Featuring Speaker for MCN Nurses Week
Jane M. Armer ’76, Ph.D., RN, FAAN
1991 Distinguished Alumni, Mennonite College of Nursing

Jane M. Armer, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, is a professor at the Sinclair School of Nursing, director of Nursing Research at the Ellis Fischel Cancer Center, and director for the American Lymphedema Framework Project. She has conducted extensive work in the areas of lymphedema prevalence, signs and symptoms, anthropometric measurement, and self-management among breast cancer survivors; fatigue among persons with lymphedema; and self-management of chronic illness. Armer has also been principal investigator of three studies funded by the National Institutes of Health/National Institute for Nursing Research examining limb volume change, symptoms, and impact of psychosocial outcomes among breast cancer survivors. She has published more than 85 research articles in the refereed literature, more than 40 of which are focused on lymphedema, and the majority of which report original research. She is also certified as a lymphedema therapist trained through the Lerner Institute on Lymphatic Studies.

In 1998, Armer called together a multidisciplinary group of dedicated oncology clinicians and researchers to form a lymphedema research team at Ellis Fischel Cancer Center, an integral partner in the Academic Health Sciences Center at the University of Missouri. She serves on the Medical Advisory Committee of the National Lymphedema Network, where she has chaired the research committee, and is on the board of the Lymphology Association of North America, the professional certifying board for lymphedema therapists. Armer is the director of the American Lymphedema Framework Project, a national partnership with the International Lymphedema Framework (ILF). She was the nurse research lead on the Oncology Nursing Society Putting Evidence into Practice (PEP) systematic literature review on management of lymphedema in 2008, and in 2009 was invited to present to the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee (MEDECAC) panel on imperatives for moving the field forward in research and practice in secondary lymphedema.
All alumni are invited to attend this event!

The following classes will be recognized for milestone reunions:

- **70th Reunion**
  - Diploma Class of 1943
- **60th Reunion**
  - Diploma Class of 1953
- **50th Reunion**
  - Diploma Class of 1963
- **40th Reunion**
  - Diploma Class of 1973
- **30th Reunion**
  - Diploma Class of 1983
- **25th Reunion**
  - B.S.N. Class of 1988
- **20th Reunion**
  - B.S.N. Class of 1993
- **10th Reunion**
  - B.S.N. and M.S.N. Classes of 2003
- **5th Reunion**
  - B.S.N. and M.S.N. Classes of 2008

**Schedule of Events**

**McDowell Stafford Lectureship Series in Child and Family Health—community presentation**

- **Monday, April 22**
  - “The Founding of the American Lymphedema Framework Project: Aiming to Shape the Future of Lymphedema Care in the U.S.”
  - Speaker: Jane M. Armer, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, Class of 1976
  - 7:00 p.m.—118 Alumni Center

**Student Nurses Association Candlelighting Ceremony**

- **Friday, April 26**
  - Attention, Alumni who are celebrating their 50th Reunion (or more)!: Join us for a Golden Jubilee Celebration!
    - This event will honor nursing alumni whose classes graduated 50 or more years ago. The dean and alumni board president will make some brief remarks, followed by a special pinning ceremony. Light refreshments will be provided.
    - 3 p.m.—Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, 1715 Parkway Plaza Drive

**Mennonite Nurses Alumni Organization Awards and Reunion Banquet**

- **Saturday, April 27**
  - 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.—118 Alumni Center (an optional tour of the Nursing Simulation Laboratory will be at 2:30 p.m.)
  - Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by a buffet luncheon. The award recipients and the milestone reunion classes will be recognized.

- **Sunday, April 28**
  - 1:00 p.m.—Gala Banquet

**Hotel Accommodations**

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites for Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27, at the rate of $109 (plus tax) per night. The Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites is located at 1715 Parkway Plaza Drive, Normal, IL 61761.

For reservations, call the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites at (309) 862-1600 and ask for the MCN block. These rates will expire April 5, so make your reservations today!