

Educational Support

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

***“Making the Transition from Loneliness to Contentment*”**

Evening Zoom Support Group
Tuesday, April 12, 2022
7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

The meeting is led by Dr. Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge (Psychologist) and Dr. Robert DeVries (Pastor) who have facilitated support groups for WPS for nearly 20 years. Please see topic listed. . It most likely seems difficult to adjust to living without your spouse in your life now. You may be struggling with a profound sense of loneliness, yet others around you may want you to move on, keep busy and be done with Grieving. Please consider participating in the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!! Meeting ID: 890 4276 8482 Password: 577098 or email: widowedpersonsgr@gmail.com or call the office at 616-538-0101 with any questions.

Facilitators: Bob DeVries and Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge

Location: The convenience of your own home.

***“How Long Will My Grief Last?”*”**

Evening Support Group
Friday, April 8, 2022
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Bob and Bev have kindly offered to hold the meeting at their clubhouse. Snacks and water will be provided.

Facilitators: Beverly and Bob Vander Heide

Location: Del-Mar Farm Recreation Association Clubhouse
5751 Del-Mar View Dr. SW Grandville, MI 49418

***“Keepsakes, Rings and Other Things”*”**

Daytime Support Group
Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at
1:00 pm

Come join other newly widowed people as we share our stories and support each other. The meeting is being held at the WPS Office.

Hosts: Peggy Hayes

Location: WPS Office 4211 Clyde Park Wyoming, MI

***“Spring Is Here and I’m Still Grieving”*”**

Evening Support Group
Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at
7:00 pm

Facilitators: Kim Slupe & Michelle Cole

Location: Knapp Reformed Church
4025 Knapp St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525

April Social Support: Newly Widowed

THIS MONTH'S SOCIAL SUPPORT LUNCH/DINNER

**Wednesday April 13th @
1:00 PM**

Location: Brann's
3475 Fairlanes SW
Grandville, MI

**Sunday, April 24th @
4:30 PM**

Location: Pietro's
2780 Birchcrest Dr. SE
Grand Rapids, MI

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. This event is for those who have been widowed in the last two years or are actively attending support group meetings. **The two years is only a suggested time frame, please feel free to attend any or all of the events listed.**

April 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 Widowed Persons 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

Marge's Donuts

Come join us for coffee, a donut and conversation. We will meet in the back room at Marges on the last Friday of each month. This month it will be April 29th. Hope to see you there!!

Potluck, Cards and Game Night

Wednesday, April 13th
@6:00 pm

Location: St. Casimir/
6th Street Hall
649 6th St. NW Grand Rapids

Sloppy Joes will be served.
Please bring a dish to pass.

RSVP:
135shylock@gmail.com

Golf Scramble!!

Tuesdays, April 5, 12, 19 &
26.

Location: The Pines Golf
Course
5050 Byron Center Ave. SW
Wyoming, Mi 49519

Join us each Tuesday morning
for a fun golf scramble. Please
be there by 10:15 – 10:30 to
draw names for teams. Golf
starts, promptly at **11:00 (for
April only)**. Optional \$2.00
donation for drawing.

RSVP:
135shylock@gmail.com or
Steve (616) 669-5636.

Pickleball Day Change!!

Thursday, April 7, 14, 21 & 28.

Location: Premier Athletic &
Tennis Club
4250 Spartan Industrial Dr.
SW
Grandville, MI 49418

Join us each Thursday
afternoon for some friendly
competition. Cost is \$5.00
per person. Bring your own
paddle or they have paddles
we can borrow.

No RSVP needed!!

Upcoming Highlights

Spring Flower Sale!!

May 3rd, 2022 from 5-8 p.m. at Ludema's. Come shop with your vouchers and see the additional items for sale from flats, vegetables, more potted options! Refreshments will be served as well as raffle for a few special prizes donated by Ludema's. Come with your friends, families, neighbors, children, and grandchildren.

Through the challenges of higher prices in delivery, gas, and labor shortages, Ludema's is no longer providing delivery. They have offered an exciting night out to shop, just for us, to accommodate and supplement our fundraiser.

You are still able to visit office to pick up order forms and see the selection of beautiful blooms. All office orders will be available for pick up on Friday, May 6th 2022. More details to come.

You can also download the order form from our website and return order and payment to the office. Vouchers will be available on the website or at the office.

New this year \$25 Voucher is non-transferable and not redeemable for cash. Full value must be used at one time. Cannot be used towards the purchase of a gift certificates, wedding flowers, fresh flowers, wholesale orders or bulk orders. Valid until May 31, 2022.

Growth Through Loss

Saturday June 11th – 9:15 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

A SEMINAR FOR WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN ON HOW TO WORK THROUGH GRIEF AND LOSS

34th Annual Martin J. Edema Golf Outing

July 14th, 2022
Thornapple Pointe Golf Club

7211 48th St. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

We are in need of donations for prizes. i.e., rounds of golf, golf balls, putters, gift cards to restaurants, golf hats, visors, beer, wine, etc.

Volunteers Needed!!

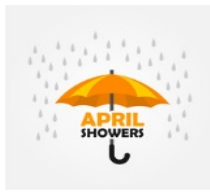
Come share your time and talents with WPS! Volunteering in the office and helping facilitate support group meetings is a wonderful way to stay involved and give back to others. WPS only grows through the dedicated time and care of many individuals. Consider what you may be able to offer WPS and learn more about ways you can get involved!



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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.

AmazonSmile

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 and select **Widowed Persons Service- Wyoming**, found under the search box at the top of the page.

WPS Updates

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 www.wpsgr.com

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Office Hours

Tuesday – Thursday: Hours Vary, please call first.

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