

# **Necessary Endings: When Does Closure Become An Option**



**When: Saturday, April 21st**

**Times: 9:00 am—12:00 noon**

**Location: One UCC**

**1730 New Holland Road, Reading**

On an average day in the United States, nine churches close their doors for good. Since 2014, one PSEC congregation has closed, on average, every six months. This isn't often talked about in church circles—partly because that news is filled with feelings of profound loss and grief. It's the source of uncomfortable shame—that somehow church members failed to do all they could do to maintain their sacred space. It provokes questions about the power and/or presence of God. Taken together, these things make it difficult to say what sometimes needs to be said: "It's time for our church to close."

This workshop is intended to create a safe space where difficult questions can be discerned with brothers and sisters who are sharing a similar predicament of congregation decline and potential closure.

You will receive resources and meet lay people and pastors who have church closure experiences that can be put to work for you as you discern your congregation's future.

**To register, please go to: <https://psecclosure.eventbrite.com>**

**There is NO fee to register for this workshop.**