



From Our Wesley Nurse . . .

Serving the Least of These

The mission of Methodist Healthcare Ministries is "Serving Humanity to Honor God" by improving the physical, mental and spiritual health of those least served in the Rio Texas Conference area of The United Methodist Church. As a Wesley Nurse, this mission is especially relevant to the work I do in the Elgin community.

Families are having difficulty paying their monthly bills and having enough money left over to buy food. Single parents are struggling to care for their young children, work at full time jobs and fill in the gap of the absent parent. Women are in abusive relationships or trying to escape them. One mother has two children, one of which has severe medical problems that will require surgery.

These are issues that affect the physical, mental and spiritual health of the Elgin community.

The Ministerial Alliance Funds, currently administered through the First United Methodist Church, provides financial assistance and spiritual encouragement to those who seek help.

My role as a Wesley Nurse is to conduct an assessment. Information obtained from the assessment helps me to provide case management for the individual to meet their physical, mental and spiritual needs. I can also assist with paying rent, utilities, prescriptions, and other expenses from the Wesley Nurse Community Outreach Funds. Methodist Healthcare Ministries donates to the First United Methodist Church for the Wesley Nurse Community Outreach Fund. Other funds have been donated from congregation members.

It is rewarding to be able to help these families financially in need. But, nothing replaces the human touch. In 2017, I am encouraging each of you to seek God's mission for your own ministry. As the hands and feet of Christ, the church body can do amazing things to reach out to the community.

For example, the parents need a break. Does someone have a heart to provide child care once a month for them at the church?

Can the church provide meals for the mother when the child has surgery?

Would someone like to form a parents or grandparents support group to help these parents raise children God's way?

The health of the community depends on the faith community. Please consider how you can help and serve the least of these.