



Interfaith Community Council, Inc.

July 2010

Monthly Newsletter

THE GIANTS ARE COMING!

INTERFAITH'S ANNUAL EVENT WILL BE HELD AUGUST 29

"Giants in the Faith" See pages 3 & 4.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Clothe-A-Teen

Interfaith's **Clothe-A-Teen** program benefits hundreds of teenage students in Floyd County each year by providing much needed back-to-school clothing. Floyd County Middle and High School students ages 13-19 receive a \$75 voucher to purchase clothing from a local retailer. Eligibility is based on need, but the student must also be referred by a Caseworker or School Counselor.



This program is important to families in our community; it is the only one that provides NEW clothing. One of last year's recipients wrote "With a sincere and grateful heart, I would like to thank and commend the Clothe-a-Teen program for their assistance with my 10th grade son...; without the program my child would not have the benefit of essential clothing".

We are once again seeking sponsors for this program. The number of referrals we accept is directly related to the amount of funding we receive. If you or your church would like to help in any way, **please contact Carol Kannapel by calling 812-948-9248, or by email at ckannapel@interfaithinc.org.**

Backpack & School Supplies

This year, Interfaith will join a Floyd County-wide collaboration to help all 3,616 students who are on the Free and Reduced Breakfast/Lunch program. All churches, businesses, organizations and individuals are welcome to join this collaboration. Interfaith is happy to be a drop off point. School buses will be driving all through the city and county to pick up supplies which will be organized and distributed to the children who need them.

If you would like to participate in this program, please contact Carol using the information above.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We are in need of the following items for our Food Pantry:

| | | | | |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Dish Soap | Tooth Paste | Shampoo | Cleaning Supplies | Plain Pastas |
| Toilet Paper | Tissues | Deodorant | Diapers | Pork & Beans |
| Paper Towels | Bath Soap | Laundry Soap | Pull-Ups | Cereals |

Our "Homeless Buckets" need individual sized food items: meats, fruits, puddings, single serving size cereals, cereal bars, or any food that does not have to be refrigerated and has pull tab or peel off seals.

We also need the following recycled items.

Empty Ice Cream Buckets (for meals for the Homeless)
Grocery Bags (for clients to carry out food)

Thank You!

INTERFAITH MINUTE

Food Pantry Items are needed. Please see lower left.

SAVE THE DATE

ICC Board, & ICCF Board Joint Meeting

Monday, July 12
Floyd Memorial Hospital
Paris Center
9:30 a.m.

ICC Representative's Council Meeting

Quarterly, 3rd Tuesday of the month
beginning at 6:30 pm.

July 20
St. John Presbyterian

October 19
Mt. Tabor Presbyterian

January 18
Our Lady of Perpetual Help

April 19
Centenary UMC

ICC Volunteer Indoor Picnic

All Interfaith Volunteers are invited (Thursday, July 15, 2010
Trinity United
Methodist Church
Murr Hall
5:00—7:00 (?) p.m.

Community Prayer

Every Thursday, 9 a.m.
at the Salvation Army



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INDOOR PICNIC FOR ICC VOLUNTEERS

Interfaith Community Council, Inc. invites ALL Agency Volunteers to the annual "Thank you" dinner. Volunteers are invited to bring 1 Guest.



Thursday, July 15, 5-7pm
Trinity United Methodist Church
Murr Hall, 2796 Charlestown Rd.
5-7pm

Please RSVP by Thursday, July 8 by calling 948-9248.

VOLUNTEERS HONORED

Interfaith's Volunteers Recently Honored at CFSP's "Gold" Volunteer Recognition



Marissa Whitten is our Gold Acorn (a teen focused event) award recipient this year. Marissa just graduated from Floyd Central High School and is college bound. She has done all sorts of jobs here at ICC. She has stocked, sorted, cleaned and straightened as well as done data entry, phone calls and displays. Marissa is the daughter of Pastor Steve and Rhonda Whitten of Chapel Hill Christian Church.

Donna Troncin received the Gold Leaf award for Volunteers. She is our regular Monday morning receptionist, but she doesn't stop there. Donna has helped with food shopping for the pantry; registration; shopping and distribution for Special Programs; and has manned our display at community events. Donna is a member of Silver Street United Methodist Church.



Jack Leuthart was honored by the RSVP Program this year at the Gold Leaf program. He has served on the RSVP Advisory Council for 6 years. Jack has worked at every Recognition and fundraising event during that time. He has also brought his decades of business ownership experience to help guide our decisions. He even prints the RSVP newsletter for the cost of the paper.

We appreciate all of you!

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

For more than a century, Big Brothers Big Sisters has helped children reach their potential through professionally supported one-to-one relationships – relationships that rely on enthusiastic volunteers who just want to see a kid smile.

We're on a mission to make sure every child in Southern Indiana has someone to respect and admire and to learn just how much fun life can be. It doesn't take much time (just a few hours a month) and we give you permission to act like a kid again! We need a few good folks who can devote some time and energy to brighten the life of a boy or girl in our community. It'll be the best investment you ever make.

Becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister is simple. Here's all it takes to get started:

Call the office toll free at 877.588.2300 or visit <http://www.BigsWanted.com> to tell us you're interested.

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Supporting sponsors:

Seabrook Dieckmann & Naville

Funeral Homes

First Harrison Bank

HONOREE SUBMISSION FORM

Deadline: **Wednesday, July 7**

Interfaith Community Council's fourth annual luncheon ... 2010

"GIANTS IN THE FAITH: Celebrating Today's Christian Role Models"

Sunday, Aug. 29 ... 1:30 to 3:30 ... Huber's Country Picnic Bldg. (behind restaurant)

Special music by Donna and Vern Eswine

1 Please read this first.

GIANTS IN THE FAITH is a family-centered program at which Christians who live or worship in Floyd County will be honored for having had an impact on your Christian faith.

Previous honorees are ineligible.

Please do not use the word "nominate," since there is no selection process. The first 36 to be submitted will be honored on Aug. 29 and featured in a commemorative booklet and in media coverage.

Reservations start in mid-July.

All honorees' names will be publicized in mid-July when you, your honoree's family, church members, friends, and the general public can start making reservations. *Interfaith will pay for each honoree.* Others:
\$20 Adults (ages 12 and older)
\$15 Children (ages 4 to 11)
Free Ages 3 and under

4 REQUIRED Checklist

- I am submitting only one form to honor an individual or married couple (any age) who lives or worships in Floyd County, Ind.
- I understand that people will be honored on a first come-first served basis among the **first 36** persons to be submitted.
- My honoree **and** I commit to attending on Aug. 29 and will arrive **by 1:15.**
- I understand that this form will not be accepted if it is incomplete and that no submissions will be accepted verbally, on voice mail, or via email. I have checked, and all information on this form is accurate.
- This is being postmarked or delivered by the **July 7** deadline.

2 INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR HONOREE

Name of the individual or married couple who has had an impact on your Christian faith:

_____ Age _____

Home address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Home phone (____) _____ Church _____

How has this person had an impact on your faith? (Please be *specific* and use only this space. Please do not attach another paper.)

3 INFORMATION ABOUT YOU AS THE ONE SUBMITTING THIS FORM

Your name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Your relationship to the one you are honoring _____

5 Postmark or deliver this completed form by **Wednesday, July 7** to "Giants in the Faith", Interfaith Community Council, 702 E. Market St., New Albany, IN 47150 **QUESTIONS? (812) 206-1800**

**INFORMATION SHEET:
Questions and answers at a glance
PLEASE POST**

For more information:
Interfaith Executive Director Christine Harbeson
(812) 206-1800

Interfaith Community Council's

"GIANTS IN THE FAITH: Celebrating Today's Christian Role Models"
Sunday, Aug. 29, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. ... Huber's Country Picnic Building
(behind Joe Huber's Family Restaurant at 2421 Scottsville Road in Starlight)

Title sponsor: The TribuneSupporting sponsors: Seabrook Dieckmann Naville Funeral Homes and First Harrison Bank
Special music by Donna and Vern Eswine

- What is this event all about?** This is the exciting event's fourth year sponsored by Interfaith Community Council to focus on the Floyd County Christian community. The public is invited to a family-centered luncheon at which local people of all ages will be honored for having had an impact on someone's Christian faith. Tickets will be available in mid-July, but we need your participation NOW to submit names of people who will be honored for having an impact on someone's Christian faith.
- How may I designate someone to be honored?** The success of this tremendous celebration of God's use of people around us will depend on people like you who will tell us whom to honor at the event. Send or deliver a completed Honoree Submission Form (available at the church, The Tribune, and Interfaith) indicating the name of someone who has strengthened your faith. Past honorees are not eligible. Those names are listed on the website at www.interfaithinc.org.
- Will everyone whose name is submitted on a completed form automatically be honored at the event?** Yes. We will honor the first 36 who are submitted on a form that is complete (incomplete ones will not be accepted) and who commit to being present Aug. 29 (please ask the honoree first). There is no selection process, for God's people don't compete for impact. They just touch us in various ways. It's an opportunity to celebrate God's goodness through His servants NOW instead of listening to glowing testimonies after a person is gone.
- What are the criteria?**
1. The honoree must live or worship in Floyd County.
 2. The person you designate as an honoree may be a Christian of any age.
 3. The person may be serving in any walk of life and in any role--job, home, church, community.
 4. You and your honoree must be able to attend on Aug. 29, and then we'll publicize the names of all honorees when we invite the public to make reservations for the event later.
 5. Your completed form must be sent or delivered to Interfaith no later than **Wednesday, July 7**.
 6. To ensure accuracy, no submissions will be accepted orally or via voice mail or email. They must be turned in on the form.
- How will the information about the honorees and their impact be shared?** A list of all honorees (the first 36) will appear in newspaper advertisements in mid-July when reservations for the celebration will be taken and will continue through mid-August. Honorees' names and the brief explanation of their impact will be compiled into a booklet given to all attendees at the celebration Aug. 29. And their names and brief comments will be read during the program.
- May I submit the name of more than one person?** While you may have been blessed by many such people, this is a time for you to designate one individual or a married couple.
- What if more than one person designates the same person to be honored?** That may happen. Interfaith will consolidate the forms to use as much information about the person's impact as possible within the space constraints to be fair to all who will be listed in the commemorative booklet. If you know of others who are designating the same person, it would, therefore, be wise to fill out the form together so you have control over the wording of the impact that must fit the space on one form.
- Will we get to sit together?** Every effort will be made to seat people near their honorees at tables for 16. You may request that on the reservation form that will appear in The Tribune ads starting in mid-July. Once you have submitted the name of an honoree, please begin to invite his or her family members, friends, and others who would enjoy sharing in the afternoon that will applaud such wonderful people. It would be most convenient for you to make reservations as a group, although that is not required.
- What is the cost?** This is a family-friendly event, so costs are kept as low as possible. Interfaith will pay for the honoree. Others will pay \$20 for adults (ages 12 and older) and \$15 for children (ages 4 to 11) It's free for children age 3 and younger. Watch for reservation information starting in mid-July. The cost includes a buffet of chicken, honey ham, vegetables, slaw, potatoes, fried biscuits with apple butter and honey, homemade chicken and dumplings, assorted fresh fruit cobblers, ice cream, and unlimited beverages (soft drinks and tea).



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REPRESENTATIVES' COUNCIL

An invitation was sent to every church in the community to send a member to join our newly-forming Representatives' Council. This council will assist Interfaith in being the communication bridge between the churches and our community.

The two main areas of support are:

- 1) Providing information about your church to Interfaith that we will then share with our community, clients and other churches
- 2) Providing information about Interfaith and its services to your church

Our first organizational meeting was held on Thursday, June 24 at St. John Presbyterian Church.

This group will meet quarterly, 3rd Tuesday of the month beginning at 6:30 pm.

If your church does not yet have a volunteer on this Council, we hope you will send one to our next meeting. We are hopeful that this type of Council will be appealing to at least one member of every congregation, but we will not limit involvement to one member only: the more the merrier!

Members of the Planning Committee are: Lois Ketterer of Centenary UMC, Pat O'Rear of Charlestown Road Church of Christ, Dale Winchell of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and Bill VanCader of St. John Presbyterian

The Schedule for Meetings is:

July 20 at St. John Presbyterian

January 18 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

October 19 at Mt. Tabor Presbyterian

April 19 at Centenary UMC

TASTE OF SOUTHERN INDIANA

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program held their second annual fund raising event, "Taste of Southern Indiana" on Thursday, June 17th. The IUS Hoosier Room overflowed with restaurants and attendees. Over 200 people enjoyed great food and the opportunity to bid on Silent Auction items like those pictured at the right.



The event was a huge success. Proceeds from "Taste" will help the RSVP program find and place new volunteers and provide support to the hundreds of volunteers already working.



"Tasting" the selections from some of the 20 restaurants who participated in the event are (left to right) Norma Best, Mary Ellen Keller, Sylvia Eveslage, and Linda Jacobi.

RSVP has more than 1270 members in Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Jefferson & Scott counties who work as volunteers throughout their communities.

These volunteers work at 160 different kinds of organizations. They work in non-profits, churches, animal shelters, and hospitals to name a few. No matter what your interest or talent, there is a place that needs your gifts.

New members are always welcome. If you or any one in your congregation would like to volunteer, please contact Ceil or Janet at 948-1815 or email rsvp@interfaithinc.org.



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DEVELOPMENTAL ASSET #33

“Young person has empathy, sensitivity and friendship skills.”

Everyone wants to have a friend. How can we learn about friendship; how to make a friend and how to be a friend? As always, we can look to the Bible for advice. Scripture has much to say about how to treat people; about how to be a friend.

First, we can learn from the examples of David & Jonathan, and Ruth & Naomi. Then, we can look to Proverbs about how to choose friends and how to relate to others. It says that a friend will stick closer than a brother, and when in need, to reach out to a friend who is near. Rom. 12:15 tells us to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep. Paul tells us in Eph. 6:18 to do good, to be rich in good deeds and to be generous and willing to share. And Jesus is the very best example of someone who was sensitive to people and empathized with them. If we look to and learn from Him, we will know about the skills to develop healthy relationships.

Go to interfaithinc.org/YouthDev to download the scripture-based approach to youth development.

JULY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

| Place | Phone | Dates | Time |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-------------|
| First Baptist Church | 944-4318 | July 5-8 | TBA |
| Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church | 944-1184 | July 6,13,20,27 | 9-11:30am |
| Christ Community Church | 945-3106 | July 10 & 17 | 10am-2pm |
| Christ Community Church | 945-3106 | July 14-17 | 6:30-8:45pm |
| Charlestown Road Baptist Church | 944-2780 | July 12-16 | 6:30pm |
| First Church of God | 945-2361 | July 12-16 | 6:30-8:30pm |
| Graceland Baptist Church | 944-6448 | July 12-16 | 6:30-9pm |
| Greenville Christian Church | 923-8304 | July 14-16 | 6-9pm |
| Grace Lutheran Church | 944-1267 | July 18-22 | 6:25-8:15pm |
| St. Marks United Church of Christ | 945-2569 | July 19-22 | 6-8pm |

This list may not be all inclusive, but reflects what was reported to us at the time of this printing.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Junior Achievement has scholarships available for kids to attend JA summer camp the week of July 12-16, 2010. Eligible students must be serious about learning and participating. The students can be completing grades 4 & 5. Families must be able to transport the student to and from camp each day.

There are two camp sessions available the week of July 12—16, 2010, as part of the scholarship. Families can chose whichever session works best.

Full day: 9:00am-4:30pm OR Half day: 1:00pm-4:30pm

Call Hollie Rich, JA Summer Camp Director at 502-561-5437 for more information.

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



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Floyd County Youth Shelter

The Floyd County Youth Shelter is short of summer supplies. The quick turnover in residents and the increased number of field trips have left them in need of: deodorant (no aerosol), shoelaces for sneakers (white and black), sunscreen (SPF 30 or above) and hairbrushes.

Donations are tax deductible and can be dropped off at anytime, any day. The shelter is located at 3005 Grant Line Road, New Albany. For details please contact Rita at 948-5481.

THE SURE (Successful Re-entry) PROGRAM

SURE is a faith-based program that helps recently-released offenders break the cycle of crime and incarceration and become permanently free.

The Center is located at 220 Graybrook Lane, between Bono Road and Daisy Lane in New Albany. Our phone number is (812) 945-0886. You may write care of: Richard Johnson, Christian Formation Ministries, PO Box 1575, New Albany, IN 47151-1575.

We don't keep regular office hours. If you're interested in the **SURE** Program, just stop by The Center on a night we're open. Come as you are...we'll do our best to answer your questions and make you feel welcome. Come hang out with people who want you to succeed in life...make some new friends.

Celebrate Recovery is a Christian support group for people dealing with addiction and other life issues. Meets at The Apex, behind Graceland Baptist Church, on Kamer-Miller Road in New Albany.

Life Skills Class: The focus is on spiritual and emotional life skills, including how to build and enjoy healthy relationships with God and others; how to recognize and change the "stinking thinking" and attitudes that keep us in addiction and incarceration; how to move from chaos, to recovery, to permanent freedom; how to handle conflict, disagreement, and anger; how to heal emotionally; how to live in love, joy and peace even when things are not going well. We also look at addiction from a biblical point of view, and explore answers to some of life's biggest questions.

Freedom Fellowship is a chance to hang out with other people in an informal setting and make new friends. Folks bring food to share (if you have nothing, come anyway...there's always enough); we eat together, and then just hang out together. Sometimes we discuss spiritual matters, sometimes we minister to those among us who are hurting and need healing and encouragement; sometimes we talk about sports, history, or life in general.

Group Mentoring & Support: Once a week, program participants and mentors get together for conversation and sharing in an informal, supportive, and encouraging setting. Meetings for women will resume on Tuesday nights in September.

Weekly Schedule-The SURE

| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>Thursday</u> | <u>Friday</u> | <u>Saturday</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Morning Church Services | Graceland Baptist Church, The Apex | Life Skills Class | Group Mentoring for Men (Starts w/ Dinner) | Freedom Fellowship (Starts w/ Dinner) |
| | 6:30-8:00 pm | 6:00-8:00 pm | 6:00-8:00 | 6:00-8:00 pm |

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"A Christ-focused ministry serving the whole community"

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Hurry!
Giants in the Faith
Submission Forms
Due July 7!

~ Working hand in hand with our churches for the growth of the Kingdom ~



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Legacy of Faith

Interfaith Community Council Foundation, Inc.

The Interfaith Community Council Foundation, Inc. is a separate and independent 501(C)(3) not-for-profit with the sole purpose of providing support for the various community programs and projects coordinated through Interfaith Community Council. Contributions are tax deductible. Contact Christine Harbeson at 812.206.1800 for more information.



GENERAL MILLS



Interfaith Community Council, Inc. is supported by Our Heavenly Father, Metro United Way and the generous gifts of our church family and community. Thank you!

