



Minister: Rev. Dr. Shawn Redden
Music Director: Daphna Pearson
Office Administrator: Tanya Melanson
Greeter: Carol Kelly
Door Attendant: Charlie Kelly
Teller: Cecil Briggs

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, March 10th, 2019 - Lent 1

Wilderness Wanderings and Wonderings

March 10	9:30am	Conversation Café (Trustees, Property, Communications)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering - Lent 1 - Communion
	11:30am	Tellers Meeting
March 12	1:30pm	UCW (at Daphna Pearson's)
March 14	7:00pm	Choir
March 17	9:30am	Conversation Café (Trustees, Property, Communications)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering - Lent 2 (Guest: Rev. Dr. Hugh Farquhar)
March 20	1pm-3pm	Joint Steering Team - John Howard Society
March 21	2:30pm	Building Design Working Group - JHS
	7:00pm	Choir
March 23	8am-1pm	Pancake Brunch

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.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Dennis Renton. We hold his mother,
 Lettie, and his son, Aaron, in our prayers.

Rev. Shawn Redden is on vacation March 12-19. Please contact Peggy Renton 386-1077 for pastoral care arrangements. Rev. Stephen Brown, Petitediac-Salisbury Pastoral Charge is on-call for hospital visiting and funerals.

VISIONS NEWS & UPDATES

Visions Office Hours & new Office Administrator beginning March 11th

We are pleased to announce our new administrator is Tanya Melanson from Central United Church. Over the next several months, until Visions is relocated in the Community Hub, we've decided to contract administrative services from Central United Church for 10-12 hours per week. This provides us with immediate access to someone already trained in United Church processes, and requires only minimum orientation to Visions' specific requirements. Tanya will track her hours for various tasks, which will help us determine more precisely our administrative support needs in the future as part of the hub. With the reduction in hours, we have removed some responsibilities from the position including: secretary to CLT, approximately 10% of hours; some responsibilities related to mail/banking; no office hours at Stilesville location.

Hours: Tanya will work 9-11, Monday to Friday for Visions, from Central office.

Phone: Tanya will check Visions phone daily for messages, or you can speak with Tanya directly by calling Central United at 857-3186.

Office Hours: Public Office Hours at Central are Monday - Friday, 10am-2pm. Visit the office anytime during these hours. Entrance at 22 Church St.

Drop-off: There is a drop-off mail slot at 150 Queen Street. Tanya will check it every day. You can choose to pull over to the side of Queen Street, and drop your envelope in the slot instead of parking and going into the office.

Sunday drop-off Option: Every Sunday following Spirit Gathering there will be a drop off from Visions (including our deposit information, mail and communications). Every Friday there will be a return of mail to Visions from Central, including our materials for Sunday's Spirit Gathering. This is not unlike what we did when we worshipped at the Theatre.

**Please note there are no office hours at Stilesville Campus. Should you need to visit the campus mid-week please phone Tanya to make arrangements.*

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>

Recycling For Reconnect Will Continue In 2019 - 2nd & 4th Sundays

All proceeds from donated refundable drink containers go to ReConnect. 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.

Donations of Blankets for Kairos Blanket Exercise - As part of its gathering in Sackville, NB May 2-5 Kairos Atlantic will host a Blanket Exercise. The blanket exercise program is a unique, participatory history lesson- developed in collaboration with Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers and educators- that fosters truth, understanding, respect and reconciliation among Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. The May 2019 blanket exercise requires additional blankets. Visions United is asked if we can donate 10 blankets (any fabric, any pattern). If you have a blanket you no longer need please contact Catherine Gaw at chgaw@eastlink.ca by March 31. For information about the blanket exercise, please see Kairos Blanket Exercise on-line. Thank you for your help.

VISIONS EVENTS

Pancake Brunches - It's not the Last Supper, but it is our last Stilesville Pancake Brunches! Saturday March 23rd and 30th and April 6th and 13th. 8 am to 1 pm. We are hoping for big crowds, which means that we need lots of workers, both in the kitchen and in the dining room. We also need contributions of baked beans and sweets. A sign-up sheet is in the hallway. If you have any questions, please talk with Claudia, 389-4320.

Books - Please bring in books for the book sale that will take place during brunches.

Book Club: March 23rd (7:00pm) Home of Rosemary Geddes (491 Indian Mtn. Road). We are reading *The Home for Unwanted Girls* by Joanna Goodman.

OTHER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES

St. John's United Church Silent Auction & Dessert Extravaganza

March 14 & 15, SILENT AUCTION: Thur. 9am-9pm; Friday 9am-4pm. DESSERT + Tea or Coffee: Thur. 2-4 & 7-9pm; Friday 2-4pm. Eat-in or take-out: \$5

Sweeping Away Barriers is a fund raising event, which puts teams of 4 against each other at CURL MONCTON on April 06, 2019. Registration \$200. PER TEAM, Limit 20 Teams. Each team is GUARANTEED 3 Games and lunch is included. Each Team Pledges to Raise \$1,000

Note: REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 15, 2019

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Office Hours:	10am-2pm Central United 150 Queen St; No hours at Stilesville	
Minister Hours*:	None this week.	

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 2019 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 March Leaf - Kairos Blanket Exercise