May 3, 2020

Daily Morning Prayer for the Duration

The UCC Opening and Affirming Coalition is hosting daily Morning Prayer from Monday through Saturday in our Zoom chapel. Times are 9 am and 12 noon EDT. The 15-minute services are based on the ancient "Hours" of Christian prayer and include scripture, silence, intercessory prayer and Taizé chant. This is a great way to begin your day with centering prayer.

Every Sunday evening at 7 pm EDT, the Coalition offers a service of virtual Holy Communion with music and a message. Members of any congregation - ONA or not - are welcome to these services, which will continue as long as stay-at-home orders remain in effect.

Join us during the prayer times at zoom.us/s/5556624822.

Online ONA webinars for ONA and not-yet ONA churches

Start planning now for the future of your congregation. Are you already ONA? Our webinars will help you deepen your ONA commitment and learn best practices for church growth. Not yet ONA? Learn how to lead your congregation towards an ONA covenant in ways that build consensus, strengthen relationships, and reduce the risk of conflict. Our popular webinar series is the perfect stay-at-home activity for church leaders.

Learn more at www.openandaffirming.org/ona-webinars.

Spiritual Care Call Line

“Spirituality is an essential part of humanity. Disaster significantly disrupts people’s spiritual lives. Nurturing people’s spiritual needs contributes to holistic healing. Every person can benefit from spiritual care in time of disaster.”

(National VOAD DSC Points of Consensus #1)

In response to the unique challenges presented by COVID-19 to the people of Pennsylvania, the Keystone Disaster Spiritual Care Network has established a Spiritual Care Call Line to provide appropriate and respectful disaster spiritual care to people of all ages, races, and religions.

It is the intention of the trained volunteers who answer these calls to provide a compassionate presence to the caller. Therefore, we

- recognize that spiritual perspectives can be a source of strength in difficult times.
- provide sensitive, appropriate, ethically responsible spiritual care.
- affirm all individuals’ dignity and intrinsic value.
- are committed to understanding and encouraging an individual’s own spirituality as their core healing center.
- enable those affected by disaster to draw upon their own emotional and spiritual resources to find the hope necessary for recovery.
- affirm that the goal is the survivors’ well-being.

call us at 717-303-3538 or 888-255-6520

24 hours a day/7 days a week