

Volunteer corner

A big thank you and best wishes to Bernice Barhorst, who has volunteered at the clothing center for more than 20 years. She is "retiring" to spend more time with her grandchildren. RTL is grateful for her extraordinary dedication and service.

Mark your calendar...

- RTL float in Sidney Applefest Parade: September 13, 2pm.
- Deadline for submissions to the October newsletter: September 24.
- Board meeting: October 6, 7:30 pm.

Clothing center report

We served 124 people during the month of July, of whom 60 received free items, 6 took literature, and 2 were referred to the Women's Center.

The clothing center will be open on Saturday mornings, 9 to noon, through September.

Right to Life of Shelby County is a 501(c)(3) educational and service organization. All donations are fully tax-deductible.

On the Web...

RTL of Shelby County:
www.shelbycountyrtrl.org

Ohio RTL:
www.ohiolife.org

National RTL Committee:
www.nrlc.org

40 Days for Life: Prayer and Action for Life

All area pro-lifers are urged to make an extra effort for life during this special time, September 23 to November 1. Thanks to the cooperation of area churches and organizations, we have a full schedule of pro-life events. Most events are open to the public: All are especially welcome and encouraged to attend RTL's annual Life Chain.

In addition, anyone willing and able to spend some time in prayer at the abortion clinic in Dayton is encouraged to contact Lynn Springer (spring4@earthlink.net, 498-9985) or Kelly Staudt (492-1748) to sign up for a time slot. This is a great activity for a church or youth group.



More events are in the planning stages. Watch www.shelbycountyrtrl.org for updates to the calendar.

Wednesday, September 23

Pro-life Holy Hour, Holy Angels Church, Sidney.

Pro-life Rosary and Prayer Service, St. Michael's Church, Ft. Loramie.

Prayer Service, Sidney Apostolic Temple.

Every Friday, September 25 to October 30

Pro-life Stations of the Cross, Holy Angels.

Tuesday, September 29

Clergy Pro-life Prayer Breakfast, St. John's Lutheran Church, Sidney (All area clergy welcome).

Sunday, October 4

Life Chain, Court Square, Sidney, 2:30-3:30 pm. Please park across the street from courthouse.

Friday to Sunday, October 9 to 11

Knights of Columbus 40 Hours Devotion, Holy Angels.

Sunday, October 11

Families for Life Event, Russia

Tuesday, October 20

Elizabeth's New Life Center, Fall Banquet, Shelby Oaks Golf Club. See www.elizabethnewlife.org for more information.

Sunday, November 1

Patriotic Rosary, Holy Angels.

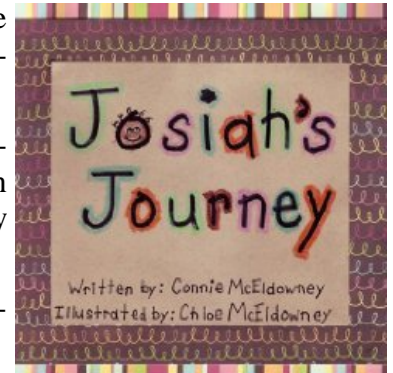
Pumpkin/Cross Lighting and Prayer Service, St. Michael's.

Russia Member Publishes Pro-Life Book

“Quite simply, because it needed to be said.” That is RTL member Connie McEldowney’s answer when asked why she wrote her newly published children’s book, *Josiah’s Journey*.

Josiah’s Journey is the true story of a young girl who struggles with the decisions facing her unplanned pregnancy. It is told from the perspective of her son as he grows inside his mother’s womb. His journey is fulfilled as Josiah finally meets his mommy face to face for the first time.

McEldowney says that she has long searched for a children’s book that promoted life, by telling a story.



“Through God’s grace,” she explains, “I was given the words to this book last winter during an hour spent in adoration at church.” The inspiration for Connie’s story was her family’s experience as a shepherding family for young mothers through Harbor House (featured in RTL newsletter, February ’09). McEldowney hopes to make the book available at pregnancy centers.

Published by AuthorHouse, *Josiah’s Journey* was illustrated by Connie’s daughter Chloe. A great gift for new moms, baptisms, and children’s birthdays, it can be purchased online at AuthorHouse.com, Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com. Copies at a discount price of \$10 are available at the RTL office or can be obtained through the author at mcfamilyfarm@yahoo.com. All profits from sale of the book will benefit pro-life organizations.

Pro-Life Conference Features Wide Array of Topics

The Sixth annual Pro-Life Science & Technology Conference will be held on September 19, 2009, at the Engineers Club of Dayton, 8 AM to 4:30 PM. Registration is \$50 (students \$25) including lunch. Register online via PayPal at www.prolifetechnology.org/register.htm or send check to ProLife Technology, PO Box 982, Sidney, OH 45365. This is a conference for technically oriented people involved in the pro-life movement.

Speakers include Dr. Jack Wilke, Life Issues Institute; Scott and Laura Schulze, Elizabeth’s New Life Center; Jeff Koloze, University of Phoenix; Fr. Larry Gearhart, Immaculate Conception Church; Dr. Ashley Fernandez, Wright State Medical School; Dr. Priscilla Coleman, Bowling Green State Univ.; Prof. Dennis Sullivan, Cedarville Univ.; Deborah Ferguson, Ohio Medical Ultrasound Society; and Jessicah Zehring, Cedarville University. Scholarships may be available for students. Donations for scholarships are welcome. Proceedings of previous conferences are online at www.prolifetechnology.org.

Jason Evert Chastity Talk, September 9

“Yours was the best talk I’ve ever heard,” says Trina from Irvine, California. Those are the kinds of comments that pour in after a Jason Evert chastity talk. All area teens are invited to attend an Evert event at St. Joseph Church in Wapakoneta, Wednesday, September 9. Fellowship begins at 6:30pm and the talk follows at 7pm.

Teens of all faiths are welcome. Please encourage young people to attend this outstanding presentation on a topic vital to their physical and spiritual wellbeing. For more information, contact Holly DeHaven at stjoyouthministry@gmail.com or 419-303-8831.

In memory of Agnes Gehrlich, in whose name a memorial donation was made.

+May she rest in peace.+

RTL Promotes Life at Shelby County Fair

RTL's fair booth display offered passersby a message of respect for human life at all its stages. Coordinated by chairperson Karen Berning, more than 30 volunteers staffed the Merchants Building booth during the course of fair week.

The booth features fetal models, a video presentation on fetal development, and literature on pro-life topics. New this year was a binder containing detailed information on abortion procedures, available for viewing with "discretion advised." Karen reported that the materials had a "big impact" on those who viewed them.

Many thanks to Karen and all our fair volunteers for your valuable work.

Bike for Life

A Shelby County-area Bike for Life will be held Sunday, September 13, from 2 to 4 pm beginning at St. Michael's Hall in Fort Loramie. It will consist of a 7.8 mile bike ride, a bike rodeo, and activities in the hall that promote respect for life for the unborn, handicapped and elderly. A food stand will provide refreshments at a nominal cost. There will be \$500 in cash and gift card prizes for both teens and adults, as well as game and toy prizes for children.

RTL of Shelby County will have a booth featuring educational material, as well as pro-life t-shirts (including our new Shelby County RTL logo shirts), and other items available for purchase. Please join us for this fun, family-friendly pro-life event.

Ohio Senate Honors RTL Oratory Winner

The Ohio Senate approved a resolution recognizing Elizabeth Trisler, the Shelby County RTL Oratory Contest winner who went to first place finishes at both state and national levels. According to the Ohio Senate Journal of July 16, 2009, Senator Keith Faber sponsored S.R. no. 86, "honoring Elizabeth Trisler on winning the 2009 National Right to Life Oratory Contest."

Congratulations again to Elizabeth, and thank you to Senator Faber for introducing this resolution.

Project Ultrasound

The mission of non-profit charity Project Ultrasound Inc. is to use the internet to spread awareness about the effectiveness of ultrasounds in deterring abortions and raise money to purchase ultrasounds for crisis pregnancy centers across the country. Crisis pregnancy centers are reporting that between 70-90% of abortion-minded women who see an ultrasound choose life. The problem is that less than half of pregnancy centers are equipped with these machines. They are trying to raise money right now for an ultrasound purchase for an Ohio pregnancy center, Heartbeat of Fremont. They need help from people who have a passion for this mission to make this grassroots campaign successful. Please see www.projectultrasound.org if you are interested in assisting this effort.

Ohio RTL Sweepstakes

Thank you to all who have purchased sweepstakes tickets this year. If you have not received your tickets, have misplaced them, or simply wish to buy more, please stop by the office, as we have plenty of extras on hand.

Please return your completed tickets with a donation of \$5 per 6 tickets (total donation for all tickets on both sheets would be \$15) to: Right to Life of Shelby County, PO Box 72, Sidney, OH 45365; or place in the secure drop box to the left of the office entrance on Poplar Street. All tickets must be received at our office by October 16.

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UN Health Data Show Liberal Abortion Laws Lead to Greater Maternal Death

The world's largest abortion provider, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), has recently acknowledged an alarming "surge" in maternal deaths in South Africa, challenging the pro-abortion mantra that liberal abortion laws decrease maternal mortality. Maternal deaths increased by twenty per cent in the period 2005-2007 in South Africa, a country that since 1996 has had one of the most permissive abortion laws on the African continent.

While deaths attributable to HIV/AIDS account for the biggest portion of maternal deaths in South Africa, IPPF acknowledges that a portion of deaths are "due to complications of abortion" in a country where the procedure is legal and widely available.

Developing countries have been badgered in recent years by various United Nations agencies and pro-abortion civil society organizations, including IPPF, to decriminalize abortion as a measure to reduce maternal mortality rates. However, the latest IPPF revelation is the latest fact in a growing body of evidence showing the opposite relationship in which legal abortion and high maternal deaths coincide.

To illustrate, the nation with the lowest African maternal mortality rate is Mauritius, according to a 2009 World Health Organization (WHO) report. Mauritius' laws are among the continent's most protective of the unborn. The report further shows how countries that have decriminalized abortion in recent years in response to pressure, such as Ethiopia, have failed to lower dramatic maternal death rates. Ethiopia's maternal death rate is 48 times higher than in Mauritius.

Worldwide, the country with the lowest maternal death rate is Ireland, a nation that prohibits abortion and whose constitution explicitly protects the rights of the unborn.

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