

What is a Parish Nurse?

Vineyard -
Bulletin

The concept of Parish Nursing was introduced by Granger Westburg, a Lutheran pastor, in 1984. His goal was to provide non-physical nursing services to church congregations. Parish Nurses are not direct service providers, rather, stewards of the congregation's health.

Parish Nursing is a response to the health care crisis in the country today. The Parish Nurse ministers holistically to individuals and families to promote wellness of body, mind, and spirit, thus providing a congregationally based source or primary preventative health care. Through Parish Nursing, the church addresses both the physical and spiritual needs of the congregation. The role of the Parish Nurse includes: health educator, health counselor, navigator/advocate in the health care system, referral agent, and developer of health programs/support groups.

We would appreciate your input in the following survey to effectively plan programs that would meet your needs. Return your completed survey in the offering bags or drop it off in the Bookstore. If you have questions, please contact Patti Reichard at 344-8969.

1. What are the major concerns for you and your family?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma | <input type="checkbox"/> Stop Smoking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arthritis | <input type="checkbox"/> Weight Control/Nutrition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Osteoporosis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depression | <input type="checkbox"/> Caring For New Baby |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Grief |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lung Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Stress Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Blood Pressure | <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Cholesterol | <input type="checkbox"/> Aging Healthily (55+) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alzheimer's Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Caring For Aging Parent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs/Alcohol | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neurological Illness (specify) _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Disability (specify) _____ | |

2. Would you attend a program about a specific topic in an area of interest?

___ yes ___ no (Put an asterick (*) by the above areas you might attend a program on.)

3. Do you have expertise in the health field you would be willing to share?

Name _____ Expertise _____

4. Please add any suggestions or comments you would like to make regarding Parish Nursing on the back.