
HHealth Counseling & Screening

- Blood Pressure Screening
- Internet search for information
- Consumer Education Materials
- Pre- or Post-Natal Home Visits

Education

- Health Education Classes for Children & Adults
- Community Resources
- Parenting Issues

Advocacy & Resource Referral

- Patient Advocate with other Health Care Professionals
- Community Liaison
- Nursing Home Visitation/Selection
- Loan Closet of Medical Equipment

Listening/Facilitation of Groups

- Attentive Listening to Concerns
- Facilitator of Grief Support and Other Groups

Training/Coordination Volunteers

- Member of Health Ministry Team
- Coordinator of Caring Ministries
 - Prayer Concerns/Parish Visitors
 - Meals/Transportation
 - Homebound Communion

Home/Hospital Visitation

- Hospital Follow-up
 - Accessibility/Safety Issues
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How to reach the Parish Nurse

Joanie Friend, an RN and the Parish Nurse at Bradley Hills can be reached by voice mail at the church or, in urgent situations, at home. Office hours are by appointment at the church but she is also available for home and hospital visitation. Please call to schedule a personal health consultation or to discuss your health or prayer concerns.

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Health Ministry



at
**Bradley Hills
Presbyterian
Church**

What is Health?

Health is not only the absence of disease, but also as a sense of physical, social, psychological, and spiritual well-being. It is a sense of being in harmony with self, others, and God.

Why have Health Ministry at Church?

The Gospel includes many examples of Jesus' healing ministry. He functioned as a teacher, preacher, and healer. Congregational Health Ministry is designed to help raise awareness, interest, and commitment to health and wholeness. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1988 challenged congregations, governing bodies, and agencies to become conscious promoters of health in all its aspects in the life of the church.



What is a Parish Nurse?

A Parish Nurse is a spiritually mature and experienced registered nurse who promotes health and healing within the community of faith. She works with the pastors, educator and health ministry team to assess the health needs of individuals and the faith community as a whole and then provides leadership in promoting health and wellness programs. The ultimate goal of the Parish Nurse is to provide support to the congregation so that individuals can care for themselves and each other in a more effective way and therefore experience a more abundant life.

Biblical Basis for Care

Do you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? . . . Therefore honor God with your body.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Jesus said: "I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me . . . Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:35, 36, 40

Jesus promised: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly . . ."

John 10:10
