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*"For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

*Jeremiah 29:11*

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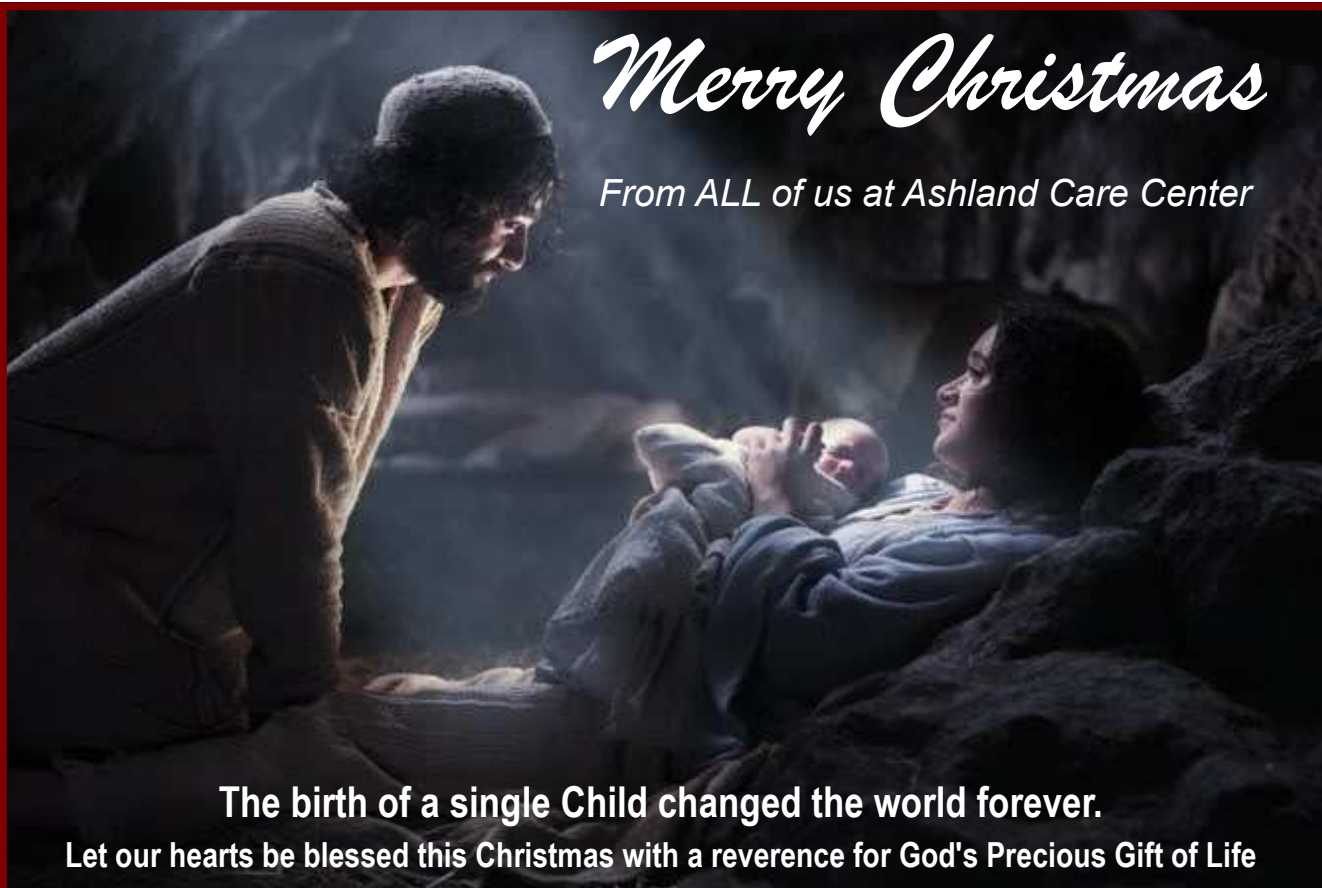
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# Merry Christmas

*From ALL of us at Ashland Care Center*



**The birth of a single Child changed the world forever.**

**Let our hearts be blessed this Christmas with a reverence for God's Precious Gift of Life**

*A Note from the Executive Director... Ducia Hamm*

Christmas - thoughts of family get-togethers, presents, decorations, making cut-out cookies, snow, live nativity scenes, Christmas carols...that is what fills our thoughts around this time of year.

It's never easy for us to tell a young single girl that her fear of a pregnancy has come true, especially at this time of the year because for her - hearing the words "The test is positive." - for the moment anyway - may very well shatter her world. All of her Christmas plans, the dreams of the long hoped for presents, the trip to Grandma's pale in significance to the news we are giving her. Now, her plans shift to telling her family, or hiding her secret through the Christmas season. One thing she knows... she will *never* forget this Christmas - *ever*.

At times like this, we at Ashland Care Center have a wonderful opportunity to share the best gift of all - that of Jesus Christ and His perfect, boundless, limitless love and care for us. That very first Christmas began a love story that is still as vibrant today as it was 2010 years ago. In spite of the difficult situation this young lady is in - God does care - and He loves her just as much as He loved and cared for Mary the earthly mother of Jesus. We can share the truth with her in such a way that she can understand and relate to it...after all...Mary had the same fears as she is having - "How do I tell my parents or Joseph...what will everyone say behind my back...why me!?" Our young lady needs to know that the Lord's love is unconditional, and at the same time see that He is longing for her to give Him her heart so that He can make it new.

That's the message of Christmas, that God's desire is that we lay our lives at His feet so that He can perform miracles of hope and reconciliation in our lives.

No, it's never easy to tell someone in a difficult situation that she is pregnant, but often it is times like this when the door is open for the Lord to come in to someone's life. This Christmas might give us those opportunities. Pray with us that when they come, we will be prepared. **YES...The Birth of a Single Child Can Change the World FOREVER!**

From our ACC family to yours:

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*



# Spotlight ... on Client Services

## Increased Programs in 2011

ACC is excited to introduce you to a few of our volunteer staff members – some are new faces and some you have seen before – they're just wearing a new hat!

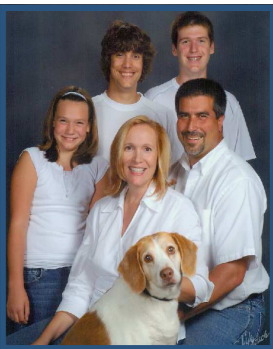


Aaron and Aubrey Bates will be partnering with Ashland Care Center to bring a series of classes on *Parenting with Purpose*. The program will explore topics on parenting such as nutrition, sleeping through the night, and safety. The goal is to go beyond just the basics and help parents to see the bigger-picture – the need to choose to actively parent our children on a daily basis. Classes will be held at the Salvation Army's Kroc Center and are open to the community. Aaron and Aubrey have been married for eight years and have three children, ages Keslar, Ty, and Annie 6 months.

Mary Dolce will re-instate the M-n-M (Mom to Mom) program. She has recruited and confirmed more than 20 volunteers in the community to deliver hot meals to our new moms coming home from the hospital. Mary is married to Leonard and combined have eight children – Sarah, Alex, Olivia, Luke, Gabe, Jake, Sara and Josh.



Maryanne Wise is offering an eleven week post abortion Bible study, *Forgive and Set Free*, a thorough application of God's healing Word for the guilt, pain and grief after abortion. Abortion touches millions of women around the world, as well as right here in Ashland County, leaving them with emotional and spiritual wounds that are so deep they often have difficulty sharing their pain with others. Women isolate themselves from others afterwards, deny their feelings and suffer silently. Maryanne is a current board member and an active client advocate. Maryanne is married to Brad and they have three children - Matt, Jake and Grace.



We are grateful for our new volunteer program coordinators who will add value to our client services and empower our clients to make healthy choices consistent with God's gift of life.

With Smiles,  
Dana Futrell



# Welcome



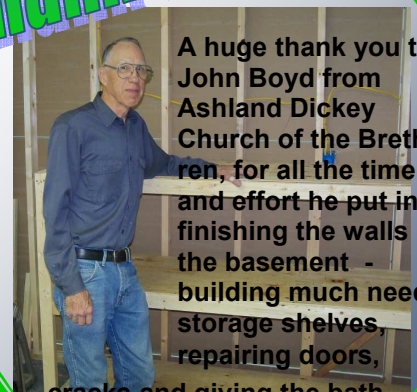
ACC Office Manager  
Karen Gerwig

ACC is excited to welcome Karen! She comes to us with years of office management experience and we couldn't be more thrilled to have her. Karen has had a passion for this ministry for many years having been a volunteer with ACC several years ago.

Karen's joy is her family. She and husband Scott have 3 grown children and 4 grandchildren with one on the way. "I love being a "Grandmum" and take the job title very seriously, hoping to impact these young lives with lots of love in a world that is often a bit crazy. I enjoy good friends, good in-depth Bible Studies and reading. I also greatly enjoy my husband's company and companionship especially after recovering from some serious health issues, and find there are few things better than in life than sitting out in our garden with a glass of ice tea watching the sun set."

Stop by ACC sometime and meet Karen!

# Thank You!



A huge thank you to John Boyd from Ashland Dickey Church of the Brethren, for all the time and effort he put into finishing the walls in the basement - building much needed storage shelves, repairing doors, cracks and giving the bathroom a fresh coat of paint.

# Pro-Life

TO THE CORE



*Sanctity of Human Life Sunday*

**January 16, 2011 at 6pm**

***Guest Speaker: Matt Miller***



**First United Methodist Church**  
220 Sandusky Street, Ashland





Nathan

# Pondering...where to send a year-end gift? We have an idea for you...

Hmmmm...If you could find a ministry that is actually saving the lives of precious children while at the same time sharing the hope of Jesus Christ with moms, dads and families—how would that sound?

Are you considering sending in a special year-end gift?  
Ashland Care Center is certainly a ministry worth pondering!!

## How can I give?

- ◆ Send your check along with the giving form in the enclosed envelope
- ◆ Online @ [www.AshlandCareCenter.org/donor](http://www.AshlandCareCenter.org/donor) - 'Donate Here' tab
- ◆ EFT - Electronic Fund Transfer - call Karen - 419.281.1111

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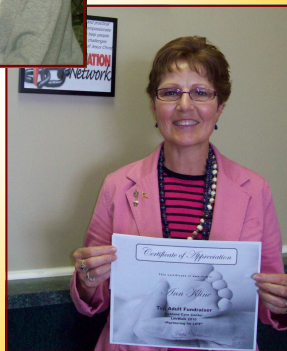
# Congratulations



**Michele Puster**  
Winner of ACC Fair  
Booth Gift Basket -  
\$850 value



**Gabrielle Bouquet**  
Top Youth LifeWalker



**Ann Kline**  
Top Adult LifeWalker

# Thank You!

...from the bottom of our heart to all the men, women and children who "Partnered for LIFE" and raised over **\$16,900!**



**We exist because YOU give!**



"Walk Warriors"



## MISSION STATEMENT

Ashland Care Center is a Christian ministry equipping people to make healthy choices consistent with God's gift of life. Through outreach, education and support to women and men in unplanned pregnancies and to the community, we promote choosing life, sexual integrity and healing with God.

# Save the Date:

**Sunday, January 16, 2011**  
**Sanctity of Human Life**  
See Pg. 3 for details

**Forgiven and Set Free**  
**Post Abortion Recovery**  
**Begins: January 7, 2011**  
Call 419.281.1111 for details

**Thursday, March 24, 2011**  
**ACC's 30th Anniversary**  
**Fundraiser Celebration**