



Concerned Women for America of Maine News Report

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Message from State Director Penny Morrell

Happy Spring! As our thoughts turn to gardening and summer activities, may we remember that this is an important election year. We as Christians are responsible to first pray, then vote. My prayer is that we will become involved, first by getting to know each candidate for whom we will be voting, knowing what they stand for and against, and then by working hard to be sure the candidates worthy of our vote get elected.

Upcoming Events for April 2014

Sex-Trafficking in Maine, Do You Know How Bad It is?

Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2014, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Purpose: Be informed, and learn how you can protect your loved ones and help Maine victims of human trafficking.

Speakers:

Kylla Leeburg, Social Media Coordinator, Truckers Against Trafficking

Amy Volk, State Representative for House District 127
Penny Morrell, CWA of Maine State Director

Location: Hope Baptist Church; Route 202, 726 Western Ave., Manchester, ME 04351.

RSVP: Is appreciated as soon as possible. To RSVP or for more information, contact Theresa Aiello at taiello@myfairpoint.net or (207) 443-1464.

Women, men, and teens are all welcome!

Refreshment will be served.

Prayer/Action Chapter Meetings

Waldoboro

Monday, April 7

6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church

71 Grace Avenue

Augusta

Tuesday, April 8

12:00 noon

Christian Civic League of Maine

70 Sewall Street

Concerned Women for America of Maine is looking for individuals to host a Prayer/Action Chapter in their home or church. Prayer/Action Chapters meet monthly to review current issues on the local, state, and national level. Meetings include time to educate the group on issues, pray about the issue and for our state and nation, and then take action, such as writing a letter or committing to make phone calls. Meetings typically run for one hour. Read [What a Typical CWA Prayer/Action Chapter Meeting Looks Like](#) and/or click [How to Become a Prayer/Action Chapter Leader](#). Contact [Penny Morrell](#) with any questions.

Should We Be Concerned About Common Core?

It seems like Common Core has come out of nowhere, but it hasn't. It started its infiltration into Maine as early as 1990. It's time to STOP Common Core! Read our brochure, [Stop Common Core](#), as well as the [interactive insert](#) with links that allow you to take immediate action on this issue within Maine. [Contact](#) our state Office for free brochures and inserts to distribute.



State Legislative Update

The 126th Maine Legislature's second session will end mid-April, if all goes as scheduled. There are many issues to resolve before adjournment, so it is imperative that you contact your lawmakers regarding the issues you care about QUICKLY.

Abortion

L.D. #1247. This bill would give more funding to Family Planning, the abortion provider in Maine. The Health and Human Services Committee submitted a divided report favoring "ought to pass," with three votes against passage. This bill was then passed by the House of Representatives last week, and the Senate sent it to the Appropriations Committee March 31. Appropriations will either fund it or kill it. If it is funded, the governor still has to sign it. Should he veto it, we will need enough lawmakers to vote to sustain his veto. Otherwise, it will become law.

Action: CONTACT the Appropriations Committee members and ask them to kill L.D.#1247. Their contact information is [here](#). CONTACT Gov. Paul LePage and ask him to veto it. Then CONTACT both your House and Senate members and ask them to sustain the governor's veto should it be necessary on L.D. #1247.

Pray: ASK the Lord to open the eyes of those legislators who currently are supporting this bill.

Medicaid Expansion

The 126th Legislature passed Medicaid expansion. However, the bill, L.D.#1578, "An Act To Increase Health Security by Expanding Federally Funded Health Care for Maine People," is on the governor's desk, not signed into law.

Action: Please CONTACT Gov. LePage and ask him to veto L.D. #1578. Also CONTACT your representative and senator, and ask them to sustain the governor's veto.

Gambling Expansion

The gambling bills presented so far this session have all been killed by this legislature.

Action: Watch for up-and-coming e-alerts concerning another possible gambling bill in the works. [CWA of Maine](#) wishes to thank Sen. Garrett Mason (R-Lisbon Falls) for his leadership working in a bipartisan way to stop further gambling in Maine. We have killed all gambling bills this

Who is my representative?

Click [here](#) to find out.

Who is my senator?

Click [here](#) to find out.

Gov. Paul LePage

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126th session thus far, however, we must remain vigilant and continue to pray, because there is too much money at stake for the proponents of gambling to stop their push. The Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee just reported out another bill to study the issue, and they could — even now, at the end of this session — pass legislation to either study or actually allow more gambling. Take a moment to THANK Sen. Mason by clicking [here](#).

Please be sure to THANK your legislator/s if he/she voted against either of these gambling bills. Click "Voted" to see how they voted.

- L.D. #31, "An Act To Increase Gaming Opportunities for Charitable Fraternal and Veterans' Organizations." [Voted](#).
- L.D. #1111, "An Act To Allow Maine's Harness Racing Industry To Compete with Casino Gaming." [Voted](#).

Pray: PRAISE the Lord for giving us these two victories!

Welfare Reform

L.D. #1815, "An Act To Require a Work Search for Job-ready Applicants for Benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program."

L.D. #1820, "An Act To Reduce Abuse of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program through Restriction of Electronic Benefits Transfers."

L.D. #1822, "An Act To Increase Integrity in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program through Restriction of Expenditures."

L.D. #1829, "An Act To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Report Annually on Investigations and Prosecutions of False Claims Made under the MaineCare, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Food Supplement Programs."

L.D. #1842, "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program."

L.D. #1844, "An Act To Increase Local Responsibility for General Assistance."

Action: CONTACT your lawmakers and ask them to support these welfare reform bills. Watch for up-and-coming e-alerts concerning an additional welfare bill that will need our attention.

Pray: ASK the Lord to grant wisdom to the legislators and for the conviction to do what's right for the people of Maine and not their own agenda or for personal gain. Many of these welfare reform bills are emergency bills introduced by Governor Paul LePage to help stop the fraud and abuse in the system. Pray for a spirit of unity as they all work together for the good of Mainers.

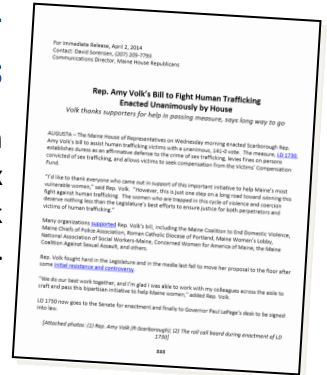


What You Can Do In This Election Year

Remember that only Jesus Christ was perfect as you give your time and money to get candidates elected to offices in and from Maine that share your Christian beliefs and care for its people. Read one of our helpful brochures on the matter, [What's Your Vote Worth](#). Feel free to print it on your home printer and distribute. [Contact us](#) if you would like some sent to you for free.

Victory in the State House Against Human Trafficking - CWA Commended for Efforts

Rep. Amy Volk commends CWA of Maine for supporting her bill, LD 1730, in an April 2 press release. LD 1730 “establishes duress as an affirmative defense to the crime of sex trafficking, levies fines on persons convicted of sex trafficking, and allows victims to seek compensation from the Victims’ Compensation Fund.” Click [here](#) to view the press release.



Quotable Quotes

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13 (NKJ)

George Washington said in his Farewell Address: “Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great Pillars.”

The Power of a Praying Nation

Lord I want to be one of Your faithful people who understands who the enemy is, what the war is all about, and how to do battle in the Spirit. I know that we do not war according to the flesh, but by Your Spirit in prayer we can cast down everything that exalts itself against You. (2 Corinthians 10:5). Teach me how to pray so that my prayers become a mighty weapon against the enemy.

Help me to “put on the whole armor of God” so that I “may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil” (Ephesians 6:11). Help me to gird my waist with Your truth and “put on the breastplate of righteousness.” Remind me to cover my feet with “the gospel of peace” and help me to raise up “the shield of faith” so that I can quench “the fiery darts of the wicked one.” I have put on the “helmet of salvation” and will take up the sword of the Spirit, which is Your Word. Help me to pray in the Spirit with watchfulness and perseverance so that I might make intercession for all of your people (Ephesians 6: 14-18). I want to serve You well as a prayer warrior. Train me so that I will not fail to

understand Your leading.

Lord , raise up Your sons and daughters all across this nation to be a strong army of intercessors. Give us the strength we need to stand unshakeable in the face of all that opposes us. Gift us with wisdom to make the right decisions and give us the ability to hear Your instructions. May we be on such a constant vigil that we can be mobilized in an instant. Show us how to wage an effective campaign against the enemy to see him defeated.

Enable us to establish and be actively involved in regular corporate prayer meetings so we can agree together to move offensively instead of merely dodging enemy fire. Teach us how to boldly advance into enemy territory in prayer and take back what he has stolen from us. In Jesus' name I pray.

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