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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 26, 2019
Broadview Sunday

May 26	9:30am	Conversation Café (UCW)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
May 30	7:00pm	Choir
June 2	9:30am	Conversation Café (Choir)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering Recycling for Reconnect Karing Kitchen Grocery Cards

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.

Today, we welcome and thank Pam Harrison.
 She is leading our Spirit Gathering this morning.

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

Rev. Shawn, Anna Peters and Claudia Schaerer are attending the Regional AGM (formerly Maritime Conference) this weekend. Please contact Rev. Shawn by cell phone (506-588-0326) for any pastoral emergencies.

Did you know? Every United Church minister is accountable to the Region as well as the local congregation, and are expected to participate in the work of the greater United Church as part of their call with a congregation.

VISIONS NEWS & UPDATES

May 28 - May 31 - Rev. Shawn will be out of the Office attending ABCD Healthy Neighbourhoods, Healthy Cities in Edmonton with Joanne Murray, Executive Director of the John Howard Society. This event will provide resources as Visions grows our congregation as part of a community hub. For more info visit: <http://events.tamarackcommunity.ca/abcd>

Pastoral Concerns - Contact Tanya at the Office (call Central at 857-3186) and/or Peggy Renton (386-1077). Rev Jim MacDonald will provide coverage until Rev Shawn returns on Friday.

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

Upcoming Spirit Gatherings

June 2nd - The Gift of Creation - with leadership from our children/youth

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

IG Walk to Remember for Alzheimer's research - Please join Daphna and John Pearson after church today at this walk sponsored nationwide by IG Wealth Management. Registration is around 12 noon with the walk along the river starting at 1pm. The Walk starts at the Moncton Press Club building on Assumption Blvd. with lots of easy free parking and refreshments provided! With so many affected by Alzheimer's and Dementia, please show your support by walking and please donate for a tax receipt for a great cause. Any questions, please ask Daphna or John today, they will be at church and going directly there with their sneakers! Please come and Walk with them to remember.

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.

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.

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. Speak with Pam Harrison, our Broadview rep, if you would like to become a subscriber.

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.

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

Monday, May 27 at 10am – Trinity United Church - *Stroll for Your Soul* Gathering at 85 Old Coach Road, Riverview. It's a chance to say hello to other strollers from this area, share some cheese and crackers and, if desired, go for a short (15 min) group stroll.

June 3, Central United Church/Community Peace Centre Forum - Rev. Michael Dowd will doing a presentation titled Faithful to the Future: Sobering Inspiration for Challenging Times. Time to be announced.

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/>

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