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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, Sunday September 9th, 2018

<i>Events at a glance</i>		
September 9	9:30am	Conversation Café
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering <i>with Rev. Catherine Gaw</i>
September 13	7pm	Choir Practice
September 16	9:30am	Conversation Café
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering <i>with Rev. Catherine Gaw</i>

We welcome and thank Rev. Catherine Gaw
who is leading our Spirit Gathering this morning while Rev. Shawn is away.
Welcome Catherine!

Children's Spirit Space

During the summer (August-early September) we have activity bags available for children and they can remain with us for the Spirit Gathering. The Children's Program will resume next Sunday, September 16th.

Rev Shawn is away August 30th - September 19th for 2 weeks of Continuing Education time and one week of vacation. She will be participating in a Retreat/ Pilgrimage in Germany: Hildegard of Bingen and the Greening Power of God. If you are interested in reading more visit www.abbeyofthearts.com Shawn will be sharing more about the Pilgrimage in a Spirit Gathering this fall. *(Ministers have three weeks of continuing education leave per year and this is the first Con-Ed. time Rev. Shawn has used for 2018).*

Visions News & Updates

Important Reminder - Please remember to keep the fire door closed at all times when accessing the basement at the campus. This is the door at the bottom of the main stairway. Thank you for your cooperation.

Pastoral Care/Funeral coverage: Please contact Peggy Renton, Congregational Care (506-386-1077 home) (506-866-7155 cell) with questions or pastoral care concerns. Rev. Stephen Brown (Salisbury-Petitcodiac) is on-call for Hospital visits/ emergency Pastoral care/funerals. His contact info is 506-756-3340.

Summer Postcards - Can you believe the last day of summer is September 22nd? We are looking for your photos or postcards of your summer adventures. On September 23rd we will have a visual montage celebrating your moments of summer play and renewal. Email photos/caption (an electronic postcard) to office@visionsunited.ca by Sept 17, or drop your photo/postcard at the office, or RPO North End Box 29101, Moncton N.B., E1G 4R3

Earth Gratitude email Retreat starts Sept 12th - Are you interested? As part of our congregational subscription to the Prayer Bench, we can offer a 4 week email retreat for 6-8 persons. What's an email retreat? You will receive a welcome email on September 12th, and then every Saturday from Sept 15th- Oct 6th you will receive an email retreat. You can print or use it on-line. You can use the retreat any way you like: set aside an hour or so once a week, or use a little every day. There are some book suggestions, too.

What's the theme? What's really going on in us when we feel gratitude for that beautiful sunset or magnificent starry sky? How might we participate as co-creators of meaningful earth community and learn to "relish our radiant universe"? In what ways can we deepen our earth care? What are the truths that support us in times of natural disasters? How do we creatures say Thanks? Drawing on wisdom readings and creation scriptures, this retreat series invites a deeper spiritual practice of gratitude and highlights teachings about being part of a meaningful earth community. ***Register by:*** Sept. 9th. Email office@visionsunited.ca and put "Earth Gratitude Retreat" in your subject line, please.

Visions Events

Baptism – We will celebrate Baptism on September 30th. Please contact the office if you have a request.

Adult Profession of Faith/Confirmation/Baptism – Rev. Shawn will be organizing a program this fall for anyone who is interested in a profession of faith or renewal of faith. For adults, this is the rite of membership in the United Church. Please contact her by email if you are interested.

Visions United Pancake Breakfast – **Saturday, September 29** (8am to 11:30am) Join us for a delicious breakfast including pancakes, bacon, eggs, pan fries, toast, juice, tea and coffee. Hope to see you there!

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

Our selection this month is *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan. We are meeting on September 22nd 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

The United Codiak Refugee Committee (UCRC) – **Sunday, September 9** (7pm)

UCRC invites all to a general meeting at St. Paul's United Church in Riverview. Sponsors needed to enable Canada to meet its 2018 commitment for UN referred refugees through the joint sponsorship program. Timeline is short and refugees would arrive before end of year. No fundraising needed, but need people to get involved for pre-settlement and post-settlement. Update will be provided on our private sponsorship applications still in the system.

Memorial Service of the Notre Dame Union Church, Cocagne Sud Road, Notre Dame will be held on **Sunday, September 9th at 3pm**. Service will be led by Rev. Aaron Billard, St. John's United Church with music by John and Daphna Pearson, Visions United Church. For information: Lynne Murray, 854-7745.

Spaghetti Supper – **Tuesday, September 11** (4:30-6:30pm)

Mountain View United Church Men's Club, 85 MacBeath Ave. Moncton. Spaghetti with meat sauce, Caesar salad, garlic bread, dessert, tea/coffee. Freewill offering.

Central Movie Night – **Thursday, September 20** (7pm)

The affirming committee presents the movie WALL-E in The Community Peace Forum, 22 Church St. Moncton. Movie/Snacks are free. Bring a friend!

Community Flea Market - **Saturday, September 22nd**

Lutz Mountain Heritage Museum, 3143 Mountain Road with various activities such as Book Signings by some local authors, including Mark Black (who received a double lung and heart transplant) and some other fun events. Any assistance you can give by donating items would be greatly appreciated. For further information contact Dawn Somers 384-4192 or 204-7838 or e-mail dawn.e.somers@gmail.com

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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 - July - Donation to Camp Ta-Wa-Si; August - Coats for Care