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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 7th, 2018

Thanksgiving Sunday and World Wide Communion

The Sacrament of Communion:

Gathering at Table - Living the Welcome - Widening the Circle

October 7	9:30am	Conversation Café (Congregational Care)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering – Thanksgiving Sunday and World Wide Communion Grocery Sunday for Karing Kitchen
October 9	7:00pm	CLT
October 10	2:00pm	UCW Meeting - home of Daphna Pearson, at 29 Adelle Lane, Moncton
October 11	7pm	Choir Practice
October 14	9:30am	Conversation Café (Congregational Care)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
	11:30am	Special Congregational Meeting

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.

Happy Thanksgiving!

We offer gratitude for your presence at Visions.

May your Thanksgiving weekend be filled with blessing.

Visions News & Updates

Special Congregational Meeting - Sunday, October 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.

Visions United Photo Directory - Mark your calendar: November 15th, 16th & 17th. Pictures will be taken by Universal Portrait Studio. More details to follow next week. Coordinators are Helen Halfpenny and Audrey Hayward.

Visions Events

UCW Meeting - Wednesday, October 10 (2pm) - at the home of Daphna Pearson, 29 Adelle Lane, Moncton

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.

Other Church and Community Events

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.

Autumn Breakfast & Bake Sale – Saturday, October 13 (8-11am)

The McKee's Mills pastoral charge will be hosting an Autumn Breakfast and Bake sale at the community Hall (5204 Route 115 McKee's Mills). Breakfast includes sausages, pancakes, scrambled eggs, muffins, juice and tea or coffee. Cost: Adults \$8.00, Children - \$4.00 and under 6 free.

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.

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!

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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 - September Leaf on the Generosity Tree - Karing Kitchen