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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 24th, 2018
Play as Spiritual Practice:
Summer's Invitation to Renew Your Soul

<i>Events at a glance</i>		
June 24	9:30am	Conversation Café (UCW)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
	11:20am	Special Congregational Meeting
	12pm	Visions Family Lunch
June 28	6:30pm	PET (Partnership Exploration Team)
July 1		Visions office closes for July
August 1	1pm	Visions office re-opens

Children's Spirit Space

Today, Hannah is 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.

Family Picnic – Today!

Congregational Care along with Spirit and Worship are hosting a family lunch following the Spirit Gathering. Please bring your own plates, utensils and cups and dress for a picnic. Food and beverages are provided.

Visions Vacation Month

July 1st – July 31st

There will be no Spirit Gatherings during the month of July.

Services will resume August 5th.

Office will be open until June 29th and will reopen August 1st.

Rev. Shawn is on vacation 4 weeks: July 2-31

Visions News & Updates

Pastoral Care During July Vacation while Rev. Shawn is on vacation:

Please contact Peggy Renton, Congregational Care (506-386-1077 home) (506-866-7155 cell) with questions or pastoral care concerns. Hospital visits/emergency Pastoral care/funerals schedule for July:

July 2-22 - Rev. Stephen Brown (Petitcodiac) 506-756-3340 (Home/Office).

Summer Postcards - Send Visions a postcard or email a photo with a short tweet (caption) telling us about your summer adventures. We will create a visual montage of our summer adventures for Sept. 23rd, the first Sunday of fall. Mail postcards to: RPO North End Box 29101, Moncton N.B., E1G 4R3 or email photos (an electronic postcard) and caption to office@visionsunited.ca.

August Worship Series: "A Divine Voice Sings through All Creation"

Remember last summer's theme "Feathers and Faith"? This year we expand our view to other aspects of creation: *Rocks, Waters, Flowers, Trees*. Gather your thoughts, photos and stories to share with us. We will begin our series on Aug. 5th with "Like a Rock". Perhaps you might find a small rock on your summer travels - a symbol of God's enduring presence. Bring it along Aug 5th.

Strategic Planning Update - enVisions 20/20

On January 21 the congregation voted 94% in favour of "exploring a partnership as the preferred option in the development of a strategic plan" for our future. (This was preferred over renovating the Stilesville property or seeking a location on our own again in North Moncton). Two working groups were established: one to address the future of the Stilesville property, and the second to research and explore possibilities for partnering with other organizations. The Congregational Leadership Team (CLT) decided to contract an outside facilitator to help direct this project. The CLT applied for a grant from the United Church of Canada Edge network to help us with this project, and we have received \$2800 in funding. ***Meet our facilitator Eric Tusz-King:*** Eric is a semi-retired Diaconal Minister. His ministry has been in local congregations (St. John United, Moncton), General Council, Maritime Conference and more recently in the community working with climate change, energy efficiency, and co-operative business development. In his semi-retired state he is making himself available to assist congregations who have specific challenges related to their ministry with their communities. Eric chaired the committee at Sackville United Church in Sackville, NB, in deciding to leave their historic building and venture into Mount Allison University chapel and later to repurpose the town hall as their church building. Now, Eric is treasurer for the congregation to guide it towards longer term sustainability. Eric is working with us on this project from May 15 to October 31st.

Visions Events

Special Congregational Meeting - Sunday, June 24 - 11:20am - A brief meeting following the Spirit Gathering will be held for the following purpose:
(1) Receive a report on the Neighbourhood Consultation about the future of the Stilesville Campus, and respond to any recommendations forthcoming, including an update to the congregation on the enVisions 20/20 strategic planning process of exploring partnerships. (The recommendations are included in the circulated report).
(2) Elect a new congregational representative to C.L.T. If you are willing to serve or have questions please speak to Rev. Shawn or Joan Hawkes.

Partnership Exploration Team (P.E.T.) – Thursday, June 28 (6:30pm)

August Conversation Café - juice and cookies only provided.

August Greeter: Norman Teed

August Door attendants: Aug 5 Doug Bourque, Aug 12 John Russell,

Aug 19 John Pearson, Aug 26 Randy Hayward

Other Church and Community Events

Birch Hill Cemetery annual Memorial service – Sunday, June 24 (3pm)

Birch Hill Cemetery on Rogers Road. If raining, the service will be held at the Lutz Mountain Meeting House. Potluck supper following the service at the LMMH. Everyone welcome.

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.

GC43 Opening Worship: Sing and Pray with 2,000 People - July 22nd - 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>

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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 - June - Reconnect