



**Widowed  
Persons  
Service**

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF

Monthly Newsletter  
**November 2020 Issue 135**  
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## Educational Support

For all events, please RSVP to the WPS office (616) 538-0101 or [info@wpsgr.org](mailto:info@wpsgr.org)

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### Evening Zoom Support Meeting

Tuesday November 10th from  
7pm to 8:15pm

Professor Robert DeVries and Psychologist Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge will be hosting a monthly zoom meeting starting in September. Please register at [widowedpersonsgr@gmail.com](mailto:widowedpersonsgr@gmail.com) by noon on November 10<sup>th</sup>. A secure zoom link will be sent after you register.

**Facilitators:** Bob DeVries and Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge  
**Location:** The convenience of your home.

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### Effective Ways to Manage the Holidays

Evening Support Group  
Friday November 13<sup>th</sup> from  
6:30 to 7:30

**Bob and Bev have kindly offered to hold the meeting at their neighborhood clubhouse.**

**Facilitators:** Bob and Bev VanderHeide  
**Location:** 5751 Del-Mar View Dr. SW Grandville, MI 49418

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### Hope For The Holidays: Grief and Remembering

Daytime Support Group  
Wednesday November 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00  
noon

Come join us in the office. Plenty of room for social distancing. Bring your own lunch and join in with other widowed people and the office staff. It's another opportunity to share your stories and support each other.

**Facilitator:** Peggy Hayes  
**Location:** Widowed Persons Office 4211 Clyde Park SW (Unit C)  
Wyoming, MI 49509

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### Effective Ways to Manage The Holidays

Evening Support Group  
Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup> from  
6:30 to 7:30

**Facilitators:** Kim Slupe and Leanne Daglow  
**Location:** Knapp Reformed Church  
4025 Knapp St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525

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## November Social Support: Newly Widowed

For all events, please RSVP to the WPS office at (616) 538-0101 or [info@wpsgr.org](mailto:info@wpsgr.org)  
**THIS MONTH'S SOCIAL SUPPORT LUNCH/DINNER**

### Sunday

Cancelled until further notice

### Wednesday

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Monthly social activities are coordinated by WPS volunteers who have been widowed. Social activities sponsored by WPS are intended for those who are current support group participants and still actively grieving. Our goal is that by attending social events, an important component to your grief journey, you begin to gain confidence in life as a single person and you expand your horizons beyond WPS. WPS holds to the view that once a person is dating or remarried, they are through their grief journey and therefore no longer need the support of social activity (primary) services of WPS.

Join this friendly group for an afternoon of fun and friendship. WPS encourages you to take this opportunity to make new friends who are going through the same loss you are, to help you through the grief process. These events are for those who have been widowed in the last two years or are actively attending support group meetings.

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## November Social Support: Independent Social Opportunities

The following activities are being held independent of WPS programs. WPS encourages the maintenance of friendships gained through participation in our services. If you have found Widowed Person's Services helpful, these opportunities may be of some interest to you as you integrate and adapt into your life as a single person. Please call or emails contacts listed below to RSVP and for further information. As a non-profit organization, your \$25.00 contribution to the newsletter renewal enables WPS to inform all current and past participants on all support and social opportunities and helps provide the newsletter to those who have become recently widowed.

### Volunteers and Facilitators!

We are always looking for volunteers and facilitators. People who would be willing to step in to facilitate a class and share with others or maybe help in the office. Please call the office to find out how you can help. We will make it if we all help each other!

### Marge's Donut Den!

Marge's Donut Den  
1751 – 28<sup>th</sup> St. SW  
Wyoming  
Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Come join us for coffee and conversation.  
Plenty of room for social distancing.



### Bowling Begins!

Tuesdays, November 3, 10, 17 & 24<sup>th</sup>  
Please arrive between 9:45 a.m.  
Bowling starts at 10:00  
Location: Westgate Bowl  
4486 Alpine Ave. NW Comstock Park  
Join us each Tuesday morning for three games of bowling fun and friendship. Cost: \$6.00 with shoes. Mask required on entry and when moving around. Optional \$1:00 donation for drawing.  
RSVP: Jack 616 951-9736.

## Board Member Highlight

*Chris Wilks*

Chris Wilks has served on the WPS Board for four years. Chris works tirelessly for his clients as a financial planner, in not only making sound business decisions, but also investing and making real connections with his clients, family, friends, and community. He is talented in many areas of his personal and professional life, and his presence on the WPS Board is vital to how we thrive as an organization.

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## Sponsor of the Month

*Carrier Law PLLC*

Sponsor Highlight: Carrier Law PLC. Throughout the past few years, Carrier Law has generously partnered with WPS sponsoring events and fundraisers. Their staff is equipped to handle any of your client needs, especially in the areas of estate planning and probate law. It has been a pleasure working and partnering with their staff and sharing mutual support to best serve our community.



## Volunteer Highlight

*Peggy Hayes*

Peggy has served WPS in many ways since using our programming and services five years ago. She facilitates support groups; heads up lunches out to build community, and is committed to assembling the WPS newsletter each month. Peggy's kindness, empathy, and optimism shine, as she shares her experiences helping others. Our volunteers are so vital to us thriving as an organization. We are so grateful for Peggy and all the time and talent she gives.

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### November Zoom Cooking Class Fundraiser

***We're taking time this month to insure the next few zoom classes are even more fantastic than the first two. Thank you to all who have joined us and we welcome those who have not joined to come try it! Stay tuned for Decembers special holiday Zoom gathering. We are hoping to unveil ways to purchase the video and recipes to use at your own convenience.***





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## Our Mission

Widowed Persons Service (WPS) is organized exclusively for the purpose of offering supportive services to those individuals in the greater Grand Rapids area who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death.

## Our Vision

To provide actively grieving widowed men and women a safe and healthy environment in which to process their grief, resulting in an enriching life as a single person.

## Our Process

WPS offers each grieving individual peer-to-peer support based on the belief that a widowed person is best helped along his/her grief journey with the help of other widowed people who have had similar experiences.

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## AMAZON SMILE

You can support WPS by making purchases on Amazon. Amazon donates 0.5% of the prices of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. To sign up, login at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select **Widowed Persons Service-Wyoming**, found under the search box at the top of the page.

## WPS Updates

Stay updated with Widowed Persons Service online:

-  [www.wpsgr.org](http://www.wpsgr.org)
-  Widowed Persons GR



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## Office Hours

Tuesday – Thursday: 9 am – 2 pm

## Contact Us

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