

Death Cafe

First Thursday of the month @ 6:30

in Holy Grounds Café

Pine Ridge Church

About the Movement: Started in 2011 by Jon Underwood in the UK, based on the works of Bernard Crettaz, a Swiss sociologist, who started Cafes Mortel. Lizzy Miles brought Death Café to Columbus, Ohio, a few years ago, and the movement is continuing to spread rapidly. The Death Cafe Web site states the goal of these cafes: “To increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives.”

What to Expect:

- If the group is large we may break up into smaller groups which will be shuffled partway through the evening to allow conversation with as many as possible. The purpose is to discuss death, reflect what is important to us as an individual, share experiences and ask questions.
- A Death Cafe is a casual environment with no formal presentation. Refreshments are available as are restrooms down the hall on the left. Feel free to walk around or take a break when needed.
- This is not intended to be a grief support group, although grief may certainly be discussed.
- Laughter and tears are both welcomed during the evening. They are encouraged and not discouraged.
- The small groups will reassemble into one large group near the end of the evening to have closure for unfinished issues.

The Fine Print:

- The evening is to be free from ideology – It is against Death Café principles to lead participants towards any conclusions about life, death, or life after death apart from your own thoughts.

- The evening is to be a safe and nurturing time for everyone.
- Respect for everyone regardless of gender orientation, religion/faith, ethnicity and disability.
- Confidentiality is paramount in all that we say and do this evening.