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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, June 17th, 2018**

***All Ages Celebration***

***Growing the Kin-dom one Seed at a Time***

***"The Parable of the Mustard Seed"***

<b><i>Events at a glance</i></b>		
June 17	9:30am	Conversation Café (UCW)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering - All Ages Service
June 19	1:30pm	Future of Stilesville Property Team (Trustees) & CLT Executive (Steering Team)
June 21	7pm	Choir Practice
June 23	7pm	Book Club (190 Carson Dr)
June 24	9:30am	Conversation Café (UCW)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering – All Ages Service
	11:20am	Special Congregational Meeting
	12pm	Visions Family Lunch
June 28	6:30pm	PET (Partnership Exploration Team)

**Children's Spirit Space**

This week our children are giving leadership for our Spirit Gathering, sharing one of the Godly Play stories they worked with this year.

The bees and nests and birds, which you receive, are story pieces created by the children. Thank you to our program leaders this past year: Ruth Flanagan, Linda Higgins, and Hannah Baisley.

Next Sunday (June 24) Hannah will be available to assist with children. During the summer (August-early September) we will have activity bags available for children and they can remain with us for the Spirit Gathering.

## Visions News & Updates

**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 5<sup>th</sup>. Office will be open until June 29th and will reopen August 1st.

Rev. Shawn will be on vacation for 4 weeks beginning July 2-31. Rev. Stephen Brown from Petitcodiac will be available for hospital visiting, emergency pastoral care and funerals. His contact info: 506-756-3340 (Home/Office). Coverage for July 23-31 will be updated next week. Please contact Peggy Renton, Congregational Care (506-386-1077 home) (506-866-7155 cell) with questions or pastoral care concerns during the month of July.

**NEW Email addresses! - Announcements** - Send all information including what, when, location and the dates you would like your announcement published to [announcements@visionsunited.ca](mailto: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](mailto:finance@visionsunited.ca).

**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

**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.

**Special Congregational Meeting - Sunday, June 24 - 11:20am**

There will be a brief congregational meeting following the Spirit Gathering to receive a report on the Neighbourhood Consultation about the future of the Stilesville Campus and respond to any recommendations forthcoming, as well as an update to the congregation on the enVisions 20/20 strategic planning process of exploring partnerships. We also need to elect a new congregational representative to C.L.T. If you are willing to serve or have questions please speak to Rev. Shawn, Claudia Schaerer, chair, or Peter Lightfoot, our other congregational rep.

**Mark your calendars! Sunday, June 24** - Congregational Care along with Spirit and Worship are hosting a family lunch following the Spirit Gathering. They ask that you bring your own plates, utensils and cups and dress for a picnic.

**Other Church and Community Events**

**GO PROJECT KIDS** - 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). Register 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](mailto:info@tatacentre.ca).

**GC43 Opening Worship: Sing and Pray with 2,000 People - July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 11 am**

Moderator Jordan Cantwell invites you to the opening worship service on Sunday, July 22 at 11:00am (10:00 a.m. Eastern Time) live stream on the United Church YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/unitedchurchofcanada>

The 43rd General Council is being held on the campus of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) located at 2000 Simcoe St. North, Oshawa, Ont., from Saturday, July 21, through Friday, July 27. Claudia Schaerer will be there representing our Presbytery and Maritime Conference. You can also join on-line to follow the proceedings <https://generalcouncil43.ca>

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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<b>Minister Hours*:</b>	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 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** - June - Reconnect