

# Interfaith Community Council, Inc.

January 2011

Monthly Newsletter

## CROSSING THE THRESHOLD



The Boards of Interfaith Community Council and its Foundation have decided to pursue the Brown - Starks building as our new base of operations. This facility has more than

9,500 sq. ft. on a single level along with ample parking. While we will not be able to make an outright purchase, we will enter into a long lasting lease agreement with a strong community partner. Even with unexpected bumps in the road, our plan to make this move is in tact. Our schedule has been delayed, but we still feel this is the best thing for Interfaith to do at this point in our service.

Interfaith will be able to run all existing programs and add additional programming that we feel is necessary to assist our clients to self sufficiency. This building's strategic location at the corner of Graybrook and Bono, its young age of twelve years, and its easy access to downtown clients made it the ideal location for us.

**Crossing the Threshold**  
 Changing Lives in the Process  
 Interfaith Community Council  
 Capital Campaign

The Paul Ogle Foundation has generously offered a \$100,000 challenge grant. The Board of Directors has decided to launch a \$450,000 Capital Campaign. With this money, we will make necessary renovations and work toward providing for our community and helping clients toward self sufficiency.

We ask anyone receiving this newsletter to spread the word and consider making a pledge toward this campaign. Contact Christine Harbeson at 812.206.1800 or any member of our board of directors for more information.

## THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Name	Place of Employment
Carrie Baylor	Salem Communications
Vern Eswine, Chair	The Marketing Company
Rev. Doug Grant, Vice Chair	Floyds Knobs Christian Church
Peg Harmeling, Secretary	Central Christian Church
Ruth Heideman	Floyd Memorial Foundation
Bob Kleehamer	River Valley Financial Bank
Chris Lane	Attorney (private practice)
Paul Moses	Purdue Research Foundation
Matt Neely, Treasurer	McCauley Nicolas CPAs, LLP

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## INTERFAITH MINUTE

Rise to the Challenge has been postponed. Check back with us or check our website for the new date.

## SAVE THE DATE

### ICC Board of Director Meeting

Strategic Planning session  
 January 12  
 2:00—6:00 pm  
 Floyd Memorial Hospital

### Annual Meeting

February 23  
 6:30 pm  
 Place TBA

### ICC Foundation Board Meeting

January 24  
 6:00-7:30 pm  
 Interfaith Office  
 (ICCF meets every other month)

### ICC Representative's Council Meeting

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

January 18  
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
 April 19  
 Centenary UMC

### Ministers' Coffee

A new outreach for ALL ministers!

The second Wednesday of each Month  
 9-10:30 (ish) am  
 January's new host: St. John Presbyterian \*  
 New Location

FACILITIES UPDATE, PLEASE REVIEW



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## HOLIDAY PROGRAMS UPDATE

### 2010 Holiday Program Report

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, we were able to serve every family that applied.

#### OSC (Operation Santa Claus)

- ✦ OSC served 311 families with a total of 642 children
- ✦ Each child received 2 gifts at the estimated value of \$35 each, totaling \$44,940.00
- ✦ 16 Churches participated in the OSC program

#### AAF (Adopt-A-Family)

- ✦ AAF served 259 families with 319 adults and 602 children for a total of 921 people
- ✦ A total of 239 Thanksgiving food baskets were distributed
- ✦ There were 240 Christmas baskets distributed
- ✦ A total of 104 sponsors contributed to the Adopt-a-Family program



*Thank you to all who helped make the 2010 Holiday Programs a huge success.  
Praise God for his infinite blessings!*

## MISSION ENGAGEMENT

#### Program Mission:

To link willing Christian Volunteers with Community Needs

#### Program Objective:

To establish a volunteer program to engage the church with local mission opportunities.  
To assist in achieving volunteer objectives. (Be thinking about the kind of volunteer opportunities that would interest your congregations.)

Examples of opportunities for service:

- ◆ Food Pantry or Soup Kitchens
- ◆ Adult Mentoring (Literacy, Financial Coaching, Parent to Parent, etc.)
- ◆ Youth Mentoring
- ◆ Reception
- ◆ Office work

We hope you will join in being the “hands and feet of Jesus” in our community.

## PANTRY NEEDS

Thanks to all for the special donations during the Holiday Season.  
But, as you well know, hunger is not a seasonal issue. The following items are always in need at our Food Pantry. We appreciate your generosity in helping us serve others.

#### Food Supplies:

Dry Pastas (spaghetti, macaroni, noodles)	Canned Meats	Canned Fruits	Cereal	Crackers
Canned Ravioli & Spaghetti Products	Tuna/Salmon	Instant Potatoes	Oatmeal	

#### Household Supplies:

Household Cleaners	Paper Towels	Toilet Tissue	Kleenex	Laundry	Soap
Tooth Paste & Brushes	Dish Soap	Bath Soap	Deodorant	Shampoo	Body Lotions

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## 2011 THINGS TO REMEMBER

### Interfaith's Rescheduled Annual Meeting

February 23 beginning at 6:30 pm. Place: TBA  
Please make plans now to attend. This promises to be a very informative meeting.



### A Taste of Southern Indiana

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program will be hosting the Third Annual *Taste of Southern Indiana* fund raising event on Thursday, June 23 from 6 – 9 in the IUS Gym.

Please join us.



### Giants in the Faith

Interfaith Community Council will host the fifth annual *Giants in the Faith* event on Sunday, August 28 at Huber's Barnyard #1.

Do you know a Christian "giant"? Why not honor them at this year's event? Applications will be available in the spring. Consider who you might like to honor.



### ICC Move to Brown Starks

Our proposed move to the Brown Starks building is in process. There are still some negotiations and legalities to be worked through. Then renovations will begin. It will take several months to complete the changes that will make the building suitable for our use. We will keep you informed as this develops.

The Crossing the Threshold Capital Campaign will officially launch this month. It is likely that you will receive a letter from us. If you do not, and you would like to receive one, please let Executive Director Christine Harbeson know. 812.948.9248, extension 1800 or email [charbeson@interfaithinc.org](mailto:charbeson@interfaithinc.org).

Thank you for your prayers. They are what we need most! We are all seeking God's Will and know that whatever He ordains will happen. Please seek His Will with us. Thank you again!

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The next Ministers' Coffee will be held  
on Wednesday, January 12, 2011  
from 9:30-10:30  
at St. John Presbyterian  
at the corner of Elm and 13th Street  
**(This is a change of location.)**

Greetings Pastors, Ministers and Clergy:

Minister's Coffees will now be held  
on the second Wednesday of each month,  
beginning in January 2011.

The location will change based on who offers to host.  
On January 12 we will meet at St. John Presbyterian Church  
At the corner of Elm and 13th Street  
in New Albany  
9:30-10:30(ish) a.m.

We had eight people in attendance on December 8, 2010 and had a very good time of discussion and fellowship. No further action was taken regarding a study or book club. Our discussions in December focused on commercialism at Christmas, but we also discussed traditions and church services during Advent and Christmas followed by discussion about a community Good Friday or other collaborative services. In January, we will have further discussion about community worship services and other practices within the churches.

We hope you can come join us for this very light hearted gathering.

Christine Harbeson ~ Executive Director

## Attention Youth Ministers & Leaders

Interfaith Community Council is very interested in you, your ministries and hopes you might also be interested in an ecumenical youth venture. If the idea of an ecumenical youth focused event appeals to you, please contact Carol Kannapel at 812.948.9248, ext. 1804 or email her at [ckannapel@interfaithinc.org](mailto:ckannapel@interfaithinc.org).

We would LOVE to hear from you!

P.S. You are also invited to the Ministers' Coffees. The coffee is generally really good.





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## RISE TO THE CHALLENGE POSTPONED



Primarily due to inclement weather preventing us from getting the Rise to the Challenge Middle School Retreat information out to the students and in getting it collected in a timely manner., the January 8 & 9 event is postponed. We are working on a suitable date and location to reschedule.

This retreat is geared to help equip young people to make wise choices. Topics that are addressed include Dating & Purity, Bullying & Teen Suicide, Drugs & Alcohol, Diversity, and Etiquette. Local law enforcement, and agency directors and staff who deal with these issues on a daily basis are the presenters at this retreat. It is a weekend packed with useful information as well as fun.

Please encourage your Youth Groups to consider attending this event. Please contact Carol Kannapel at 948.9248, Ext. 1804 if you are interested in this opportunity for youth. Check our website for updates.

## DEVELOPMENTAL ASSET #38

### Self Esteem

**“Young person reports having a high self esteem.”**

Self esteem is an important factor in everyone’s life. Self esteem is basically our own concept of ourselves, and it affects everything we think, say, and do. It is our very sense of who we are.

Many things contribute to our self esteem. People are an important source that contributes to the formation of our self concepts. How we are treated by parents, siblings, and other relatives form impressions on us from the moment of conception. Teachers, friends and church families add to those ideas. Peers, coaches, co-workers and employers can all play a part in how we see ourselves.

But considering that all these sources of input can change on a whim or change with our behavior, they are certainly not the best foundation for self esteem.

We need a true and unchanging source as the basis for our thoughts and self concepts. God is the only one who never changes. Our foundation needs to be based on what He says about us; our value determined by His standard. We can find out in His Word the truth about ourselves.

We are told that we all are sinners separated from God (Rom. 3:23), but because of the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we can become His children (Jn. 1:12).

One thing that is certain: God has loved us from the beginning and always will do so. He created each of us with a purpose. He sent his only son to die and then be raised again for us. Each of us is very valuable and He loves us dearly.

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| ◆ Where did I come from?     | Gen. 1:26-27  |
| ◆ Who does God say I am?     | 2 Cor. 5:21   |
| ◆ What does He say I can do? | Phil. 4:13    |
| ◆ Do I have any value?       | Ps. 139:13:14 |

Does your message to others about their value line up with His?

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*"A Christ-focused ministry serving the whole community"*

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Interfaith's future home

*~ 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



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