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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, October 14th, 2018

Veriditas: The Greening Power of God

Walking in the Footsteps of Hildegard of Bingen

Rev. Shawn will share some of the story of her recent pilgrimage and retreat to Bingen, Germany and the teachings of St. Hildegard of Bingen.

October 14	9:30am	Conversation Café (Congregational Care)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
	11:30am	Special Congregational Meeting
October 18	9:30am	Vision Aiders
	7pm	Choir Practice - Cancelled
October 21	9:30am	Conversation Café (Congregational Care)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering

Children's Spirit Space

This week's leader: Linda Higgins; *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.

Visions News & Updates

Today: Special Congregational Meeting - Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018 (11:30am) following the Spirit Gathering. PET - the Partnership Exploration Team - will provide an update to the congregation with a report from our facilitator, Eric Tusz-King. Exciting possibilities calling us to live our value of Uncommon Boldness await us, as we move closer to providing a recommendation about our next steps on the journey. We expect that recommendation will be ready later in November.

"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. Today is World Food Sunday.

Visions United Photo Directory - Mark your calendar: **Nov. 15th, 16th & 17th.** Pictures will be taken by Universal Portrait Studio. Options to book appointments: 1. They will call you, 2. Call them at 1-888-769-7339, or 3. Book online at www.universalportraits.com. If you do not want to be contacted by Universal Portraits, please advise the office. Everyone who participates will receive a complimentary photo directory of our Visions congregation. (There is no obligation to purchase photos, but is a great opportunity to have a photo or family photo taken. Please consider participating - the will be first ever photo directory of our Visions' family. If you are unavailable during these dates, you can submit your own photo, but you will need to purchase a directory. Coordinators are Helen Halfpenny and Audrey Hayward.

Visions Events

Men's chorus for Remembrance Day at Visions United – Sundays, October 28 & November 3 (9:55-10:05am) There has been interest in a men's choir group so here is your chance. We will practice on the last Sunday of October and the first Sunday in November for just 10 minutes each week!! You know the song I'm sure, "God, our help in ages past", so keep those dates available. Practice up your vocal chords and we will see you then.

Visions Roast Beef Dinner – Saturday, November 3 (4:30 & 6pm sittings) Roast Beef, potatoes, carrots, peas, cole slaw & pickles. Apple crisp with whipped cream dessert. \$20 – tickets available at the office at 384-0843 or office@visionsunited.ca. There will also be a book sale held at the dinner and proceeds will go to the work of the church. If anyone has books to donate, please bring them to the campus. Thank you.

Other Church and Community Events

SJUC Fall Rummage Sale – Saturday, October 20 (8:30am-1pm)

St. John's United Church, 75 Alma St., Moncton (basement entrance).

Something for everyone. You don't want to miss it!

Chignecto UCW Fall Business Meeting – Friday, October 26 (9:30am-

12:30pm) – Trinity-St. Stephen United Church - 1 Ratchford Street Amherst, NS - Mark Your Calendars and have your UCW represented at the Fall Meeting of Chignecto UCW. Plans will be discussed for the Annual Meeting 2019 to be held at St. Paul's United in Riverview, NB, as well as other important items of business for Chignecto UCWs. Your input into the life and work of our United Church Women organization is needed! All interested in UCW are welcome to attend. Please note: Representation at this meeting from all Chignecto UCW groups is important.

Movie Night At Central – Thursday, October 18 (7pm)

The Affirming Committee of Central United Church presents the movie Hidden Figures (Rated PG, 127 minutes) in the Community Peace Centre Forum, 22 Church St. Movie and snacks are free of charge. Come and bring a friend.

Pastoral Visitors Workshop – Saturday, November 3 (10am-3pm)

Clergy and lay visitors (already visiting or newly interested) are invited to a Pastoral Visitors workshop at The Maritime Conference Centre, Sackville.

We consider recent shifts in pastoral care, especially in changing times and within part-time ministry; we explore what makes a visit “pastoral” and explore practical ways to bring the gift of prayer, music and silence to pastoral visits. We share good ideas with one another and discuss ways to create a culture of caring in our communities of faith.

The first 30 participants registered will receive 4 sets of 10 seasonal Pastoral Visiting Cards to share with those visited. Cards include a photo, scripture, brief reflection and Prayer. Pastoral Visiting Cards are also available for sale.

Register with Anna Peters at arpeters460@gmail.com or phone 506-383-1479.

This workshop is supported by the generosity of the Maritime Conference, the Presbytery Christian Life & Growth Committee and the Prayer Bench ministry.

There is no cost. Please bring your own lunch.

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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. All loose offering is given to our Visions Aid fund for local outreach.

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 - September Leaf on the Generosity Tree - Karing Kitchen