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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, November 11th, 2018
 Remembrance Day
We Remember for Peace

November 11	9:30am	Conversation Café (Vision Aiders)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering - Remembrance Day Sunday
November 13	7pm	CLT
November 15	9:30am	Vision Aiders
	7pm	Choir Practice
		Pictures for Photo Directory
November 16		Pictures for Photo Directory
November 17		Pictures for Photo Directory
November 18	9:30am	Conversation Café (Vision Aiders)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering - Open Sky Coop (Sackville) Armchair Ministry with Margaret Tusz-King

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.



Lest We Forget

Visions News & Updates

Visions United Photo Directory - Mark your calendar: Nov. 15th, 16th & 17th.

Have you received your call from Universal Portrait Studio? If you haven't received a call, you can call them at 1-888-769-7339, or book online at www.universalportraits.com. Everyone who participates receives 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 - this 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.

Update from the Trustees regarding the Stilesville Campus: Chignecto Presbytery gave permission to list for sale the Stilesville Campus property. The Trustees are in the process of finalizing a listing agreement and the property will be for sale within the coming week. We anticipate it may take a while for the property to sell, and the proceeds will be necessary for our future lease costs. PET (Partnership Exploration Team) and the Trustees continue to investigate possible rental options in the event the property sells soon.

We are collecting 2019 calendars for the inmates at the Springhill institution. Over the years you have been very successful at this task. Please do what you can and bring them to church every week until Dec 10th. Many thanks.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank Tour to Ethiopia - Brian McCallum contacted us to see if anyone from Visions is interested in participating in the Foodgrains Bank learner tour this February 3-14, 2019 (travel days Feb 2nd & 15th). Cost is the airfare, with all in country tours costs covered by CFGB. Please speak to Shawn in the next couple of days if interested.

Visions Events

Advent Journey Community Suppers & Coloring – Mark Your Calendar! **Three Thursdays during Advent - November 29, December 6 & 13 (5:30-7pm)**

Join us for supper (provided), singing and conversation as we color our way to Christmas. All ages are welcome. RSVP each Wednesday by noon with numbers & food allergies: 384-0843 or office@visionsunited.ca. Please bring your own plate, mugs & cutlery to help with our clean-up.

UCW Christmas Luncheon – Sunday, December 9 (4pm)

The UCW are cordially inviting ladies of our congregation and community to a "Christmas Luncheon" at the campus. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the 2nd. Hope to see you there!

Visions' Advent Small Group Study - "Living Nativity" Begins the week of November 26th. Day/time to be decided. Take a closer look at the figures of the nativity and how their presence in the story connects with the human spiritual journey. Explore the incarnation in the bigger picture of Love and as a practice of cooperation. See how each figure can infuse the ordinary, as we ask who is always in the story and never in the creche.

Advent Email Retreat: "Waking Up" available free to Visions participants
What's an email retreat? Each Saturday in December you receive an email from the Prayer Bench with a reflection to help you prepare for Christmas. The retreat explores four sayings from the Gospel of Thomas, an ancient Christian text, that invite us to wake up and stay awake, and looks at four carols that call us into a deeper experience of the Mystery of Christmas. **Registration deadline:** Nov. 23rd. Email office@visionsunited.ca and put "Advent Email Retreat" in your subject line, please.

Other Church and Community Events

FREE PIANO – Contact the office for more information. (384-0843)

Movie Night – Thursday, November 15 (7pm)

The Affirming Committee of Central United Church presents the movie "Lion" in the Community Peace Centre Forum, 22 Church St., Moncton. Movie and snacks are free of charge. Come and bring a friend. Rated PG. 120 minutes.

Fall Fair – Saturday, November 17 (10am-2pm) Mountain View United Church Crafts, baking, fancy work, jewelry, books, DVDs/CDs, Christmas items, attic treasures, silent auction. Have lunch at the Cozy Café. Free admission. (Parking available across the street in hospital lot)

Hillsborough United Church UCW Christmas Bazaar - Saturday, November 17 (11-2pm) at the church on 2891 Main Street. Bake Table, Silent Auction and famous Christmas Baskets. Stay for the amazing LUNCH (your choice of corn chowder, turkey soup or chili with rolls and dessert for only \$10).

St John's United Church Advent Bible Study – Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 12-1pm Tuesdays with Rev. Dr. Doug MacEachern. *The Will of God?* Is there any phrase more carelessly used? What does the Bible say about God's will? Bring your Bible and a bag lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. Register by Nov 16: Karen, 858-8289, sjuc@nb.aibn.com, or dougjune@nb.sympatico.ca

Mount Royal UCW Candlelight Communion Service – Wed., Dec. 5 (7pm)
106 Mount Royal Blvd. Moncton. Begins with a carol followed by a worship service. Theme: "Faces of Joy", an adaptation of CGIT Vesper Services written by Esther Mah. Offering: A non-perishable food item.

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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 - November Leaf on the Generosity Tree – Toyland - Headstart