

*Spiritual Care & Pastoral Counseling
at the
End of Life*



A Ministry of Presence

*Rev. Bob Matthews
End of Life Spiritual Guide
Pastoral Counselor*



Services Provided

- *A non-sectarian pastoral presence of compassion, support and love*
- *An open and nonjudgmental ear for persons facing death where they are free to express their fears, questions, hopes and deepest desires*
- *A confidential environment that fosters openness and honesty as people approach the end of life*
 - *Prayer and religious support as requested and appropriate*
- *Referral to other religious and spiritual resources as requested and appropriate.*
- *Consultation in making difficult ethical, religious and spiritual decisions with people facing imminent death or a prolonged terminal illness*
 - *Funeral and Memorial Services*
- *Training and consultation to pastors and other religious and spiritual leaders on issues of death and dying*

We receive referrals from a wide variety of sources including local pastors, medical providers, social workers, family members and friends and by word of mouth.

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*There is no fee or other charge for this ministry.
Individuals and families may make a free will offering if they so desire.*

Rev. Bob Matthews is an experienced hospital chaplain and pastor. He has many years of experience working in acute care hospitals, care facilities and homes with critically ill and dying adults, adolescents and infants as well as with their families and caregivers. Rev. Bob has experience with the struggles of prolonged terminal illness and the shock and agony of sudden and unexpected death. He is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and brings broad pastoral experience working with diverse religious and spiritual traditions.