

Faith Lift: Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care--it's not about how much you care for your pastor.

Presbyterians strongly believe in the priesthood of all believers. We are called to care for one another, to pray for one another, to come alongside one another in good times and bad times. Not only is Pastoral care not about how much you care for your pastor, it's not something only pastors do.

I want to personally extend an invitation to you to come this Saturday morning to hear the Rev. Dr. Steven Spidell from 9am to 10:30 p.m. Come at 8:30 if you want some breakfast goodies. I have known Steven since we were seminary classmates from 1974 to 1977 at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Dr. Spidell has served as a pastor, as the director of the Presbyterian Outreach Program at the Houston Medical Center for 14 years and is now the Director of Spiritual care and Values Integration at Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital here in Baytown.

Dr. Spidell will address the nature of trauma, reactions to trauma and how to intervene appropriately in those situations. He will give us helpful tools so we can be helpful to others when they are in crisis. I have come to know and love this congregation as a wonderfully caring congregation. How much more caring can you be? Come to this seminar and find out.

I am grateful that Dr. Spidell is coming to offer his wisdom and insight on this topic. I am particularly grateful for the timing, since I will be having knee replacement surgery on Wednesday September 28th. I will be recovering for a while and Faith will be needing others to step up and help out. I am looking forward to personally benefiting from all that you will learn because for a few weeks I will be finding myself in need of some....pastoral care.