

GRIEFSHARE – PRESENTS TWO SEMINARS THIS FALL!



"SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS!"

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH @ 10:30 AM - NOON, DISSLER HALL - NEW ADULT EDUCATION ROOM.

"LOSS OF A SPOUSE"

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH @ 10:30 AM - NOON, DISSLER HALL – NEW ADULT EDUCATION ROOM.

Healing for the Holidays: A Promise

Memory is a great blessing—and can be a great curse. The memory of relatives separated from us by death, divorce, or distance is a legitimate source of great pain and a legitimate reason to hurt. Loss and separation are intruders. This is not the way it's supposed to be. God designed us for relationship—it is not good to be alone.

Jesus did not just talk about loss and grief, He experienced it. If the perfect, sinless God-man Jesus wept over loss, then it is normal to hurt. If Jesus agonized over separation from His Father, then you have permission to grieve.

Healing for the Holidays—It's Possible to Hope

Jesus, forsaken by His Father because of our sin, was raised from the dead by His Father. He is now seated at the right hand of the Father! Reunion. Relationship. Oneness. Separation is not final with Christ. It's possible to hope because our God is the God who raises the dead. He can resurrect your hope and joy.

The Rest of the Story

Your story is not over. And knowing that you have permission to grieve is the beginning of relief...but you may be asking today, "What do I do with my hurt during the holidays and how do I find it?" Great questions! Let's journey together this fall and winter inside our GRIEFSHARE small group, where we all find a safe, confidential, loving atmosphere, right here at United Church of Marco Island!

Please join us! You are very special to us! Pastor Kathy Sprague