

SPECIAL NOTICES

60th ANNIVERSARY: On **Tuesday, February 9**, our church will be 60 years old! We celebrate God's great faithfulness throughout all the generations. Today's service will include a litany of thanks and praise as well as a special hymn to mark this significant milestone.

HEALING SERVICE: Next Sunday evening, February 14, we will have a special service of prayer and praise for healing. During the service, we will provide a time for anointing with oil and prayer for individuals who seek God's special blessing of physical, emotional, or spiritual health.

VESPER SERVICE: Tonight, we will continue with our series from the prophecy of Jeremiah, with what is called "The Temple Sermon." In Jeremiah 7:1-29, he called the people of Israel to account for the empty ritual that their times of worship had become. Our offering is for the CRC Office of Race Relations.

VESPER OFFERING is for the **CRC's Office of Race Relations**. Its mandate is to "initiate and provide effective and collaborative training" for the purpose of dismantling racism in all forms (Acts of Synod 2004, p. 558). Along with sponsoring youth events, scholarships, multi-ethnic conferences for pastors, Women of the Nations events, and All Nations Heritage celebrations, the Office of Race Relations has developed an acclaimed antiracism training curriculum for use in North America and worldwide. Visit their website, ww.crcna.org/pages/positions_race_relations.cfm.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Give thanks to God for the blessings of our 60th anniversary.
- Please pray for those for whom good health is not taken for granted.
- Please pray for our Worship Planning Committee as they are busy preparing our Lent and Easter services.
- Pray for the churches of Classis Northern Illinois, which are in stressful locations and seeking to maintain ministries in these challenging economic times.

CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS: The Young People are coordinating a church-wide service project to send care packages to our college students. We need donations of home-baked cookies, purchased items, and any samples or freebies from your work. We plan to send 50 packages, so we need your help! Please sign up on the list on the welcome desk in the lobby. You can drop off donations in the labeled box in the lobby **any time between today and Sunday, February 14**.

FINANCIAL PLANNING: The deacons are considering getting a speaker from the Barnabas Foundation to provide information on this topic. If you are interested in attending such a session, please sign up **today** on the sheet at the welcome desk in the lobby.

HYMN STUDY SMALL GROUP will **not** meet tonight. We will meet **Sunday, February 14**, and resume our regularly-scheduled dates in March.

YOUNG PEOPLE: Please remember to be in the sanctuary **next Sunday, February 14**, at 9:00 a.m. to walk through the worship service we will be leading. Our evening meeting next Sunday will be packing care packages at the Vogels' house.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Vern Geurkink will lead us in the third and last of our winter series of explorations into the Narnia Chronicles, with *The Silver Chair*. It is worth reading the whole book just to get to know Puddleglum, the Marsh-wiggle. Join us at 9:00 a.m. in Ministry Center. **Next Sunday, February 14**, Ted De Jong will be leading the class on the topic, "The Old Testament: an impossible drama."