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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 4th, 2018
Armchair Ministry
Joanne Murray - John Howard Society

November 4	9:30am	Conversation Café (Vision Aiders)
	9:55am	Men's Choir Group Practice
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
November 8	3pm	PET
	7pm	Choir Practice
November 11	9:30am	Conversation Café (Vision Aiders)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering - Remembrance Day Sunday

Today We Welcome Joanne Murray,
the Executive Director of the John Howard Society, Moncton.
This is the organization we are in conversation with about establishing a
Community Hub Partnership and a Housing Project.
Joanne will share the story of the John Howard Society and the existing Housing
Project and Social Enterprise they presently support.

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

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.

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.

Visions Events

Next Sunday Spirit Gathering - Remembrance Day - November 11th

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. We will observe Remembrance Day during our Spirit Gathering this year with an Act of Remembrance, special music, and reflection on remembrance and peace.

Advent Journey Community Suppers & Coloring – Mark Your Calendar!

Three Thursdays during Advent - November 29, December 6 & 13.

Other Church and Community Events

FREE PIANO – If you are looking for a piano, please contact the office for more information. (384-0843)

Paul Wattson Seminar & Lecture - Monday, November 5, 2018

Guest Speaker: Archbishop Donald Bolen of Regina. Afternoon Seminar (2pm)
AST - St. Columba Chapel, 634 Francklyn Street, Halifax, NS.

Lecture: On the Road Together: An Ecumenical Turn to the Practical (7pm)
Saint Mary's University, Scotiabank Conference Theatre, Sobey Building
903 Robie Street, Halifax, NS.

Salisbury United Church Christmas Bazaar – Wednesday, November 7 (7pm)

76 Smith Street, Salisbury. Crafts, homemade candy, white elephant, table, baking, fancy work, UCW book room, Angel Tea Room - \$7. Everyone welcome.

Music at Trinity presents Symphony Nova Scotia – Friday, November 9 (7:30pm) - Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church (1 Ratchford Street, Amherst, NS). This is a rare opportunity to hear the orchestra outside Halifax, and Music at Trinity is delighted to welcome back Maestro Bernhard Gueller, former SNS Music Director along with German pianist, Leonie Rettig. More information is available at <<https://tssuc.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c351eb935777958d561d7b856&id=9681b667e5&e=e83a264360>> <http://tssuc.com/music-at-trinity/>. Tickets are \$25 if purchased in advance, and are available through the church office (debit, cash, Mastercard or VISA), either in person or by calling (902) 667-8483; they are \$30 at the door. Tickets cannot be held without prior payment. Children over the age of seven and under the age of 18, if accompanied by an adult with a ticket will be admitted for free.

Rummage Sale - Friday, November 9 (5-7pm) & Saturday, November 10 (8-10:30am) - Mount Royal United Church will hold their fall Rummage Sale at 106 Mount Royal Blvd. There will be clothing, dishes, furniture, books, sports equipment and so much more.

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

Mount Royal UCW Candlelight Communion Service – Wednesday, December 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 - October Leaf on the Generosity Tree – Inclusion Advocacy