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Prayer Service for the Children of Kansas



People of all faiths are invited to a prayer service at 5 pm, Monday, June 20 at Inter-Faith Ministries, 829 N. Market. Rev. Titus James will lead the service dedicated to children of Kansas.

"The Kansas State Legislature will consider the school funding question again on June 23." said Rev. James. "This is an important issue for all Kansans.

It affects not only schoolchildren but all of us as we consider the quality of life in our state."

The Prayer Service will also include a moment of silence for the victims of the Orlando, Florida massacre.

"So many lives were lost to this violence," said Rev. James. "We join with people across the nation in mourning lives lost in this senseless tragedy."

Humanitarian Award recipients announced ~will be honored at August 18 dinner

A record number of nominations were submitted for the annual Humanitarian Awards this year. The award committee met in April to review nominations and select this year's recipients.

Humanitarian Awards honor individuals, businesses, couples and organizations for the contributions they make to the community. Since Bishop Mark Carroll was honored in 1951, more than 200 local people have been recognized.

For the first time this year we have a youth award. The Spirit of Faith Youth Award will be presented to **Maira Salim**, a student at Wichita State University.

Other recipients this year are **Dr. John and Deborah Bardo**, winners of the Leadership Through Faith Award; **Drs. Sharon and Evies "Doc" Cranford**, Peace by Piece Award, **Wichita Crime Commission**, the Golden Rule Award and **His Helping Hands**, the Spirit of Faith Award.

The Humanitarian Awards Dinner begins at 6 pm Thursday, August 18 in the Hyatt Hotel Ballroom. Reservations can be made by calling 264-9303.



Left to right: Pat Jones, Wichita Crime Commission; Dr. Sharon Cranford; Dr. Evies Cranford; Maira Salim; Anne Corrison; Angie Marlett; Paul Dohm, His Helping Hands; Deborah Bardo; Dr. John Bardo.



Dine Out Help Out: An Event to Shelter the Homeless

It is back and it is going to be biggggg! Dine Out Help Out returns to Wichita Tuesday, September 20 at many fine restaurants.

More than 30 restaurants have already signed up to participate, with more joining every day. All people need to do is breakfast, lunch, and/or dine out at one of the restaurants that day and IFM will receive a portion of the proceeds for our homeless shelters.

In exchange, we do everything we can to drive traffic into participating restaurants that day. One way to do that is to assign one or more Ambassadors to each restaurant. Ambassadors engage in some friendly competition to see who can get the most people into their restaurant. All's fair: social media, arm twisting, begging are all acceptable means! Prizes will be awarded to those who do the best job - and you get a really great apron!

If you enjoy Facebook, Twitter, newsletter writing, texting, talking then being an Ambassador is right down your alley. Sign up now to help us shelter the homeless through Dine Out Help Out. Call or email Carolyn Kell at 264-9303, ckell@interfaithwichita.org, for more information.

Resource Fair provides information for pastors, others

Have you ever had a friend, relative, co-worker or parishioner who needs some help? Low cost child care, interview outfits, budgeting advice, addiction treatment - whatever services are needed, you'll find out more about them at the Resource Fair.

Come for a great free breakfast at 9:00 am, Tuesday, June 21, then stay to talk with representatives from social service agencies in Wichita. Find out just what opportunities exist to help those in need.

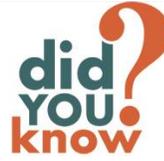
The Resource Fair and Breakfast is free, but [please make your reservation here](#), so we can have enough food prepared. See you next Tuesday. If you can't come be sure to send a representative. The information you get will be valuable year round.



BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY
RESOURCES FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED



9-11 am, Tuesday, June 21
Good Shepherd Hall
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception



You can help us just by shopping at Dillons! Dillons Community Rewards program is a great, easy way to donate to Inter-Faith Ministries every time you shop. Register your Dillons card here and help us share the rewards. IFM's program number is 83262.

Memorials

Jerry Raines
Leonard H. Wesley, Jr.
Marcella & Leonard Wortz
Don Ousdahl
Claude Clocke
Doris Anita McEachern

Final Friday

June 24, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

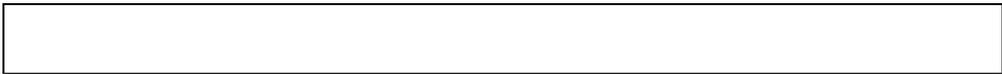
Young at Art

The creative and visual concepts of Pippa McNay

Come join us for an evening of inspiration as Mrs. McNay presents her latest book, "Flerds" and also the work of her student artists



Inter-Faith Ministries
829 N. Market Street





Becoming a member of Inter-Faith Ministries InnKeepers Club is a great way to help people recover from disaster, addiction, homelessness and mental illness all year long. Your monthly gift is important to the more than 1,000 homeless people who stay in one of IFM's shelters each year. In addition, InnKeeper Club members receive discounts on special events throughout the year.

Visit our website to make your secure payment through our online partner, Network for Good, or contact Linda Wren, 264-9303, to set up an automatic bank draft.

From the Director

Start, Stop, and Start Again

Inter-Faith Ministries owns several buildings – office buildings, shelters, and apartments. Every day our maintenance crew is repairing, cleaning, or painting somewhere on our campus.

The trouble is, some of our buildings are quite old and need major repairs. Like the Inter-Faith Inn, our facility that provides shelter year-round for families, couples, and single adults. The Inn is more than 100 years old and is starting to show its age. Wear and tear from hundreds of people coming through each year are tough on the walls, the flooring, and the plumbing.

The Safe Haven, although a newer building, needs major upgrades to make it compliant with today's building codes. We've recently been through a process I call "Start, Stop, and Start Again." It means we get started on a repair, learn that something else needs to be done that is even more urgent, so we stop what we're doing to take care of the new problem. Then we get back to fixing the problem we were trying to solve in the first place.

My vision for the future is a shelter where we can combine the Inn, the Safe Haven, and our Winter Shelter programs into one building that meets the needs of all three populations – the homeless who risk freezing to death during the winter, homeless individuals and families who need temporary shelter, and chronically homeless adults with severe mental illness. We'd create the appropriate safeguards and boundaries to separate the residents, but we'd have one facility that uses resources more efficiently instead of several old buildings that require several sets of staff. We could start and not stop; we could grow.

To do that, I need your help. I need your ideas, your enthusiasm, your support, and your prayers. Please let me know your thoughts. Write to me at acorriston@interfaithwichita.org and share your vision with me.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a thin blue horizontal line.





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