



# FAITHLINES

People of Faith Uniting to Meet Human Needs

April 2011

Inter-Faith Ministries brings people of all faiths together to build inter-religious understanding, promote justice, relieve misery, and reconcile the estranged. [Learn more...](#)

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Save the Date: Thurs. Aug. 25, 2011

Inter-Faith Ministries is 125 years old and we are having a party to celebrate. Inter-Faith Ministries has been uniting people of faith to build inter-religious understanding and helping those in need since 1885.

Please save the date of August 25, 2011, and plan to join us for dinner to help us celebrate. We are excited to have a special guest, Bill Grace, as our speaker. Bill promotes leadership grounded in spiritual development and compassion and is known for his passion, authenticity and humility.

More information will soon be available on the IFM website, [www.IFMnet.org](http://www.IFMnet.org), and invitations with all the details will be mailed closer to the date of the celebration.

Sincerely,

Sue Castile  
Executive Director

## First Graders Help the Homeless



Tomara Sullivan's first grade class at St. Mark Elementary School in Colwich, KS collected boxes of peanut butter for the Inter-Faith Ministries shelters.

*Thank you!*



## Easter Baskets for the Children We Serve

IFM is Gathering Candy and Baskets

The children of Inter-Faith Ministries will be so excited to receive an Easter basket on Easter Sunday, April 24.

Most of us have fun childhood memories of Easter Sunday. It is our hope these children will have the same kind of memorable experiences.

We need help gathering 50 baskets and enough Easter candy to add to them. Please consider giving just one basket, chocolate bunny, or bag of candy eggs, and the staff of Inter-Faith Ministries Housing and Homeless Services will assemble and deliver Easter baskets to these children. Please share this information with your friends, family, congregation, and co-workers. It takes a village... join our village.

You may drop off your donation at Inter-Faith Ministries, 829 N Market (corner of Murdock & Market), during business hours. If you have questions call 316-264-9303.

## News You Can Use

### Information on Upcoming Events

We are happy to include upcoming cultural or faith events in our calendar. Send information to [Event Information](#)

**April 2-3 Faith Responses to Immigration - Parrish Jones, Ph.D.** The First Presbyterian Church Durfee Lecture Series presents Dr. Parrish Jones - minister, educator, and author, who has been involved with the Presbyterian Border Ministries since 1992 - who will speak at First Presbyterian Church, 525 N Broadway, Wichita, on April 2 and 3. Dr. Parrish is presenting "*Faith Responses to Immigration: Bible, Faith and Migration*," a workshop and discussion on **Saturday, April 2, 9-10:30 a.m., registration begins at 8:30**, there is no cost to attend. Dr. Jones will also present "*Unanswered Questions About Immigration*" at the Sunday School Class on **Sunday, April 3, 9:30-10:30 a.m.** and will lead the **Worship Service at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel and at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary on Sunday April 3.** First Presbyterian Church is located at 525 N Broadway, Wichita. For more information call 316-263-0248 or visit [www.firstpresbywichita.org](http://www.firstpresbywichita.org).

**April 3 Mission Festival - Helping Hurting People** **Sunday, April 3 at Westside Baptist Church, 304 S Seneca, 4-7 p.m.** For more information, contact Vera Gordman, 316-267-3430.

**April 7 Dialog & Friendship Dinner - Love and Acceptance** **Thursday, April 7, 2011, Wichita State University Marcus Welcome Center, 5-7 p.m.** Student Association for Interfaith Dialog Sponsored by The Institute of Interfaith Dialog at Houston cordially invites you and your significant guest to the 5th Annual Friendship and Dialogue Dinner. RSVP to [wsusaid@gmail.com](mailto:wsusaid@gmail.com) with both names, their titles, and menu preference - chicken or vegetarian.

### Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary - Great Plains Extension, AMBS

Want to explore your gifts, to listen to God more deeply, to delve into academic work? Check out the only fully accredited seminary in Central Kansas, AMBS - Great Plains. Grounded in principles of peace-building, mission, service, and discipleship, Great Plains offers classes in North Newton and Wichita. Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary - Great Plains Extension, 2505 N Main St N, Newton, 316-283-7098, contact Elizabeth [eraid@ambs.edu](mailto:eraid@ambs.edu). Visit website at [www.ambs.edu](http://www.ambs.edu) for class schedules.

## Spotlight on Interfaith Holidays & Festivals

### Easter

April 24



Easter, like the spring season it graces, is associated with birth, renewal, and fertility

Easter Sunday is the most holy of Christian sacred days. It falls between the 40 preparatory days of Lenten penitence and the seven weeks (50 days) of Eastertide. Descriptions of these pre- and post-Easter observances follow. Internet links for more information are included.

### 40 Preparatory Days of Lenten Penitence

**March 18 Shrove Tuesday**, the day before Ash Wednesday, is for confessing sins and being "shriven" (absolved) before Lent begins. Shrove Tuesday or Fat Tuesday, is a day of feasting and celebration before the 40-day period of abstinence for Lent begins.

**March 19 Ash Wednesday**, the seventh Wednesday before Easter and the first day of Lent, is when many Christians receive a mark of ashes on the forehead as a token of penitence and mortality. Traditionally ashes come from the burning of the palms used on Palm Sunday of the previous year.

### Lent

Lent is a 40-day period of reflection and devotion to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Observation of Lent is through fasting, frequent worship, and acts of charity.

### Holy Week

Holy Week (April 17-23), the last seven days of Lent and one week before Easter, is observed with solemn ceremonies based on events in Jesus' life, especially on Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

**April 17 Palm Sunday**, the Sunday before Easter and the first day of Holy Week, commemorates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem where they spread palm branches, a symbol of victory, over the streets before him. During Palm Sunday church services and parades, palms are still used.

**April 21 Holy Thursday**, the day before Good Friday, commemorates the Last Supper and Jesus' institution of the Eucharist - Christians eat bread and drink a cup of wine as the body and blood of Christ. Jesus washed his disciples' feet in a show of humility and love.

**April 22 Good Friday**, the Friday before Easter, commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus. Observed by a Tre Ore, a three-hour service about the last seven things Jesus said on the cross, or a reenactment of the procession to the cross.

**April 23 Holy Saturday**, the Saturday before Easter Sunday, is the last day of Holy Week and the end of Lent. It is traditional for many churches to hold baptisms on this day.

## Easter

**April 24** **Easter**, the most holy of Christian sacred days, commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from his death by crucifixion. Observances include worship services beginning at sunrise, special music, feasting, and parades.

## Eastertide - 50 Days Following Easter

Eastertide begins on the day following Easter and continues for fifty days ending on Pentecost Sunday. Each Sunday during Eastertide is recognized as a Sunday of Easter.

**June 12** **Pentecost**, the last day of Eastertide, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. On this day, the Apostles gained the ability to speak in other languages and began to preach about Jesus Christ. The Pentecost may have occurred on the same date the Christian Church began and is a traditional day for baptism and confirmation of new Christians.

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### About IFM

*125 Years Serving Wichita*

In 1885, a group of Protestant Christian leaders formed a charitable coalition to assist disadvantaged and poor individuals in the Wichita area. During our 125 years, the coalition of religions has grown to reflect the increasing diversity of spirituality, welcoming all faiths to work together toward common goals.

The existing goals, programs, and projects of Inter-Faith Ministries focus on strengthening our community's neighborhoods:

- Emergency shelter for the homeless
- Permanent affordable housing with case managers for the formerly homeless and disabled
- Free after-school mentoring and activities for neighborhood children
- A holiday program that provides food to 14,000 individuals annually
- Opportunities to build fellowship and religious understanding

Visit [IFMnet.org](http://IFMnet.org) to learn more about our:

#### Programs

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### With the Help of Many Hands

*We Can Carry the Weight*

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