**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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During COVID, the Order of Service will be on the screen at the front of the sanctuary. We are following all COVID 19 protocols, i.e. mandatory mask wearing, social distancing, sanitizing, etc. There is no singing, but we encourage you to hum along! If you are not ready to leave immediately following the service, we suggest you move toward the middle of your pew to allow people to pass safely then leave when you’re comfortable. The service is recorded and sent to those on the congregation email list. If you do not currently receive it but would like to, please contact the church office.

**A N N O U N C E M E N T S**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:**

Special music this morning will be provided by the trio, Kent Williams, Keith MacDonald and Justin Savage. They will sing "We Three Kings", and "When a Star is Shining".

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Sinan Al Shaltan will be with us next Sunday, January 10th, to tell of his experiences in his home country of Iraq and his journey to Canada.

**YEAR END REPORTS:**

All Teams are asked to start preparing their year-end reports for the annual meeting (date to be announced).

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The Congregation would like to extend belated birthday wishes to Keith Cruickshank. Keith celebrated his 80th birthday on Christmas Day!

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**FAIR HEARTS – FRIENDS ASSISTING IRAQI REFUGEES:**

A group of people posing in front of a body of water

Description automatically generatedFirst Church is working with FAIR Hearts as sponsors of an Iraqi refugee family of 6 (2 adults, 4 children) who will be relocating to our community in Fall 2021. There is considerable work to be done to raise funds, secure clothing, furnishings and household goods for the family prior to their arrival.

Members of FAIR Hearts from First Church are: **Rev. Andrew MacDonald, (902-331-0322), Sharon Mason (902-752-0724), Sara Fullerton (902-754-2142), Brent MacQuarrie (902-616-7787).**

• Refundables can be donated to FAIR Hearts at Golden Penny and Stewarts.

• Monetary donations are welcomed and needed to meet our goals. Cheques should be made payable to “First Presbyterian Church” for taxable receipts. **Please make a note in the “Memo” section** **that is for FAIR Hearts.**

• We are gathering furniture and household items for the family. **Winter clothing only** is needed, a list will be provided soon. Please contact a FAIR Hearts committee member if you have items to donate.

The FAIR Hearts committee would like to thank everyone for your generosity, it is greatly appreciated.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

* There are no meetings scheduled for this week.
* Unless necessary, Session will not be meeting in December.

**Minister**: Rev. Andrew MacDonald

**Organist**: Lloyd MacLean

**Rev. MacDonald’s office hours**: Tues. to Fri. - 10:00 am – 2:00 pm or by appointment

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** But he’s already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It’s quite simple. Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don’t take yourself too seriously – take God seriously. Micah 6: 8-The Message