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Door Attendant: Randy Hayward
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, May 5, 2019

Armchair Ministry - Mental Health Week

May 5	9:30am	Conversation Café (UCW)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering - <i>Armchair Ministry for Mental Health Week & John Howard Society with Richard Wilson, creator of "Moodie"</i> . Recycling for Reconnect Karing Kitchen Grocery Cards
May 9	9:00am	Vision Aiders Team
	7:00pm	Choir
May 12	9:30am	Conversation Café (UCW)
	10:30am	Spirit & Worship

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.

Thank you to our Armchair Ministry guest, Richard Wilson.

Richard will share the story of how his work with the John Howard Society inspired him to create the new approach to mental health wellbeing with the new mental health app, "Moodie". *"My name is Richard Wilson, a serial entrepreneur who has owned four companies in the last 15 years. I am a software engineer that enjoys making well-designed products for people. I have built over 50 applications used in business all over the world. I enjoy working in the non-profit world to give back to the community to help those who need some direction."*

VISIONS NEWS & UPDATES

Rev. Shawn Redden will be away for Continuing Education, from May 6-12, attending the second week of the Ministry of Supervision course at the Atlantic School of Theology. (*She attended Week 1 last Oct.*) Rev. Hugh Farquhar will lead our Spirit Gathering on May 12th. Please contact Peggy Renton 386-1077 for pastoral care arrangements. Rev. Stephen Brown, Petitecodiac-Salisbury Pastoral Charge is on-call for hospital visiting and funerals.

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

Scheduling – There will be a new way of scheduling Greeters, Conversation Café Hosts, Door Personnel, etc., stay tuned!

PAR Changes – Deadline for May PAR changes is today. PAR modification forms are available.

Extra maple syrup - from our pancake brunches is for sale in the basement by the kitchen. Please pick up a bottle or two and leave your money in the envelope.

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.

UCW – April 2019 Issue of our E-mail newsletter "Spread the News in Chignecto" is posted on the bulletin board. Material and suggestions for the May issue due by the 15th of the month. Send to cjsmith@eastlink.ca. If you want to receive the newsletter by email, email Jean or phone 902 667 8748.

Stroll for Your Soul 2019 Waymarks - Register today! Sign up for 21 daily emails inviting gratitude, mindful attention and inspiration for your walk...stroll, roll, bike or hike. Use these daily emails as motivation to get outside and notice the green and growing glories of spring. They offer the spiritual practice of paying attention and being in the present moment. **Begins with a welcome email May 8; daily emails from May 11-31. Register by May 6 at office@visionsunited.ca or 506-384-0843 or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer.** **This program is offered free of charge as part of our congregational subscription to the Prayer Bench.*

Vision Aiders – Please note the change in time for the next meeting, which is Thursday, May 9th at 9am.

May 14 - 1:00pm-2:30 pm - Open House for Visions United at the John Howard Society, 15 Flanders Court. This special open house is an opportunity for Visions congregation to meet the staff, learn about the many programs offered by the organization, and tour the facility. There will be opportunity to view one the 1- bedroom apartments they presently have for persons at risk of homelessness and who require affordable rents and some supports to transition to a more self-sufficient lifestyle. Hope to see you there!

May 14th at 1:00pm (Tuesday) Visions UCW will meet at the John Howard Society facility, 15 Flanders Court. We will attend an Open House for Visions United hosted by the JHS. It will involve a tour, meet the staff, a short “lecture” about the JHS facility, with some light refreshments served. Following this we will hold a short UCW meeting. Flanders Court is located between Vaughn Harvey Blvd. and War Veterans Ave. near the YMCA of Moncton. If you need further information speak to Helen or Anna.

May 14 at 7:00pm - Stilesville United Church Cemetery Ltd AGM - The Board of Directors have called the Annual meeting to be held at Visions United Church.

OTHER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES

Today, May 5 at 2:30pm - Central United Church - Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing hosted by Dennis Livingstone and accompanied by Daphna Pearson on the piano, held in the Community Peace Centre Forum 22 Church St Moncton. Come and sing your favourite Gospel songs. There is no admission charge, but there is a free will offering at the door. All proceeds will be given to the ongoing work of the Inspiration Café.

May 11, 7-9pm – Sackville United Church – Coffee House & Open Mic, hosted by Singer/Songwriter Paul Rumbolt. No admission charge, however contributions toward Paul’s gas costs would be welcome!

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

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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 May 6-12 as away on Study Leave.	

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.