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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 27th, 2018

<i>Events at a glance</i>		
May 27	9:30am	Conversation Café (UCW)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
May 28	6:30pm	Trustees/Property Team on Future of Stilesville Property
May 31	9:30am	Vision Aiders
June 3	9:30am	Conversation Café (UCW)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering

We welcome and thank Rev. Dr. Hugh Farquhar, our guest speaker, who is leading our Spirit Gathering this morning. Hugh was honored as a Jubilarian celebrating 55 years of Ordained Ministry in the United Church of Canada on Saturday at Maritime Conference. Congratulations Hugh!

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.

Maritime Conference Annual Meeting - Rev. Shawn has been attending Maritime Conference in Sackville from Thursday, May 24th to Sunday, May 27th, as well as our Presbytery representatives, Anna Peters, Joan Hawkes, and Bill Peters. Claudia Schaerer is also attending as she will be a commissioner to General Council 43 in July.

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.

Who are we? Have you put your pin on the Visions' pin map? Since we created this map of our Visions' family in the fall 2016, there have new people join us. We also know a few people may not have put their pin on the map to show where they live (one pin for each household). This is a visual story of who is part of our Visions' family. We will be using it in our "exploring partnership" conversations. *(Note: Stilesville, Indian Mountain, and Irishtown areas are in an enlarged insert at the top left of the map).*

Visions Vacation Month: July 1st-July 31st. We will not be holding Spirit Gatherings during the month of July this year. Services will resume August 5th.

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.

Hospital Visits: Rev. Shawn visits the Moncton Hospital weekly, and the Dumont when requested. Reminder: You need to advise the hospital you are part of Visions United, otherwise we will not be advised of your admittance. Please let the Office/Rev. Shawn know of anyone needing a visit.

Visions Events

Fiddlin Friends – Friday, June 8 (7pm)

Visions will be hosting the “Fiddlin Friends” on Friday, June 8 at 7pm. \$5 per person with proceeds going to the United Codiac Refugee Committee. Light refreshments to follow. Hope you can join us!

UCW Gathering - Wednesday, June 13th (6pm)

Country View Restaurant, 47379 Homestead Road, Steeves Mountain. Other women of the congregation are invited to join us for this time of fellowship. Please add your name to the sign up sheet by Sunday, June 10th in order that we have numbers for the restaurant staff.

Book Club – Saturday, June 23 (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

Garage Sale – Saturday, June 2 (8am-12pm)

The Rev. J.A. Berridge Unit of Central United Church's UCW are having a Garage Sale @ 383 Ryan Street Moncton. There will be something for everyone. Come and see what special treasures you can find.

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. \$20. To order, call the church office at 857-4817 or 384-1198.

GO PROJECT KIDS - Are you looking for a summer experience for your children where they can learn more about their community, how to help others, and have fun while doing it? The GO Project and St. Paul's United Church Riverview will coordinate a week-long day camp for children (Grades 2-7) July 3-6, 2018. \$125/child. BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH. SNACKS, JUICE/WATER PROVIDED. Contact the church office (386-3335). Registration is online at <http://www.thego project.ca>. Click on Maritime region tab then click on REGISTER where St. Paul's Camp appears.

Social Justice Youth Camp – August 13-17; Register by: July 13

This multicultural camp is an opportunity for youth (ages 14-18) to learn how to make a difference. Lots of games, dynamic activities, and discussions will be mixed with awareness and action. Join youth from all over Atlantic Canada to practice strategies against racism, use arts against injustice, discuss gender relations and positive and healthy sexuality, explore different cultural contexts, build alliances, and have a whole lot of fun! The camp will be facilitated by a diverse team of young adults from the region. To register, contact info@tatacentre.ca.

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Minister Hours*:	Tuesday – 1pm to 3:30pm & Thursday – 10am-12pm *Minister is available other hours by appointment

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.