



Where to Turn?

Some Resources for Personal Support and Transformation In and Around Overlea, Maryland in the Time of the Coronavirus Pandemic

In our extraordinary time of worldwide stress and vulnerability, it is good when we can look to the resources and the people in our home communities, addressing our immediate needs while building connection, resilience, and basic human caring that we can have confidence in into the deeper future. OverleaRose has been updated to serve people and communities, mostly around northeast Baltimore, to help serve this need.

This list is an independent effort inspired by several encounters in the larger community, as well as an original encounter involving St. Michael the Archangel Church, spiritual home of Geotrees.Com, and its school. The information and links have been verified to be current and working as of Monday, May 18th, 2020. Please feel free to share them, and let us know if you know of anyone else we should add: e-mail us at overlea.rose@geotrees.com.

Material in quotes is taken from each organization's website. Quoteless material is by Geotrees.Com.

Trouble with the links? If so, try updating your browser, and they'll probably work fine! You may also have to copy or download the document to your own computer to activate them.

NOTE: Everyone, of any faith tradition or of no faith tradition, is welcome and cherished at any and all of the groups and activities offered here.

1. Stephen Ministries

"Equipping God's People for Ministry since 1975"

"What Is Stephen Ministry?"

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

- Galatians 6:2, NRSV

“Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations that use the Stephen Series system. Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

“What is a Stephen Minister?”

“Stephen Ministers are laypeople—Christian men and women—trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment.

“Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life. Their commonality? A passion for bringing Christ’s love and care to people during a time of need.

“Since 1975, more than 600,000 people from more than 11,000 congregations and other organizations have been trained as Stephen Ministers.”

Three Nearby Stephen Ministry Churches:

- **Hiss Church (UMC)** **8700 Harford Road** **410-668-5665**
<http://www.hisschurch.org/stephen-ministry.html>
- **Prince of Peace Lutheran** **8212 Philadelphia Road** **410-866-8766**
<http://www.poplutheranbaltimore.org/ministries/Stephen-ministry.html>
- **Timonium UMC** **2300 Pot Spring Road** **410-252-5500**
<https://www.timoniumumc.org/page/programs-for-adults>

And on the Net: <http://www.stephenministries.org/>

2. GriefShare

“It Hurts to Lose Someone. Find Help at Griefshare.”

“GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences. You don’t have to go through the grieving process alone.”

The information given below is current as of Saturday, May 16, 2020, and taken from the GriefShare website, whose link is given above. The phone numbers are for the groups' facilitators, and may not be for the churches themselves.

NOTE! Schedules and dates may vary from season to season; some apparently take the summer off. Please call and check availability.

Four Nearby GriefShare Groups:

- **Parkville Baptist Church** Saturdays, 10:00 AM through June 6th.
3309 Taylor Avenue, Parkville
410-444-6188
- **Church of the Redeemed of the Lord** Saturdays, 10 AM, til October 10.
4321 Old York Road, Baltimore
410-370-4240
Meetings On Line
- **Journey Church** Saturdays, 10:30 AM until June 13th.
3319 Summit Avenue, Parkville
410-227-2853
- **First Baptist Church** Thursdays, 6:30 PM, til June 18th.
100 Saint Helena Avenue, Dundalk
410-687-2833

And on the Net: <https://www.griefshare.org/>

3. Women's Care Center and Foundation

"Pregnant? We're Here to help!"

"Women's Care Center was founded by Professor Janet Smith in 1984, when she was a young professor at the University of Notre Dame. The center has grown to become the largest, most successful pregnancy resource center in America.

"Women's Care Center provides free, confidential counseling, support and education to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Free pregnancy testing and ultrasounds help determine viability and dates (prenatal medical care and abortions not provided). We serve 30,000 women annually from 32 centers in eleven states, including Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

"Our mission is to help pregnant women from our communities choose life for their babies, have healthier pregnancies, become better parents and take first steps to self-sufficiency."

Contact and Location:

- **Just Inside the Beltway**
7625 Belair Road, Baltimore 677-401-0700
The Center's Counseling Helpline: 877-908-2341

And on the Net: <http://www.womenscarecenter.org/locations/baltimore/>

4. New Life Ministries

On Line, On the Radio, and In Our Communities

“Mission Statement: To transform lives through God’s truth by reaching out compassionately to those who seek healing and restoration. We do this through *New Life Live* – a daily radio program, our weekend workshops, our nationwide counseling network, and Books and Resources.

“Core Values: Connection, Truth, Transformation.”

[NOTE: You can stream their radio programs, live and archived, through their website. Locally they’re on the air weekdays over WAVA FM 105.1, 1:00 – 2:00 PM.]

On the Radio: WAVA 105.1 FM, 1:00 to 2:00 PM Eastern, Weekdays

Call In to the Show: 800-229-3000

National Resource Center: 800-NEW-LIFE (800-639-5433)

Live Stream / Archives: <https://newlife.com/broadcasts>

On the Net: <http://newlife.com>

New Life Groups: <http://liferecoverygroups.com/>

Counseling Network: <http://dev.newlife.com/counselors/>

5. The Baltimore Humane Society

Pet Bereavement Counseling and Support

“May it make your sorrow easier for you to bear knowing there are other who understand and care.” – Unknown Author

“Losing a pet is very painful time. Pets are family. They come into our lives and bring tremendous joy and happiness, and when they leave, they often impart a great sadness upon us. We understand and are here to help.”

(The Society’s complimentary services include Immediate Private Counseling, a Bereavement Support Group, a Facebook Bereavement Group Page, and an Expanded Book Collection. Here is some of the information for the Support Group. Please visit the Society’s home page for details.)

“The Baltimore Humane Society Memorial Park holds a monthly bereavement group to help you cope with the loss or extreme illness of a pet. Anyone whose pet has died, has a pet who has been lost, or is ailing or aging is welcome to join the group at any time. Members take comfort in sharing with others going through the same difficult experience.

“The group is a safe haven where individuals can freely talk about their pet knowing others are interested in hearing their story. It is a place of emotional and practical support helping participants cope with their loss. Please join our free, non-denominational group, led by a Bereavement Counselor. You do not need to have your pet buried in Baltimore Humane Society Memorial Park to join the group. All are welcome!

“Please call to RSVP. Call 410-833-8848, ext. 219 or email vvanhof@bmorehumane.org.”

And on the Net:

<https://bmorehumane.org/services/memorial-services/>

“Burn Slowly, the Candle of Life”

