

## Program Description

The Foundations of Faith Community/Parish Nursing course organized by Meritus Health is designed to provide the necessary knowledge and tools for professional nurses to function in the role of a faith community nurse or parish nurse in their congregation or holistic setting.

A faith community nurse is a registered nurse with a current license and a mature faith commitment. He/she does not provide medical care but instead serves as a health educator, an advocate, a caring resource, a liaison with community resources, and an integrator of faith and health.

Faith Community Nursing is a specialty practice in nursing, as recognized by the American Nurses Association.

**This course is based on the most recent curriculum developed by the International Parish Nurse Resource Center in consultation with the Health Ministries Association.**

If you are not a registered nurse, you may still attend, with the intention of joining or facilitating the start of a parish nurse ministry within your congregation.



## Content Overview

- ◆ History and Philosophy
- ◆ Prayer, Self-Care
- ◆ Healing and Wholeness
- ◆ Ethics, Legal Issues
- ◆ Beginning Your Ministry
- ◆ Family Violence, Grief, and Loss
- ◆ Community Assessment
- ◆ Care Coordination

The schedule allows time for reflection and worship to foster spiritual growth.

Parish Nursing Program  
1799 Howell Road  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

## Foundations of Faith Community/ Parish Nursing Course

October 6, 7 and  
November 3, 4, 2017

Otterbein United Methodist Church  
Hagerstown, Maryland



  
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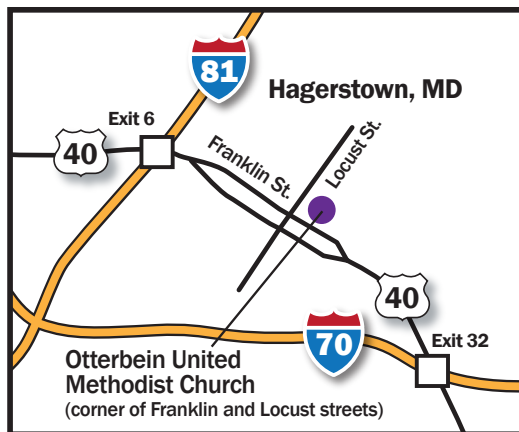
## Course Dates:

**October 6, 7 and  
November 3, 4, 2017**  
**All Days: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm**

The program combines four days of interactive classroom instruction with independent learning assignments to be completed in preparation for the program and also between the October and November sessions.

## Location:

**Otterbein United Methodist Church**  
**108 E. Franklin St.**  
**Hagerstown, MD 21740**  
**301-739-9386**



## Accommodations:

**Hampton Inn**  
1716 Dual Highway, Hagerstown  
301-739-6100

**Comfort Suites**  
1801 Dual Highway, Hagerstown  
301-791-8100

## Cost

**Free** to our network parish nurses who have already attended a previous Washington County Hospital or Meritus Health educational preparation program.

**\$180** for nurses who will be joining our local network. Our network includes Washington County, MD; Adams and Franklin counties in PA; and Berkeley and Jefferson counties in WV.

**\$450** for nurses outside our regional network.

Fees include continental breakfast, lunches, light snacks, resource materials, 36 ANCC contact hours, and IPNRC stained glass pin.

Scholarships for our network nurses have been provided by Meritus Healthcare Foundation.

**Limited registration. Registrations begin July 1, 2017**

**Deadline: September 22, 2017.**

For credit card payment, call Jodi at: 301-766-7845. Credit cards will be billed at the time of registration.

### To pay by check, mail to:

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Checks made payable to Meritus Health. In memo line, write "Parish Nursing." For more information on Meritus Health's parish nursing program, call Wendy Zimmerman at 301-766-7840. No refunds available after September 29, 2017.



## Faculty

Wendy Zimmerman, B.S.N., RN-BC, in Faith Community Nursing

The Rev. Anne Weatherholt, M.Div

The Rev. Patrick Ricker, M.Div, CEAP, CPC

Lynne Waldron, M.S.N., RN, Faith Community Nurse

Lisa Zerull, PhD, RN-BC, Faith Community Nurse

Guest faculty will present from their field of expertise, including a panel of practicing parish nurses and a parish nurse and clergy team presentation.

## Course Credit

Participants will receive 36 ANCC contact hours for full participation in this program. **No partial credit will be awarded.** Eight hours of independent learning assignments are required for full credit.

Nursing Education Department of Meritus Health is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

