



Our WPS Zoom Meeting recently incurred some difficulty with connectivity due to a recent zoom program upgrade. We apologize for any inconvenience this caused and value your patience and trust for a more reliable experience moving forward. We understand how frustrating it is when plans are interrupted. If you have any lingering issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the WPS Office, we're here to help.

Grief Support Meetings

“Is there an End to This Grieving Process?”

Evening Zoom Support Group
Tuesday, **June 2nd** at 7:00 pm

The meeting ID is 861 3697 3690 and the Passcode is 083243.

If you have not read the book “Getting to the Other Side of Grief”, contact the WPS office for a free copy. How do you forge out of that difficult, unwanted territory and feel accepted and worthwhile again?

If you have any questions, you can email at szsrdv@gmail.com or phone Susan at 616-780-1082 and/or Bob 616-780-5433.

WPS invites you to participate in its monthly ONLINE educational grief support group. You won't want to miss this meeting if you are available because we will be discussing a frequently asked set of questions like: “Is there an end to this grieving process? How will I know when I am THROUGH feeling so devastated, lonely, and yearning for my spouse to come back? Will this pain and sadness last forever? All very good questions that would encourage you to seriously consider attending the upcoming meeting.

Whatever your particular case, we hope to see you at this meeting which will offer you opportunities to grow more knowledgeable about things to expect and how to be active and intentional about grieving! Our best wishes as you navigate your way through grief.

Facilitators: Dr. Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge (psychologist) and Dr. Bob DeVries (pastor, seminary prof emeritus).

“Facing the Challenge of Vacations without Your Spouse”

Location: Elections are happening at the Grandville Library
This Meeting will be rescheduled to July 7

Facilitator: Dr. Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge and Dr. Bob DeVries

“Managing Your Life: How Do I Handle all the Work, Kids and Others?”

Monday, June 8th at 1:00 pm

Location: StoryPoint Activity Room,
3121 Lake Michigan Dr., NW, Grand Rapids, MI

Facilitators: Maureen Bawden & David Morgenstern

“Changing Relationships with Family and Friends”

Tuesday, June 16th at 1:00 pm

LOCATION: Maggie's Be Café
6490 28th Ave., Hudsonville, MI

Facilitator: Dr. Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge & Dr. Bob DeVries

Social Support for the Newly Widowed This Month's Newly Widowed Social Support Luncheon

Wednesday June 10th @ 1:00 pm
**Location: Bud and Stanley's 1701
4 Mile Rd NE 49525**

Join this friendly group of **Newly Widowed** men and women for a luncheon with fun and friendship. WPS encourages you to take this opportunity to make new friends who are going through the same sense of loss as you and help you through the grief process. By attending a social event, you begin to gain confidence in life as a single person; an important component of your grief journey. Monthly social opportunities are coordinated by WPS volunteers and alums who have been widowed.

You are invited to attend any and all activities listed in this newsletter. Updates are found on our homepage at www.wpsgr.org or on our Facebook page at "Widowed Persons Grand Rapids"

WPS GOLF OUTING/FUNDRAISER
Enter as a Team, Partial Team or Individual

Four Person Scramble
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026
TICKETS: \$100.00 PER PERSON



Gracewil Country Club
2597 4 Mile Rd NW,
Grand Rapids, 49544

8:00am Registration
9:00am Shotgun Start
2:30pm Reception

WPS FALL AUCTION FUNDRAISER
Aquinas College, Donnelly Center

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2026
TICKETS: \$55.00 PER PERSON

Thank you to all our supporters and donors. Our work isn't possible without you. Your support allows WPS to provide resources for adults as they adapt to the immediate loss of a spouse/partner as well as the adjustments that follow in months and years ahead. Funded entirely by donations, **and at no charge for participants**, WPS offers educational support groups facilitated grief workshops, outreach volunteer opportunities, varied forms of social support and guidance from experienced volunteer group leaders as well as peers. Thank you for your support that restores lives across our community.



Growth Thru
Loss Seminar

Saturday,
June 13th

Time: 10:00 am
To: 2:00 pm

Location:

Grandville Library
4055 Maple St SW
Grandville 49418

Facilitators: Dr.
Susan Zonnebelt-
Smeenge
(psychologist) and
Dr. Bob DeVries
(pastor, Seminary
prof emeritus)



Pickleball

Monday,
June 1, 8, 15,
22, and 29th

Time: 9:00 am to
11:30 am
Sign-in: 8:45am

Location:

Del Mar Farms
Clubhouse
5761 Del Mar
Grandville

Weather
Permitting!!! We
serve up fun, an
occasionally
miss shots.

GOLF
CLASSIC!

Tuesday,
June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and
30th

Tee off Time: 10:00 am
Sign-in: 9:45 am

Location:

The Pines
5050 Byron Center Ave SW
Wyoming

Weather Permitting!!

Not a guarantee, but **IF** the
Golf Course has an earlier
tee-off, we may have an
earlier tee-off. We will be
golfing unless the course is
closed. Maureen will be our
greeter, be sure to say hello
and sign-in.



Miniature Golf at
The Double Dip
Depot

Thursday, June 4th,
11th, 18th, and 25th

Time: 10:00 am
Sign-in: 9:45 am

Location:

3284 Remembrance Rd
NW, Walker

Weather Permitting!!

This game of mini golf
is Par-fectly played!
Mike C. will be our
Greeter, be sure to say
Hello.



Thank you to all those worked and had fun at Culver's. We had lots of laughs, running, greeting and socializing together. Thank you everyone who attended.

WPS encourages the maintenance of friendships gained through participation in our services. If you find Widowed Persons Services helpful, these opportunities may be of interest to you as you adapt to your life as a single person. For further information or questions, feel free to contact the WPS Office at (616) 538-0101. As a non-profit organization, your yearly \$25.00 contribution to the newsletter renewal enables WPS to inform all participants of support/social opportunities and helps provide this newsletter to those who are recently widowed. Updates will be posted on our Facebook page; "Widowed Persons Grand Rapids."



Dinner at El Burrito Loco

Sunday, June 7th

Time: 4:30 pm

Location:

4499 Ivanrest SW Grandville, 49418

"At El Burrito Loco, we offer meals of excellent quality and invite you to try our delicious food".

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Monday June 8th



Time: 4:30 pm

Location:

StoryPoint Activity Rm, 3121 Lake Michigan Dr., NW, Grand Rapids, 49504

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world." WPS will be Creating inspiration messages for "I Understand" Hearts. Please contact Maureen at 616-550-3515 or Michele at 616-901-2839 to help.



Dinner Fundraiser At Russ's ALL WEEK

Monday, June 15th thru Saturday, June 20th

Meet up on Monday, June 15th at 4:30 pm

Location:

4440 Chicago Dr., SW Grandville, 49418

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, all week long, Use the Fundraiser Coupon for Russ's to donate 20% to WPS. Homemade goodness everyone loves.

Culinary Sunrise at Russ's

Wednesday June 17th

Time: 8:30 pm

Location:

4440 Chicago Dr., SW Grandville, 49418

This is "Fundraiser Week". Be sure to use your Russ's Coupon as Russ's donates 20% to WPS. Homemade goodness everyone loves.



Marge's Donuts

Friday, June 26th

Time: 10:00 am

Location:

Marge's Donuts 1751 28th St SE Wyoming

Come join us for coffee, donuts and conversation. All are invited to share in conversation in the private back room on the last Friday of each month. A WPS Board Member will be Greeting.



WPS Volunteer's Day

Sunday June 28th

Time: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Location:

Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Pk 1000 East Beltline Ave NE Grand Rapids

Please mark your calendar. ALL Volunteers – This is Your Day!!! Chihuly will be the exhibition. Bring a light snack/lunch. Please RSVP to 538-0101.



Mission BBQ

Sunday, June 28th

Time: 4:30 pm

Location:

2190 East Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids

Known for its delicious food, brisket, ribs, pork sandwich and more. Their atmosphere reflects support for first responders.



West Michigan Whitecaps

Tuesday July 28th

Start Time: 6:30pm Ticket Price: \$22.00

Location:

West Michigan Whitecap Games

Tickets to include Soda and Hotdog.

Contact Maureen for your ticket 616-550-3515.



WPS Potluck Picnic

Sunday, August 2nd

Time: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location:

Maplewood Park 8049 12th Ave Jenison, 49428

City BBQ is back providing award winning Pork and chicken. Please bring your own beverage and a dish to pass. Plates & silverware provided.

Growth Thru

Loss Seminar

Saturday, September 12th

Time: 10:00 am To 2:00 pm

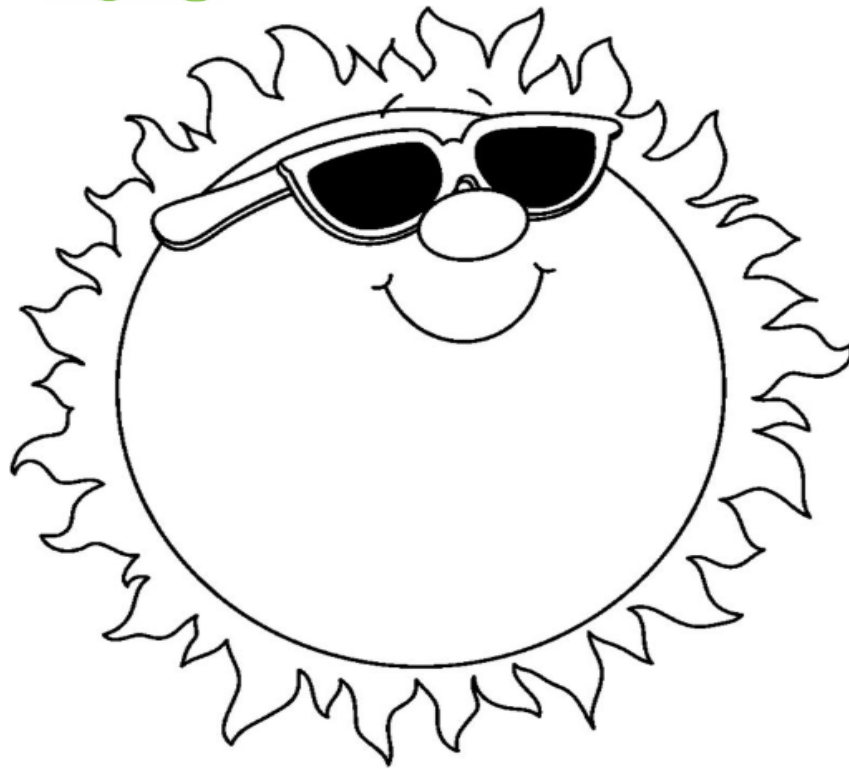
Location:

Grandville Library 4055 Maple Street SW Grandville

Hosts are: Dr. Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge (psychologist) and Dr. Bob DeVries (pastor, Seminary prof emeritus)

2026 Board Members

Maureen Bawden (Widow), Tom Braciak (Widower), Lindsey Chrystan, Rev. Kenneth W. Hoskins, Agnes Kempker-Cloyd, Diane Lobbestael (Widow), Susanne Miller-Schachinger, David Morgenstern (Widower), Julie Myers, Deb Nykamp (Widow), and Chris Wilks.



Our Mission

Widowed Persons Service (WPS) is organized exclusively for the purpose of offering supportive services to those individuals in Kent and Ottawa Counties who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death.

Our Vision

To provide actively grieving widowed adults 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.

WPS Updates

Stay updated with Widowed Persons Service online:



www.wpsgr.org



Widowed Persons Grand Rapids



**Widowed
Persons
Service**

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF

Office Hours – The WPS Office will be closed from Tuesday, May 19 to Monday, June 8 for vacation, we will be getting our voicemail. Office Hours to resume on Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Monday: 11:00am -2:00pm

Tuesday thru Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

If you call and do not get an answer, please leave a message and we will return your call ASAP

Contact Us director@wpsgr.org 616-538-0101

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Wyoming, MI 49509