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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, April 22nd, 2018**  
**Earth Day**  
***So Many Sacred Stories***

<b><i>Events at a glance</i></b>		
April 22	9:30am	Conversation Café (Vision Aiders)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
April 25	1:30pm	Vision Aiders Team
	7pm	Partnership Exploration Team (Linda Higgins)
April 26	10:30am	Small Group: StoryTellers (190 Carson Drive Community Room)
	7pm	Choir Practice
April 27	2pm	Partnership Exploration Team (Campus)
April 29	9:30am	Conversation Café (Vision Aiders)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering

Today we welcome **Janice MacLean**, host of the Prayer Bench, and our partner in the Spiritual Memoir Project. Janice will share the story of our partnership.

**Children's Spirit Space**

*This week's leader:* Linda Higgins; *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

**Change in Office Hours** - There will be a change in the *Office Administrators* official office hours beginning May 1st. New hours will be Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1pm - 4pm. Please contact Terry Hawkes M&P Chair with any questions or concerns.

**Loblaw's \$25 Gift card - Why not donate it to the Karing Kitchen?**

If you are planning to register for the \$25 gift card through Loblaw's (Superstore) why not consider donating the card to the Karing Kitchen or a food bank. Register online [loblawcard.ca](http://loblawcard.ca). The deadline is May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Petition for Ban on Single-use Plastic Bags:** Our action for Earth Day organized as a Green initiative. We have a petition to submit to Moncton City Council. "Given that City Council supports a healthy environment for the residents of Greater Moncton, and recognizing that plastic waste is a serious environmental issue because:

- Most plastics are manufactured from fossil fuels which are a major source of greenhouse gases
- Plastic is a non-renewable resource that degrades land, water, the health of humans and other creatures
- Waterways, beaches, and oceans are clogged with plastics making them unattractive and dangerous to both humans and sea creatures
- Plastics are not biodegradable, but instead break up into smaller pieces in creeks, lakes, rivers and oceans where they enter the food chain (including humans)

We, the undersigned, respectfully request the introduction by City Council of a bylaw which would ban single use plastic grocery and other plastic shopping bags." *Will you consider signing?*

**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

**The StoryTellers Small Group Study - April 26, May 3 & 10 (10:30am – 12pm)**

190 Carson Drive, Common Room. (Home of Anna Peters)

We all have a story to tell... In this small group study we will listen to a teaching on spiritual memoir and then show and share the story of whatever article we choose to bring. Together, we reflect on the sacred in our life. This week's theme: Family Recipes, Old Photos & Antiques: Listen to Your Life

**Book Club – Friday, May 4 (7pm) - 1118-190 Carson Drive**

We are reading "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict. All readers welcome.

## **Stroll for the Soul - 21 Days of Encouragement begins May 7**

This email retreat offers participants daily encouragement and mindfulness meditation for your time spent walking, jogging, or biking for 21 days

**WHEN:** You receive daily emails from May 7-28.

**SIGN UP:** Contact the Office by April 22 or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer. *\*This program is offered free of charge as part of a Congregational subscription your Spirit & Worship Team has purchased for Visions.*

## **Other Church and Community Events**

### **Moncton Headstarts Annual Lorne Preston Scholarship Breakfast – Friday,**

**April 27** (8am) Camden Place, 55 Camden Crescent, Moncton.

Admission is \$10.00 seniors and \$20.00 adults, with a tax receipt upon request. All proceeds go towards Lorne Preston Scholarships.

Please contact Glenna Lightfoot (383-8240) for tickets or more information.

### **Spaghetti Supper – Saturday, April 28** (4:30-6:30pm)

Hillsborough United Church, 2891 Main Street. Come for a plate of spaghetti, homemade sauce, garlic bread, rolls, cookies, tea/coffee and juice. All welcome! Bring a friend! A free will offering will be taken at the door.

### **Annual Chicken Salad Take-Out Supper - Saturday, April 28** (Pick-Up: 1:30-3pm)

St. John's United Church, 75 Alma St., Moncton (use Karing Kitchen entrance) or Delivery in Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe areas from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Chicken & Potato Salads, Coleslaw, Roll & Dessert. \$10.00 each - COD orders accepted.

Order **\*before April 25\*** from: Any UCW member; Brenda McFarlane: 852-3550; Phyllis Perry: 854-3837; the Church Office: 858-8289 or email sjuc@nb.aibn.com

### **Springtime Showcase – Saturday, April 28** (7pm)

Central United Church is hosting a Springtime Showcase of music, dance and many surprises popping up through the evening in the Community Peace Centre Forum. \$10/adult, \$5/child. Come and bring your friends.

### **Annual Spring Yard Sale - Saturday, April 28** (8 AM till 12 noon) at St. Paul's

United Church, 404 Cleveland Ave. Riverview. Rain or shine.

**Covenanting Service - Sunday April 29** (7pm) for the Reverend Brock Shaver, the Parrsborough Shore Pastoral Charge, and Chignecto Presbytery will be held at the Grace United Church, Port Greville, Nova Scotia. All are welcome.

### **Used Book Sale – Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5**

5<sup>th</sup> annual book sale - Central United. For information, contact Pam at 382-3412 or 874-0184. Book donations accepted at Central United until May 1 from 10am to 2pm. (No textbooks, magazines, videos, CD's or tapes). Everyone Welcome!

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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 all gifts during the "Invitation to Generosity".

**Weekly Offering** - There is a ***Giving Table*** at the entry of the Great Room with envelopes for visitors or occasional gifts. Contact the Church Office to request your own box of weekly offering envelopes.

**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.



Charitable tax receipts for Envelope & PAR contributors are issued at the year-end.

### **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.

**CURRENT FOCUS** – Petition to City Council for Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags.