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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, June 2, 2019
All Ages Celebration
The Gift of Creation

June 2	9:30am	Conversation Café (Choir)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering Recycling for Reconnect Karing Kitchen Grocery Cards
June 3	10am	Joint Steering Team at John Howard Society
June 4	1:30pm	Trustees & Property
June 5	7:00pm	Spirit and Worship meeting
June 6	9am	Building Project Team with John Howard
	7:00pm	Choir
June 9	9:30am	Conversation Café (Choir)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering - Pentecost & Communion
	11:30am	Congregational meeting

Children's Spirit Space

This week our children are giving leadership for our Spirit Gathering, sharing one of the Godly Play stories they worked with this year.

They also prepared the artwork that is presented as part of the story.

We thank you for your leadership!

We extend a heart-felt thank you to our program leaders this past year:

Ruth Flanagan, Linda Higgins, and Kaylee Cormier!

VISIONS NEWS & UPDATES

Upcoming Spirit Gatherings

June 9th - Pentecost & Communion - *wear something red/orange/yellow to celebrate the fiery, windy gift of the Spirit.*

June 16th - "Once Upon A Time..." - *a selection from a worship series that finds its inspiration in the wisdom of children's books. Hear what the story "The Man with the Violin" teaches us about the spiritual practice of "paying attention".*

June 23rd - Theme: Joy - *service will be led by Rev. Jane Aikman*

June 30th - No Spirit Gathering - Visions' vacation month begins

Visions Vacation Month: June 30th - July 31st - We will not be holding Spirit Gatherings during the month of July this year, including Sunday, June 30th of the July 1st long weekend. Services will resume in August.

Quick note of thanks to all who supported the IG Wealth Alzheimer's Walk

to Remember - Despite a very rainy Sunday we raised over \$23,000 in Moncton, a huge increase from last year's \$12,000. When you realize we have over 300 IG Walks going across Canada, the public awareness growth and potential for medical progress continuing in the fight against Alzheimer's and Dementia is very encouraging. Thank you, John Pearson

Today at 4pm - Book Club - We are having a BBQ at the home of Pat Harknett (21 Queen Mary Crescent). Please bring along whatever you would like to BBQ and an appetizer, salad etc. or dessert to share. Partners are invited as well.

June 9 at 11:30am - Congregational Meeting - Following the Spirit Gathering. Purpose: provide an update from the representatives of the Joint Steering Team on the status of the partnership with John Howard Society.

June 11 at 11:30 - UCW – will meet for lunch at Wharf Village Restaurant, Magnetic Hill. We are able to order from the menu. Other ladies of the church family or friends are welcome to attend. Please let Lorna Teed know before June 7 if you would like to go.

June 15 - UCW – Save the Date – Spring Rally will be held at Hopewell Cape Museum, Courthouse and Community Centre. Registration is from 9:30am to 10am. The Centre is providing sandwiches and soup/chowder, tea and coffee for lunch. Cost is expected to be about \$15. Contact Anna Peters to register.

Recycling For Reconnect - Please remember to bring your refundable drink containers to church each Sunday. They can be left in the room at the bottom of the back stairs. If stairs are a problem, someone will carry them down for you. John Foster will collect them. All proceeds are for our ReConnect jar.

The Observer has a new name - "Broadview"! The United Church of Canada's award winning magazine is now called "Broadview: *Spirituality, Justice, Ethical Living*". The magazine traces its roots to 1829 - 190 years! This is the fourth name change in its history. Our congregational annual subscription month is extended to August this year. Annual rate is \$25. Envelopes are available for you to return your renewal payment, marked Observer and your name. Would you like to subscribe? Speak with Pam Harrison, our Broadview rep.

Grocery Card Program: *Easy for you fundraiser!* For every grocery card sold Vision United gets 4%; that's \$4 for every \$100 sold. Get your Sobeys, and Superstore cards before the service.

OTHER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES

Camp Ta-Wa-Si – Has had a number of trees blow down around the camp. They are looking for people owning power saws who are able to cut them up. If you want spruce you are welcome to it. Contact Charlotte at charlottteyouland@gmail.com

June 4, (Note change in date) at 7:00pm - Central United Church/Community Peace Centre Forum - Rev. Michael Dowd will doing a presentation titled Faithful to the Future: Sobering Inspiration for Challenging Times.

June 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 – Kitchen Table Conversations – What could help make your faith communities' work on social justice more effective? Join with United Church people across the country in 90 minute webinars/virtual Kitchen Table conversations. More info: Christie Neufeldt 1-800-268-3781 ext 4078 or cneufeldt@united-church.ca

June 8, 8:00am-1:00pm, St. Augustine's St. Vincent de Paul Society – Indoor Yard Sale at 113 Norwood Ave, Side Door to Basement. Funds raised help the Needy of our Community.

June 9, 7:00pm & June 10, 9:00am, Atlantic School of Theology - Hayes Symposium – God and Cancer: Scans. More info: <http://www.astheology.ns.ca/home/events-calendar/hayes-2019.html>

June 9-14, 51st annual ASTE The Spirituality of Ecology - Michael Dowd and his partner Connie Barlow will be co-presenting at this event in Truro, NS. For more info: <http://www.astes.ca/>

June 14-15, Atlantic School of Theology – An Indigenous Earthy Spirituality with Adrian Jacobs. For more info: <http://www.astheology.ns.ca/con-ed/winter-2019/an-indigenous-earthy-spirituality>

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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 2019 objective of \$20,000.



RECONNECT JAR – Your donation supports the Reconnect Street Intervention Program in Greater Moncton, outreach to those who are homeless and at risk. Donate your refundable recyclables to Visions. All proceeds support Reconnect.

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.