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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, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Sacrament of Baptism - Living the Welcome - Widening the Circle

*"Each of you is a child of God... in Christ there is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female. All are one in Christ Jesus."*

*- Galatians 3:26-28*

#### ***Events at a glance***

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September 30	9:30am	Conversation Café (Spirit & Worship)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering - Baptism
October 2	7pm	Spirit & Worship Meeting
October 4	1pm	Congregational Care Team
	7pm	Choir Practice
October 7	9:30am	Conversation Café (Spirit & Worship)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering – Thanksgiving Sunday and World Wide Communion Grocery Sunday for Karing Kitchen

#### **Children's Spirit Space**

*This week's leader:* Ruth Flanagan; *Nursery Helper:* Kaylee Cormier.

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.

Today we are happy to welcome by Baptism Kalina Jean-Adele Léger, daughter of Aislynn Slupsky and Jean Paul Léger.

## Visions News & Updates

**This Sunday is Orange Shirt Day - "Every Child Matters"** - We invite you to wear an orange shirt (or something orange) on Sunday, September 30 to remember those children and communities dramatically affected by the Indian Residential Schools System, and live our United Church of Canada's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. This is the time of year when children were taken from their homes to residential schools; it is also an opportunity to support our own children by taking a stand against bullying and racism in our own schools and communities.

**What are the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action?** Local members of KAIROS have extended an invitation for some representatives from Visions to join in a discussion on October 11th, 6:30-8:30, about what our churches and communities can do to move forward with these calls to action. Rev. Shawn will be attending. Please let her know if you are interested.

**"Experiencing the Heart of Christianity" - Small Group Faith Study**  
Join this small group for an exploration of faith and the spiritual journey. Deepen your understanding of what it means to be "Christian" in our world today. We will read through Marcus Borg's book, *The Heart of Christianity*, and explore topics such as the relevancy of the Bible, our understanding of Jesus and our search for God. The program is in two parts. Part 1: (5 sessions) Seeing the Christian Tradition again will run mid-October-November. Part 2 (6 sessions) - Seeing the Christian Life Again will run in the Winter 2019.

**When:** Wednesdays 7:00pm-9:00pm beginning October 17, 30 or 31st, Nov 7, 14, 21 (Nov 28 storm date). **Registration:** email the office or sign-up sheet. Books need to be ordered or borrowed so please register soon.

*\* Please note: Any adults interested in exploring Confirmation, Adult Baptism, or becoming a member of Visions United can use Part 1 of the program, along with an additional session on the United Church of Canada.*

**Basket For Friends of Moncton Hospital** - Anyone wishing to donate something for Christmas Basket for Hospital donated from Visions please see Ruth Flanagan. Basket will be given to Hospital by Mid October. Ruth will bring what is in Basket to date to church on Sunday. This is follow-up to her Piece for Peace presentation at Christmas last year.

**"i care" Postcards - Will you sign one today?** This is the Canadian Foodgrains Bank campaign to increase Canada's role in ending global hunger and poverty, given Canada's aid as a percentage of its national income has been slowly declining. The postcards are addressed to the Prime Minister.

## Visions Events

### **Book Club – Monday, October 1 (7pm)**

Our selection this month is \*The Lemon Tree\* by Sandy Tolan. We meet at the home of Rosemary Geddes (491 Indian Mtn. Road). Sandy Tolan brings the Israeli-Palestinian conflict down to its most human level, suggesting that even amid the bleakest political realities there exist stories of hope and reconciliation.

## Other Church and Community Events

### **International Day of Older Persons Reception – Sunday, September 30 (2pm)**

Moncton City Hall, 655 Main Street. Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Marcia King, City Clerk's Office by email [marcia.king@moncton.ca](mailto:marcia.king@moncton.ca) or by telephone 853-3499.

### **Apple Pie/Apple Crisp Sale – Tuesday, October 2 & Wednesday, October 3**

Trinity United, Shediac is hosting its annual, very popular Apple Pie & Apple Crisp Sale. \$7 for a generous sized dessert. Non=sugar options are available as well as gluten free Apple Crisp. Order by calling 532-1347.

### **COUNTRY BLEND CONCERT – Thursday, October 11 (7:30pm)**

Country Blend, (a musical group from Manitoba doing a Maritime tour) will be in concert at St. Paul's United Church, 404 Cleveland Ave. Riverview. They will pay "Tribute to the Legends of Country Music": Dolly, Patsy Cline, Loretta, Kitty, Jeannie, Jim Reeves, Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, Statler Bros., Willie Nelson, etc. Advance tickets \$20, available at the church office (386-3335) or \$25 at the door. This concert is sponsored by St. Paul's as a fundraiser.

### **Apple Pie (U-Bake) Sale – Saturday, October 13**

Mountain View United Church, 85 MacBeath Ave. Moncton. Pies available with Splenda upon request. To order call Nan Leger 384-1198 or the church office at 857-4817. Pick up between 10:30am to 1pm. \$7 each.

### **Harvest Tea & Sale - Saturday, 13 October (2-4pm)**

The Jolicure United Church is holding a Harvest Tea & Sale at St. Mark's Hall, Mount Whatley, NB. The hall is located just off Route 16 (1 km from the Aulac Big Stop). Baking, jams, jellies & pickles for sale plus a wide selection of hand sewn items. Again this year, we are featuring amazing hand felted artwork as well as colourful reversible aprons- all reasonably priced. Fill your car with interested people and join us to enjoy tea while having a fun afternoon.

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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** - September Leaf on the Generosity Tree - Karing Kitchen