

HISTORIC NIGHT IN WV AS AMENDMENT 1 PASSES and Successful Endorsements Allow for Biggest Pro-Life Gains Yet

Mary Anne Buchanan, WVFL Office Manager

Amendment 1 historically passed statewide with 5,878 voters making the difference. Legislative Coordinator for the WV Alliance for Ethical Health Care, Mary H. Tillman, JD, said, “The WV Alliance for Ethical Health Care, West Virginians for Life, and organizations that advocate for the rights of persons living with disabilities celebrate the successful passage of Amendment 1. Following the strong example of our legislators who voted by overwhelming majorities, the voters of WV have now also shown their belief that all lives in our beautiful state, regardless of age or ability, will be respected and protected from the dangers of medically-assisted suicide. West Virginia becomes the first state in the United States of America to proactively protect all its citizens and health care institutions from the dangerous trend of assisted suicide by a state constitutional amendment.”

Of the 113 races in which the West Virginians for Life PAC (WVL-PAC) endorsed candidates, a 95% success rate has been realized. West Virginia, not surprisingly, gave all four of its electoral votes to Donald Trump on November 5. WVFL President Wanda Franz, Ph.D., said, “West Virginia is a national leader in its support for the conservative pro-life values of former President Donald J. Trump, who represents the values of WV families.”

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SPECIAL THANKS

from West Virginians for Life to all who made the historical passage of Amendment 1 possible and the outstanding election results a reality.



Wesley Smith Speaks at Annual West Virginians for Life Convention

Alicia Martin, WVFL Program Director

“Caring, Not Killing” was the theme that drew approximately 100 attendees to the Trinity Assembly of God fellowship hall in Fairmont for the Annual West Virginians for Life State Convention on Saturday, October 5th. Doors opened at 9 a.m., and the Marion County WVFL chapter graciously provided coffee and a continental breakfast. Beautiful patriotic centerpieces coordinated with an extremely large American flag display behind the stage and other decorations, thanks to the generosity and talent of Linda Day. Reverend Hilda Shorter gave the Invocation, along with a short testimonial which honored WVFL President Dr. Franz, and encouraged the audience.

The primary speaker was Wesley Smith, J.D., Chair of the Discovery Institute’s Center on Human

Exceptionalism and host of the *Humanize* Podcast. He was named one of the nation’s premier experts in bioengineering by the *National Journal*, and the Human Life Foundation named him a Great Defender of Life for his work against assisted suicide and euthanasia. Smith has appeared on thousands of television and radio talk/interview programs in at least ten different countries, and has testified as an expert witness on both the federal and state levels.

Mr. Smith’s keynote was entitled “There’s No Such Thing as a Little Assisted Suicide.” His presentation helped attendees appreciate the gravity of West Virginia’s Amendment 1. He also provided valuable illustrations they could use, and answered questions.



Keynote speaker Wesley Smith spoke on the dangers of physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia.

In a separate workshop, with the teens, Mr. Smith addressed specific areas of interest and concern that they brought to the roundtable discussion. Convention attendees were encouraged by the presence of this younger generation, who are seeking to help promote a culture of life.

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**From the
President**



**West
Virginia
is the
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Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the people of West Virginia. You have demonstrated that we are indeed the pro-life Gold Standard in America. This election has shown that the people of the state have almost universally elected pro-life leaders to their respective positions of power throughout the state and federal offices.

In addition, you have passed a very important Amendment to the State Constitution that will protect the people of the state from being pressured into suicide by medical institutions and insurance companies, which stand to benefit by the death of vulnerable people, including veterans, the sick and elderly, and those with disabilities. **This is the first jurisdiction in the western world to proactively pass protections from the death-dealing institutions that prey on vulnerable people.**

In West Virginia, we have put into our State Constitution two amendments that protect life at its beginning and at its ending. We live in a state where the life of every individual is valued. We can focus on providing for the needs of our people, rather than abandoning them to death. True compassion consists of **caring not killing**. We offer our people the options of human flourishing that serve families, especially when they are most in need and vulnerable.

West Virginians for Life is proud to have contributed to this success. We have provided for the education of people, which has alerted

them to the dangers embedded in our modern culture of personal fulfillment. We have identified and supported those individuals running for high offices, who share West Virginians' values. We have been successful in reaching the good people of the state, who want to vote for those who share their values.

You have responded and voted to save lives. I salute you and thank you for hearing our message and acting on it. You share in the joy we all feel as we recognize the value of our work, which has made us leaders in the nation. No other state can boast of the success that we have had, which makes West Virginia the pro-life leader in the nation.

We hope to provide the model that others can use to protect their own people from assisted suicide and euthanasia. It is frightening to realize that ten states and the District of Columbia have legalized these methods for killing. In addition, Canada has become the most dangerous place to live on this Continent. Assisted suicide is the fifth largest cause of death in Canada.

West Virginians for Life will continue to be the catalyst for the creation of pro-life legislation that, with your help, will lead the nation to a more caring and compassionate way of life.

For Life,

Wanda Franz, Ph.D.

Wanda Franz, Ph.D., President

Election Success, continued from p. 1

With 69% of the vote, Jim Justice won the US Senate seat left open by Joe Manchin's departure.

First District Congressional incumbent Carol Miller retained her seat for a third term. In the Second Congressional District, Riley Moore defeated his opponent by a margin of 71%-29%. This completed a pro-life sweep of the entire slate of federal candidates.

The WVL-PAC enjoyed wins in all six statewide races. Patrick Morrisey won the governorship with 69% of the vote. JB McCuskey will be the new Attorney General, ensuring that pro-life legislation will be defended if challenged. Kris Warner easily won the Secretary of State seat. Mark Hunt will be the State Auditor, and Larry Pack the State Treasurer. Kent Leonhardt will remain Agriculture Commissioner.

Of the 16 Senate races in which endorsements were made, 15 were winners. Thirty-three of 34 senators will be supporting pro-life policies.

WVL-PAC can report only five losses in the endorsed State House races. With a net gain of +6 pro-life seats, 87 of the 100 members of the State House will be pro-life as the next legislative session begins in February 2025.

In conclusion, Wanda Franz, Ph.D., WVL-PAC president, said: "West Virginians for Life is proud of its overwhelming success in supporting pro-life legislators and we look forward to working with them in the upcoming session."

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The moral and ethical corruption inherent in assisted suicide

Dave Andrusko

I've long argued that abortion and euthanasia/assisted suicide were birthed in the same hatchery. They are, if not identical twins, at least fraternal twins.

Both are inherently expansionary, for example. Consider the parallels.

If offing her unborn child is a woman's "right," why should that "right" end at the conclusion of the first trimester? Or second? Or up till birth? Indeed, it is (as the saying goes) no accident that we are hearing occasional rumbles about "after-birth abortion."

Likewise with assisted suicide. If the issue is about autonomy, about one's supposed right to die "on my own terms," why should there be any ethical calibration made about "good" reasons and insufficient reasons? If I can't exercise my "right"—whether because I am in a weakened physical state or no longer can articulate my desires, or something else—then surely it is discriminatory not to facilitate my death.

And, of course, where the twin sisters of death meet is when countries decide that newborns should be killed if they are disabled (physically or intellectually) or because that's what they would "want" if they were able to speak.

"Neonatal euthanasia" meet "after-birth" abortion.

Similarly, every pro-lifer writer, including me, has observed that abortion corrupts everything it touches. Jonathon Van Maren, a Canadian pro-lifer, extends that argument in a piece titled, "20 reasons why euthanasia corrupts everything it touches, and must be opposed."

Each and every one of those 20 is worth an individual post. But let me just take three minutes to highlight three illustrations.

"Assisted suicide suggests that for people to 'die with dignity,' they must die faster. The underlying insinuation of the 'Death with Dignity' movement is that those who do not opt for an expedited exit are not dying with dignity." ...

"Eugenics. Assisted suicide requires the state and the medical establishment to judge what constitutes a 'life worth living.' As a result, those with disabilities become less valued as their lives are judged to be less valuable than those without disability. Parents of disabled children in Belgium have had people suggest to them that they should have their children euthanized. Euthanasia – Greek for 'good death' – is being employed as eugenics, which is Greek for 'good birth.' Just as abortion is used to kill pre-born children with Down syndrome and other conditions, euthanasia is already being used to kill born people deemed less than perfect." ...

"Assisted suicide could be used by children to pressure parents into accepting this 'service.' Instances of children encouraging their parents to take this route have surfaced in the United States and Europe already. As people live longer and thus spend much of their savings on their own care, the reaction of selfish offspring watching 'their' inheritance shrink should be noted. (In fact, the *Calgary Herald* recently published a column describing the anticipated 'bequest boom' over the next decade, in which Canadian parents are anticipated to turn over \$750 billion in inheritance over to their children)."

Parents pitted against their own children, children pitted against their own parents. The "market" in "imperfections" resembles the real estate boom of the early 2000s. Reverence for the uniqueness of every single life is treated with disdain, a left-over from a by-gone era.

You get the picture.

That's why euthanasia/assisted suicide is every bit as awful, every bit of an encouragement of the dog-eat-dog mentality as abortion is.

Which is why from its very beginning, National Right to Life opposed euthanasia/assisted suicide just as vigorously as it did abortion.



Mon County hosting Mary Tillman for an Amendment 1 educational event.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Amendment 1 Passes West Virginia Lives are Protected!

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

For the first time ever, a state in the United States of America has passed a *proactive* measure to prevent Compassion & Choices, "Right to Die" organizations, or so-called "Death with Dignity" from threatening the lives of vulnerable persons with the practice of physician-assisted suicide. West Virginia drew a line in the sand with the passage of Amendment 1 on November 5, 2024. *All* citizens in our beautiful state, old or young, healthy or ill, living with or without "disabilities" (and who among us does not have *some* lack of ability?) will not be coerced into discouragement and despair enough to take one's own life with the apparent approval of our health care providers or institutions.

This is a statement about the seriousness of our commitment to suicide *prevention*.

This is a statement about our rejection of ageism and ableism.

This is a reminder that health care providers and institutions exist to cure, and when that becomes no longer possible, to CARE FOR, persons with serious illness.

This is a statement about the family values, friendliness, and respect for all life of the people of West Virginia.

I couldn't be prouder of, or more thankful for, the privilege and blessing of living in this state. Thanks to all who voted FOR Amendment 1 to enshrine protection from assisted suicide in our state Constitution. We no longer need worry about legislation or judicial activism imposing the sad, deadly practice of medically assisted suicide or euthanasia on us. Let us hope this marks a turning of the tide — toward *hope* — for other states facing this challenge.

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State Convention

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Karen Cross, NRL Political Director, presented "Political Action: Essential Ministry to Babies and Mothers." In this workshop, attendees were given both information and strategies for how best to help the pro-life cause in the pivotal election year of 2024.

In between the morning and afternoon sessions, convention attendees enjoyed a delicious catered lunch from Gourmet Catering, by Mary Kay Lindsay. Rev. Fr. Freddie D'Souza, Parochial Vicar of St. John University Parish in Morgantown, offered the blessing. Emilie Lewis, from Covenant Global Methodist Church in Morgantown, provided beautiful music during the offering, which took place as lunch ended.

Immediately after lunch, WVFL Legislative Director Sadie Keaton introduced the elected public servants in attendance, and then summarized the 2025 Legislative Agenda. This

included the Women's Right to Know Act – which would be, primarily, a re-instatement of informed consent laws that were lost when the Unborn Child Protection Act passed. Keaton also updated the audience on the success and expansion of a state program which provides financial assistance to Pregnancy Resource Centers.

The primary workshop after lunch was "Amendment 1: Critical November Vote," which was presented by WV Alliance for Ethical Health Care Legislative Coordinator Mary H. Tillman, J.D. Tillman focused on how and why we came to the place where physician-assisted suicide poses a very real threat. Thus, she helped the audience appreciate that, not only is the implementation of Amendment 1 critical, but the factors which led to its necessity must be addressed as well.

The Angel of the Year award recognizes an individual who has contributed to the pro-life cause for decades, and is presented at the end of each Convention. The 2024 Angel was Shirley Bowie.

Shirley has been active in pro-life ministry for more than 30 years, and currently serves as President of the Harrison County Chapter.

The day concluded with a review of the main points that had been presented, and a walk-through of the CaringNotKilling.com site, which had been developed specifically to help educate people about Amendment 1. The site's designer was Cheryl Carr, WVFL's graphic designer. Cheryl did a superb job of creating a site that was informative, engaging, and which not only encouraged people to help support Amendment 1, but showed them how to do so. Unbeknownst to Convention attendees, they were already familiar with Cheryl's work, since she also created the marketing and advertising materials for the event.

Pastor Doug Joseph, from the Christian Apostolic Church in Clarksburg, gave a Benediction which captured a spirit of gratitude for the enjoyable and successful day.

Please see pages 6-7 for Convention pictures

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| Jan 19 | Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS) |
| Jan 24 | March for Life, Washington, D.C. |
| Feb 12 | Legislative Session Begins |
| March 14 | Rally at the Capitol |
| March | WVFL Board Meeting |
| April 12 | Legislative Session Ends |
| April 25 | 27th Annual Rose Dinner |
| June 20-21 | National Right to Life Convention, Oberland Park, Kansas (suburb of Kansas City) |
| July 12 | Golf FORE Life Tournament |

2024 State Convention

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Legislative Coordinator for the West Virginia Alliance for Ethical Health Care Mary Tillman



Keynote Speaker Wesley Smith



WVFL Board Member Karen Cross

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WVFL Office Manager Mary Anne Buchanan with Delegate-Elect Bryan Smith



WVFL Office Manager Mary Anne Buchanan, WV SOS-elect Kris Warner, and WVFL President Dr. Wanda Franz



WVFL President Dr. Wanda Franz with Sen. Mike Oliverio

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Bill & Shirley Bowie with family as Shirely is named the 2024 Angel of the Year



WVFL Legislative Director Sadie Keaton

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Emilie Lewis provided beautiful music during the offering.



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The beautiful decorations, including center-pieces, were courtesy of Linda Day.



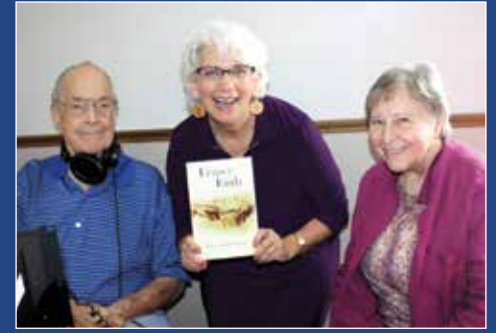
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Mary Anne Buchanan with audio recording
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WVFL President Dr. Wanda Franz, LaDonna
and Pastor Doug Joseph, and Karen Cross



Rachel Howard and Kathy Meyers from
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WVU Mountaineers for Life



WVFL Office Assistant Sara
McPherson helps an attendee



Jill Ware and Dana Leech



Keynote Speaker Wesley Smith held a Teen Session with Thomas
Dinkel, Facilitator Riley Keaton, Raleigh Byrnes, Dalton Ratcliff,
Giovanni Byrnes, and teens from the Malinovich family



Volunteer Helene LaFata with
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Anne Buchanan



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WVFL Program Director Alicia Martin
with Wesley Smith



WV Teens
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Dinkel
with WVFL
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Mary Anne
Buchanan with
Dr. Joe and
Charlotte Snead.
Charlotte
is a previous
president of
WVFL, and
authored the
books at the
table.



Julia Bauserman and
Karen Cross



Pat Sparks enjoyed
conversing with Wesley Smith



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and Karen Cross



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Pro-Life Profiles:

Lavada Whitt and Cathy Weiss

By Patrica Johnson

The pro-life movement in West Virginia recently lost two dedicated pro-life advocates, Lavada Whitt and Cathy Weiss. WVFL is grateful for the many years of loving service these women provided in building a culture of life which respects and protects mothers and their precious babies. It is our prayer that these two women heard God speak the words of Matthew 25:21 to them: "Well done, my good and faithful servant... Come, share your master's joy."



Lavada Whitt with Wanda Franz



Cathy Weiss

Lavada Whitt, 50, passed away peacefully on August 29, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She is survived by her loving husband, Jack Whitt Jr., and their children, Abram and Aaden. She was a beloved mother, wife, sister and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Lavada was born in West Virginia where she spent her formative years. She attended Western Governors University, where she earned a master's degree in special education. As a life-long teacher, Lavada affected and enriched the lives of young people in both Fayette and Raleigh Counties. Early in her career, she specialized in providing career-building education.

She continued in her calling of education by providing life-altering training and awareness to women and girls as the President of the Fayette County Right to Life. Her time as the Fayette County Chapter Leader (2010-2016) was very eventful. She put on an annual carnival to raise money for the chapter that was well-loved by the children and parents who attended.

Most importantly, Lavada was a devoted Christian wife and mother. She was a 20-year member of Mt. Hope United Methodist Church. She loved spending time with her sons, sharing stories, playing games, and most importantly bringing them up with God's Word, always there to offer guidance, support, and encouragement, no matter what challenges they faced.

In her free time, Lavada enjoyed art and was always eager



Vada serving with the Fayette County Chapter

to share her knowledge and enthusiasm with others. She was an active member of her community, volunteering for various causes and organizations.

Cathy Weiss, 79, passed away peacefully at her home in Huntington on Thursday, October 10, 2024. Born in Huntington, WV, Cathy lived a life filled with love, dedication, and service to her family, faith, and community. She is survived by her loving daughter, Amanda Weiss-McComas (Josh), and was affectionately known as "MiMi" by her cherished grandchildren, Ryan and Rachel, as well as her step-grandson, Jackson.

Throughout her life, Cathy was a woman of great strength and determination. After spending years working for the Railroad in Baltimore, she returned to her hometown, where she continued her professional career at Calgon Carbon. Cathy's hard work and dedication were integral to the smooth operations of the Calgon plant until she retired to focus on what she treasured most, her family and her faith.

A devoted member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Cathy's deep faith was reflected in her service to others. She was a leader in many church activities, including leading a Bible study and actively introducing others to the Catholic faith.

Cathy was a long-standing member and eventual president of the Cabell County Right to Life, dedicating countless hours to supporting their mission. In addition, Cathy was a beloved member and former president of the Catholic Daughters, where she continued to strengthen her church community through leadership and service.



Cathy served as a leader for decades in the Cabell County Chapter of WVFL.

Cathy's generosity and love for others extended beyond the church. A talented knitter, she created thousands of scarves, mittens, and other items for those in need, raising funds for numerous charities and organizations in the region. Whether organizing bake sales or volunteering at the VA Medical Center, Cathy's passion for helping others touched the lives of many in her community.

WVFL Treasurer's Article



WVFL Treasurer - Pastor Doug Joseph

CONGRATULATIONS! I previously admonished, "We must get Amendment 1 passed this November. Caring, not killing!" The vote was ever so tight, but WE DID IT! I'm over the moon with thrilling pro-life election victories all up and down the ballot! This was the result of decades of tireless educational efforts by not only West Virginians For Life, but also other state affiliates of National Right To Life across the country. Twice we've succeeded in amending our WV State Constitution to protect life—first in 2018 at the start of life, and now in 2024, to protect people potentially approaching the end of life. Both times, the pro-life vote for the amendment was lower than the percent who claim to be pro-life. Possible reasons for suppressed support range from confusion about the correct way to vote, to doubts about a given issue because of media buys from the opposition, spreading fearmongering, lies, and misinformation. Still, we got it done. West Virginia is again showing other states strong leadership in how things ought to be done. Hopefully others realize that hard-fought victories like this result not merely from carefully chosen buzz words and all our substantial buildup of educational publicity efforts before the vote, but also from decades of research and educational work. Not to diminish our well-deserved rejoicing, but please remember Ireland. They had strong pro-life protection in their national constitution, yet did not keep new generations educated well enough to maintain it. They lost that protection. We must never rest on our educational laurels. We must keep at it. **Your donated time, talent, and treasure has perhaps never been more important!**

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With Determination,
Pastor Doug Joseph
WVFL State Treasurer



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Berkeley



Berkeley County WVFL at Berkeley County Youth Fair

Harrison



Mary Tillman speaking at a Kris Warner event, attendance 200.

Monongalia



Chapter members participated in the Mon County Fair Parade.

Northern Panhandle



Educational event at Harvest Baptist Church in Moundsville



WVFL Treasurer Doug Joseph and family at the voting polls.



Pam Stanley-Deb McCullough passing candy during the WVU Homecoming Parade

WVFL Teens



Mary Tillman spoke at the chapter's annual pro-life dinner.



WVFL Teens for Life President Thomas Dinkel with Congressman-elect Riley Moore



Wanda Franz attended the annual PA pro-life fundraising dinner:



Peter Deal with Amendment 1 sign during WVU Homecoming Parade



Doddridge County

The Doddridge Chapter had a booth at the Salem Apple Butter Festival Oct. 3-6. The main emphasis was on voting for Amendment 1. They also had many signatures for the petition supporting The Women's Right To Know Act. PRO-LIFE balloons, bumper stickers, etc. were freely given. Many positive waves and comments supporting the pro-life movement were acknowledged by the chapter members.

The chapter also had a booth at the West Union Festival on Oct. 12 from 2-9pm. Again, the emphasis was on supporting Amendment 1. Members had several talks with those who did not understand the Amendment. Once people had a clearer understanding of its purpose, they reacted positively toward it. The opportunity came up to have prayer with several people as well.

Please reach out to Chuck Northrop for more information about joining or helping this chapter: 304-782-1808

Email: margchuk@gmail.com

Web: <http://wvforlife.com/doddridge/>

Harrison County

Members attended the State Convention, where chapter president Shirley Bowie was honored as the West Virginians for Life 2024 Angel of the Year. Shirley's friends and family surprised her by attending the presentation ceremony.

Mary Tillman spoke at the State Convention, and around the state, to groups large and small, helping them learn the truth regarding the dangers of physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia. She also attended an event in Weirton, where Alex Schadenberg spoke on the same topic.

For more information about joining or helping this chapter:

President: Shirley Bowie

304-669-1952

shirleybowie@mac.com

<http://wvforlife.com/harrison/>

Marion County Chapter

State Convention attendees greatly appreciated this chapter's generosity in providing them with breakfast and coffee. Sandra Costello received many thanks and compliments.

For more information about joining or helping this chapter:

President: Sandra Costello

P.O. Box 5102, Fairmont, WV 26554

304-629-0102

heyvwoman@yahoo.com

<http://wvforlife.com/marion/>

Monongalia County

The Mon County chapter participated in the WVU Homecoming parade and the Monongalia County Fair parade. To help Amendment 1, they set up many lawn signs, and held signs on Election Day.

For more information about joining or helping this chapter:

President: Wanda Franz, Ph.D.

PO Box 1479, Morgantown, WV 26507-1479

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Morgan County

WVFL was represented in the parade during the annual Berkely Springs Apple Butter Festival.

While the chapter is in need of a new leader, it is known for its effective sidewalk counseling in front of the abortion facility in Hagerstown, Maryland, which still continues. For more information, or to offer assistance, please call 304-476-9015.

Northern Panhandle

A Soup and Sandwich Supper at Harvest Baptist Church in Moundsville was the setting for the chapter's September 16th educational event, which was then followed by a business meeting. The topic of the event was "The Consequences of Medically-Assisted Suicide." There was a great turnout, including six first-time attendees.

Corpus Christi Parish Center was the location of the Annual Fall Pro-life Dinner. Seventy people attended, many for the first time. Mary Tillman spoke about the consequences of medically-assisted suicide. Participants were pleased with the opportunity to be educated on pro-life topics, in order to better engage others in conversation.

The chapter also participated in two festivals to share educational materials. After the first festival, it was realized that something was needed to draw more people to the table. Thus, the second festival included a free drawing. This brought much more traffic to the table, and provided more opportunities to share truth. In addition to being encouraged by others in our pro-life community and growing our contact base, these festivals gave us a great opportunity to engage with people that do not necessarily agree with pro-life values. The education that had been received at state and national pro-life conventions provided chapter members with the ability to share truth in a loving way. These conversations went very well, and members were thankful for the grace of God.

For those looking to get involved with WVFL in the Northern Panhandle, the chapter meets on the first Monday of every month at 6:30pm. Please call or text Judi Varner Meyer at 304-639-3041 for more details.

Upshur County

The chapter pays for three pro-life billboards in Lost Creek, Upshur County, and near Charleston. They cost nearly \$10,000 for 12 months. If you would like to donate, please call

Chapter Leader Maureen Hull:

304-472-3434.

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.

WV Teens for Life



Hello Pro-Lifers,

There is so much great news around our state and abroad it is hard to contain. For starters, this was my second attendance of the annual state convention, and the energy and fellowship of members from across the state was incredible.

I am so grateful for all our hard work in getting Amendment 1 passed, and am so thankful for the lives that it will save. It was truly a great win!

There were many pro-life victories across our great nation on Nov 5th, including the failures of pro-abortion ballot measures in Florida, Nebraska, and South Dakota. Tens of thousands of lives will be saved thanks to these victories.

I am thankful for the victory of Donald Trump and JD Vance on becoming the next president and vice president of our nation. I am also thankful for the victory of Patrick Morrisey and all other pro-life candidates across our state. I pray that our leaders stand up for life and work to protect the most vulnerable.

Finally, I am currently running my annual "Pregnancy resource drive," where I collect items for mothers in need and donate them to various pregnancy centers. I encourage this to be done throughout the state and will give an update on its success.

God Bless,
Thomas J. Dinkel
John 15:4-9

Pro-Life Rally Day is March 14th

Can you spare a day to pray and rally in support of life for everyone? You can make a difference in the battle for life in West Virginia. Come to Pro-Life Rally Day to:

- register beginning at 9 a.m. in lower rotunda
- meet with your legislators from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (appointments pre-arranged by you)
- rally at noon in the lower rotunda

DESCRIPTION OF BILLS

The Women's Right to Know Act would restore informed consent to mothers who meet the requirements to have an abortion in West Virginia, by requiring that they be informed about the risks of, and alternatives to, abortion. It would educate patients regarding the dangers of the abortion pill, along with the fact that the effects of such a chemical abortion can be reversed. It would also ensure that information on disabilities (including support networks) is given to parents when they are told that their unborn child has special needs.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- Contact your state Delegates and Senators at 1-877-565-3447. Ask them to pass bills that save the most West Virginia babies.
- Plan now to attend Pro-Life Rally Day at the Capitol on Friday, March 14, 2025, to support passage of the legislation described herein.



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Merry Christmas

HAPPY NEW YEAR

