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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 people of all races, creeds, ages, cultural backgrounds, sexual orientations and gender identities to worship.

Spirit Gathering

Sunday, February 10th, 2019

Being in Community: Many Parts - One Body

1 Corinthians 12: 12-27

February 10	9:30am	Conversation Café (Choir)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
February 12	12:00pm	UCW Annual Seniors & Friends Luncheon
	7:00pm	CLT Meeting
February 14	7:00pm	Choir Practice
February 17	9:30am	Conversation Café (Choir)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering

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.

We continue our theme "**Being Community**" as we explore Paul's message to the Corinthians: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31.

Many Parts - One Body: Making the Body of Christ

Thank you to our participants in our Reader's Theatre drama:

Carla & Doug Bourque, Trudy Colpitts,
 Randy & Audrey Heyward, and Lorna Teed

Visions News & Updates

RECYCLING WILL BE CONTINUED THROUGH 2019 with proceeds going to RECONNECT. Jerry is no longer able to do this but Jane and John have graciously offered to pick up any bottles, cans, etc. on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Please leave your donations in the room at the bottom of the back stairs.

Storm Cancellations – On Sunday mornings a decision will be made by 8am. When any services or special events are cancelled due to bad weather, a message will be left on Visions United's answering machine (384-0843), and a notice placed on our Website and Facebook page. We will also try to give notice to radio stations such as CBC and you can check: <http://www.cbc.ca/stormcentre>.

Visions Events

United Codiak Refugee Committee AGM – Today! Sunday, February 10 (7pm)
It's that time of year again! The 2019 UCRC Annual Meeting will be held at St. Paul's United, 404 Cleveland Ave, Riverview. (Storm Date Sun Feb 17). Agenda items will include; constitutional changes to allow us to sponsor refugees from countries other than Syria, election of officers and a discussion on two possible sponsorship opportunities.

UCW Annual Seniors & Friends Luncheon – Tuesday, February 12 (12pm)
Visions UCW will hold their ANNUAL SENIORS & FRIENDS LUNCHEON at the Stilesville location, 1270 Gorge Road. A variety of soups and chowders will be offered to warm your body and spirit in the depths of this winter cold. Come bring a friend, and join us. A free will offering will be taken. There will be a sign up sheet or you may call the church office 384-0843 to advise us of your attendance so we may better plan for this event. (Storm date: Wednesday, February 13)

Congregational Leadership Team Meeting - Tuesday, February 12 (7pm)

Mark Your Calendar: February 24 - Congregational AGM

Book Club – Saturday, February 23

Linda Higgins home (483 Indian Mtn. Road). We will be discussing *Great Village* by Mary Rose Donnelly.

Other Church and Community News & Updates

Pancake Breakfast - Saturday, February 16 (8-11am)

Mountain View United Church, 85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton. Pancake, sausage, eggs, toast, brown beans, tea, coffee, juice. Freewill offering.

Movie Night! – Thursday, February 21 (7pm)

The Affirming Committee of Central United Church presents the movie "Invictus" at the Community Peace Centre forum, 22 Church St. Movie and snacks are free of charge. Come and bring a friend.

World Day of Prayer 2019 – Friday, March 1 (7pm)

St. Philips Anglican Church, 30 Lynch St. Moncton. (Parking on Lynch Street & Queen Elizabeth School parking lot). Guest Speaker will be Senator Nancy Hartling and the topic is "Family Violence in our Communities & Churches". Everyone Welcome.

The Atlantic School of Theology produces podcasts on theological questions,

social issues and emerging movements in the Church. They can be found on

AST You Tube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/astheology>

The most recent is Episode 14: Growing a congregation with Deepwater's AJ Thomas. VIDEO: <https://youtu.be/8QRUHeK8MFw>

Deep Water, a Wesleyan Church in Halifax, has grown from about 30 original attendees to today, where around 600 people gather every Sunday. It continues to grow to such an extent that it is in the process of establishing additional sites around the city. How has this happened? What does its planter and lead Pastor AJ Thomas see as the reasons for its success? And what can AJ tell us about growing a vibrant, transformative, congregation in downtown Halifax today?

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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 - Giving Tree - February Leaf - *Presented later in February.*