

# Special Delivery

## Christians Must be Involved

Why must American Christians be involved in the fight to save the unborn and in meeting the needs of women with unplanned pregnancies? One reason is the order to maintain and advance true Biblical Christianity. As Christians, we are in danger of falling into error of formalism; religion that is a show, but has no devotion to God or to God's will for man.

The Jewish leaders of Jesus' day fell into this error. They were very particular about their religious observances, but they disregarded love and compassion for their neighbor. Jesus said:

*"But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God..." Luke 11:42*

Throughout the Bible, God's severest judgment falls upon those who profess to be His people, but who oppress or ignore the plight of the helpless and needy. God says to Judah:

*"Alas, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a brood of evildoers..." Isaiah 1:14*

He then calls them to repentance,

*"Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil doings from before my eyes. Cease to do evil. Learn to do good. Seek justice. Reprove your oppressor. Defend the fatherless. Plead for the widow." Isaiah 1:16, 17*

To the nation of Israel, God says:

*"I hate, I despise your feast days, and I do not savor your sacred assemblies. Take away from me the noise of your songs, for I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments! But let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream." Amos 5:21-24*

It is much easier to merely go through the motions of religious observance than to invest yourselves in the lives of people. The Lord Jesus hates compromise and lukewarmness in His church. He tells us to repent of such sin.

The spirit of the world is to live for yourself and pursue your own pleasures. True Biblical religion includes giving yourself for others and especially those in need.

*"Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." James 1:27*

The ministry of Pregnancy Ministries is to "uphold the sanctity of human life by providing Christ-centered assistance in pregnancy and related areas." PMI offers a variety of education and material and spiritual support to those in need. As we enter a new year, pray with us for many opportunities to share Christ and truth from Scripture. Pray for hearts to be changed and lives to be saved.



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### Save The Dates!

- Walk for Life  
Waynesboro— 5/20/21  
Fayetteville—6/5/21
- Celebration Dinner—  
October 14, 2021
- 2nd Annual Links for Life  
Golf Marathon—This  
Summer, stay tuned for  
details!



Windsor Bauders, 2020 Speaker

## 2020 Celebration Dinner Sponsors

We had a wonderful and successful dinner last October, despite the unique circumstances! Thank you to the following businesses who helped make the evening possible.

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*We raised nearly \$45,000 in donations, pledges, and sponsorships at the 2020 Celebration Dinner. THANK YOU for your support of PMI!*

### In Memory

Gifts were given in memory of:

**Helen Adams**

by Linda Almasy-Hohmann

**Roxanne Hopple**

by her mother, Judy Sellers

**Roxanne Hopple**

by her sister, Tracy Sipes

**John Stock**

by Judy McCormick

**Rene Jones**

by her husband, Ron Jones

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## Spring Into Action This Spring!

### Pregnancy Ministries' Volunteer Training

Planning is underway for our Spring Volunteer Training for **Receptionists** and **Client Advocates**. Exact dates are not set yet but will be soon! It is not too early to call a center for a Volunteer Packet and begin onboarding.

Looking for ways to serve that do not require the training? We can help! Here are some of the other ways to minister:

- Meet with young Dads or Dads to be (men only – minor training and materials provided)
- Launder clothing donations
- Check over and wash furniture donations
- Routine maintenance
- Weeding (Chambersburg Center)
- Cleaning

With more volunteers, we can serve more women and be the first choice for women in unplanned pregnancies. From meeting with clients and answering the phones to sorting donations and weeding flowerbeds, each volunteer's work is important.

**Call any center to find out more details  
and receive a volunteer packet!**

### Volunteer Spotlight: Meet Terri Kochert

Theresa "Terri" Kochert has been volunteering with PMI since 2009, starting in the Receiving Room by washing donated articles. In 2010, the current Spanish-speaking client advocate needed to leave. Terri quietly said, "I speak Spanish." Our reaction - "Thank you, Jesus!" Terri took the necessary training and orienting. Terri sought out videos and designed review sheets for each and also translated PMI office forms. Terri volunteers on Tuesdays and meets with four clients on average. After 11 ½ years, Terri still enjoys it and is glad to help her clients as much as possible.



Before volunteering at PMI, Terri taught in the Chambersburg Area School District as a French and Spanish teacher for 35 years. Though the majority of her PMI clients speak Spanish, Terri gets to practice her French with a few Creole-speaking clients. Terri is married to Robert "Bob" Kochert. They have two grown children and nine grandchildren.

Save the Date!

Walk  
for life  
2021

Save the date now for  
the 2021 Walk for Life!

**Thursday, May 20th @  
Otterbein Park,  
Waynesboro**

**Saturday, June 5th @  
Norlo Park,  
Fayetteville**

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business sponsorship?**

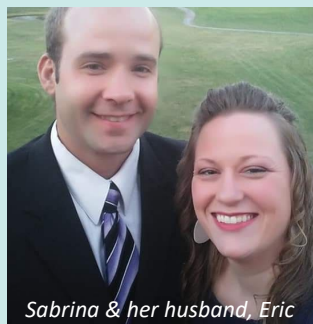
We are looking for  
businesses to partner  
with us to put on this  
fundraising event.

Call 717-267-3738 to  
find out more.

## Volunteer Spotlight

"I have enjoyed volunteering at PMI the past 6 years. It's been a joy to meet the clients and help them through their journey. I also help with material support and like to keep it organized. PMI is dear to my heart so volunteering my time is the least I can do. "

- Sabrina, a volunteer at Greencastle Center



Sabrina & her husband, Eric



Sara Hollinshead, Greencastle Director

## STDs During Pregnancy

by Cindy Booher, RN

Many women don't know that having a sexually transmitted disease during pregnancy can complicate the pregnancy and have serious health effects on both mother and baby. Many STDs are "silent" and have no symptoms so they may not know they are infected. In addition, many women are not getting in to see a doctor until the beginning of the second trimester. Untreated infections for pregnant women have been linked to premature labor and birth, low birth weight, and eye and lung problems. These infections can even infect an infant during birth as it passes through the birth canal.

Testing and treating pregnant women for STDs is one of the

services we offer at PMI. We want to prevent health complications to mother and baby that may otherwise happen. It is so easy to collect the sample while we are doing the pregnancy test. We partner with the Department of Health; we collect the sample and send it to the lab. They do the testing and send us the results. If it is positive for an infection, we then treat them. We treat under the guidance of our medical director using CDC guidelines. Everything is free to the client. It is so important to know this information at the beginning of a pregnancy for the best health outcomes for mother and baby.



by Ruth Schuler, Abortion Recovery Director

Rejoice with me over the restoration experienced by a Restore client.

"This study... caused me to dig deep into the heart of God to fully find healing... My biggest take away... was giving my son an identity, one he never had. I feel fully restored after working... on aspects of my recovery I never even knew needed addressed! I am finishing out this study feeling free .. God was faithful throughout the entire journey, and I know He'll continue..."

Pray with me as I look forward to what God will do through *Restore, Healing after Abortion* in 2021. Keep your eyes open for a Weekend Healing Retreat and a memorial service for the unborn in Waynesboro; then spread the word!

## Meet the New Waynesboro Center Director

by Sara Hollinshead, Waynesboro Director

It is with great excitement and awareness of God's leading that I enter into the position of Waynesboro Center Director. I am humbled that God has allowed this broken vessel to be chosen to serve in this area. I join a group of ladies that love the Lord supremely and who I know do their best to represent Him to a lost, hurting world and that those who enter their doors are treated with the greatest respect and compassion. They will be such wonderful mentors and I am looking forward to getting to know each of them better.

As you think of me and the many steps ahead (training both for myself and volunteers yet to be called, permits and building renovations) please pray for us and the light that will shine anew in Waynesboro!



## Jehovah Jireh: The Lord Will Provide

by Daria DeRogatis-Smith, RN

One of our prayers has been for the Lord to provide a new ultrasound machine, and He did.

One of the ways we serve our clients is to be a “window into the womb.” I am so thankful for the training and for the ultrasound machine on which I was able to train. I am even more grateful that we were able to purchase, through generous donations, our new machine. This wonderful piece of equipment makes it easier for me to help these women with clearer images and a larger screen. My prayer now is to be able to use that training and this new machine to serve Him and the women He brings to us.

Praise be to God: Jehovah Jireh



## A Message from the Greencastle Center Director

by Cindy Rotz, Greencastle Director

Praying everyone had a blessed Christmas. The holiday season was no doubt a unique one for all of us; however, the true reason for the season remained the same.

With continuing material donations, we could give our clients’ children Christmas gifts and blankets once again. Our window was decorated as Polar Express for Heritage Christmas in Greencastle, and we gave out tickets for a gift. We had many happy children receive a ticket and toy. We also gave out blankets, coats, and hats. In January, we plan to give coupons to the local food banks for free diapers in order to promote our services.

Thank you for your prayers as we continue to serve the Greencastle area. Pray for more clients both female and male to find our centers and feel safe to enter our doors. Pray for the health of all of our volunteers and staff during this COVID season.

## Where Is She Now?

by Robin Kell, Shippensburg Director

We cannot imagine the impact we have on our clients. Amber was so grateful for our services when she came in many years ago. Amber married the father of the baby, started to attend church, and accepted Christ as her Savior. Amber, her husband, and family moved out of state. Fast forward 15 years. Amber has recently reached out to me expressing the need for a pregnancy center in her area. She has been talking with her Pastor about the need. I was able to give her information on Care Net and how they can help.

We will never comprehend just how much impact we have on the lives of our clients at PMI.

## Update from Chambersburg Administrative Director

by Maggie Wantz, Chambersburg Administrative Director

During the 2020 calendar year we celebrated the birth of 16 babies, (6 boys and 10 girls)! Our volunteers offered over 665 hours of support! I am thankful I will be orienting and working alongside three new receptionist volunteers this year, who helped to fill in time slots for coverage needed.

Volunteers are the heart of our ministry, following a calling to serve, providing services for our clients and for those who have needs within and surrounding communities. I pray for God’s will so we continue to have the best fit of servanthood and upholding the mission of our ministry.

We are also grateful for God’s provision by gracious donors who provided our center with a new ultrasound machine, and we are looking forward to what God has planned for the ministry in 2021!

## PMI Pregnancy Ministries, Inc.

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PMI's mission is to uphold the sanctity of human life by providing Christ-centered assistance in pregnancy and related areas.



## How Does PMI Help Non-Clients?

by Deb MacAskill, Chambersburg Client Services

James 2:16 says: "If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?"

PMI has been so very blessed with lots of diapers, wipes, and formula as well as clothing and furniture donations during the months of COVID. Of course, we prioritize the needs of our clients first and foremost. They can use their Baby Bucks to purchase items, and during the beginning months of COVID, we even did some free distributions of necessities to them.

However, we also wish to do our best to help non-clients in our community. When we have been blessed with an abundance of items, we do not want to hoard them, but rather bless others in need in our communities. We provide what is called, "emergency help," to people who contact us with needs. Normally we limit this to assisting families once every six months, but we have changed our policy to helping once every three months while we have a lot of supplies. Our prayer is as we minister to them with Christ's love that it will impact them spiritually as well as physically. Please feel free to refer anyone you know with these needs to us.

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