

January 2020

Church Partnerships News



R.N.s – become a Faith Community Nurse.

Link spirituality with your nursing profession and learn how to use those skills in your congregation.

- 34 contact hours
- \$295; reduced rate of \$150 for Mount Carmel colleagues, alumni, and congregational partners
- Enroll by **January 31, 2020**
- For more information contact Kate Whitman, Mount Carmel Church Partnerships, kwhitman@mchs.com, 614-234-4389

- February 10 – April 3, 2020
- Weekly online course work with 3 in-person classes
- In-person classes: Fridays February 28, March 20, and April 3 at Mount Carmel Franklinton

Mount Carmel Health System is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by Ohio Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. (OBN-001-91)

Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging to present

Faith Communities Empowered: Caring for Older Adults in Congregations

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 | 5:30-7:30 pm

Mount Carmel East Siegel Center, 5975 East Broad Street, Building 3, 43213

- ▶ Learn how to address the needs of older adults within your congregation.
- ▶ Learn about local and national resources.
- ▶ Discuss how volunteers working with older adults in faith communities can address some common challenges - confidentiality, boundary issues, and grief.

A light dinner will be provided. Space is limited. RSVP no later than January 21, 2019 for this FREE workshop by contacting Kate Whitman, kwhitman@mchs.com, 614-234-4389.



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2020 Mount Carmel Church Partnerships Course Offerings: Caregiving

Contact kwhitman@mchs.com or 614-234-4389 to register (unless otherwise noted)

- **January 28th – Empowering Faith Communities: Caring for Older Adults in Congregations** - COAAA will address the needs of older adults in congregations.
Mount Carmel East Siegel Center from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Light dinner provided.
- **February 24th – Faith Community Updates and Conversations** – Matt Flemming PCC-S will discuss caregiver stress.
Mount Carmel Franklinton from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Light dinner provided.
- **March 5th to April 16th (Thursdays) – Tools for Caregivers: A Community Education Series** – COAAA will provide tips on caring for a loved one and yourself as a caregiver. Attend 1 or all 7 sessions.
Mount Carmel East Hospital Café Room A from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
To register, contact Patty Callahan, pcallahan@coaaa.org, 614-645-7705
- **April 20th – Taking it to the Next Level: Ideas for Health Ministry** – Learn what local congregations are doing to support caregivers in their community.
Mount Carmel East Siegel Center from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Light dinner provided.
- **May 19th - Taking Care of Mom and Dad** – Lifecare Alliance presents tips on caring for aging parents.
Mount Carmel Franklinton from 10a to 11:30 a.m.
- **August 24th - Faith Community Updates and Conversations** – Mount Carmel Hospice presents on Compassion Fatigue.
Mount Carmel Franklinton from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Light dinner provided.
- **October 5th - Taking it to the Next Level: Ideas for Health Ministry** – Brainstorm and share ideas on how to support caregivers in your congregation.
Mount Carmel East Siegel Center from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Light dinner provided.
- **November 17th - Empowering Faith Communities: Caring for Older Adults in Congregations** – A dementia expert from COAAA will present on how to support caregivers of those with dementia.
Mount Carmel East Siegel Center from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Light dinner provided.



See attached for more information on these and other course offerings from Mount Carmel Church Partnerships



Privacy Rule & HIPAA

Key Terms:

- **Privacy** refers to the right of an individual to keep his or her health information private.
- **Confidentiality** refers to the duty of anyone entrusted with health information to keep that information private.

The Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information

The Privacy Rule establishes, for the first time, a set of national standards for the protection of certain health information. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) issued the Privacy Rule to implement the requirement of the **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”)**. The Privacy Rule standards address the use and disclosure of individuals’ health information—called “protected health information” by organizations subject to the Privacy Rule — called “covered entities,” as well as standards for individuals’ privacy rights to understand and control how their health information is used.



Within HHS, the Office for Civil Rights (“OCR”) has responsibility for implementing and enforcing the Privacy Rule with respect to voluntary compliance activities and civil money penalties.

A major goal of the Privacy Rule is to assure that individuals’ health information is properly protected while allowing the flow of health information needed to provide and promote high quality health care. The Rule strikes a balance that permits important uses of information, while protecting the privacy of people who seek care and healing. Given that the health care marketplace is diverse, the Rule is designed to be flexible and comprehensive to cover the variety of uses and disclosures that need to be addressed.

What does the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule do?

- It gives patients more control over their health information.
- It sets boundaries on the use and release of health records.
- It establishes appropriate safeguards that health care providers and others must achieve to protect the privacy of health information.
- It holds violators accountable, with civil and criminal penalties that can be imposed if they violate patients’ privacy rights.
- And it strikes a balance when public responsibility supports disclosure of some forms of data – for example, to protect public health.



For patients – it means being able to make informed choices when seeking care and reimbursement for care based on how personal health information may be used.

- It enables patients to find out how their information may be used, and about certain disclosures of their information that have been made.
- It generally limits release of information to the minimum reasonably needed for the purpose of the disclosure.
- It generally gives patients the right to examine and obtain a copy of their own health records and request corrections.
- It empowers individuals to control certain uses and disclosures of their health information.

Why do I have to sign a form?

The law requires your doctor, hospital, or other health care provider to ask you to state in writing that you received the notice.

- The law does not require you to sign the “acknowledgement of receipt of the notice.”
- Signing does not mean that you have agreed to any special uses or disclosures (sharing) of your health records.
- Refusing to sign the acknowledgement does not prevent a provider or plan from using or disclosing health information as HIPAA permits.
- If you refuse to sign the acknowledgement, the provider must keep a record of this fact.

What is in the "Notice"?

- How the Privacy Rule allows provider to use and disclose protected health information. It must also explain that your permission (authorization) is necessary before your health records are shared for any other reason
- The organization’s duties to protect health information privacy
- Your privacy rights, including the right to complain to HHS and to the organization if you believe your privacy rights have been violated
- How to contact the organization for more information and to make a complaint

If I am unconscious or not around, can my health care provider still share or discuss my health information with my family, friends, or others involved in my care or payment for my care?

Yes. If you are not around or cannot give permission, your health care provider may share or discuss your health information with family, friends, or others involved in your care or payment for your care if he or she believes, in his or her professional judgment, that it is in your best interest. When someone other than a friend or family member is asking about you, your health care provider must be reasonably sure that you asked the person to be involved in your care or payment for your care. Your health care provider may share your information face to face, over the phone, or in writing, but may only share the information that the family member, friend, or other person needs to know about your care or payment for your care.



Here are some examples:

- A surgeon who did emergency surgery on you may tell your spouse about your condition, either in person or by phone, while you are unconscious.
- A pharmacist may give your prescription to a friend you send to pick it up.
- A doctor may discuss your drugs with your caregiver who calls your doctor with a question about the right dosage.

BUT:

- A nurse may not tell your friend about a past medical problem that is unrelated to your current condition.

If my family or friends call my health care provider to ask about my condition, will they have to give my provider proof of who they are?

HIPAA does not require proof of identity in these cases. However, your health care provider may have his or her own rules for verifying who is on the phone. You may want to ask your provider about her or his rules.

Resource: <https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa>



Mount Carmel Mission

We serve together in the Spirit of the Gospel as a compassionate and transforming healing presence within our communities.

Congregational Partners

Faith communities (including congregations with a Church Partnerships Advisory Board member*) that partner with Mount Carmel to improve the health of our communities by having active health ministry teams that assess and address the holistic health needs of their congregation:

Advent United Church of Christ
Christ Memorial Missionary Baptist Church
City of Zion Church
Faith Community Church of God
First Presbyterian Church, Westerville
Good Shepherd Baptist Church
Hilltop Comm. Worship Center SDA
* Mifflin Presbyterian Church
Mount Olivet Missionary Baptist Church
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
St. Augustine and Gabriel Catholic Church
St. Mary Queen of Missions Catholic Church
St. Peter Catholic Church
Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church
Vineyard Christian Fellowship – Grove City

Briggs Road Baptist Church
Christ United Methodist Church
Corpus Christi Catholic Church
First Church of God
* Fruit of the Spirit Seventh Day Adventist
Harlem Road United Methodist Church
Love Zion Baptist Church
Mount Hermon Baptist Church
New Birth Christian Ministry
Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church
St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Sunbury
* St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Columbus
* Stonybrook United Methodist Church
United Methodist Church for All People *

