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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 25, 2018

Palm & Passion Sunday - "Why?"

Mark 11: 1-11; 14:1 - 15:47

Events at a glance

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March 25	9:30am	Conversation Café (Choir)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering – Palm & Passion Sunday
March 28	9:30am	Vision Aiders (storm date Thursday)
March 29	7pm	Choir Practice
March 30		Good Friday - Office Closed
March 31	8am-1pm	Stilesville Pancake Brunch
April 1	9:30am	Conversation Café (Vision Aiders)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering – Easter Sunday/Communion

Today, we hear the story of Holy Week, and journey from the welcome of Palm Sunday to the story of Good Friday, as we prepare for Easter.

We tell the whole story today as we do not have a service on Good Friday.

May you be held in peace as we mark this sacred time.

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

Sympathy is extended to Trudy & Kraig Colpitts on the death of Kriag's mother, Edris Colpitts, on Tuesday. We offer our prayers for healing peace.

Holy Week Services: We encourage you to attend one of the services at one of our sister UCC congregations in the city.

Maundy Thursday - 7pm - Mountain View United Church, 85 MacBeath Ave.

Good Friday - 10:30am - Mountain View United Church or

11:00am - St John's United Church, 75 Alma Street

Easter Newsletter: Please pick up your newsletter this morning. If you can deliver someone's who isn't here today, that is helpful as it saves on postage.

Office Closed on Good Friday - March 30th

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 Brunches - Mark your calendar: March 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).

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.

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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Minister Hours*:	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 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.