



## **FAST – Friends of Asylum Seekers Team**

Does God require of us a FAST? Can we hold FAST? Think FAST!

**And what does the LORD require of you?**

**To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your**

**God. (Micah 6:8)**

The immigration study group offered by the Spiritual Growth Committee has become a working group of members of Grace, other faith communities, and partners from other community organizations.

At our last meeting we adopted the name FAST: Friends of Asylum Seekers Team and committed to seriously pursuing bringing a couple of asylum-seeking families to Rutland. At that meeting we looked at our strengths and resources, our challenges and barriers, and how to use what we already have to overcome the bumps and seek new support. We invite YOU to come to our next meeting: a potluck lunch on December 1, at noon in the Youth Center. The 12:00 time is to accommodate members of the group from other faith communities and organizations. At that gathering we will have reports back on legal questions, tax exempt questions, housing questions and support from our partners. This is an exciting venture that includes all of Rutland – we will need many volunteers and much brainpower.

Coming to the meeting on Dec. 1 does NOT commit you to attending regular meetings. It is a time to learn more and ask questions and be in the loop! If you want to attend regularly, YAY! If you want to be educated about what is going on, YAY! If you come and decide you would like to volunteer at a later time, YAY!

We look forward to sharing our time with you! If you have any questions, call Ellen Green at 438-0010.