

Berks County Bereavement Support Programs

Information provided by the Berks County Circle of Life Coalition

Berks Visiting Nurse Association

“**Journey towards Wholeness**” grief support group, is open to teens/adults held the 1st Tuesday of the month at BVNA office, Wyomissing from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. No registration required. Contact: Pastor Walter Harrison for more information at 610-378-0481 or 1-800-346-7848.

Compassionate Friends

This offers grief support for individuals who have experienced the death of a child of any age. A support group is held at the Reformation Lutheran Church, Reiffton the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Contact Cindy Schoning at 610-929-0790 for more information. Literature is readily available at the National Website:
www.compassionatefriends.org

Diakon Hospice Saint John & Diakon Home Health

The need for bereavement support programming is referred to *Family Life Services*. See information below. For information on children’s bereavement services or the agency children’s bereavement camp, call 1-877-438-3511. *Camp Evergreen* is held annually in White Haven, PA.

Family Life Services

Six week “**Living with Loss**” grief support groups are available throughout the year. Call Mary Cahilly at 1-610-682-1238 or 1-888-499-2699 for more information.

GriefShare:

Grief Share is a faith based program, includes use of 13 video sessions designed to help a person successfully travel from mourning to joy; sessions are scheduled at the following locations ~

Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church, West Lawn - 610-678-0266

Calvary Bible Fellowship, Sinking Spring - 610-678-5166 (Tuesday afternoons)

First Baptist Church, Reading – 610-375-2211 (Monday afternoons)

West Lawn United Methodist Church, West Lawn – 610-678-5611 (Thursday evenings)

Reformation Lutheran Church, Reiffton – 610-779-0534 (Thursday evenings)

Bethesda EC Church, Route 183 North, Southern Schuylkill County – 570-738-2241 (Sunday afternoons)

Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice

“**Living with Loss**” is a monthly grief support group held in Shillington, for those 50+ years of age, the last Friday of each month from 10:00 – 11:30 AM. Registration not required. Call Debra Manderewicz at 1-610-373-6898 or 1-888-800-0224 for more information.

Kids Konnected

Support group in Reading for children who have a parent/close family member with cancer or are grieving the death of such a family member. Call 1-610-378-2602 for more information

PinnacleHealth Hospice

Journeys Adult Grief Support Group, held Monday afternoons, Spring and Fall in Wyomissing. "*Camp Dragonfly*" ~ a children's weekend bereavement camp, ages 6-12, to be held June 3-5 2011 at Camp Swatara in northern Berks County. Contact Cathie Davidavage at 1-800-222-5236 for more information on all programs. Registration required. No cost.

St. Joseph Medical Center and Covenant Home Care

Contact Sr. Rose Dvorak at 610-378-2297 for details on grief support programs. Personal grief support is also available.

SHARE

Support for those touched by the tragic death of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, or newborn death. The website: www.nationalshareoffice.com has helpful information on the Lebanon and Lehigh Valley chapters.

St. Columbkil Church, Boyertown

Call Deacon Mike Boyle at 1-610-367-1602 for more information on a monthly support group for widows/widowers, entitled "Reach Out." This is offered the 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoons at 1:00PM in two alternating locations.

***sudSSpirit* (Sudden Unexpected Death of a Spouse) Bereavement Support Group**

Monthly support program and newsletter filled with information related to spousal loss.

NEW INFORMATION FORTHCOMING**Survivors of Suicide**

Call 610-775-3000 for details of the monthly support group held 2nd Tuesday @ 7pm at the Mental Health Association office, 122 West Lancaster Avenue in Shillington for families in Berks County. See the website: www.mharbc.org for additional information.

Visiting Nurse Association of Pottstown and Vicinity

An open grief support group is held the 1st Thursday of the month at the agency office, 1963 E. High St. in Pottstown from 6:30-8:00 PM. Call 610-327-5700 or 1-888-862-2911 for details. No registration is required.