



# APRIL 2009

## Sunday Regular Schedule

9:00am Disciples Class  
 9:30am Sunday School Class  
 10:30am Fellowship  
 10:45am Worship Service

Ushers: Mary Ann Kaminski & Mike Grantham  
Presby Cab: Mary Ann Kaminski  
Hospital Visitor: Vicki Zimmerman  
Liturgist: Margo Jones

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
 <p><b>WALKING IS A GOOD THING!</b></p>			1 5:30pm Calvin Institute Discussion Group 6:00pm Worship/Music 7:00pm Choir Practice	2	3 Toy Shop Rummage Sale 9:00am - 5:00pm	4 Toy Shop Rummage Sale 9:00am - 12:00pm
5 <b>Palm Sunday</b>  <i>Holy Week Begins</i>	6	7 6:00pm Fellowship and Renewal Mtg	8 5:30pm Calvin Institute Discussion Group 7:00pm Choir Practice	9 1:30pm Circle II Mtg  <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 6:30pm Worship and Communion Service	10 9:30am Circle I Mtg  <b>Good Friday</b> 12:10pm Community Service at All Saints Episcopal Church	11  <i>Great Vigil of Easter</i>
12 <b>Easter Sunday</b>  10:00am Hot Cross Buns in Fellowship Hall  <i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i>	13	14 5:30pm Mission Committee Mtg 5:30pm Diaconate Meeting	15 10:00am PW Council Meeting Noon – Birthday Lunch @ Sweet Bay 5:30pm Calvin Institute Discussion Group 7:00pm Choir Practice	16 5:30pm Witness & Evangelism Mtg  7:00pm Chisholm Trail Hospice Memorial Service	17	18
19 Youth Food Harvest <b>(Something Green)</b>  <i>Health Awareness</i>	20 Noon-Health & Safety Meeting Have your <b>Pull Tabs</b> at church	21 6:30pm Session Mtg	22 5:30pm Calvin Institute Discussion Group 7:00pm Choir Practice  <i>Earth Day</i>	23	24 <b>Faw Entry Deadline</b>	25 3:30pm Pilgrimage #41 Spaghetti Dinner Canyon Camp
26	27	28 9:00am - 12:00pm Parish Nurse in office 6:00pm Property & Maintenance Mtg	29 5:30pm Calvin Institute Discussion Group 7:00pm Choir Practice	30 Noon - PW Birthday Offering Lunch		

## Parish Nursing

Rev. Evans has asked me to “refresh” your knowledge of parish nursing (can you believe Dr. Bill Guilford and I started this program 10 years ago?). Caring Congregations describes, “The parish nurse is a professional member of the ministry team who combines professional nursing expertise with faith concepts to facilitate the healing mission of a congregation. A parish nurse is a LINK between faith and health, helping people connect what they believe with life choices.” Meanwhile, the PC(USA) revised document *A Congregational Guide to Beginning and Implementing Parish Nursing and Health Ministry (2004)* comments, “The focus of parish nursing is health promotion/illness prevention known in faith communities as 'stewardship of body, spirit, mind, emotions and social situation'. The call of the parish nurse is to walk with people through the transitions of life, help people grow spiritually and find a language of hope in the midst of these transitions. The goal of parish nursing is to allow God to touch another person through you, to put the person being cared for in a position to be conscious of the presence of God in his/her life and current situation.”

Professionally, the parish nurse must function within the rules and regulations of licensure outlined by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. Likewise, the American Nurses Association has the *Scope and Standards of Parish Nursing Practice (2005)*. This document states “parish nursing is a unique, specialized practice of professional nursing that focuses on the promotion of health within the context of the values, beliefs and practices of a faith community and its mission and ministry to its members (families and individuals), and the community it serves.” These groups, with the International Parish Nurse Center, work together to assure that the program meets the standards of the profession as well as those established by individual denominations. In the PC(USA) the roles a parish nurse might play are: health educator and teacher; personal health counselor; advocate; communication link and supporter; teacher of volunteers; facilitator of pastoral care and comfort; encourager/facilitator of support groups.

The Faith Community Nurses Association of Oklahoma (formerly the Oklahoma Parish Nurse Association) is an important peer group for those of us working in single-nurse practices. Their support consists of a computer-based charting system, a certification course for interested nurses and continuing education offerings.

If you have any questions, you might stop by the parish nurse office during my office hours.

*Joanne Flanders, MS, RN*  
*Parish Nurse*

## Update From Amy

Dear Friends,

It really seems that time is passing so quickly, but I'm not complaining! There are only four more weeks of classes until exam week. After exams I'll have a few days off before the Spring Short Term begins. I'll be taking a class called “Rhythms in Prayer” and I am really looking forward to it.

Once the short term is complete I will be halfway through graduate studies. I would have said I would be one-third finished, except last week I learned that I was officially admitted to the Master of Social Work program at Rutgers University. That means next year I will take classes at both locations and will graduate from Princeton Seminary in May 2010. I will then move into the manse with Tim and commute for the last year to Rutgers.

In other news, today I learned that I passed the PC(USA) Polity Ordination Exam that I took in January. I will take Biblical Exegesis, Theology, and Worship & Sacraments exams in the fall. I guess that gives me something to do during my summer off - study!

Blessings to you all, Amy Florence