



Volunteer Bulletin

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PINE TREE HOSPICE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

to our November Volunteers & Staff

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Education Opportunities

PTH Book Club.

Become a part of the book club any month a selected book grabs your interest!

Book Club meets on the **4th Tuesday of each month at 3 P.M. at the PTH office.** PTH volunteers can receive up to 3 hours of continuing education for reading the book and attending the book club meeting!

On **November 28th**, the featured book is **"Benediction"** by **Kent Haruf.**

Summary: When Dad Lewis is diagnosed with terminal cancer, he and his wife, Mary, must work together to make his final days as comfortable as possible. Their daughter, Lorraine, hastens back from Denver to help look after him; her devotion softens the bitter absence of their estranged son, Frank, but this cannot be willed away and

remains a palpable presence for all three of them. Next door, a young girl named Alice moves in with her grandmother and contends with the painful memories that Dad's condition stirs up of her own mother's death. Meanwhile, the town's newly arrived preacher attempts to mend his strained relationships with his wife and teenaged son, a task that proves all the more challenging when he faces the disdain of his congregation after offering more than they are accustomed to getting on a Sunday morning. And throughout, an elderly widow and her middle-aged daughter do everything they can to ease the pain of their friends and neighbors. Despite the travails that each of these families faces, together they form bonds strong enough to carry them through the most difficult of times.



PTH Annual Meeting & Dinner

Each fall Pine Tree Hospice invites its volunteers, Board members, and members from the community to celebrate our continued commitment to supporting those who are living with life-limiting illness or those experiencing grief and loss by attending our Annual Meeting and Dinner. This year's meeting and dinner will be held on **Thursday, November 16th at the East Sangerville Grange beginning at 6 p.m.** The theme for this year's meeting is "Hospice: We Are All Pieces of the Puzzle."

Please join us for this special evening. For more information or to **RSVP**, contact us at 564-4346 or email wecare@pinetreehospice.org by **Friday, November 10th.**

Pine Tree Hospice serves 39 towns in Piscataquis, Somerset, and Penobscot County with volunteer hospice supports, such as caregiver respite, light housework, companionship, and many other non-medical services. Our trained volunteers make a difference in the lives of clients in many ways, such as providing caregiver respite, food preparation and light housework, helping with errands. Most of all, Pine Tree Hospice volunteers offer a caring presence that listens and makes every attempt to see that the client's needs are met, whatever they may be.



Bereavement Services and Events

Celebration of Remembrance.

Pine Tree Hospice and Community Health and Counseling Hospice will be co-hosting the annual Celebration of Remembrance on Sunday, **November 5th, 1:30 – 3 P.M.** at the Charlotte White Center.

This event provides a time for people of all ages to celebrate the life and memory of a lost loved one or friend. Activities for everyone in the family are planned as well as light refreshments, music, and a poignant balloon release.

Lunch & Learn.

This bereavement peer support group meets monthly and is open to any adult who is experiencing grief due to a death. The peer support group is followed by a lunch and presentation. This group is **FREE** of charge. If you know of anyone who might benefit, please encourage them to register.

The November presentation is "**Grief Through the Holidays with Rev. Ray Beless.**" It will be held on **Nov. 14, from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.** at the D-F Congregational Church.

Direct Care Team Meeting

Our next Team Meeting is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, November 15, at 8:30 a.m. at the PTH office.**

If you are a direct care volunteer, you are encouraged to attend whether or not you are currently providing direct care to a Client.

Team meetings are a great way to share information and provide support to one another.

We hope to see you there! And remember, you can count up to 4 hours of team meeting toward your continuing education!

