



News from the Fountain Street Church
Choice Fund
(and Happy Mother's Day!)

Last November, Michiganders voted to protect reproductive rights in our state. On April 5, 2023, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed bipartisan legislation repealing the state's 1931 law banning abortion without exceptions for rape or incest and criminalizing nurses and doctors for doing their jobs. The new laws remove the unconstitutional 1931 law from the books and ensure that Michiganders can make their own decisions about their own bodies.

But we must continue to ensure that all people have access to abortion care. The Fountain Street Church Choice Fund strives to provide equal access to reproductive healthcare in Michigan by raising and offering funds to assist individuals seeking abortion care. Since the late 1960s, the Choice Fund has proudly helped *thousands* of people access abortion care. Thank you all for your generous support and contributions! Let's continue the momentum and help as many people as possible access the healthcare they need and deserve.

Please urge your Michigan legislators to introduce and vote YES on the Reproductive Health Act (RHA), which would modify and repeal Michigan laws that continue to restrict access to abortion and reproductive healthcare and ensure that individual decision-making in this area is protected.

Save the Date: The Choice Fund's Pie Sale Fundraiser is on November 19, 2023 at the Fountain Street Church. We'll have a variety of delicious pies and other treats, just in time for Thanksgiving! Please join us for this sweet event!

Want to help the Choice Fund? We'd love to hear from you! You can host a fundraiser or help at an event, connect with other groups and funds, or spread the word about the Choice Fund. To get involved in these or in other ways, please contact Laurie Rikkers at Lrikkers@fountainstreet.org.

The Choice Fund a private fund and not part of the regular church budget; it has existed for over fifty years with donations from individuals like you. To donate, please mail checks to FSC Choice Fund, 24 Fountain St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, or donate at www.fountainstreet.org/choice-fund.

