

**CALVIN COLLEGE JANUARY SERIES 2010:** For over 20 years, the January Series of Calvin College has been the leading lecture/cultural arts series in the country. Live presentations from the January Series will be simulcast to Faith CRC of Elmhurst from 11:20 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Plan now to spend your days in January at Faith CRC. The series begins **Wednesday, January 6**, and continues Mondays – Fridays, concluding Tuesday, January 26. A schedule of the January Series, with titles and speakers, is available on the literature table in the lobby or you can visit the Calvin College January Series 2010 website, <http://www.calvin.edu/january/>.

**WANT MORE THAN A ROAD TRIP TO FLORIDA THIS YEAR?** How about an alternative spring break with CRWRC's Disaster Response Services? **Give 'em a Break!** is a new campaign from CRWRC to help you make your spring break a week of service with disaster survivors across the United States, whose daily lives have been radically changed by hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and fires. CRWRC Disaster Response Services has work group opportunities of clean-up, home repair, and reconstruction. Tasks will be catered to your gifts and abilities. You need not have any specific construction experience. To learn more about spring break opportunities or to register, please call 800-848-5818 or email [drs@crwrc.org](mailto:drs@crwrc.org).

**THANK YOU TO LARRY AND JERI KENDRICK:** Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the service for a time of cake and refreshment and a card shower for Larry.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** Plan on attending this evening's 5:00 Vesper Service as the Sunday school children present the story of the first Christmas from the perspective of the stable animals. The children have been working hard on their parts, and the congregation will be asked to join them in singing many traditional Christmas carols. A few of our students will share their musical talents for the prelude music. Join us for this much-loved tradition.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 14:** We will meet for our December congregational meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Our main agenda item will be to approve the budget for 2010. You will find copies of the 2010 budget on the welcome desk in the lobby. Other agenda items are an update on the building and capital improvements projects and a report on the plans for pastoral transition.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE:** There will be no Sunday school for children on December 20. Adult Sunday school will be held (see following announcement). No Sunday school for adults or children will be held December 27 and January 3. Classes will start again January 10.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Join us today as **Marge Mead**, associate director of the Wade Center (Wheaton College) leads us in part 2 of Advent reflections from Dorothy Sayers' radio drama, "The Man Born to the King." Join us for coffee at 9:00 in Ministry Center.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** **Next Sunday, December 20**, Adult Sunday school will meet in the sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. Mr. Steve Sowinski will present a program of trumpet music for Advent and Christmas. We invite all members and visitors, including Sunday school children. Mr. Sowinski, a

professional musician, is a long-time friend of Paul Jeninga, one of our members. He features trumpets of special design that was invented and crafted by Paul. If you love the music of Advent and Christmas and the sound of the trumpet you won't want to miss this program.

#### **SPECIAL HOLIDAY SERVICES:**

- **Sunday, December 13, 5:00 p.m.:** Sunday school program. This will be a delightful Christmas program that helps us imagine the Christmas story from the point of view of the stable animals.
- **Sunday, December 20, 10:30 a.m.:** This will be our much loved and anticipated choir Advent and Christmas program.
- **Thursday, December 24, 5:00 p.m.:** Christmas Eve service, with caroling in the lobby beginning at 4:45.
- **Friday, January 1, 10:00 a.m.:** New Year's Day service.

#### **Small Group**

**CREATION CARE GROUP:** Are you looking to be part of a small group? You are welcome to join the Creation Care group. We meet the first and third Fridays of each month, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. We discuss biblical themes as they relate to caring for the world around us. For the next several weeks, we will be studying essays by Wendell Berry, a poet-farmer, who has interesting ideas about how to choose what we eat and how we can promote sustainable agricultural practices. We also share "green" tips, we pray for each other, and . . . we eat snacks (some are even healthy!). Our next meeting is **this Friday night, December 18**. Contact Dave or Kate Nyenhuis (630-510-8426 or [nyenfamilysbcglobal.net](mailto:nyenfamilysbcglobal.net)).