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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 21st, 2018

"Through the Eye of a Needle"

The Spiritual Practice of Letting Go and the Journey of Faith

Mark 10:17-31

October 21	9:30am	Conversation Café (Congregational Care)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
October 25	7pm	Choir Practice
October 28	9:30am	Conversation Café (Congregational Care)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
November 2	7pm	Book Club (190 Carson Drive)
November 3	4:30 & 6pm	Roast Beef Dinner

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.

Visions News & Updates

Rev. Shawn Redden is away on Continuing Education Leave Oct. 22-28. She is attending the first part of the Ministry of Supervision course at the Atlantic School of Theology, which certifies experienced United Church ministers to act as supervisors for students in learning sites. On Saturday she is leading an Introduction to Godly Play day.

Pastoral Care Coverage - October 22-28: Rev. Janice MacLean from Trinity United in Riverview will be on-call for Hospital visits/ emergency Pastoral care/funerals this week while Rev. Shawn is away. Please contact Peggy Renton, Congregational Care (506-386-1077 home) (506-866-7155 cell) with any pastoral care requests and she will contact Rev. MacLean.

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.

Allergy free treats for Halloween – Please remember to place a teal pumpkin by your door so children will know you are passing out allergy free treats.

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!! We will sing "God, our help in ages past". Practice up your vocal chords and we will see you then.

Book Club – Friday, November 2 (7pm)

190 Carson Drive. We are reading Rush Home Road by Lori Larsen. We have our reading list done for the year for anyone who is interested.

Visions Roast Beef Dinner – Saturday, November 3 (4:30 & 6pm sittings)

Roast Beef, potatoes, carrots, peas, coleslaw & 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 (Amherst) 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.

FALL FAIR - Saturday, October, 27 (9am-1pm) St. Paul's United Church, 404 Cleveland Ave, Riverview. Something for everyone at this old fashioned Fall Fair: homemade baking, crafts, jams, jellies, candy, fudge, books, jewelry, attic treasures, Fair Trade products, a silent auction, and the very popular Christmas Room. The Cafe will offer a light lunch and snacks. Free admission.

Coffee & Muffin Party - Tuesday, October 30 (9-11am) Mount Royal UCW 106 Mount Royal Blvd. The craft group will host a craft and bake sale.

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.

Our Visitors and other interested persons should 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.

St. John's UCW Bazaar & Luncheon – Saturday, November 3 (11am-2pm)

75 Alma St. Moncton. There will be crafts, baking, jams-jellies-pickles, fudge, new-to-you treasures, jewellery, lots of books. Luncheon \$8; served 11:30am-1:30pm. Includes your choice of corn chowder or chilli or chicken soup, plus roll, pie & beverage. Come and Join Us For a Fun Day.

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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 - October Leaf on the Generosity Tree – Inclusion Advocacy