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**Aftercare Support Group Topic: HOLIDAY COPING** "Changing Holidays"

**November 8, 6:00 p.m.** 

All Topic Groups will meet at Heafey Hoffmann Mortuary, 7805 West Center Rd.

### Wednesday Luncheon\* **Every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.**

Now open!

Garden Café in Rockbrook 11040 Oak St.

(\*Open to those who are widowed only)

### **Walking Through the Valley of Darkness**

**NOVEMBER TOPICS** 

10:00-11:30 a.m.

- **10:** Discussing the Holidays
- 24: Looking at Emotions: Anxiety, Fear, Anger & Guilt

All Topic Groups will meet at Heafey Hoffmann Mortuary, 7805 West Center Rd.

Community service program of caring for individuals and families who are grieving the death of someone they love.

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Greetings, Dear Friends!

News flash!! We are in an election year for President of the United States. The election will be soon and by the time you get this newsletter, we are getting close to knowing who will be in that office for the next four years. I hope you each plan to exercise your right and freedom to vote for the candidate of your choice. I'm very thankful that we have the freedom to do that. Many countries around the world do not.

While you and I can get tired of the continual ads we see with an election year, I'm still choosing to be grateful for my freedom. Not only are we free to vote, we are free to speak, choose our religious affiliation, and many other freedoms. These freedoms are clearly stated in our original Bill of Rights and other amendments. As we know with the unrest within our country, our country isn't perfect, but we have clear statements of our rights. How we live them out can continually be improved.

As we approach this season of holidays, it certainly can be tricky and overwhelming. We have the continual concern for our health - navigating viruses, new and old. We have a country struggling with political and racial unrest. All of these things are realities in addition to the grief of the death of your loved ones. It is no wonder that you, as a bereaved family member, can feel especially anxious and stressed. Then you throw in what the approaching holidays will look like, well... it can just feel like too much. No way can you do it!

This next support group will be highly practical. We are discussing the **changed** 

holidays and how to cope. You will learn how to plan ahead, simplify, and give yourself permission to feel and do things in a new way that may help. Since the holidays flow from Thanksgiving to Christmas to New Year's, you may just want to escape. It's a normal feeling. Instead, let's learn how to process through the holidays in a new, yet meaningful way.

One simple way to start is by focusing on what you are thankful for. I'm thankful for each of you and the courage you bring as you continue to learn how to grief in a healthy way and honor the life of the one you miss. I'm thankful you loved them. I'm thankful I will learn to know you better as we journey this time together with others. Together helps... (if the time is right for you!)

**Sharon Zehnder Aftercare Director** aftercare@heafeyheafey.com 402-391-3900

### Blessings,

### In This Issue:

**GROUPS MEETING?** *Coronavirus Update*: Check our website for the latest information: https://heafeyheafey.com/heafey-support-groups

Please check our website or call us at 402-391-3900 for current status updates on the support groups as things can change quickly. We are happy to be meeting for support as directed by our governor's standards for safety. Please make your individual decisions about attending, keeping your health in mind as your first concern.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

Save the date for monthly grief support groups: (see details inside)

Due to the

continuing care for your well-being, we will not be sponsoring our annual Lights Tour Event this year. We apologize

and hope to offer this

again next year.

- Aftercare Support Group
- Wednesday Luncheon
- Walking Through the Valley of Darkness

## Caring Thoughts

### The Power of Hope

by Nan Zastrow

I believe in the power of **HOPE**. I believe that through our grief everyone has the ability to find hope.

### I believe hope is found in:

- Saying yes instead of no;
- Loving the concept of living; dving can wait;
- Turning the sad memories, to stories of the living soul;
- Forgiving the unforgivable, not planning for revenge;
- Counting your blessings; not your challenges;
- Mending relationships instead of replacing them;
- Saying, "I'll always remember', not "I'll never stop missing you;"



- Getting up, instead of laying down;
- Giving in gracefully, when you have nothing to gain;
- Letting go, when you can't change the outcome;
- Looking for the miracle; not just waiting for it to happen;
- Strengthening your spiritual self, not being angry at God for your lack of faith;
- Counting your steps forward; not the ones that sometimes drift back;
- Saying, "what next?" instead of "why me?"

Hope begins your journey. Believe in it. Trust in it. Imagine it. Build a strategy! Feel the energy! Allow yourself to be enveloped with its radiant embrace. You have begun. You will see dignity and grace in others. Compassion in the human touch. Faith in a power far greater than you. Peace in the order of all things. Wonder in the roads not traveled. Promise in what is yet to be.

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May your holidays be filled with reasons to be thankful.

Having loved and having been loved is

perhaps the most wondrous reason of all.

Remembering you during this Holiday Season from the staff at **Heafey Hoffmann Dworak & Cutler Mortuaries** 



### Aftercare Support Groups

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

### Sunday, November 8, 2020 • 6:00 p.m.

Topic: "Changed Holidays" - HOLIDAY COPING



Does just the thought of going through November / December bring you lots of guestions like,

"How am I ever going to make it?"

"How can you be thankful when you've lost someone to death?"

Traditions that were once a labor of love can suddenly seem like a mountain that you are unable to climb! Please join us as we discuss ways to help ease your pre-holiday stress and deal with the reality of "changed holidays."

Facilitated by: Sharon Zehnder, Aftercare Director

This Support Group will permanently meet at Heafey Hoffmann Mortuary, 7805 West Center Rd.

Our support groups will no longer meet at Crown Pointe Retirement Center.

### Sneak Preview:

**Next Month:** 

Sunday, December 13, 2020 6:00 p.m.

Topic: "Precious Moments" – REMEMBERING WITH LOVE



### Wednesday Luncheon\*

\*Open to those who are widowed only.

GREAT CONVERSATION!

GOOD FOOD! WONDERFUL PEOPLE!

Every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

Ask for the Heafey tables. Bring a friend or two!

No RSVP needed.

Meet us at:

Garden Café in Rockbrook 11040 Oak Street

Now open!

# Walking Through the Valley of Darkness

These support group sessions are adult education for people who have lost a loved one.

(Meets normally on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays) 10:00-11:30 a.m.

#### **November Topics:**

- 10 Discussing the Holidays
- 24 Looking at Emotions: Anxiety, Fear, Anger & Guilt

Facilitated by: Jayne Gundrum, LMHP

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