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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, May 19, 2019

It's Easter, All Over Again!

Acts 9: 36-43

May 19	9:30am	Conversation Café (UCW)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering Recycling for Reconnect
May 20	No Office Hours	Victoria Day Holiday
May 23	7:00pm	Choir
May 26	9:30am	Conversation Café (UCW)
	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.

VISIONS NEWS & UPDATES

Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council Meeting May 23-26.

Rev. Shawn, Anna Peters and Claudia Schaerer will be attending the Regional AGM (formerly Maritime Conference) beginning Thursday evening - Sunday. Please contact Rev. Shawn by cell phone (506-588-0326) for any pastoral emergencies. Pam Harrison will lead our Spirit Gathering next Sunday, May 26.

Announcements – If you would like to add any announcements to this bulletin, please send all details to announcements@visions.ca

The Congregational Care Team is seeking names of those who will be graduating from universities and local high schools this academic year. Please submit the names to Peggy Renton 386-1077, Helen Halfpenny 859-0089, or the church office prior to June 2nd.

Extra maple syrup left over from the pancake brunches for sale, \$7.00/bottle, in the hallway outside the Great Room. Please take a bottle or two and leave your money in the envelope beside the box. Note that the maple syrup should be kept in your refrigerator since it is not heat sealed.

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.

June 2 at 4pm Book Club - We are having a BBQ at the home of Pat Harknett (21 Queen Mary Crescent). The book we are reading is *An Audience of Chairs* by Joan Clark. Please bring along whatever you would like to BBQ and an appetizer, salad etc. or dessert to share. Partners are invited as well. Let's hope for a lovely day.

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.

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. Next Sunday, Pam Harrison will share some of the story of Broadview. Our congregational annual subscription month is June. She will offer you an opportunity chance to become a subscriber if you are not already.

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 Sobeyes, and Superstore cards before the service.

Hospital Visits: Rev. Shawn visits the Moncton Hospital weekly, and the Dumont when requested. Reminder: You need to advise the hospital you are part of Visions United, otherwise we will not be advised of your admittance. Please let the Office/Rev. Shawn know of anyone needing a visit.

OTHER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES

May 25, 8:30am-1pm – St. Johns United Church – Rummage Sale at 75 Alma St, Moncton (basement entrance). Something for everyone!

June 1, Mountain View United Church – Lobster Take-Out at 85 MacBeath Ave, Moncton. Includes 1lb lobster (in shell), potato salad, coleslaw, roll and cookies. \$20. Pickup or delivery available. Orders call: 857-4817 or 384-1198.

June 1, 9am-1pm Moncton Lions Club – Fabric and Yarn Sale at 55 Mark Ave, Moncton. Proceeds go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign.

Tatamagouche Centre ASPIRE Training – Facilitation, Design, Leadership June 9-14. Deadline for bursaries is May 20. More info: <https://tatacentre.ca/?r=programs/details&id=2525>

2019 Pilgrimage Walks – Special invitation to go on Pilgrimage with Atlantic School of Theology. Registration is now open for all 2019 walks. For more information or to register: <http://www.astheology.ns.ca/home/events-calendar/camino-ns.html> or if you have questions please email: camino.novascotia@gmail.com

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 26: Game of Thrones and Religion
VIDEO: https://youtu.be/_XqFbCowRek
PODCAST: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/213685/1150703-episode-23-game-of-thrones-and-religion>

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Office Hours:	10am-2pm Central United 150 Queen St; No hours at Stilesville <i>*Contact Tanya for arrangements to visit the campus mid-week</i>	
Minister Hours:	No Office Hours this week. Call for 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 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.