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The Latest Information on Ministries and Events at St. Paul's

**April 18, 2010**

Traditional Worship - 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Celebration Worship - 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**Herbert C. J. Stemler to be Recognized as Pastor Emeritus**

Herbert Clarence Jacob Stemler was born near Waterloo on June 28, 1933, the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Herman F. Stemler. Herbert was baptized on September 3, 1933, and was confirmed on March 30, 1947. He was an active member of St. Paul's Church in Waterloo until he entered college. His elementary education was received at Union School, near Waterloo, and he was graduated from Waterloo High School in May, 1951. The following winter he became a student at the David Ranken, Jr., School of Mechanical Trades, where he studied Radio and TV Service. After graduation he worked in St. Louis, Belleville and Waterloo.

In the winter of 1956, Herbert continued his education at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, in preparation for the Christian ministry. While at college he was an active member and officer of the Student Christian Foundation and the Illinois United Student Fellowship. He also served a Congregational Christian Church and was active in the early work of the Church of the Good Shepherd at Carbondale. During his summers he directed a playground, worked as a counselor in camps for physically and mentally handicapped children, and adult cerebral palsy. He received his degree from SIU in August, 1959.

In September, 1959, Herb entered Eden Theological Seminary. His field work assignment the first year was at the Church of the Open Door in Webster Groves, MO. The next year he worked at St. James United Church of Christ, where he met Miriam Boehm, who was to become his wife. During the summer of 1961, he took three months of clinical training at St. Louis State Hospital. Herb and Miriam were married on September 9, 1961. A few days later they began their clinical year in Merrill, Wisconsin, where they were involved in the full life and work of the Church. He received his BD degree from Eden Theological Seminary on June 7, 1963. The Stemlers started their ordained ministry on July 1, 1963, at St. Martin's Church, Fillmore, and St. John's Church, Boltonville, a two-point charge in Southeast Wisconsin Association.

Other churches served by Pastor Stemler include:

- Emmanuel UCC in Darlington, WI (1967-1970)
- St. John UCC in Smithton, IL (1970-1983)
- Eden UCC in Edwardsville, IL (1982-1992)
- St. Paul's Evangelical Church in Creve Coeur, MO (1992-present)

Pastor Stemler is known by the St. Paul's congregation as a pastor with exceptional gifts in pastoral care. He has served with integrity and diligence. We honor him today, and we praise God for loving us through his faithful shepherd, Herbert Stemler.

— Compiled by Pastor Mark Friz

## **What is a Pastor Emeritus?**

—by Pastor Mark Friz

Today, St. Paul's Congregation will confer upon Pastor Herbert C. J. Stemler the title Pastor Emeritus. What does it mean?

The term Pastor Emeritus is used by a local church to honor a person whose lengthy ministry in that local church has been one of distinguished service. The word Emeritus has to do with being retired from active service while retaining one's title as an honor. The retaining of title is offered because of "merit" earned during the time of active service over a long time, usually a minimum of ten years. The honor is never an automatic one, but rather is a recognition of exceptional service.

Pastor Stemler has served the St. Paul's congregation for almost 18 years, since 1992. He is known by our church as a pastor with exceptional gifts in pastoral care. He has served with integrity and diligence. We praise God for his faithful shepherd, Herbert Stemler.

As Pastor Herb enters retirement, he faces a time of unprecedented freedom to become involved in ministries based on personal passion and giftedness. The days of "duty" imposed from the outside, based on job expectations, are gone. Now he will be able to respond to God's call directly and personally. Hopefully, the following FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions) will help to explain how this will work itself out practically:

1. Will Pastor Stemler continue to serve on the Pastoral Care Committee? Herb has complete freedom to serve on this committee in the days ahead, and he has indicated he will continue to do so
2. Will Pastor Stemler be able to continue to conduct funerals and weddings? Yes. He will have full freedom to conduct funerals and weddings as requested by members of St. Paul's.
3. Will Pastor Stemler continue to attend Church Council, Spiritual Council, and Church staff meetings? No. He will be released from these administrative tasks.
4. What about Pastoral Calls? While Pastor Stemler will not be assigned calling duty on specific days of the week, as in the past, we may offer him the option to be "on call" or "cover" for the other pastors of the church if we are going to be away or face a special need.

We hope that you will be able to join us today during the lunch hour to honor Pastor

Stemler and his wife, Miriam, for their 18 years of service at St. Paul's. Please recognize with us the exceptional gifts they have shared with God's flock, and wish them well as they enter this new phase of ministry during retirement.

## Upcoming Sermon

### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

4/25

*Easter and Beyond: Some Will Never Die*

8:30 and 11:00 a.m., Pastor Mark Friz

## **Pastor Herbert Stemler**

### **Pastor Emeritus Recognition**

**Today, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

**Pot Luck Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.**

Please bring two dishes to share: salads or vegetables. Meat will be provided.

## **Global Day of Prayer for Turkey**

**Today**

### **Jim Hertzler, Co-partner in Zirve Publishing Preaching**

On this date in 2007, three Christians were brutally murdered in the town of Malatya in Turkey. Pray that the church in Turkey is anointed and strengthened in the Holy Spirit to live for the Glory of God. Pray that the outcome of this will bring hope and blessing to the land and people of Turkey, as hearts and eyes are opened to Jesus Christ and to the Kingdom of God. In this brief time of prayer you will be joining millions all over the world. You can find information on the church in Turkey at [www.prayforturkey.com](http://www.prayforturkey.com).

## **FOCUS**

**Wednesday, April 21**

**Seventh to Twelfth Graders**

**6:30 p.m.: Hang-out Time**

**7:00 p.m.: Regular Program with Games, Worship, Fellowship**

## **FUSION**

**Wednesday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.**

### **Fourth to Sixth Graders**

Join us for our weekly get-together! Come at 6:30 for hangout time with friends. Our evening "officially" begins at 7:00 with a lesson followed by game time with Clay and a snack to finish off the night. Bring your friends and don't miss out on, what never fails to be, an action packed evening!

## **Food Share America**

**Order by Phone until April 19, 800-933-7427**

**Order Online until April 19, [www.foodshareamerica.com](http://www.foodshareamerica.com)**

**Distribution Day, Saturday, April 24, 7:30 – 8:00 a.m.**

If you have any questions, call Sharon McGauly at 636-225-5126.

## **Attention Kids in Grades 4-7 (as of Fall 2010)**

**Sign-up for King's Kids Camp Soon!**

**Camp Dates Are July 25 – 30**

Check out the camp display in the Welcome Center for information flyers and registration forms. St. Paul's offers a \$110 scholarship to those kids that are active in our Sunday School or Focus and Fusion programs. The scholarship applications are also on the camp information table.

## **Lydia Working Women's Coffee Night**

**Tuesday, April 20, Kaldi's in Kirkwood**

**6:30 p.m., Dinner and Fellowship**

**7:00 p.m., Continue the Study "Searching for God in a Bottomless Purse – Real Life Stuff for Women of Faith"**

If you are ready for a faith lift, join us, as this discussion brings together cultural insights to help us grow in the midst of our wilderness times. Contact Carrie Fann for information at 314-560-7826, or polkafrau@yahoo.com.

## **Prayer Shawl Meeting**

**Thursday, April 22, Mary Louise Serdy's Home, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

For more information contact Margy Robinson at 314-872-7814.

## **Mom Time**

**Monday, April 26**

We'll be bringing you a little taste of Hearts at Home with a short video by Nicole Johnson from her Dramatic Walks with God Collection. Nicole is an actress whose one woman sketches have been featured at both Hearts at Home and Women of Faith

conferences. Discussion, snacks, games, and fellowship will follow. Please consider bringing a simple snack or dessert to share. We'll meet at the youth house at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

**Mother-Daughter Banquet**  
**“Summer Activities in St. Louis”**  
**Friday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Tickets on Sale Beginning Today**  
**Visit by “The Invisible Woman”**  
**Special Music by “Jewel Tones”**

Ladies, come and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship together. Tickets will on sale today, April 25, and May 2 in the Welcome Center and are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. Call Judy Pfeiffer at 314-423-2601 for more information.

**Vacation Bible School 2010**  
**High Seas Expedition, June 13-17**

Additional information to follow.

**Updates and Opportunities**

**Mother's Day Baby Shower**  
**Sponsored by Women's Fellowship**

The Mother's Day baby shower is for the infants and toddlers to age two at Caroline Mission. Diapers, wipes, powder, blankets, booties, clothing, etc. are needed on a daily basis.

Also, afghans for the patients in rehab will be collected for Christian Hospital Northeast. You may place your donation in the marked box in the narthex.

**From St. Paul's Life Team**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month: All children deserve healthy, happy and safe homes as they grow up. Everyone has a role to play in preventing child abuse and supporting families. The Children's Division Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline Unit (CA/NHU) accepts confidential reports of suspected child abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Reports are received through a toll-free telephone line which is answered seven days a week, 24 hours a day. The toll-free number is 1-800-392-3738. Help us in protecting the dignity of these young victims.

## Youth Fundraising

Our Youth group is involved in several fund-raising activities this spring to raise funds for the 20 youth and adults that will be going on the Challenge trip this summer. Challenge is the EFCA Youth conference that is held every two years.

- A large coin jar will continue to be set-up in the Welcome Center for loose coins, as well as, paper money.
- Car Wash and snack bar with BBQ Hot Dogs, to be held Saturday, May 8. The youth will be selling advance tickets for \$5.00 each. There will also be hanging baskets available for sale that day. Wouldn't a clean car and flower basket make a great Mother's Day gift?
- A flock of flamingos could be landing in your yard! For a small donation, the flamingos will be placed in the yard of the donor's choice. Watch for them as they make their way around town. If you have someone that you would like the flamingos to visit, call Jannet at 314-993-0015 or 314-640-0741.

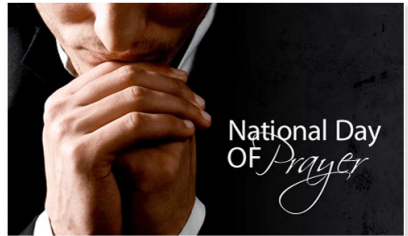
## National Day of Prayer

**Date: May 6**

**Location : Under the Arch,  
Downtown St. Louis, MO**

**Contact : Vic Venezia at  
314-704-2145**

**Admission is free. All ages! Bring a  
chair. Restrooms available.**



Prayer warriors wanted to attend this historic event! Don't stay at home and pray if you can attend. Watch how the LORD works when we fervently pray as a corporate body! We will be there to pray for our churches, families, city, nation, government, troops, and more.

- 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.: Scripture reading and prayer, interspersed with music by singer Corey Queen, rapper T-Rad, and the band Crossfire
- 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.: Music by Christian bands Mercy's Child and Friends of Jesus
- 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.: Main prayer program, with worship led by Friends of Jesus during breaks

## Missionary Family Needs Housing

**July 15, 2010 - July 15, 2011**

Mike, Debbi and Kimberly Edwards are coming to St. Louis for a one-year furlough. Mike is Director of EFCA missionaries throughout Europe. Mike was the connecting link between Andy and Claudia Rauhut and St. Paul's. The Edwards family live in Germany, and the German government requires that they must return to the States for at least a year before returning to Germany. Kimberly is a high school student. If you have housing or know of available housing, please contact our church office.

# Calendar

## Today

- **Newsletter Items Due**
- **Honoring of Pastor Stemler**, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
- **Potluck Luncheon**, 12:30 p.m.

## Monday

- **BSF Seminar**, 6:30 p.m.
- **Spiritual Council**, 7:00 p.m.
- **Beit Tefilah Prayer Time**, 6:00 p.m.

## Tuesday

- **Quilters**, 9:30 a.m.
- **BSF**, 6:45 p.m.
- **Lydia Group**, 7:00 p.m.

## Wednesday

- **Women's Bible Study**, 9:00 a.m.
- **FOCUS/FUSION**, 6:30 p.m.
- **Life Team**, 6:45 p.m.
- **Praise Ringers**, 7:00 p.m.

## Thursday

- **Prayer Shawl**, 1:00 p.m., Mary Louise Serdy's
- **Worship Team**, 6:00 p.m.
- **Chorale, Songsters**, 7:00 p.m.
- **Young Ringers**, 7:45 p.m.

## Saturday

- **BSF Leaders**, 7:00 a.m.
- **Food Share Pick-up**, 7:30 a.m.
- **Beit Tefilah**, 11:00 a.m.
- **Shammah**, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

## Sunday, April 25

- **Sunday School**, 9:45 a.m.

## Monday, April 26

- **Mom Time**, 7:00 p.m.
- **Beit Tefilah Prayer Time**, 7:00 p.m.
- **Cemetery Board**, 7:30 p.m.

## **Police Officers/Firefighters/Paramedics**

Please call the church office at 314-993-0015 to update the list.

- Gregory Owens, police officer, son of Jack and Elsie Owens
- Edward Skaggs, police detective, son of Edith Skaggs
- Mark Tackes, police detective, son of Dorothy Tackes
- Sgt. Warren Williss, police officer, husband of Melissa Williss
- James Sanders, son-in-law of Clarice Beckemeier, police officer
- Chris Alber, son-in-law of Robert and Jerri Gill, firefighter/paramedic
- Kirk Gillam, son of the late Terry Gillam, firefighter & paramedic, Saginaw, TX
- John J. Killingsworth, father of Alexandria Killingsworth, police officer
- Kurt Sontheimer, friend of Sieglinde Schnellbacher, fireman
- Eric Sontheimer, friend of Sieglinde Schnellbacher, police officer
- Brent Coleman, nephew of Cindy Kelly, fireman and paramedic in Chesterfield
- Don Randall, son-in-law of Jim and Percy Clark, police officer in Indianapolis
- Cristina Widbin, niece of Janet Rolle, St. Louis City Police Officer, First District



## Intercessory Prayer List

Please call the church office to place requests on our list for up to one month; if warranted, call to request an extension. To place a concern on the telephone prayer chain, call Suzanne Winter at 314-487-4013.

- **Judy Alberts**, sister-in-law of Terri Booher, recovery from hip replacement surgery
- **Katherine Aslin**, recovery from surgery on nerve in knee
- **Jerome Bates**, nephew of Pat Indermark, recovery from kidney surgery
- **Kathy Brutton**, a friend of a friend of Janet Rolle, undergoing chemo and radiation
- **Jean Buelter**, recovery from shoulder surgery
- **Marlene Buescher**, recovery from hip replacement surgery
- **Matt Crosby**, friend of Janet Rolle, police officer, shot and paralyzed
- **Leanne Davis**, recovery from sclerotherapy on her right leg
- **Rick Eggesiecker**, cousin of Gloria Charlwood, recovery from cancer surgery
- **Jerry Eichholz**, for return of hearing in left ear
- **Dr. David Gearhardt**, friend of Lisa and Carole Stahlhut, that treatments for leukemia are successful
- **Dorothy Hallahan**, recovery from surgery
- **Esther Hensler**, aunt of Carol Craig, recovery from leg amputation, in rehab
- **Mary Lou Hinzpeter**, sister-in-law of Ruth Hinzpeter, healing from back surgery
- **Wally Kugler**, recovery from toe surgery
- **Don Luecke**, brother-in-law of Percy Clark, undergoing reconstruction of spine
- **Polly MacHarg**, missionary, recovery from second surgery for aneurysm
- **Tina Madison**, friend and coworker of Janet Rolle, inflamed ovarian cyst
- **Ruby Mahaffie**, for healing, at South Breeze
- **Gerry & Sherry Martin**, unemployed, looking for work
- **Susie Neier**, recovery from surgery
- **Shari Salzman**, St. Paul's missionary, suffering from serious infection, on IV antibiotics, prayers for healing and for her family
- **Arthur Sewoester**, for peace and contentment, Friendship Village Health Center
- **Mary Soellinger**, mother of Connie Hertzler, brain cancer, for successful treatments
- **Marlene Summers**, recovery from surgery
- **Lois Trowbridge**, recovery from surgery, Surrey Place
- **Baby Ruth Yarbrough**, daughter of Josh and Laura Yarbrough, at Children's
- **Bobbie**, cousin of a colleague of Carol Carinci, strength after diagnosis of ALS
- **Meredith**, friend of Carol Carinci's friend, healing from breast cancer surgery
- **Missionaries: The New Life Evangelistic Center** is an inner-city mission. They provide food, shelter, clothing, the Word of God and the Love of Christ to the homeless and low- income families of St Louis.

## **Adult Bible Fellowships (ABF's)**

**9:45 a.m.**

### **Believers ABF – Multipurpose Room**

Leader: Eric Button, Teachers: Ben and Judy Haas

This week's FaithWeaver topic: Jesus Changes Our Lives (Acts 9:1-20), *Saul Meets Jesus Near Damascus*. This curriculum corresponds to what preschool and elementary students are studying in order to facilitate discussion at home between parents and their children.

### **Seekers ABF – Room 5**

LifeGuide Bible Study: "Proverbs, Learning to Live Wisely," by William Mouser.

This week: "The Sluggard" Proverbs 6:6-8; 13:4; 15:19; 22:13; 24:30-34; 26:14-16

### **Spiritual Sisters ABF – Room 205**

Leader/Teacher: Jean Buelter

This week:: "He Speaks to Me," by Priscilla Shirer.

### **St. Paul's Book Club ABF – Conference Room**

Facilitator: Paul Daniel

Today: Turning Points: Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity by Mark Noll. Noll (formerly Christian thought and church history, Wheaton College; presently the Francis McAneney Professor of History at Notre Dame) has taken the broad topic of the history of Christianity and given it a structure of turning points, focusing on individuals and events at key points in Christian history. This highly recommended work provides a thoughtful yet comprehensive framework for the history of Christianity.

### **Senior High - Youth Room**

Teacher: Brian Bish

The senior high Sunday school class will be continuing their study of how God communicates to people.

# Flowers and Servants

## Flowers

In memory of the birthday, April 18, of Stan Lewis, by Loraine;  
 In honor of Pastor Herbert and Miriam Stemler;  
 Happy birthday to Pat, from Ralph;  
 Happy birthday to Cathy, from Mom and Dad;  
 Happy birthday to Mom, Pat Hartke, I love you SO much and  
 thank God for you, Cathy

## Greeters

8:30 a.m.: Bobbie Soyster, Katie Prsha; James and Percy Clark  
 11:00 a.m.: Dan and Dorothy Nickel; Gerene Hecht

## Nursery

8 30 a.m.: Pat Indermark  
 9:45 a.m.: Mike and Tammy Davis  
 11:00 a.m.: Kim Perry

<b>STEWARDSHIP REPORT, 4/14/2010</b>	
<b>2010 BUDGET \$820,000</b>	
	<b>YTD</b>
	<b><u>2010</u></b>
Needed to support General Fund Budget . . . . .	\$236,538
Received for support of General Fund Budget . . . . .	\$226,194
Over or (short) of supporting General Fund Budget . . . . .	(\$10,344)
 <b>CELEBRATING OUR JOURNEY</b> <b>\$2 MILLION DEBT REDUCTION EMPHASIS</b>	
Initial Loan for Expansion and Renovation . . . . .	\$2,000,000
Principal Remaining (as of 4/14/10) Jefferson Bank . . . . .	\$455,130
Loan payment (as of 4/14/10) Mueller/Bechtold Fund . . . . .	\$200,000
Balance Available Celebrating Our Journey Fund . . . . .	\$30,520
Total Loan Balance . . . . .	\$624,610

**To preserve the spirit of worship**, we ask that you please turn off your cell phones or set them to vibrate during worship. Thank you.

**May our ushers help you?** Ask for help with Sight Saver Bulletins, Sight Saver Hymnals, Pew Cushions, Hearing Aids, and Nursery Information. Braille bulletins available upon request.

**May we help with your infant?** Parents of infants through age 24 months are encouraged to bring their children to our Nursery in room 08, located on the lower level. Our Nursery team is ready to give them special care and attention during worship services. When you leave your child, you will be given a pager so you can be signaled if your child needs you. Please ask an usher to direct you to the Nursery.

**May we help with your child?** Children, ages 2 through 3rd grade, are invited to come down for childcare after the announcements.

**Good news for home-bound members!** St. Paul's Church has a Telephone Ministry available for our shut-in members. Simply dial 314-770-5293 to be connected to the worship service. Small speakers which attach to your phone are available. We ask you to mute your speaker while listening so everyone on the line will not be disturbed. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 314-993-0015 or Pastor Stemler at 314-567-8534.

