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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 9, 2019

Pentecost Sunday & Communion

Acts 2: 1-21

June 9	9:30am	Conversation Café (Choir)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering – Pentecost & Communion
	11:30am	Congregational Meeting
June 11	1:30pm	UCW Lunch
June 12	7:00pm	CLT (Congregational Leadership Team)
June 13	10am	Congregational Care Team (Chapter 3)
	4pm	Joint Steering Team (John Howard Society)
June 15	9:30am	UCW Spring Rally
June 16	9:30am	Conversation Café (Choir)
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering Recycling for Reconnect

Today we celebrate Pentecost. We invite you to wear something red/orange/yellow to celebrate the fiery, windy gift of the Holy Spirit. Our service is for all ages with a special Pentecost banner to colour.

Children Programming

Kaylee Cormier will be available to assist with children in June, although there is no formal programming.

During the summer (August-early September) we will have activity bags available for children and they can remain with us for the Spirit Gathering.

Come early to Conversation Cafe - View the drawings for the new community hub building! We will provide an update on our partnership project at the Special Congregational meeting following the Spirit Gathering.

VISIONS NEWS & UPDATES

Today following the Spirit Gathering - Congregational Meeting - 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 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.

June 15 - UCW – Spring Rally – 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 Broadview and your name. Cheques should be made out to Visions United with a memo "Broadview renewal". Would you like to subscribe? Speak with Lila Briggs or Pam Harrison.

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 charlotteyouland@gmail.com

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/> You are welcome to attend one day and pay the daily registration rate \$40 (\$35 for Seniors 65+)

June 14, 6-8pm & June 15, 8am-noon - Mountain view United Church – Yard Sale, 85 MacBeath Ave. Something for everyone. Admission is free. Parking available across the street.

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>

June 15, 9:45am-2pm – Tatamagouche Centre – Register for our Annual General Meeting today at 902-657-2231.

June 15, 7:30pm – MetroTones Pop Chorus (Wesleyan Celebration Centre) will host an evening of NOW, THEN AND FOREVER music in support of NEW LIFE MISSION in Moncton., a local agency whose mission is a free after-school program for children and teens. Tickets \$10, plus non-perishable food items for food Depot Alimentaire. Visit metrotones.org for more info and where to purchase tickets.

AST 2019 Pilgrimage Walks – This could be your year to be a pilgrim in Nova Scotia! Registration now open. More info: <http://www.astheology.ns.ca/home/events-calendar/camino-ns.html>

Atlantic School of Theology Podcasts – AST 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 29: The Hayes Symposium: God and Cancer VIDEO:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtlGcAzQs1A&feature=youtu.be>

PODCAST: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/213685/1227221-episode-29-the-hayes-symposium-god-and-cancer>

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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.