

Save The Date!

Are you looking forward to summer as much as we are? With summer at Abigail comes our annual Walk for Life! This year's date is June 9th, 2018 at 9:00AM.



We will be holding our Walk again this year at the gazebo at Suhr Park on Main Street in Norwalk. We were amazed last year at so many new participants, and we are praying that many of you return or participate for the first time. This is definitely not a sporting event! You will just take a leisurely stroll uptown.

We understand that June is a busy time of year for so many families, that is why we make it early, short and super easy to participate!

More information will be coming in the spring, so save the date and invite your friends. As always we are grateful for our supporters who help make the work we do at Abigail possible. Thank you!

ONE LAST THING!

The Norwalk office is in urgent need of someone to shovel the walks during the snow season. If you are willing to do this please contact Carol Rinella at 419-668-9500 or volunteercoordinator@abigailonline.org. Thank you!

Contact Us

Please call for more information about our ministry or the services we provide.

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2017 Year End Statistics

Our Norwalk and Willard centers were busy this year providing clients with : (among other services)

720 Client visits

90 Pregnancy tests

608 dozen diapers (That's 7,296 if you're counting!)

6,600+ Baby and maternity items of clothing

146 Cans of formula

We celebrated:

9 Embrace Grace Graduates

16 Baby Basics Graduates

A new support group for young, single moms at Abigail Pregnancy Services



Wednesdays, Feb. 9-April 25. Free childcare! Register at: 419-668-9500

Embrace Life

We have had so much success with Embrace Grace that we have prayerfully decided to launch Embrace Life this spring at our Norwalk center! Embrace Grace is a program for young, single women who find

themselves in an unexpected pregnancy. Almost every one of our Embrace Grace graduates have expressed during the last class how they do not want the program to end because they enjoyed the safe environment of the conversations, lessons, and friendships made. With Embrace Life, our Embrace Grace graduates can now transition into this program once they have their baby!

Embrace Life is geared towards single, young moms who are trying to work, go to school, or both while raising a young child. This is a discipleship program where these young moms will learn more about self-care strategies, cooking quick and healthy meals on a budget, time management, budgeting their finances, and praying for their future husbands. Childcare will be provided for our students. At the end of the semester we will have a special "Adventure Day" event for them! Please keep this program and our enrolled moms in prayer as we hope that seeds continue to be planted within their hearts, and we are believing for salvation for our participants!



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Our Services

- Physician-Verified Pregnancy Tests
- Peer Counseling for Women & Men
- Maternity and Baby Supplies
- Parenting Classes
- Referrals to Other Agencies
- Abstinence Education
- Post-Abortion Counseling
- Embrace Grace & Embrace Life

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Connecting the Abigail Family

January 2018

From the Director's Desk

No Eye Has Seen, No Ear Has Heard...

What an exciting time of year! We are in the midst of Sanctity of Human Life Month as well as the first month of the year when new goals, strategies, and motivation are birthed or renewed. As we recently strategized for the year here at Abigail Pregnancy Services, I have to tell you something. I am very excited about what God has planned for this ministry this year!



We are launching a new program, Embrace Life, for young, single moms. We are continuing the medical transition to soon offer limited ultrasounds to our abortion-vulnerable clients. We already have new clients walking through our doors this year, and we have the privilege of educating them on the choices they have for the baby living within them. Most importantly, we are chasing God and His will for this ministry.

We know that we can do nothing apart from God. We rely on Him for every operation of the ministry. I believe that is why He is birthing new programs within our center, bringing in new clients that need to hear of His love for them, and opening doors for us to complete the medical transition. He is good!

As I think of all the Lord is doing within Abigail Pregnancy Services, the scripture that keeps coming to my mind is, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9). No matter what trials come this year to the ministry or our personal lives, we can rest in the fact that God is for us, He is working even when we aren't, and His strength comes during our weaknesses. With those facts, I know we are in good hands in 2018, and my hope is that you too will chase after God and take rest in knowing His hands are protecting you as well this year!

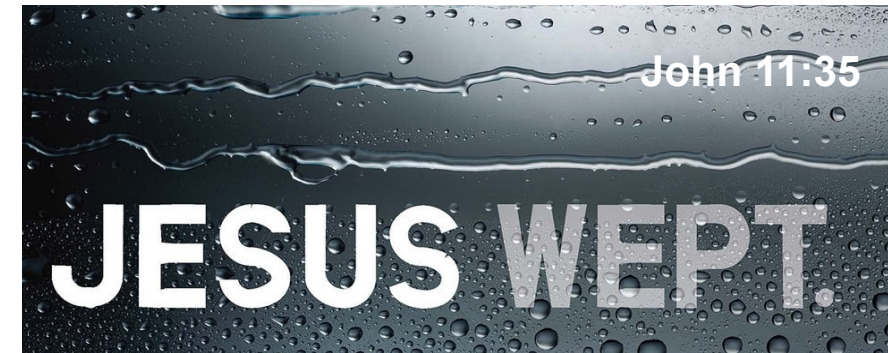
Because of Him,
Amanda Clark
Executive Director

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What if the CHURCH WEPT over abortion?

"Weeping is one of the deepest expressions of emotion... 'Jesus Wept' is a verse that reminds us that God deeply loves us."

Abortion is a spiritual issue. It is a direct attack on the image of God. This matters to him. At Abigail Pregnancy Services we consider ourselves the church, as in the body of believers. Every year we observe the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday in the month of January as it was decreed on January 13, 1984. President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22 as the first National *Sanctity of Human Life Day*. (January 22, 1973, was the day the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand in all 50 states.) Churches around the United States use the day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage.

What Does This Mean To Us?

The work that we do day in and day out is an act of worship and a celebration of the sanctity of human life. Giving our clients options other than abortion, with practical and spiritual support, filtered through the lens of the Gospel is our focus. Helping clients to see for themselves that their lives are precious in the sight of God and in turn their children's lives are too.

The heart of Jesus is the heart of this ministry: to glorify God and to demonstrate His character. It is a privilege and a call that we do not take lightly.

What Does This Mean To You?

We invite you to prayerfully consider what the issue of abortion truly means to you. Are you willing to act on your convictions? It is only when we stand together in love that hearts will be changed and eyes will be opened to this senseless loss of life that grieves God so deeply. Please join us as we pray for an end to abortion and ask God how He would have you join in the fight for life.

Speaking Life to the Next Generation

Recently Abigail had the privilege to speak about the Sanctity of Human Life to the students at Trinity Christian Academy.

The students were given a bottle of bubbles and asked a question about the bubbles they blew: "what is inside the bubbles?" As expected they all said "Air!" That was the perfect opportunity to tell them it was BREATH, and that God created us by breathing life into us! We talked about how, like the bubbles, human life is fragile and must be protected. It was amazing to see these children respond to this object lesson! The students are also participating in a Baby Bottle Campaign to raise funds for the ministry. We are grateful for their efforts!



We are also very excited that we have 3 local schools scheduled for our Sexual Integrity Program so far this year. This program, geared towards teaching kids about self worth, abstinence, and healthy relationships, (among other subjects) is an important part of our ministry.

If you would like an Abigail representative to come to your church, school, small group, or organization to speak about the ministry and our programs or to do a Sexual Integrity presentation, please call the Norwalk center at 419-668-9500. We would love to meet with you!