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[www.ifrl.org](http://www.ifrl.org)  
**National Right to Life Committee**  
[www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org)  
**Knox County Right to Life**  
[www.knoxcountyrighttolife.org](http://www.knoxcountyrighttolife.org)  
**Women's Pregnancy Center**  
[wpcenter@centurytel.net](mailto:wpcenter@centurytel.net)

**Don't Forget...Mark Your Calendar:**

**June 13 – KCRL Meeting - Radiance Worship Center (formerly Church of the Open Bible- 521 W. Losey Street - Galesburg – 7:00 PM**

**June 25 – Interdenominational Prayer Service – Radiance Worship Center – Merced Harris, speaker.**

**There is no July KCRL meeting**





**Note from our Vice-President:**

Greetings! Most may recall that the historically the Knox County Right to Life Interdenominational Prayer Service was held in January close to the anniversary date of the infamous Roe vs Wade Supreme Court Decision, Jan 22, 1973. We decided this year to host the event in June because of the widely celebrated Dobbs vs Jackson Women’s Health Organization landmark decision by the Supreme Court on June 23, 2022. The constitutional right to abortion upheld for nearly a half century NO LONGER exists! There is still, however, much work ahead of us to change the pro-abortion tide in America. So please join us on Sunday, June 25 at **Radiance Worship Center** (formerly the Church of Open Bible) for prayer, song, and worship and to hear the beautiful story of Mercedes Harris. She is a wife, mother of four who tells an inspiring story about her experience from a crisis pregnancy to making a courageous decision to choose life for her precious son.

*Jennifer Remmes*

**INTERDENOMINATIONAL**



*Prayer*

**SERVICE**

*Featuring Guest Speaker*

**MERCEDES HARRIS**



Mercedes Harris is a loving wife and mother of four beautiful children. She will be sharing her testimony of choosing to embrace life during her teen pregnancy and how God and her mother played a major role in that decision. She shares her story with tenderness and authenticity. While accomplishments are a part of any bio, they don't rival her joys of watching her children play in sports and being a teacher at Calvary Assembly of God.

*Free Admission. Everyone is invited!*

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023**  
**6:30 P.M.**

\*Doors Open at 6:00 P.M.

**CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE**  
**521 W. LOSEY ST., GALESBURG, ILLINOIS**

*\*Refreshments to follow the Prayer Service.*

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# ILLINOIS PUSHES FOR MORE ABORTIONS

(Reprinted from Spring newsletter)

“Abortion Industry Uses Illinois as an “Abortion Island”

While many Midwestern states protect life and mothers from abortion, Illinois **allows abortion through 9 months of pregnancy, and minor girls can have abortions without their parents ever knowing.**

In January, Illinois passed even more extreme laws that:

- Bring more doctors to Illinois to perform abortions – ***even if they lost their medical license in another state for performing illegal abortion.***
- Allows ***non-physicians to perform surgical abortions*** if they do not use general anesthesia and
- Allows birth centers to perform abortions.

“Because of Illinois’ extreme laws, more abortion clinics are coming – including in Champaign – just 8 minutes from the U of I campus.

“The owner of the Champaign clinic works at a clinic that **lost its license**, then after opening under a new name **performed an abortion on a woman who was unable to consent because of drug use.**”

## **Furthermore: Update from Rep Dan Swanson on the mifepristone issue:**

There is a lot of confusion and movement on this issue. Here’s where things stand today:

- In early April, a federal Judge in Texas issued a preliminary ruling enjoining the FDA approval of mifepristone for use in abortions.
- Illinois and 17 states filed a federal suit in Washington state. Since that judge ruled that the FDA could not restrict access to mifepristone, it is still available for abortion use in Illinois and the other states suing in that case.
  - o Prior to this ruling, IDFPR “The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (“IDFPR”) stated it will not discipline physicians who prescribe or pharmacists who fulfill prescriptions of Mifepristone.”
- Illinois law allows order of mifepristone through a telehealth appointment and *does not* require a prescription. Planned Parenthood of Illinois already avails itself of this method of delivery.
  - o Providers must be certified by the FDA before they are allowed to use this procedure. I have not found any data indicating that the Walgreens certification (applied for in January with the intention to be certified in March) has been granted by the FDA.

**In sum:** Illinois would allow Walgreens to distribute mifepristone for abortion purposes after the patient receives a telehealth appointment, but only after Walgreens is certified to do so by the FDA. However, Walgreens has not yet been certified. Mifepristone is still available by mail and without a prescription in Illinois, just not through Walgreens.

Dick Conklin

## Women's Pregnancy Center

Welcome to summer! The Women's Pregnancy Center and Knox County Right to Life are busy planning a Baby Shower. The WPC is also looking for a couple of churches to host a baby bottle fundraiser this summer. We are also at the time of the year that we stock up on Maternity and baby items and pregnancy tests.

It is also a time when more girls come in for a test and mentoring. Our advocates are trained to help these girls as they walk through this time and can discuss the results of the pregnancy test, whether it was positive or negative. Negative results are just as difficult to minister to as positive results are. The only difference is the number of lives at stake. All people were created in the image of God. It sometimes takes a pregnancy question to make girls realize that they mean so much more to God than they ever thought. They have such enormous value; more than for procreation, especially out of wedlock.

We are not people who will judge any person that walks through our doors for help. We want all people to know their value even if they do not really understand it themselves at the time. I believe in helping people understand their worth, it will help save the lives of so many innocent heartbeats that would not be given a chance otherwise. No one walks through this life alone unless they choose to. Jesus is always beside you and wants to walk with you if you would just let Him.

I am an advocate for education. Life is so precious that you should ask yourself, Do I know what I need to make a life decision for my baby?

If you find yourself in that situation. Please come and talk with one of our advocates. Or if you know someone, encourage them to get information before they do anything.

God bless you,

***Dawn M Walter***

Director, Women's Pregnancy Center

## Christmas in July through September

Once again this year Knox County Right to Life will be looking to support its projects by selling Christmas ornaments designed by Dough Delights. Faithful members of our organization will be contacting their traditional customers for your order of this year's offering. It is an image of a fireplace featuring a beautiful wreath above a mantel with hanging stockings and as many of Santa's elves that are in your families peaking around the edges. So be prepared to help out with your ornament purchase for 2023.

If you have questions, please contact Lori Mason at 309-337-7728