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Open Doors · Open Minds · Open Hands · Open Hearts
Welcome to Visions United - "God's Doors Are Open to All"

Visions United seeks to be a safe place for all people to worship
 regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background,
 sexual orientation or gender identity

Spirit Gathering - Sunday, February 18th, 2018

<i>Events at a glance</i>		
February 18	9:30am	Conversation Café (Congregational Care & Spirit & Worship)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering – Lent 1
February 22	6pm	Pancake Brunch Meeting
	7pm	Choir Practice
February 24	9:15am	Congregational Workshop for Strategic Planning
	5pm	Coldest Night of the Year
February 25	9:30am	Conversation Café (Congregational Care & Spirit & Worship)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
	11:30am	Annual General Meeting

Children's Spirit Space

This week's leader: Ruth Flanagan; *Nursery Helper:* Hannah Baisley.

Spirit Space is our program for all-ages held downstairs. Children gather with the congregation in the Great Room for our opening. We will let you know when Spirit Space begins! There are also activity bags available for children who choose to remain upstairs.

Open Hearts - Uncommon Boldness

Each month last fall, we considered one of our Core Values. Last Sunday we invited you to hold in prayer our final value, *Uncommon Boldness*, and consider the ways we aspire to practice this value. Especially, in these weeks leading up to our Annual Meeting (Feb 25th) when we consider our future, how are we called to live into this core value, as individuals and as a community of faith?

Visions News & Updates

Storm Cancellations: On Sunday mornings a decision will be made by 8am. When any services or special events are cancelled due to bad weather, a message will be left on Visions United's answering machine (384-0843), and a notice placed on our Website and Facebook page. We will also try and give notice to radio stations such as CBC and you can check:
<http://www.cbc.ca/stormcentre>

Grocery Card Program: *Easy for you fundraiser!* For every grocery card sold Vision United gets 4%; that's \$4 for every \$100 sold. Get your Sobeys, and Superstore cards before the service.

Visions Events

Pancake Brunch Meeting – Thursday, February 22 (6pm-7pm)

It's that time of the year again - pancake brunches (March 24th and 31st, April 7th and 14th). A planning meeting will be held on Thursday Feb. 22nd from 6 - 7 pm at the campus. As well, there is a sign-up sheet in the hallway if you are willing and able to help out at 1, 2, 3 or all 4 of the brunches.

Congregational Workshop – Saturday, February 24 (9:15am-12pm)

A congregational workshop will be held at the Stilesville campus to determine ministry initiatives and priorities for our Strategic Plan using Catherine Gaw's report from her October workshop. This workshop will be independent of the partnership aspect of the Strategic Plan. All teams are asked to attend, as well as other interested congregational members. Storm date is Sat. March 3rd.

Coldest Night of the Year – Saturday, February 24 (5-9pm)

Proceeds raised as a result of your participation in Coldest Night of the Year will go to support solutions to youth homelessness offered through two different Youth Impact Jeunesse programs. If you would like to participate or contribute, please see the signup sheets in the foyer or contact Trudy Colpitts at twcoreo@yahoo.ca or 506-874-2446.

Annual General Meeting – Sunday, February 25

Stilesville campus, following the Spirit Gathering. We will be having a potluck luncheon of sandwiches and sweets only. We invite you to join us. Volunteers? We need 3-4 people who can volunteer to set up for the lunch and clean-up afterwards.

Other Church and Community Events

"New To You" Sale - Saturday, February 24 (9 am-12pm)

St. Paul's United Church, 404 Cleveland Ave., Riverview. The UCW are hosting this sale of gently used clothing, footwear and accessories for women, men and children. Something for everyone at great prices!

Lay Worship Leaders Information Day – February 24 (9am-4pm)

Do you have an interest in learning about Lay Worship Leader training in Maritime Conference? If so, you are encouraged to attend a Lay Worship Leaders Information Day sponsored by Chignecto Presbytery at Mountain View United Church, 85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton, NB. The Rev. Robyn Brown-Hewitt, Co-ordinator of the LLWL Atlantic program, will present the *LLWL Atlantic* program which provides such training at Tatamagouche Centre. **Advance registration before noon on February 17th is necessary or the event will be cancelled.** There is no cost to attend. To register or for more information, please contact Craig Dickson at dicksonc@nb.sympatico.ca or phone 506 382-8432.

Engaging The Parables four week study – February 28, March 7, 14, 21 (12-1pm) Through a study of some of the Parables from the Gospels, the Christian Development Committee of St. John's United Church, corner of Alma & Victoria Streets, Moncton, invite you to attend this year's Lenten Bible study, led by Minister Emeritus, Rev. Dr. Doug MacEachern. Through the study you will be invited to a different way of seeing God, yourself, others and life itself. You are asked to bring a Bible and bag lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. Everyone is invited! To register and to receive a parking permit, please contact Karen in the Church Office 858-8289 or e-mail the Church at sjuc@nb.aibn.com or Doug at dougjune@nb.sympatico.ca

Covenanting Service for the Reverend Margaret (Peggy) Reid, will be held on **Sunday, February 18**, at 2:30 pm at the Hillsborough United Church, 2891 Main Street (Route 114), Hillsborough, New Brunswick. A reception will follow the service. All are welcome. The storm date is March 4.

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We Value Abundant Generosity! *How Can I Share an Offering?*

Choose from two easy ways to make donations to Visions United to support the ongoing work and ministry. We don't pass the offering plate during the service, but we do dedicate the gifts we all share with prayer and thanksgiving:

Weekly Offering - There is a **Giving Table** at the entry of the Great Room with envelopes for visitors or occasional gifts. We encourage regular participants to contact the Church Office by phone or email to request your own box of weekly offering envelopes; a charitable tax receipt is issued at the year-end.

Pre-authorized Remittance (PAR) is an easy way for you to make regular and reliable contributions on the 21st each month to ensure the vitality of Visions' ministry. Deductions can be changed/cancelled anytime with sufficient notice to the office.

- Request a PAR form from the church office or print and fill out *PAR form* from the website with your monthly offering amount.
- Place a "VOID" cheque and completed form in a sealed envelope. Give it to the office or place in the offering plate during service.
- Tax receipts are issued at the beginning of each year for the previous tax year.



VISION AIDERS' PROJECTS: *Our outreach in the community & around the world*

MISSION & SERVICE - the United Church of Canada's unique way to fund global and Canadian mission projects, bringing healing, justice and hope to life! Your M&S gift helps Visions meet our 2017 objective of \$20,000.



RECONNECT JAR – Your donation supports the Reconnect Street Intervention Program in Greater Moncton, outreach to those who are homeless and at risk.

KARING KITCHEN – Your chance to donate groceries and/or grocery store cards, the 1st Sunday of each month, to assist Moncton's largest soup kitchen.

OTHER – You are invited, at various times, to respond to local, national and international requests for assistance.