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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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

### **Lent 2**

<b><i>Events at a glance</i></b>		
February 25	9:30am	Conversation Café (Congregational Care & Spirit & Worship)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
	11:30am	Annual General Meeting
March 1	7pm	Choir Practice
March 4	9:30am	Conversation Café (Choir)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering (Grocery Sunday for Karing Kitchen)

### **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 25<sup>th</sup>) 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

**Next Sunday - March 11th:** Rev. Shawn is looking for four volunteers to participate in a drama presentation: a "fiery preacher" - Rev. I.B. Leave, the "voice of God", 2 messengers from "God" who are sent to have a "heart-to-heart" with the preacher.

**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

**Annual General Meeting – Today!** (Storm date: March 4th)

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.

**Book Club – Friday, March 23** (7pm)

This meeting will be at the home of Jan Sunderland (101 McKay Ave.). We are reading "His Whole Life" by Elizabeth Hay. All readers are welcome.

**Pancake Brunches - Mark your calendar: March 24th, 31st, April 7th & 14th** (8am-1pm) Adults - \$12/Children under 12 - \$6. To purchase tickets, please contact the office at 384-0843 or by email [office@visionsunited.ca](mailto:office@visionsunited.ca). We are still in need of volunteers for this event to be a success. If you are able to give some time, please contact the office.

## Other Church and Community Events

**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

**2018 World Day of Prayer Service – Friday, March 2** (7pm)

Mountain View United Church. Prepared by the Suriname World Day of Prayer Committee, the theme is "All God's Creation is Very Good." Everyone is welcome to attend this ecumenical, bilingual service. In the event of a winter storm and school closures, the service will be cancelled.

**Annual Meeting of UCRC – Sunday, March 11** (2pm)

Meeting will be held at St. Paul's United Church in Riverview.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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<b>Minister Hours*:</b>	Wednesday & Thursday - 9:30am to 12:30pm *Minister is available other hours by appointment

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.