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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, November 10, 2019**

**Won't You Be My Neighbour?**

*Drawing the Circle Wider: Who Lives in Our Neighbourhood?*

Nov.10	9:30am	Conversation Café - <i>Host: Peggy Renton</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
Nov. 12	1:30pm	UCW Meeting
Nov. 13	7:00pm	CLT Meeting
Nov. 14	10:00am	Vision Aiders
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Nov 15	9:00am	Joint Steering Team (JHS - 15 Flanders Court)
Nov. 17	9:30am	Conversation Café – <i>Host: Anna &amp; Bill Peters</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering

### **Children's Spirit Space**

*This week's leader:* Linda Higgins; *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.

### **November Spirit Gathering Theme: Won't You Be My Neighbour?**

This Sunday we look at the neighbourhood around 140 Joyce Avenue in northeast Moncton, as we consider some of the demographic information (Census, Environics, and UCC data). We continue to reflect on the great commandment, '*Love God and Love Your Neighbour as Yourself*', and think about "*What does it mean to meet people where they are at?*"

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**Special Congregational Meeting - November 17 - 11:30am**

This special meeting will be held following the Spirit Gathering to review the principles of the lease with the John Howard Society and provide direction to the Trustees to sign a lease.

**Next Sunday (Nov 17) Spirit Gathering: Connecting the Dots - Issues of Homelessness**

A panel from the John Howard Society will help us better understand issues relating to homelessness - especially mental health, addictions, poverty - and how some of their programs provide the "wrap-around" services for the residents of the apartments and for the neighbourhood.

**Do you love Camp TaWaSi?** We've been asked to participate in a conversation with a facilitator on some visioning for the future for Camp TaWaSi (date to be decided). We need a volunteer to help organize this conversation. Can you?

**Community Hub Conversations at Visions - November 20, 7-8:30 pm** (Visions)

This week's topic: Neighbourhood Demographics. We will delve deeper into the demographic study the UCC prepared for us and presented at the Nov 10 Spirit Gathering. We want to look at ideas for welcoming the neighbourhood to Visions, and begin to imagine what possibilities there may be for programs. This is our second evening of discussion and sharing more information in conjunction with our Spirit Gathering themes and the Community Hub project.

**Advent Email Personal Retreat: Starlight Stories begins November 30**

*Starlight Stories* bring us five stories to help us get ready for Christmas. You'll meet John's childhood friend, Mary's mother Anna, Joseph who is ready to flee, a shepherd who holds his post, and even a story from the Star herself. The stories are wonderful – sometimes gently humorous, other times profoundly evocative, and always deeply authentic. Each one brings richness and depth to the human spiritual journey and the story of Incarnation. This retreat is offered as part of our congregational subscription to the Prayer Bench. You will receive a weekly email every Saturday during Advent. Sign up deadline: November 25 email: minister@visionsunited.ca

**Coming Soon: Advent Small Group: BeLoning** (2 Sessions) Date - TBD

Joseph and Mary travelled to Bethlehem because they belonged to "the house and lineage of David." In this Advent Small Group Study, we create space to explore belonging: the longing to belong in an age of loneliness, the nature of belonging, and the challenges and joys of belonging in a community of faith.

**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.

**Do You Have an Announcement?** Please remember that all announcements for the bulletin are sent to the special announcement email: [announcements@visionsunited.ca](mailto:announcements@visionsunited.ca)

**Cleaner:** Visions is looking to hire someone to clean the building once a week. If you know someone who would be interested in some part time work (1-2.5 hours/week) please contact the office via email, [office@visionsunited.ca](mailto:office@visionsunited.ca)

### OTHER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES

**Salisbury United Church – Christmas Bazaar:** Wed. Nov. 13, 6:30pm – 8pm. 76 Smith St., Salisbury. Baking, homemade candy, crafts, fancy work, white elephant table, books, Angel Tea Room. Everyone welcome!

**KAIROS ECO ART NIGHT:** Sat. Nov. 16, 7pm – 9pm, Inspiration Café in the Community Peace Centre, 22 Church St. Refreshments (suggested \$5 donation at the door) Everyone is invited to this fundraiser and social evening to support the ecological justice work that KAIROS does. The evening will feature a silent auction (3 Luke Haugen-Strand art pieces), poetry reading, and book and art sale.

**Hillsborough United Church UCW – Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon:** Sat. Nov. 16, 10am-2pm. Silent auction, Christmas baskets, bake table, etc.

**Mountain View United Church Fall Fair:** Sat. Nov. 16, 10am-2pm. Shop for jams, jellies, pickles, home baking, crafts, Christmas items, books, jewelry, Attic treasure items and more.

**St. John's United Church Roast Beef Dinner:** Sat. Nov. 16, 6pm seating, dinner at 6:30pm. Dinner includes roast beef, potatoes, vegetables, roll, dessert and coffee or tea. Cost is \$20 per plate. Tickets available at the Church Office, Monday-Friday 9:00am-1:00pm. Call 858-8289 or email [sjuc@nb.aibn.com](mailto:sjuc@nb.aibn.com)

**Mount Royal UCW- Candlelight Communion Service:** Wed. Dec. 4, 7pm. 106 Mount Royal Blvd. Theme: Let the Angles Sing. An adaptation of a CGIT Vesper Service by Esther Mah and Rev. Jane Aikman. Offering: A non-perishable food item.

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<b>Minister Hours:</b>	This week: Thursday morning

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> each month to ensure the vitality of Visions' ministry. Change/cancel deductions 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 Return to the office or place in the offering plate on Sunday.
- Charitable tax receipts for Envelope & PAR contributors issued at 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.