

Osage County Faith Community Nurse Project



In 2006, Missouri School of Religion began a model project - The Osage County Faith Community Nurse Project. The initial funding provided by the A.J. Schwartze Foundation provided the seed money to begin the program, and continues to support the program.



The Coordinator for the Project, Lucy Brenner (left), BSN, MEd, RN, is a retired Lincoln University nurse educator, Mrs. Lucy Brenner.

Lucy has been a R.N. for forty-one years. She retired from Lincoln University in 1999 after having taught on their nursing faculty for twenty-three years. She is also a member of the Osage Community Interagency Health Advisory Committee and hosts a local cable access show related to health issues. Lucy states "Faith Community Nursing can be the glue that keeps our elderly parishioners in their homes."

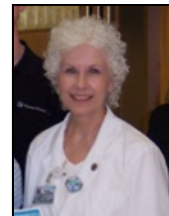


In 2007, Missouri Foundation for Health awarded Missouri School of Religion a grant to continue and expand the project in 2008 and 2009. Two additional Faith Community nurses have

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Margie Lange, (right) APRN staffs the Agape Clinic in Belle, Mo. This clinic is the dream of Margie and volunteers of many Churches and community organizations in the Belle area. Anyone is welcome to come to this clinic.



Marge is an advanced practice nurse who is staffing the clinic in collaborative practice with a physician in Rolla. The clinic is open on Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Mary Berhorst, (left) R.N. is our FCN in Rich Fountain. Mary most recently was employed by St. Mary's Hospital. She was a staff nurse at St. Mary's for 33 years. Now is her time to share her wisdom with our Osage Countians in the Sacred Heart Parish in Rich Fountain. Mary grew up in this parish and has remained a member even though she lives in Linn, Mo.

If you have a ministry, event, resource, book or a website, you would like to share please send information to Krystal Jacobs at

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Parish/Faith Community Nurse Newsletter

Farewell and Best Wishes to Kay Miller Parish Nurse Planning Committee Chairperson



In 2003, Kay Miller became the Parish Nurse Planning Committee Chairperson, and a member of the Board of Trustees. Earlier this year we received her letter of resignation, as she and her husband have retired to

Colorado. In her resignation letter Kay wrote: "I have been privileged to serve as

the Parish Nurse Committee Chair for the past six years. Many friendship have been formed through Board and Parish Nurse activities, and I will hold this mission close to my heart."

We sincerely thank Kay for almost 6 years of dedicated service to both the Parish Nurse Planning Committee and our Board of Trustees.

Resources and Programs

These programs are sent to Missouri School of Religion through various contacts.



International Parish Nurse Resource Center

eNotes -

A free electronic update on parish nursing that the IPNRC distributes via email on a monthly basis. It provides information about resources, educational opportunities, general announcements regarding parish nurse practice, and when the next *Parish Nurse Perspectives* is available for downloading.

Parish Nurse Perspectives -

A quarterly parish nurse publication that the IPNRC provides to those who subscribe to the 'Friend of the Center' (FOC). The quarterly magazine is just one part of a FOC subscription and discusses parish nurse practice through articles on programming, research, new initiatives, and faith community programs around the globe. The cost is \$45 a year and allows you access to all issues - past and current - of *Perspectives*, a cumulative index of all issues, quarterly health flyers, and a \$25 discount at the IPNRC booth at the Westberg Symposium.

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From the National Gerontological Nurses Association:
The National Council on Aging (NCOA) hosted an excellent webinar a couple weeks ago on the topic of shingles and after shingles pain. They provided an excellent kit containing information needed for anyone who wants to do a presentation to the public on this topic. There are a limited number of shingles pain tool kits still available and they are free. The webinar was recorded so Christine Harding can send anyone the link before doing a presentation. If you would like to request a kit, please call Christine at 202-476-6605 or email her at Christine.harding@ncoa.org.

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Announces their 7th Annual Health and Spirituality Workshop "*In Times of Pain, Where is God*"

August 21 and 22, 2009 at Community of Christ Temple, 1001 W Walnut Street, Independence, MO 64050

For more information, visit their website: www.hmaCofChrist.org. They also have bulletin inserts for a variety of topics: Grief, Diabetes, Disaster Preparedness, Osteoporosis, etc at www.CHM.HMACofChrist.org.



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