



March 2015

### Just Do Something

A few months ago I gave a talk during the services at West Heights Methodist Church. The church had been focusing on a theme of service to the community, to the church, and to each other. The theme was "Just Do Something."



It's simple but profound. Sometimes we are overwhelmed by the problems we see and learn about. Poverty, hunger, and homelessness are right here in our own city. The root causes are deep and we can't eliminate the issues overnight.

But we can do something, and that's a start. I'm encouraged by the people who contact us and want to help by holding a canned food or blanket drive for our shelters. No, a can of soup doesn't end hunger, but ask the grateful person who receives it if it helps. It does. A blanket doesn't provide a safe, permanent place to live, but it helps provide warmth while someone is seeking a home.

There are little things you can do to help, like volunteer for a clean-up project in your neighborhood. If you're doing spring cleaning and want to change out your bath towels and washcloths, we can always use your old ones (not frayed or worn) in our shelters. And we always appreciate those canned food and blanket drives during Operation Holiday.

There are big things you can do, too. A man contacted me recently to let me know that he and his wife have included Inter-Faith Ministries in their estate planning. I hope it's a long time before we receive the gift! But it warms my heart to know that they are thinking of our needs in the long term, and are planning to help us meet them.

As always, thank you for caring. Happy Spring!

Anne Corrison  
Executive Director

## Prayer Walk Teams Needed

Inter-Faith Ministries hosts the first  
Wichita Prayer Walk Saturday, April 25

### Thank you

To all our volunteers, especially everyone who helped with meals during the Warming Souls Winter Shelter. Just a little over two weeks left!

### You Can Help



Check out our free Faithlines app available for [Android](#) and [Apple](#) mobile devices!

### The View from the Inn

Working at Inter-Faith Inn on the weekends can be frustrating, fulfilling, hectic, occasionally quiet, but almost always entertaining...

A few weeks ago we received a donation from the Hebrew Sisterhood. As a couple residents were helping to carry in several dozen eggs and some butter I was musing aloud about the good brunch we'd be having the next day. One of the residents said "It's just too bad there isn't any bacon." I explained that it was from the Hebrew Sisterhood and that observant Jews don't

on the Newman University campus. Registration begins at 9:00 am, with the Walk from 10 am until noon.

“Prayer Walks are a time of reflection, a time to offer up prayers for specific people or concerns, a way to learn more about other faiths and, in this instance, a way to raise money for Inter-Faith’s homeless shelters,” said Executive Director Anne Corriston.

Team leaders – and you can sign up to be one now – recruit friends, family, a youth group, Sunday School class, etc. to participate in the walk. Both prior to and on the day of the Prayer Walk groups are encouraged to raise money through a variety of events or simply by soliciting team members and others for pledges. All money raised will support IFM’s two permanent homeless shelters, Inter-Faith Inn and Ti’Wiconi/Safe Haven.

Twelve stations along the Prayer Walk route will be staffed by people of different religions and faith groups. As teams reach each station they will be led in the traditional prayer of each religion. Each station will offer a prayer for a specific purpose such as peace, children and poverty.

“While many of us incorporate prayer into our daily lives sometimes it’s good to expand that, to carve out a time for more concentrated reflection and prayer” explained Anne. “Combining that with the opportunity to learn more about both the similarities and differences in various religious traditions is a perfect fit for Inter-Faith Ministries. And if we can raise some much needed support for our homeless services at the same time it’s a win win win.”

To learn more about volunteering as a team leader please contact Anne Corriston or Kathleen Webb at IFM, 264-9303.



eat pork.

After a short silence he replied “In that case, there should have been a whole lot of leftover bacon.”



### Final Friday at IFM

Planes, Plains and Automobiles: The photography of Dale Krebbs

5:30-8:30 pm, March 27th in the Art of Faith Gallery Dale is a member of College Hill UMC,

Join us for an evening of art, food, music and friendship.

#### ► Events and Highlights

March 14: "Pet Care Clinic" Homeless and low-income people with cats or dogs will receive free care from veterinarians with the Sedgwick County Animal Response Team (SCART). Event at IFM's Ti'Wiconi Safe Haven. For more information contact Carolyn Schultz at 648-3528.

March 27: "Planes, Plains and Automobiles: The Photography of Dale Krebbs" Final Friday at IFM's Art of Faith Gallery will feature the work of College Hill UMC member Dale Krebbs. Join us 5:30-8:30 pm for art, music, food and friendship. For more information call 264-9303.

April 25: Prayer Walk Newman University

### Humanitarian Award Nominations



Nominations are now being accepted for IFM's Humanitarian Awards honoring individuals, businesses and organizations who have enriched the community. Five different awards will be presented at the Humanitarian Awards Dinner August 20 at the Beech Activity Center.

Chairperson for this year's dinner is Chris Goebel, Chairman and CEO of Star Lumber and Supply. Star received the Golden Rule Award in 2013 for their financial and volunteer help on many Wichita charitable projects.

Nominations will be accepted through April 7. A PDF of the nomination form can be found through our website: [interfaithwichita.org](http://interfaithwichita.org). Go to the "About" tab and click on the Quick Links.

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