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A Note from our Chapter Steering Committee.....

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be able to hold our monthly meeting scheduled for December 8th. Based on our previous attempts with Zoom meetings, we will not have a virtual meeting due to lack of participation.

However, we have some support links listed below that may help you, if needed, to get through the holidays.

Our Worldwide Candle Lighting is still on for Sunday, December 13. Details are attached.

In addition, our Steering Committee is offering our phone numbers should you need support or just want to talk.

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Please take good care of yourselves.....we want you all to be safe. We are all in this together. Remember: We need not walk alone, we are the Compassionate Friends.

Some links you might find helpful

[Grief & The Holidays: Dealing With The Pain - Compassionate Friends](#)

[Coping with the Holidays - Compassionate Friends](#)

[compassionate friends holiday and the grieving process - Bing video](#)

[Grief.com — — Grief & The Holidays](#)

[Dealwith Grief During the Holidays \(vitas.com\)](#)



MONTHLY MEETING

December 8th 7 pm-CANCELED

***World Wide Candle Lighting
December 13 7 pm***

***Social Distancing & Masks are
required.***

January 12, 2021 7 pm

**If Oscoda Area Schools is
closed due to weather our
meeting is
canceled—per Sacred Heart
Believe**

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The Compassionate Friends of Oscoda Area 6th Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting



Sunday December 13, 2020
6:45-7:15 pm

Outside at Mark's Park on River Road
(1/2 block west of US 23)
Oscoda, MI

This event is an opportunity for families, as well as extended family and friends to come together to honor the memories of children, siblings and grandchildren who left too soon.

There will be no formal program. However, we invite you to join us to light a candle (yours or one provided), drive by to see the lit candles or light a candle at home.

For more information email us at tcfoscod@gmail.com, or check out our Facebook page.



For hundreds of years, lighting a candle has been a way to show respect for those that have died. This beautiful gesture shows that although someone may be gone from this world, their memory will endure, and the light of their flame will continue to inspire and guide others. Worldwide Candle Lighting Day is a celebration of solidarity and memory. It's a day on which people around the world gather to light candles for children who have died and to show that they will always be loved and never forgotten. The candles are lit at the same time in every time zone, meaning that a consistent warm glow passes around the planet for a full 24-hour day.

The History of Worldwide Candle Lighting Day



Worldwide Candle Lighting Day was a gift to the bereavement community from The Compassionate Friend. The Compassionate Friend's Worldwide Candle Lighting Day started in the United States in 1997 as a small internet observance in honor of children who lived tragically short lives for any number of reasons, from sickness, to accidents, to war, but has since spread throughout the world. Nowadays, hundreds of formal candle lighting events are held in many different countries and thousands of informal candle lightings are conducted in homes as families gather in quiet remembrance of children who have died, but will never be forgotten. Many organizations join in to observe this holiday, some of which are local bereavement groups, churches, funeral

homes, hospitals, hospices, children's gardens, schools, cemeteries, and community centers, and remembrance services have ranged in size from just a few people to nearly a thousand over the years since the creation of this special day. All of this just goes to show how necessary it was to set this day aside for this purpose.

How to Celebrate World Candle Lighting Day

As mentioned before, this day is celebrated with a quiet elegance: at 7 p.m. local time, people light candles for one hour to remember their loved ones. It is a moving occasion that bypasses geographical and cultural divides. As everyone lights their candles at seven pm local time, far-flung parts of the world get illuminated in turn, so that eventually the light has moved all around the globe. If you have experienced the loss of a child in your lifetime, this is a good moment to honor his or her memory by taking part in the candle lighting. You could also invite some close family members to spend this time with you and light their own candles for the late child.

This doesn't only have to be a sad occasion, however. Children's lives are mostly filled with fun and laughter, so reminiscing about all of the things the child you are honoring managed to enjoy before he or she passed may should serve to lighten the atmosphere up a little bit. Of course, nothing will ever make up for the loss of a child, but there is some solace to be taken in the fact that the child's life was a good one, however short. No matter whether you'll be lighting a candle at home or joining a gathering Worldwide Candle Lighting Day it is a way to show love and community.

