



Coming Soon

Summers are often a hectic time of year for most families. Moms are trying to plan some family vacations to the beach or to see other family members. Kids are trying to fit in as many activities as possible during their time off from school. There are sports activities, youth rallies, summer camp, pool parties, etc... I could keep going down the list of all the things different family members are trying to fit in their schedule. Often these different activities conflict with each other, and families end up scattered all over town, or worse, the country. No wonder one of the primary frustrations of many families is not being able to find the time to spend with each. We have too much going on in our lives.

I hope that we can remedy that on Sunday evenings this Summer. I'm a firm believer that church is not just about a few acts of worship. Church can be so much more than sitting passively in the pew and listening to me preach. We can gather together as a body of believers to do many things, and I still believe it can be called church. So I thought to myself, "What if Elmwood provided a time for families to do activities together?" With that in mind I want to let you know about the schedule for our Sunday evening services this summer.

Our summer schedule for Sunday evenings is designed to provide our families with opportunities to spend time together in fellowship and ministry. Here is how it will work:

1st Sunday of Month	Singing Night
2nd Sunday of Month	Fun, Food, Fellowship
3rd Sunday of Month	Service Night
4th Sunday of Month	Movie Night

We will start each Sunday evening service with a short devotional in auditorium. After the devotional we will start our activities for the night.

Let me explain each night. Singing Night is just a continuation of our first Sunday night singing that we already do. Fun, Food, Fellowship will be a night where we will gather around tables in A2 to eat and participate in some fun activities together. Service Night will be a night where you will be provided with different service opportunities such as baking and delivering cookies to visitors, making care packages for our shut-ins, walking through the neighborhood and praying, etc... And our Movie Night will be a night where we will be showing a good Christian-based family movie. This will be a night you will really want to invite your friends and co-workers.

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God's Presence

It is interesting to note that the book of Esther does not mention the name Yahweh anywhere. There is no obvious reference to God in a story of God's people!

And yet, though there is no direct reference to God, his fingerprints cover the happenings of the story. God's presence is as tangible in the story of Esther as it is in the story of Abraham. Esther's story is not unlike the story of Joseph found in Genesis. When God's people are threatened by extinction, one of God's people, through a series of events, comes to political power to save Israel. God's presence is very clear in Haman's admonition to Esther concerning the salvation of the Jewish people:

"Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter... Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this."

To read the story of Esther without hearing God's name is somewhat disturbing, but it offers a chance for us to stop a moment and think. Though God's name is not spoken, in fact, God is entirely absent from the text of the story, he still takes care of his people. It is important to remember that though we may not be aware of God's presence in the same way that Joseph was, God is with us and taking care of us.

-Phil



Kaden Koebcke continues the new medicine to treat his nephrosis...**Marge Campbell**, Nan Waltz's mother in Carmel, Indiana, will begin treatments for cancer soon....**Joe Bailey** is receiving daily antibiotics by IV as an outpatient....Continue praying for **Eugene Zinn** (upcoming surgery), **David Henke** (ongoing chemo treatments), **David Hughes** (much improved and moved to a rehab center), **Sara**

Postlethwait, Mike Sutherlin, Henrietta Frampton, Charles Moore, Herb King, Eileen Richardson, Hattie Coffel, Marie DeWoody, Irene Sims, Mary Tavana, Paul & Argie Verett, Delpha Allen, Valley Stockton, Eagle Bailey, Minnie Scott, Anna Dale, Irene Fox, and Burnell Gulden.

Serving in our military in Iraq: **Steve Brady, Mark Wilson, and Ti Draughon.**

New Women's Class offered

The Wednesday night upstairs women's class is starting a new series on May 14. We will be studying Beth Moore's *Jesus, the One and Only*. Anyone interested is welcome to join us. Class discussions led by Kate Kerrigan.

National Day of Prayer this Thursday, May 1

May 1st is our **National Day of Prayer**. The theme for this year is *Prayer! America's Strength & Shield - Psalm 28:7*. If you are interested, there will be a **City-Wide Concert of Prayer** that will be held at Kossuth Street Baptist Church at 7 PM on May 1st.

Power Lab VBS June 2-6, 6:00-8:00 PM "News You Can Use"

Supplies are needed for props and decorating by this Saturday, May 3. They may be dropped off at the Farris foyer. We still need: foam board (bought at craft stores), spray paint (metallic silver), aluminum foil, dowel rods (1 inch thickness), PVC pipe (5 pcs. 5 foot tall, 3-4 inches in diameter), pipe cleaners (2 pkgs. neon colors); dryer vent tubes (2-6 foot long), styrofoam balls (all sizes), paint brushes (not craft brushes, 2 inches wide or wider), balloons (translucent & clear), silly string (12 large cans of neon colors), CD's (old or used ones), lava lamps, electric static ball, and string lights (flashing one color).

We will be meeting this **Saturday, May 3, from 1:00 until 4:00** in the afternoon to work on props and decorations. Anyone is welcome to come and help. Kids may be registered by going online at elmwood-church.org or by completing the form located near the bulletin board near the teachers' workroom.

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Each Sunday morning we will be reminding you of that evening's activity. I really am excited about this schedule. I know it is a change, and change is often difficult, but I really believe this can be a great experience. Please consider joining us on Sunday nights this summer. -Gilbert



Our sincere sympathies to **Chuck Wolf** and his family on the loss of his father on April 15. Just two weeks ago he was diagnosed with cancer and told he had approximately 4 months to live. After living in Carroll county most of their lives, Chuck's parents had moved to Leesburg, Ohio two years ago. His ashes were brought back to Delphi to be buried.



The food pantry is always in need of personal items: **soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste & toothbrushes, and toilet paper.**

CSC Alumni Reunion (1989-1995)

Rekindle with old friends **July 25-27, 2008**. Activities for all ages. If you plan to come, contact **Donna (Burrell) Porter** at danddport@comcast.net by **May 15**.

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Welcome Phil!

So honestly, what do you say? Welcome? Welcome back? Let's just say, "Glad you are staying!" I hope that all of you are as pleased as I am with the Campus Committee's and Elders' decision to invite Phil Travis to remain with us as our new Campus Minister. This church family has been very blessed by Phil and I believe he has been blessed by us as well. I believe Phil will do a great job leading the campus ministry and I truly believe there are great things in store for the near future at the CSC. It made sense to me for Phil to be our campus minister for several reasons. Elmwood loves Phil and Phil loves Elmwood. Phil has a servant's heart and will do whatever he can to be a blessing in the lives of the college students at the CSC. Some of you may not be aware of this, but Phil served as a campus ministry intern while he was at Rochester College...he was Steve Corp's intern! Phil knows he doesn't have all the answers, but he is a great student and will search out the best direction for the campus ministry. Phil loves the Word and is a good teacher. Phil is a team player...that is very important in multiple staff relationships – Gilbert, Sherry, Carol, and I already know and love Phil...we won't have that initial "getting to know each other period." Phil can hit the ground running. Finally, as you know, many of our "children" attend Purdue when they graduate High School and our teens have had the opportunity to get to know and love Phil...those who stay at Purdue will already have a good connection.

Senior Sunday

Graduation from High School is a very important and significant time in the life of a young person. Each year, we at Elmwood try to make sure that our students know that we understand that and that we love them and are proud of their accomplishments. We also want them to know that the road of our relationship does not end here, but that we continue to love them and support them as they go to college, into the workforce, the military, or wherever their lives may lead. To make sure our students feel that support, we do a couple things that have become very important traditions at Elmwood. First, we present the students with a copy of the Scriptures. One of the obvious messages is that though they are graduating from high school, we never outgrow our need to be in the Word and to be led by Him. The other thing we do is to have some kind of fellowship to honor our students and to provide a time for the church to fellowship with them and to encourage them in their new ventures in life. Most of the students have "Open Houses," but this is a special time for the church and family. This year, we will have "enhanced" finger foods. Lasagna and cakes will be provided...you can bring the salads, veggies, bread, etc. Hope to see you all here at 6:00 Sunday evening.

– Lee

High School Seniors Celebration this Sunday, May 4, at 6:00 PM,



High School Senior Sunday is this **Sunday evening at 6:00**. We will be honoring ten seniors: **Brighton Baker, Chris Crable, Sarah Han, Jeremy Heath, Krista Howe, Blaine Merriman, Heaven Miller, Mark Moore, Natasha Risley, and Patrick Ruhl**. We will have a "pitch-in" to add to the lasagna, KFC and "graduation cake" (provided by Cheri Vaughn). Bring a dish to share and join the festivities as we honor our high school seniors and offer our support to their families.



Alison Ruhl & Will Wade

A wedding shower for **Alison Ruhl and Will Wade** is being given by Gina Boyd, Mariah Roberts, Lynae Stafford, and Carol Bell on **May 10 from 2:00 until 4:00** at Gina's home, 3528 Indianbrook Dr., Lafayette (south). Donations for a group gift may be given to Carol, Lynae, or Gina.

LUM Meal Providers

Serving dinner at Lafayette Urban Ministry on Monday night, April 28, were **Beth Miller, Shirley Farmer, and Sherry Scoggin**. Our thanks to those who prepare the meals and participate in this ministry.



April 30, 7 PM....Bible classes for everyone

April 30, 5:50-6:50 PM....Good \$ense class

May 4, 6 PM....High School Seniors' Celebration

May 10, 2-4 PM....Wedding Shower for **Alison Ruhl & Will Wade** at the Boyds' home

June 2-6, 6-8 PM.... Elmwood's Vacation Bible School

