

# Thought Provoking Subjects

## LIFE HAS PURPOSE

In a recent 2020 Gallup Poll the question was asked: "Do you think abortions should be legal under any circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances." The results were:

- 29% legal under any circumstances
- 50% legal only under certain circumstances
- 20% illegal in all circumstances
- 2% no opinion

The circumstances given were for the health of the mother, rape, or incest. The fact is, only 1% of women obtain an abortion because they became pregnant through rape, and less than 0.5% do so because of incest, (according to the Guttmacher Institute). That means that the majority of abortions are for other reasons, which I will not go into here.

The human debate of whether the pregnancy was planned or unplanned, or if the baby is wanted or unwanted, is the determining factor of whether he/she has value, worth, purpose, or even has the right to life. But, to God, ALL LIFE is precious. Here is what the Scripture says:

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5*



Meet the 1%, **Ryan Bomberger**, our guest speaker for our September 24th Annual Fundraising Banquet. Our theme is "Life Has Purpose".

**Ryan** was

conceived in rape, and his birth mother carried him for nine months of pregnancy to place him in a loving, adoptive home. Ryan has not yet met his birth mother, but he truly honors her for her bravery and courage to place value and worth on his life and to selflessly give him the GIFT of LIFE! (You can watch Ryan on our Facebook Launch of Friends of Muskegon Pregnancy Services on 9/25)!

*Deb Null / Executive Director*

## Which Black lives matter?

Abortion continues to decimate the African-American community. While Michigan's population is 14% Black, 51.1% of all abortions were performed on African-American women according to the latest annual statistics.

Black babies are almost **3 times** more likely to be aborted than White babies. Nationwide, since 1973 abortion has killed more Black Americans than aids, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, violent crimes, and every other cause of death combined!

So why are Black unborn children left completely out of this discussion? If "Black Lives Matter" shouldn't that include Black children in the womb? Where is the congressional Black caucus? Where is the NAACP? Where is the liberal media? Where is Hollywood? Where's Al Sharpton? Where's Jesse Jackson?

~ Right to Life of Michigan

First Congregational Church of Fruitport  
3212 E. Pontaluna Rd. (across from Edgewood Elementary)

Rev. Michael Scott 231-865-3822

Communion  
second Sunday  
each month

Sunday School  
& Church at 10:30  
Coffee, Snacks & Fellowship  
Before & After



Drop kids off at 10:15-10:30  
& Pick up angels at 12:00



## UPCOMING EVENTS... First Congregational Church

### OCTOBER:

23 & 24 - Annual FREE Pumpkin Patch Walk, bonfire, from 4-8pm • Hot dog & chips (\$1.50), Chili Dog & chips (\$2.00) • Pop or water (\$1.00 each)

28 & 29 - Prayer Meeting for our country 12-1pm

### NOVEMBER:

1 - Pilgrim's Thanksgiving (Heritage Dinner) after the 10:30 morning service, about 11:45

12 & 13 - Bake Sale • A \$5 Bazaar Item Table" will be available during the bake sale. Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-1

29 - Delbert Yoder in concert at 10:30am

### DECEMBER:

20 - Christmas Program: 10:30am

### MARCH:

28 - Friendship Sunday/Potluck - after 10:30am service, about 11:45

### APRIL:

2 - Good Friday Service at 7pm

4 - Easter Breakfast & Service at 9-11:30am

### MISC.:

> We also collect Baby Items for Muskegon Pregnancy Services.

> Hymn Sing / soup - 2nd Friday each month 6:30pm Check with Bob Bird for up-to-date information due to Covid: 231-215-1763 or birdnesters@gmail.com

> Potluck: 1st Sunday each month

> Communion: 2nd Sunday each month

> Bible Study: Sunday, 10:00-10:20am, Thursday 11:00am

> Ladies meet weekly: Wednesdays 9am-12pm

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What a contrast. Ryan's mother was probably not in a very good situation, but yet she carried him through to his birth and helped to place him in a good home. Compare that to the people who encourage killing unborn babies right up to birth and in some cases even after birth. What a horrible contrast.

## FRUITPORT COMMUNITY HYMN SING TRADITIONAL & GOSPEL

2nd Friday every month

~ depending on our Governor ~

### EVERYONE WELCOME!

Purpose: To glorify the name of Jesus and bring joy to our hearts!

\*\* Refreshments at 6pm \*\*

\*\* Music about 6:30pm \*\*

at First Congregational  
Church of Fruitport

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For up-to-date information, contact:

Bob Bird (231) 215-1763, Birdnesters@gmail.com

If you have a song on your heart,  
come and sing it!

## The Angel Costume

By Norma Knuppenburg

Three weeks before Christmas, I was busy sewing an angel dress for our six-year-old daughter, Charlotte, to wear in the church program.

Charlotte and her little friend, Tracy came in from playing and I told them that we had just received a year's subscription to the Reader's Digest from our neighbors. My daughter asked me, "Mom, what will happen if we die before we receive all twelve copies?"

Her little friend spoke up and asked, "Charlotte, what are you going to be when you get to heaven?"

"Oh, replied Charlotte, "I think I'll be an angel because I've already got the costume."

## Abortion is Not Life-sustaining

What does it mean to "sustain life"? A dictionary will use words like support, nourish, or keep up to define "sustain." Many things are needed to sustain life, from basics like food and water to higher needs like purpose and community. These are needs common to every human being.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer has a different definition of sustaining life. She believes abortion is life sustaining.

In the worst days of the pandemic, frontline medical personnel were forced to reuse personal protective equipment. While they struggled in some areas to deal with a wave of sick patients, abortion facilities continued using up scarce resources while abortions continued as if no statewide emergency existed.

While people were waiting for cancer scans, heart surgeries, joint replacements—all because of Governor Whitmer's executive orders—they could have gotten an abortion easily, for absolutely any reason.

To defend the waste of needed equipment and blatantly unfair treatment of outpatient surgeries, Governor Whitmer declared abortion is "life-sustaining." She used those words on a podcast as part of her national media blitz to further her vice presidential aspirations.

What is the opposite of "sustain"? Words like stop, harm, deny. Abortion stops a pregnancy by harming the unborn child, denying their right to life.

In Governor Whitmer's mind, the unborn child has zero human dignity. The only question she considers is what will help the woman's future? If keeping the child helps her lifestyle, do that. If killing the child helps her lifestyle, do that instead.

She mostly shut down the state's economy on the premise that we must sacrifice our lifestyles to protect the weakest among us. Governor Whitmer clearly agrees with that, as do many other Michiganders who support abortion.

So where is the disconnect? How can we say 20 million Americans losing their jobs is worth it to save many lives, but we must allow killing human beings as an alternative to continuing a pregnancy and then pursuing adoption?

We can see the patient who dies from pneumonia. We can see the unemployed person who dies from an opioid overdose. Because we can't see a baby being meticulously dismembered in the womb with our own eyes, many of us can pretend it never happened—and has no long-term consequences for anyone else involved.

Abortion does not sustain life; it sustains the banality of evil, at the cost of more than 25,000 Michigan lives every year.

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you line up for bread

**Capitalism:**  
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