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FAITHLINES E-NEWS

MAY 2013

▶ From the Executive Director

Greetings John,
In the March e-newsletter I wrote about someone who had responded to our "Have a Heart for the Homeless" appeal. The author was emphatic about making this point: he will not support homeless people because they should be able to get a job, end their addictions, and taking care of themselves. This month I am sharing a response to the author's comments instead of my thoughts.



Anne

IFM Volunteer wrote:

Thanks for your letters Anne. I appreciate their depth and truth. You truly have a heart to reach out to those in need. Here's my response to the guy who wrote that letter.

I've been preparing and serving meals one night a week at the IF(Inter-Faith)

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Save the Date

Humanitarian Awards Dinner

Inn for the past few months and have come to understand at least partially the plight of the homeless and see their efforts to turn their lives around. Many of them do have jobs and are very grateful to be receiving the help from Inter-Faith, which they show by helping out around the Inn. A couple of weeks ago one of the guys, who had been there perhaps a month, came up to me and happily announced that he was moving out that night, that he now had his own apartment that he was paying for himself and there was also a possibility that it would open up an opportunity for a better paying job. Congratulations were definitely in order.

Thanks for providing the opportunity to serve my brothers and sisters with what time and talent I have to share. What's that old saying? "there but for the grace of God go I". Who of us have not made bad choices or had a bad streak of luck?

Tim D.

From a Reader:

My observation of the homeless is that many are veterans of wars with PTSD and many are mentally ill with no long term treatment or residence. I am happy that Inter-Faith Ministries looks beyond those who might take advantage of community help, to see those who have no advantage being offered, and certainly no opportunity for advancement. Blessings on all you are doing.

Ann, Chaplain at Via Christi

► Youth Challenge



Youth Challenge is May 23rd For Middle & High School Teens

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Sign-up for the Challenge [CLICK](#)

► Final Friday at IFM

Final Friday at IFM - April 26 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Wilfried (Wil) Fathi is of German and Persian decent. He received his Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in printmaking, painting and sculpture from Wichita State University in 2000.

Wil works in different genres and with different techniques including abstract, nonobjective, representational, and others. He believes images don't need words; paintings speak for themselves. They are an invitation to a dialogue with an observer, as they are the product of a dialogue with the artist. The April show at Inter-Faith Ministries is representational and abstract. It will be interesting and beautiful. Please join us and discover what the display says to you.

Food 4 Books: Bring a nonperishable food item to exchange for a book from our wide array of topics - there's something for everyone.



► Events



August 22, 2013

Announcing Honorees
Early May

In Remembrance

Audrey Green

George A Stephens Jr.

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APRIL

Healing with Scientific Certainty through the Christ

Tuesday, April 23, at Botanica 7:00-9:00 PM. Guest speaker is Christine Driessen. Recognizing the potential of Christian Science healing for the world, she became a full-time practitioner and teacher of this Science. For information call 316-262-7864 Sponsored by Churches of Christ, Scientist in Wichita & Hutchinson. Come early to enjoy the gardens at no charge.

May is Bike Wichita Month

The Health and Wellness Coalition of Wichita has teamed up with other organizations and agencies to promote bicycling during the month of May.

"Ride to Church Sunday" is May 19. Promote bicycling, leave your car at home and do something healthy for yourself by bicycling to church.

"Make waves" (so to speak) in your congregation by showing up on a pedal-powered two-wheeler. For more Bike Wichita events to go [Bike Wichita](#).

"The CAT with the YELLOW STAR: Coming of Age in a Holocaust Ghetto"

Featuring guest speaker, Ela Weissberger, Thursday, May 2, at 7 PM, Newman University - Dugan Gorges Center Free Admission Sponsored by the Wichita Holocaust Commemoration Council: The Mid-Kansas Jewish Federation, Newman University, Wichita State University, Congregation Emanu-El, Ahavath Achim Hebrew Congregation, and Inter-Faith Ministries.

For more information call 316-686-4741 or [email](#).

Camino de Crestone

A week-long inter-faith pilgrimage located in Crestone, CO that begins every week from June 1st through September.

This is an unforgettable educational opportunity and a huge step for peace.

Details at [Camino de Crestone](#)

- 21 – May 2 Festival of Ridván (Bahá'í)
- 25 Theravada New Year (Buddhist)
- 28 Lag B'Omer (Jewish)

MAY

- 9 Ascension Day (Christian)
- 15 – 16 Shavuot (Jewish)
- 19 Pentecost (Christian)
- 23 Declaration of the Bab (Bahá'í)
- 25 Buddha Day (Buddhist)
- 26 All Saints Day (Eastern Christian)
- 29 Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh (Bahá'í)

June

- 9 Race Unity Day (Bahá'í)
- 24 Nisf Shabaan (Islamic)

Explanation/Description of Holidays

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