

# Sunday Forum

Downtown Presbyterian Church

## January - February 2018 End of Life Matters

- **January 7, 9:50 am – The Bio-psycho-social Model and Fully Passionate Palliative Care – A Layman’s Vision of Humanity**

**Bill Smith**, retired attorney, discusses the pioneering work of Rochester physicians Timothy Quill and George Engel and its personal impact upon him.

### Spirituality at the End of Life

Spiritual resources can provide support and meaning during illness, accident and aging. In this series, **Dr. David Lee** will help us imagine spiritual issues that can arise at the end of life. “The idea of death” can increase an awareness of everyday connectedness to God and neighbors that transcends particular religions.

- **January 14, 9:50 am – Spirituality**

“Spirituality” is difficult to define and rarely discussed, yet it can provide a sense of connection to something greater and more lasting than the physical aspects of self. Is there meaning to existence? What does that require of us? We will listen to our differing answers.

- **January 21, 9:50 am – The Nature of Suffering**

The ends of lives raise questions of transience and connectedness, and the character of our time together. How do we respond to the suffering within ourselves and within the Other?

- **January 28, 9:50 am – Medically Assisting Suicide?**

If physical suffering is alleviated, should the state empower physicians to determine the appropriateness of a request to end a life before its natural time? The escalating debate involves many dimensions of personhood.

- **February 4, 9:50 am – A Role for Spirituality and Religion at the End of Life**

How can realization of eventual mortality, sorrow and loss inform how we live. Do we relate to something lasting beyond ourselves? Trying to answer such questions can help us live better connected to ourselves and to each other.

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- *Unless otherwise indicated, all events take place in the Shaw Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Institute Building*
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