exact social or cultural change, it has to begin with the most foundational cause, which is the right to live.

Pastor Nathan would love to continue to see future legislation at the state and national level that restricts abortion at the highest level. He would love to see abortion made illegal, because a child in the womb should never have to suffer the decisions of another. He truly believes God opens and shuts the womb, and that a child born even in the worst circumstance should have a chance at life. He doesn’t just believe it, he lives it. Over half of his children are living miracles who were all prime candidates for abortion, yet their birth parents were brave enough to give them life and the chance for him to be their adoptive father. He would also love to see more people embracing the call of fostering and adoption. He said that when you do so, “pro-life” is not just a portion of your life or one of many causes, it becomes part of your DNA and can truly change your state and community as children are then raised who are living proof of the importance of a Pro-Life perspective.



*Pastor Nathan
and Emma Williamson*

WVFL Treasurer’s Article

For LIFE’s sake, NOW is the time!

URGENT: your help is needed now! We currently hold (by a time-limited lease) ground directly across the street from our state’s last and only abortion facility in Charleston, our state capital. Our land there is crucial for prayer vigils and spiritual warfare. God has planted a vision for buying the lot and developing a lasting memorial for the many precious girls and boys who lost their lives in that facility. The owners of the abortion mill know we plan to buy it, and they have made a purchase offer of their own, however our lease agreement allows us the first chance—BUT we must raise the needed funds (almost \$200K) by December 31, when our lease ends. So far, in just a few days, 25% of what is needed has been donated! PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY! Go to: wvforlife.org/battlefield-give



As believers, we know a root cause of the pro-death movement is a spiritual issue. There is a war going on in the spirit realm. Light is winning against darkness! Spiritual needs include prayer, fasting, and faith. Practical needs include generous giving (in addition to staying connected to politics, voting, working to persuade people, so as to affect culture and law). Thank you for giving!.

Join us: wvforlife.org/membership

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

Already a member? Give here: wvforlife.org/donate

*With Determination,
Pastor Doug Joseph
WVFL Treasurer*



*May everyone have a wonderful holiday season
filled with lots of laughter and cheer!*

Teens for Life President,
Margaret Deely

2022 Calendar of Events

January 12 (Wedes.)	Legislative Session begins
January 21 (Fri.)	March for Life, Washington, D.C.
January 23 (Sun.)	Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS)
February 7 (Mon.)	Pro-Life Rally Day, Charleston Capitol
March 12 (Sat.)	Legislative Session ends
March 19 (Sat.)	Board meeting, Clarksburg
May 10 (Tues.)	Primary Election in West Virginia
June 11 (Sat.)	Board meeting, Clarksburg
July 9 (Sat.)	10th Annual Golf FORE Life Tournament, Preston Country Club
August 20 (Sat.)	Board meeting, Clarksburg
November 8 (Tues.)	General Election

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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.

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March for Life 2022: EQUALITY BEGINS IN THE WOMB



Come march for life in the nation's capital on January 21, 2022. This year, the traditional bus from Morgantown sponsored by the WVFL Mon County Chapter, will NOT be happening due to Covid concerns but the March itself is not cancelled.

Neither will there be any congressional meeting for West Virginians who have been accustomed to it. Hopefully, 2023 will be the year to return to meeting with the West Virginia delegation.

At the pre-rally concert, Grammy nominee Matthew West will be performing. For the rally, March for Life has selected two incredible speakers: Kirk Cameron and Fr. Mike Schmitz.

Kirk Cameron is an American actor known for his role as Mike Seaver on the ABC sitcom *Growing Pains*. He is a father of six children.

Fr. Mike Schmitz is the director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Duluth, as well as the chaplain for the Newman Center at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. He has gained fame for his educational videos on Youtube and Ascension Presents and, most recently, for his "Bible in a Year" podcast which reached #1 in all categories on Apple Podcast.

The March for Life will begin immediately following the Rally – usually around 1 p.m. – starting between 12th and 14th Streets. The March will peacefully go up Constitution Ave. to the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Come join a half million pro-lifers marching on Washington in support of human life!

Doddridge



Attending the Rose Dinner from Doddridge County were Kelly Allen, Johnny Woods, Cliff Forge, Chapter Leader Chuck Northrop, Pastor Mike Allen, Jeff and Kim Burnett



Nothing like volunteers from Doddridge to help with a mailing.

Marion



The Costellos at the Rose Dinner

Monroe

They are born with the innocence that we, as adults spend the rest of our lives trying to reclaim.

They do not judge or have trouble expressing themselves.

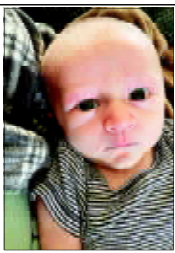
Instead they appreciate the wonder of life.

They are the best of ourselves who live only to love and to be loved.

We watch every day, as they change, knowing there is nothing we can do to delay this precious time.

Embrace the moment.....

-Ayla Molander



Submitted by ... West Virginians Life Monroe County Chapter

The Monroe County Watchman continues to print the chapter's Heartbeats submissions every month.

WVU Students for Life



WVU students were graciously invited to sit at the Dr. Mike Hogan table. They are Maria Anne Lacaria, Adam Gregory Marquart, Daniel Costello, Carl Starvaggi, Colleen Noah, Abby Criste, Emily Caracciolo, and Lydia Bischof.

Kanawha



The Kanawha-Putnam Chapter was gung-ho at the convention. Seated: Elizabeth Gill and Trevor Morris. Standing: Kathy Crow, Krissy Whiting, Jessica Crist, Sandy Cooper, and Missy Ciccarello. Missy sang and presented briefly on God's Battlefield. See page 1.



Kanawha-Putnam County Chapter officers are like family as is evident in this State Convention moment. L to R: Sandy Cooper, Krissy Whiting, Missy Ciccarello, and Kathy Crow. Such a great group of ladies!

Pocahontas



Chapter Leader Judy Fuller with Karen Cross

Raleigh



Former Summers County Chapter Leader Bonnie Ayers with Mary Anne Buchanan and Raleigh County President Hilda Shorter



Pastor Newsome was happy to have a display in his church (Beckley Church of God) manned by Raleigh County Chapter Leader Hilda Shorter.

Lewis



Lewis County Chapter members prayed faithfully at the Women's Health Center during the 40 Day prayer vigil. Left to right: Olivia Spencer, Kristy Auvil, Amanda Posey, and from the WVFL office - Program Dir. Mary Anne Buchanan and Financial Mgr. Sherri Stevens. Graphic Designer Cheryl Carr, not pictured, also stood for life with them.



Kay, Missy, and Kathy during the prayer vigil at the abortion clinic.

Monongalia



The chapter hopes to get back to holding the annual Walk-for-Life in the spring. This one was September 25.



Counter-protest by the Mon County Chapter at the "Rally for Abortion Justice" on the Mon County Courthouse Square in Morgantown



Enjoying the Rose Dinner from Covenant Church in Morgantown were Jack Rogers, Susan Crosco, Rhonda Fout, Alicia Martin, Rachel and David Friend. Not pictured: Jim Martin



Sitting at the Greer Industries table from left to right were Lisa Hyde, Sherri Stevens, Katrina Hyde, Kyndel Kisner, Robert Brown, and Cheryl Carr.



Pat and Chuck Higginbotham with granddaughters Winne and Avery Huffman, as well as Frank and Madelyn Romeo



1st Place Ryley Hansen rode in this fancy side-by-side with mother Breanna in the WVU Homecoming Parade.



Cabell County

The chapter participated in the Pumpkin Festival in October.

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 Countians filled an entire table at the Rose Dinner on November 11. This chapter lives close enough that they can drive to the office and help with mailings when needed. Thank you!

Harrison County

Sample letters were given to county chapter members to be sent to pharmaceutical companies to protest the use of abortion-derived cell lines, and to advocate for the development of vaccines with no connection to abortion. The link to obtain sample letters is www.usccb.org/resources/letters-pharmaceutical-companies. Several members have contributed to God's Battlefield and are also contacting others encouraging them to donate to this most important cause.

Greenbrier County

Setting goals and moving forward are the focus of Greenbrier County Chapter. 2022 will find them sharing the miracle of life with young ladies and embracing those who have succumbed to the abortionist. They will be putting their brains and enthusiasm together in December and then RUNNING from there.

It remains the chapter's hope that the State Fair of West Virginia will find a place for West Virginians for Life in August. Blessings and good health from the chapter to you all. Chapter meetings are the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30, so if any of you are in the area, please join them.

Kanawha/Putnam County

The chapter sent ten members to the State Convention where they had an exhibitor booth and were treated to hearing Chapter Leader Missy Ciccarello sing during the offering. The group hosted a 40-day prayer vigil across from the lone abortion clinic in the state from September 18-October 31.

Hearing from the Lord, they accepted the commission to purchase the land across from the clinic. This leap of faith project is called God's Battlefield. See page 1 for all the details. The chapter did most all the work on holding a fundraising reception in Charleston for God's Battlefield on December 2.

Lewis County

Chapter members attended the State Convention and the Rose Dinner. Chapter Leader Judith Barrett drove numerous times to Charleson, often at the drop of a hat, to pray at the abortion clinic when a shift was not covered.

Marion County

The Marion County Chapter provided the continental breakfast at the State Convention. Hugh and Sandra Costello attended the Rose Dinner.

Mason County

The chapter held a meeting in September where Lorrie Legursky presented her personal testimony. Lorrie is on the WVFL Speakers Bureau list.

Monongalia County

The chapter was forced to cancel last year's annual Mother's Day Walk for Life, due to the Pandemic. It was rescheduled for this year on September 25. Approximately 50 people walked the 2.4 miles along main streets in Morgantown followed by a Rally with lunch and prizes held at St. Mary's pavilion in Star City. They were honored to have as the rally speaker, Amanda Cunningham, founder of the website Glory Days Co. that provides supportive materials and assistance to families with children with Down syndrome. She and her husband founded the website after their daughter was born with Down syndrome.

The Precious Baby Photo Contest was carried out via the WV For Life – Monongalia County Chapter Facebook page. Held during the summer months, the winner, Ryley Hansen (daughter of James and Breanna Hansen of Morgantown) rode in a vehicle in the WVU Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 1.



Emily Carracciolo, Vice President of WVU Mountaineers for Life, and Alli Richard, President of WVU Mountaineers for Life, flank National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross

The chapter organized a counter demonstration in Morgantown opposing the pro-abortion "Rally for Abortion Justice." This was a nationally organized rally in support of the Texas clinics that had been closed by the new law in Texas outlawing abortion when a heartbeat can be detected at six weeks. Approximately 25 chapter members and WVU students held pro-life signs and prayed quietly at the pro-abortion rally at the County Courthouse Square. Preparations are underway for the annual *Dominion Post* newspaper signature ad for the January 22 anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision. Due to potential Covid 19 lock downs, the decision was made to cancel this year's bus to the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Monroe County

The chapter continues its monthly "Heartbeats" feature in *The Monroe Watchman*.

Morgan County

Although the chapter is in need of a new leader, it is known for its effective sidewalk counseling in front of the abortuary in Hagerstown, Maryland, and that still continues. If you would like to lead the chapter, help is available from the state office. Call WVFL at 304-594-9845.

Pocahontas County

Chapter Leader Judy Fuller attended the State Convention along with others from her chapter.

Randolph County

Contact Chapter Leader Estep at elkinsfwc@gmail.com or call 304-614-7118 to get involved with the chapter.

Raleigh County

On November 5, Chapter Leader Hilda Shorter set up a pro-life table at the Beckley Church of God. Pro-life Pastor Harold Newsome was happy to have her there as part of Jubilee Campmeeting.

Tucker County

Chapter Leader Lacey Evans with husband Josh enjoyed the State Convention.

Upshur County

Amanda Posey and other ladies from Upshur County prayed faithfully at the abortion clinic in Charleston during the 40 day prayer vigil. If you are interested in joining the Upshur County Right to Life group, they meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Wayside Baptist Church on the Brushy Fork Road.

Wood County

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.

WVU Mountaineers for Life

WVU Mountaineers for Life held several events all over campus with educational tables during September and October. They joined with Mon County members to form a counter demonstration at the pro-abortion rally in October. Students led over 30 participants in the October 2021 Life Chain outside the WVU Mountainlair. WVU students volunteered at the WVFL State Convention in November, and eight students filled the table at the Annual Rose Dinner provided for them by Dr. Michael Hogan. If interested in joining, contact President Allison Richard at ar0105@mix.wvu.edu.



WVU students gleaning wisdom from Rose Dinner keynote speaker Melissa Ortiz



Please join us on Monday, **February 7, 2022** **INSIDE** (lower rotunda) at the State Capitol in Charleston at Noon for **PRO-LIFE RALLY DAY**.
Registration is at 9:00 a.m.

Come and support the Unborn Child with Down Syndrome Protection Act and the Health Care Decisions Act Amendments

HIGHLIGHTS

Meet with your legislators (10 a.m. - 11 a.m. by personal appointment)
Prayer Processional after rally around 1:30 p.m.
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 after the Rally.



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Nearly \$200,000 is needed by December 31st! See page 1.
Scan the QR Code with phone to be directed to the donate page.

