



## Why A Root Beer Keg Party?

This Friday night, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm-11pm (ish) we will be hosting the annual Root Beer Keg Party. This year the fun will take place in epic proportions and will include a live band, the "Farmer Olympics," a White Castle Eating Contest, an 80s karaoke room run by Jimmy Huff (is there anyone else who can run that room? ...I think not), lots of root beer, and a ton of other fun stuff. It is always a huge event here.

Some might think it is silly to spend that much time and money toward one event near the end of the school year. Some might ask you "Why a Root Beer Keg Party?" That's a good question. The Root Beer Keg party started long before I came to Elmwood and has become a tradition here (of course, tradition alone is never a reason to do or not do something). But there are many reasons why we invest so much in this event.

First, it gives our students the chance to unite in ministry and allows them to use their gifts for the Lord. The Root Beer Keg Party has several students working on different areas like advertising, entertainment, refreshments, etc. (some of whom may not usually be involved). The live band that we have is solely made up of our very talented students who gave thought not only to who would play what instrument, but also screened each song that will be played for content. It is incredible to see so many students get involved in so many different ways.

But that is not the only reason. This coming weekend the streets will be filled with three things: go carts, college students, and *options*. On every corner will be something that Purdue students can experience. The vast majority of these experiences will have a negative impact spiritually on those who participate. Our students are working earnestly to give these students the option for an experience that will prove to be spiritually positive. Why a Root Beer Keg Party? It is our responsibility to both our students and this campus. Thank you for support in this particular ministry and please pray for its effectiveness on campus this Friday night!

-Dan

**Our vision:  
Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known**

## First Thessalonians 1:2

As I write this, it is a gray rainy day. But I'm thankful that God will make the sun shine again.

### I'M THANKFUL

- for Elmwood and each person that is serving in some way.
- for the young people who worked so hard on their LTC projects.
- for Lee Porter and all those that worked with him to make LTC a success.
- for the blessing the college students have been this year.
- for Dan Cooke and the gifts that God has given him as he guides the students while they are in our care.
- for John Stafford and those that serve in our Food Pantry. They could use more helpers.
- for the "In God We Trust" license plates. You can tell that a lot of people have their trust in the right place. Why else would they go 50mph in a 30mph zone?
- for Hattie Coffel who calls early Saturday morning to remind us that we are scheduled to serve on Sunday.
- for Gail Ruhl and her helpers who prepare coffee and hot chocolate each Sunday. Some of us need that little perk-me-upper in the mornings.
- for Cody Sipe and his gift for preaching each Sunday morning. If you think it's easy, try it week after week after week.
- for Sherry Marks who keeps us all up-to-date on what's going on in the congregation and who told me to stop at 250 words even though there are many more things I could mention.

If you want to brighten your day start your own list. Thank God, the sun will shine again.

-Joe Mathews

# Thank You!

Thank you for the flower arrangement sent for Carolyn Riddle's funeral. They were beautiful and truly appreciated. Also, thanks for the cards and prayers. It means a lot to have a loving church family.

Shirley & Willard Farmer  
and Harold & Judy Riddle

To the Elmwood congregation,

Thank you for accepting me into your congregation. Everyone has been so gracious and welcoming.

In Christian Love, Joan McConnell

## National Day of Prayer, May 3

The National Day of Prayer is being observed this year on **Thursday, May 3**. The theme is "*America, Unite in Prayer*" -2 *Chronicles 7:14*. Three city-wide events will take place on May 3. A prayer breakfast is scheduled for 7:00 AM at the University Inn in West Lafayette. The speaker is Phil Miglioratti, well known for his frontline of city-transformation and prayer mobilization in the United States. Reservations for the breakfast are needed and the deadline is Wednesday, April 25. Contact T.E.A.M.M. at 497-4509 for more information. The cost is \$15.00/ person.

The Noon Day Observance will be held at Riehle Plaza in downtown Lafayette from 12:10 to 1:00 PM.

The day will conclude with a City-Wide Concert of Prayer Celebration at First Assembly of God in Lafayette at 7:00 PM.



Our sympathies to Harold & Judy Riddle and Shirley & Willard Farmer on the death of their sister-in-law, **Carolyn Riddle, 66**, of Martinsville, Indiana. She died last Wednesday. She had been in ill health for a number of years. Her funeral was Friday in Martinsville.

Paul & Argie Verett's nephew and Pauletta Smith's cousin, **Terry Pepper**, died Sunday after a long battle with brain cancer. Our sincere sympathies to their family.

## Food Pantry Volunteers Needed!

The Elmwood food pantry is open from 1:00 to 3:00 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday each week and serves more than 250 needy families a month. Elmwood members greet those who come and help them fill a grocery bag with the items they select. If you would be interested in helping 1 or 2 times a month, please contact John Stafford at 474-8478.



## Did You Know. . . ?

. . . **Rachel Walters** recently was awarded the Lafayette Lions Club's Arnold Mills Vocational Scholarship. She will receive her award & scholarship at their meeting on May 2. Congratulations, Rachel!

. . . All the Elmwood Mayflower Mill students received an award for the last 9 weeks...AB Honor Roll: **Kaitlyn Roberts, Kayleigh Gamble, James Vaught, and Rachel Stafford**...Principal's Awards: **Grace Merriman and Kayleigh Gamble**.

. . . **Cheryl Woody**, owner of Two Tulips in Lafayette, has been inducted by the National Association of Professional and Executive Women in the *Women of Excellence Registry*. Cheryl was recognized for her professional success and achievements.

## Good Sense Class

The "Good Sense" budgeting course—a series of 6 one-hour sessions—begins **Wednesday, April 25, at 6:00 PM**, and each week thereafter on **May 2, May 9, May 16, May 23, and May 30**.  
—Janet Boston

April 15, 2007  
Class: 198 Worship: 279  
Contribution: \$8,820  
Budget: \$8,550



## Family Promise of Greater Lafayette

### A Community Response for Homeless Families

The book of Isaiah asks that we feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. The book of Hebrews suggests that by welcoming strangers we may entertain angels. As a people of faith, what is our responsibility as families face homelessness right here in Lafayette? There is a way we can help. On Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm, Claas Ehlers of Family Promise will discuss how congregations in Tippecanoe County have begun networking together to provide, on a rotating basis, overnight accommodations and meals for homeless families (this is not a service being provided by LUM). The meeting will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church at 404 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Lafayette. If you are interested in coming to this meeting to hear how Elmwood can be involved, please let me know.

## Camp CUMO Shelters

Summer is fast approaching and one of the activities the Youth Ministry is planning for our teens to participate in again this year is Camp CUMO. Most of you will remember that the focus of this camp is on 50 inner city children from Cincinnati that we take tent camping for a week. This year, things will begin to change. Tents wear out and they are no match for wind and 12 inches of rain in two days (last year's experience). To be more weather resistant, the leaders of Camp CUMO plan to begin building permanent shelters to replace the tents. About 12 shelters will need to be constructed to meet the needs of the camp. These shelters will be very basic and will only cost about \$1,600 each to complete. If you would be interested in helping fund one or more of these shelters, please let me know. Recognition will be made on the buildings of those who have helped fund the project. If you would like to join our group for CUMO this year, the dates are July 7-13 and we welcome participants from 9<sup>th</sup> grade up.

## Senior Sunday

Each year, we pick a Sunday to honor our graduating High School Seniors. This year, we will be honoring 11 students...more specifics later. The date for this year's celebration will be May 20. Please mark your calendars now and make every effort to be here to honor these special young people.

-Lee

**National Day of Prayer is May 3rd!**  
**More information elsewhere**  
**in the newsletter**



Nancy High went home on Friday after successful back surgery on Wednesday...Gene High had tests on Friday...Willie Batts, Valley Stockton, and Irene Sims are all dealing with chronic health problems... Teresa Moffitt, Margie's daughter, will have surgery May 2....Oscar Miller will have knee surgery (6th time) soon....Continue praying for Charles Moore, Guyula Robinson, Bob Stafford, Charles Carter, Connie Nicholson, Mary Tavana, Sarah Watts, Beth Holt Willard Farmer, Annie Crowder, Paul & Argie Verett, Kaden Koebecke, Lynn Robinson, Ruth Marks, Delpha Allen, Anna Dale, Minnie Scott, Carrie High, Irene Fox, & Burnell Gulden.  
Bill & Sue Adams and their daughter, Kim Hollingsworth, leave Wednesday for Copenhagen, Denmark, to see Kim's son, Justin, who is studying abroad. They ask for our prayers for their safe travel.



Serving in our military: Jeremy Crable & Michael Bryenton in Afghanistan; Brian Guthrie in Qatar, Persian Gulf; Philip Devine, Joshua Thompson (*grandson of Mary Lou Baugh*), and Jon Kiefner (*Amanda Guthrie's brother*) in Iraq; Phyllis Simmerman's nephew, Chris Martin, is in South Korea.

## CSC Root Beer Kegger this Friday, April 20

Once again the CSC will host their annual **Root Beer Kegger this Friday, April 20**. As always, any snacks that the Elmwood family could provide in the form of cookies, desserts, chips, finger foods, etc., would be MUCH APPRECIATED! They can be brought to the church building for pick up by Friday at noon.



**April 18, 7 PM....Bible Classes for all**  
**April 20.... CSC Root Beer Kegger; food donations**  
**are welcomed**

**April 22, 6 PM....LIFE Groups meet**  
**April 25, 6 PM....Good Sense Class begins**  
**May 20, 6 PM....High School Senior Sunday, more**  
**details in upcoming newsletters**

Read:  
*Judges 10-21; Ruth;*  
*1 Sam 1-3; Mark 9-12*

# 2007 Spiritual Adventure

## Week 18: April 30-May 6

This is about a barren women who stayed true to God. All she wanted was a son. She was also provoked for years by her adversary - provoked sore the Bible says. This reminds me of the many adversaries I have in my life. But I also see much more; I see Hannah worshiping God; I see Hannah with other believers; I see Hannah's pain being revealed to others who care. Hannah doesn't give up. There are many times in our lives when we want to give up, like skipping a day at work or I'll make it to the next Sunday service, or it might be one little drink won't hurt—it's just to take the edge off. What really stands out is a faithfulness and a desire. Hannah's desire for a child kept her faithful to God that she would one day receive her child. And when she did receive, she offered this child to God. *"For this child I prayed, and the Lord has given me my petition which I asked of him"* 1 Samuel 1:27.

What are you petitioning God for in your life? Is your petition sincere or Christ-like? Are you worshiping God faithfully? Are you praying knowing your prayer will be answered? Are you obeying what you know of God's words? Put yourself in this story, in the trials of Abraham, the deadly pursuit of David's life, or Moses who asked several times, "Lord how can I?" or, "Who should I say sent me?" I will close with a word of hope from God.

*"He raises up the poor out of the dust and lifts up the beggar from the dung hill. To set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory. For the pillars of the earth's are the Lords, and He has set the world upon them. He will keep the feet of his saints and the wicked shall be silent in darkness. For by strength shall no man prevail"* 1 Samuel 2:8,9.

—John Pippins