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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, March 18, 2018 – Lent 5

Covenant Promise: Rest in the Heart's Knowing
Jeremiah 31:31-34

<i>Events at a glance</i>		
March 18	9:30am	Conversation Café (Choir)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
March 20	7pm	CLT Meeting
March 22	9:30am	Vision Aiders Team Meeting
	7pm	Choir Practice
March 23	7pm	Book Club (101 McKay Ave)
March 24	8am-1pm	Stilesville Pancake Brunch
March 25	9:30am	Conversation Café (Choir)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering - Palm & Passion Sunday

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.

Visions News & Updates

Participants in Palm Sunday Service: We are looking for several readers for the Palm Sunday Service. Are you interested? Please email or speak to Rev. Shawn: revshawnredden@gmail.com

Spring Newsletter Deadline - March 21st: Please submit any notices for the newsletter to Kristen by 9am this Wednesday (email: office@visionsunited.ca)

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

CLT Meeting: Open Invitation – Tuesday, March 20 (7-8pm)

The Congregational Leadership Team is extending an invitation to anyone in the congregation who would like to join our meeting Tuesday evening as there will be a representative from Central United there to share their learnings on exploring partnerships.

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.

If you are able to donate sweets (cookies or squares, no cakes please) or baked beans for the upcoming Pancake brunches (March 24 & 31, April 7 & 14), please deliver these items to Visions on the preceding Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or early on the morning of the brunch.

Also, if you have not yet been asked and would like to help in the dining room or kitchen, for any of the Brunches, would you please call Joan at 204-6024 (kitchen) or June at 859-0788 (dining room).

Earth Hour - March 24 (8:30pm) TOGETHER, LET'S CONNECT TO EARTH - We love this planet and everything that lives upon it. Join us and, together, let's spark never-before-had conversations on nature and the unique diversity of life we share our home with! What better way to celebrate than with the electrifying energy of Earth Hour as it sweeps across the planet? Remember to switch off your lights and electronic devices in solidarity with global efforts to secure nature and our home. It's time to #Connect2Earth.

Other Church and Community Events

GET READY FOR SPRING ! - The weather has been fabulous and walking is great.....but those shoulder, arm, back and tummy muscles need a workout too! Join St. Paul's United Church's Senior Fitness group to have fun and get in shape. We have spaces available in both our 9:00 a.m. (advanced) and 10 :00 a.m.(beginner) groups. Only \$40.00 for 12 weeks, every Tuesday and Friday morning, March to end of May. It's not too late! Phone Marge at 372-4570 or the church office 386-3335 to register or for more information.

Casserole Fundraiser – Friday, March 24 (2-5pm) READY-TO-BAKE CASSEROLES to cook immediately or to freeze! 4 featured recipes all made with Lean Ground Beef: Shepherd's Pie, Cheeseburger Casserole, Meatballs, and Hamburg & Tomato Dish. Sizes: Small (approx. 1-2 servings) \$6; Medium (approx. 4 servings) \$10; Large (approx. 5-6 servings) \$15. **Pre-order yours by Sunday, March 18** by calling Verna 388-5437 or Sandra 734-3980. Pick-up at the church, 2891 Main Street, Hillsborough Casserole comes in a Ready-to-Bake or Ready-to-Freeze container! Order yours today!

Used Book Sale - Central United Church will be holding its fifth annual used book sale on May 4 and 5, 2018. You already have too many books, you say? We can help with that! Donations of books will be accepted at the Central United Church office, Monday through Friday, 10 am – 2 pm from *April 3 until May 1, 2018*. We will accept paperback and hardcover books of all types, as well as children's picture books, but PLEASE NO textbooks, magazines, videos, CDs or tapes. Tell your friends! Final information on the sale will be published later. For further information, please call Pam at 382-3412 or 874-0184.

Men of the Harvest – Saturday, April 7 (2pm)

Men of the Harvest, from Summerside, PEI, presented by Holy Family Seniors Club at Mountain View United Church (85 MacBeath Ave.) Admission \$10, tickets available at the door.

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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 2018 objective of \$18,500.



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.