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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 17th, 2019

Words Have Power

February 17	9:30am	Conversation Café (Spirit & Worship)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
February 19	10:00am	Pancake Brunches - Planning Meeting
	1:30pm	Nominating Team
	3:30pm	Planning Meeting for Lenten Event
February 20	Noon	Joint Steering Team at John Howard Society
	7:00pm	Ministry & Personnel Team
February 21	10:30am	Spirit of Music Project (St. Paul's)
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
February 23	5:00pm	Coldest Night of the Year Walk
February 24	9:30am	Conversation Café (Spirit & Worship)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering /Annual General Meeting
	12:00pm	Potluck Lunch - "Finger Foods"

Today, we welcome and thank Rev. Dr. Hugh Farquhar.

He is leading our Spirit Gathering this morning.

This is one of the weeks when Shawn's focus was on transitional work. The CLT approved some Sundays each year with supply so Shawn's time during those weeks can be devoted to transitional work and long range planning.

Rev. Shawn can be reached by phone for pastoral concerns.

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

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy and prayers to Phyllis Furlong on the death of her brother, Findley Cook, on February 6th.

Office Administrator Announcement – It is with mixed emotions that I announce that I will be leaving my position as Office Administrator with Visions effective February 28. This decision did not come easy, as Visions has become like a family to me. The people here have made me feel so welcome and appreciated and it has been an absolute pleasure learning and growing with Visions through this 3 year journey. I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your Administrator, for being so welcoming and kind, and for being the wonderful congregation that you are. I wish you the best on your continued journey.

- Kristen McGraw, Office Administrator

PARTooniepaction Stewardship Challenge

Every Action Makes a Difference! Every Gift Counts!

There is an envelope today with your 2018 Official Tax Receipt and materials for the stewardship program. What's PARTooniepaction?

PAR- Will you become a PAR supporter?

'Toonie'- Can you increase your contribution by \$2 a week to our Congregational Life fund for 2019?

Action- What can you share of your time and talents with Visions?

**Please complete the Giving Intention Card for 2019 and the Volunteer Form and return by March 3rd. Thank you! All letters not picked up today will be mailed.*

RECYCLING for RECONNECT WILL CONTINUE IN 2019 - 2nd & 4th Sundays

All proceeds from donated refundable drink containers go to ReConnect.

Jerry O'Connell is no longer able to do this, but John Foster and Jane Aikman 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

“Visions Last Pancake Brunches” Planning Meeting – Tuesday, February 19 (10am) – After over 30 years, Visions is holding their final year of pancake brunches. We are looking for volunteers to help make this year the best yet. Our first planning meeting will be held on Tuesday and we hope to have you join us.

Next Sunday February 24 - Congregational Annual General Meeting

The Spirit Gathering will be 10:30 - noon, with the Annual Meeting held as part of a cafe style worship in the Great Room. Following the Spirit Gathering and meeting, we will enjoy a congregational potluck luncheon of sandwiches, sweets and light finger foods only (ex: fruit/veggie trays) in the hall. We invite you to join us. Volunteers? We need 3-4 people who can volunteer to set up for the lunch and clean-up afterwards.

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

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.

Mount Allison University Sharp Scholarship - This scholarship is awarded annually with preference given to members of the United Church of Canada. Value: \$8,000 (\$2,000 per year – renewable upon maintaining 3.3 GPA on full course load) Deadline: An admission application and all supporting documents must be received by March 1. For more info visit: <https://marconf.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Sharp-Scholarship-Notification-2019.pdf>

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Minister Hours*:	Tuesday – 1pm to 3:30pm & Thursday – 10am-12pm *Minister is available other hours by appointment

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: *Coldest Night Walk & Youth Quest*