**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.

**WINTER CANCELLATION POLICY:**

* **Reminder** – Cancellations will be posted on FaceBook, ECFM 94.1 and the church voicemail.

**MUSIC:**

* Janice Alcorn is our guest soloist this morning. She will be singing a medley of "My Lord, What a Morning/Deep River", African-American spirituals in commemoration of Black History Month.

**SCRIPTURE READER THIS MORNING:**

* Brent MacQuarrie

If you are interested in reading on Sundays, please contact Jane in the office, 752-5691.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**COMMUNITY ITEMS:**

* Pictou County Council of Churches received the following notice from Roots for Youth. The “Coldest Night of the Year” (#CNOY21) event is set to take place on Feb 20th. Registration will be outside. If COVID rules permit, an in-person event will take place at Christian Fellowship Church, as in other years. This year's event will be cashless, with most fundraising happening online. Depending on COVID restrictions at the time, the walk may have to switch to a virtual event. Please follow social media for more information. CNOY is a lot of fun for families and brings people together in support of a good cause. Whether people show up to the planned event or walk virtually, the dollars raised are invaluable in helping Roots for Youth continue their work addressing youth homelessness. If you'd like to know more about Roots for Youth, sign up to take part in the walk or make a donation, please visit their website: [www.cnoy.org](http://www.cnoy.org) .
* First United Church, 81 High Street, Trenton, are hosting a “Pancake and Sausage Take-out”, Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 16th from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Free will offering.
* Camp Geddie – Plans are afoot for the 2021 Camping Season…

 Camp Geddie consistently provides a superior, safe Christian camping experience for the children and youth of Atlantic Canada, through the Atlantic Synod of the Presbyterian Church. The Geddie experience is enhanced by the natural beauty of the Camp's location on the Northumberland Shore.

 Camp Geddie is hoping you are as anxious as the Camp is to get back to Camping in 2021. What will it look like? We are exploring and discovering exciting new possibilities. Watch for updates on Facebook and the Camp Geddie Website (campgeddie.ca)!

 At this date, the Province of Nova Scotia has not relaxed restrictions for summer camping, so the team is being

 creative in its planning. Like the entire Province of Nova Scotia, Camp Geddie is praying that restrictions will be lifted so that Camp can get back to “normal” (however that may be).

 Building on last year’s successful on-line camp program, new options are open to provide a Christian Camping experience for young people - on-line? in person? a combination of on-line & in-person? community based camping? The Program Committee is excited to explore the many avenues that have opened up to provide Camp Geddie’s wonderful Christian camping experience.

 Keep the Camp and the Program Committee in your prayers as everyone continues to deal with the COVID situation as it unfolds over the winter and spring! Camp Geddie always needs and appreciates your prayers and support. Keep safe and well! **Stay tuned!!**

* FAIR Hearts – Friends Assisting Iraqi Refugees:

Fundraising continues by the members of FAIR Hearts, donations may be made at the church office.

Donations are sought for the following items: bedroom dressers, night stands/bedside tables, one twin box spring and bed frame, a set of good quality pots and pans, twin bed sheets and twin quilts/comforters, new pillows.

These items can be picked up by contacting a FAIR Hearts member.  Financial donations are also needed at this time and can also be made at the church office.  The updated estimate of when the Iraqi Family will arrive in Canada is now June 2021.   Members of FAIR Hearts from First Church are:  Rev. Andrew MacDonald (902-331-0322), Sharon Mason (902-752-0724), Sara Fullerton (902-754-2142), and Brent MacQuarrie (902) 616-7787).  Sincere thanks to all who have donated funds and items thus far.

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**CONDOLENCES:**

The congregation extends love and sympathy to Vi Hatt on the recent death of her sister, Lyda, who lived on the South Shore.

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**UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS:**

* Brass group will have a rehearsal Tues., Feb. 16th at 6 p.m.

**MINISTER**: Rev. Andrew MacDonald

**ORGANIST**: Lloyd MacLean

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

**Office hours**: Tues to Fri: 10am-1pm

**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