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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, May 13th, 2018
Celebrating the Family of Faith - Mother's Day

<i>Events at a glance</i>		
May 13	9:30am	Conversation Café (UCW)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering - Christian Family Sunday
May 15	7pm	Stilesville Cemetery Meeting
		Spirit & Worship Team (Jim Slupsky)
May 16	9:30am	Vision Aiders Team
	7pm	Trustees & Working Group: Future of Stilesville Property
May 17	7pm	Choir Practice (No practice May 24)
May 20	9:30am	Conversation Café (UCW)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering - Pentecost Sunday

Wear or bring a hat! Today, we celebrate our Family of Faith on Mother's Day, also known as Christian Family Sunday. You are invited to wear (or bring) a hat - any hat that tells a story of you. Maybe it's a hat that was given to you... maybe it's a hat you wear running or fishing or gardening... maybe it's a nursing cap or grad cap, a ball cap or hockey helmet... maybe your hat has a logo that means something to you like your workplace, or favorite sports team or special place you visited... maybe you just like hats! We will celebrate the diversity of our family of faith with our hats and the stories they represent.

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

NEW! - Announcements - Visions has a new email address just for announcements. If you have anything you want added to the announcements please send the information including what, when, location and when you would like it to be added to ***announcements@visionsunited.ca***.

NEW! – Finance - Do you have PAR changes, need offering envelopes, or have questions about your givings? Send an email to ***finance@visionsunited.ca***.

Update on our Petition for Ban on Single-use Plastic Bags: Visions presented a petition to Moncton City Council on May 7 for the introduction of a by-law banning single-use plastic shopping and grocery bags.

Council indicated this is on the agenda for discussion at the upcoming Tri-Communities meeting on June 13th!

We've now created a ****New Online Petition**** for the Tri-Communities. We are asking those who already signed the petition to Moncton City Council to sign this new one online. We will have a computer set up at this Sunday's Spirit Gathering or you can go online yourself to our website: visionsunited.ca

Please take a few postcards and share with your friends and family.

United Codiak Refugee Committee - May is shaping up to be an exciting month for UCRC! We have received word that our second Syrian family, Haya Samaan and her parents have an interview scheduled at the Canadian Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon on May 24th.

Haya graduated in medicine from Damascus University in 2016 which is where she and Manar Dawod met and became engaged. Haya and her parents escaped Syria to Beirut in 2015. If all goes well, they could be coming to Canada in a few months. Meanwhile, Manar wrote the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Exam on May 3rd. We anxiously await his results.

Please keep Haya and her family, and Manar in your prayers.

Loving God, we ask that you be especially with Haya and her parents during their interviews. Bless them with wisdom and grace as they talk about their situation. Be also with the Canadian representatives and fill them with compassion and insight as they listen to all who are seeking peace and a new life in Canada. Amen.

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

Stilesville Cemetery Meeting – Tuesday, May 15 (7pm)

The meeting will be held at Visions Campus.

Book Club – Saturday, June 9 (7pm)

Our next book will be “The House of Unexpected Sisters” by Alexander McCall. We will meet in the Common Room at 190 Carson Drive. All are welcome.

Other Church and Community Events

Spring Concert – Thursday, May 17 (7:30pm)

The choir Beausejour presents its spring concert “At the Crossroads of our Traditions” at Central United Church in Moncton. Tickets available from Choir Beauséjour members, Université de Moncton's Librairie Acadienne, or at the door on the day of the concert at a cost of \$20, \$15 for students.

Rummage Sale – Saturday, May 26 (8:30am-1pm)

Saint John’s United Church rummage sale. Clothing, books, toys, linens, electronics, household and much more. 75 Alma St. Moncton.

Workshop, Concert, Retreat – David Haas, well known composer of contemporary liturgical music, will lead a free Workshop for Choir Directors “A Time of Information, Consultation and Affirmation”, *Friday, June 1 (1-3pm)**.

David Haas in concert, *Friday, June 1 (7pm)**. Tickets: \$20 at the door. Hymns written by him in Voices United are: “Sing for Joy” (253); “Blest Are They” (p896); and “The Lord’s Prayer” (959). David’s concerts are lively and ecumenically oriented.

David Haas, will lead a Workshop/ Retreat for Choir Members (Music Ministers) – “With Gratitude and Thanksgiving” -- in Churches on *Saturday, June 2 (9am-2pm)**. Cost: \$35 (lunch provided).

**All events held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Riverview. Advanced registration required by May 15. Register at www.diomoncton.ca. Click on the David Haas poster.*

Lobster Take-Out – Saturday, June 2 - Mountain View United Church

Pick up will be between 10:30am and 1:30pm (85 MacBeath Ave) or delivery is available. Includes 1lb Lobster (in shell), potato salad, coleslaw, roll and cookies for \$20. To order, call the church office at 857-4817 or 384-1198.

Pollok Workshop – Saturday, June 2 (9:30am – 3pm)

Where: AST’s St. Columba Chapel, 634 Francklyn Street, Halifax NS.

Lunch Provided – No fee; For more information and to register, please visit; <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/liberation-theology-caribbean-perspectives-tickets-44808853487><https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/liberation-theology-caribbean-perspectives-tickets-44808853487>

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

You may have noticed we don't pass an offering plate during the service, but we do bless all gifts during shared during our "Invitation to Generosity". You can choose one of two ways to support the ongoing work and ministry of Visions:

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 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.



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 and Mental Health Awareness.