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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, March 15th, 2020

Lent 3 – Lenten Conversations

Living Waters - John 4: 3-42

Mar. 15	9:30am	Conversation Café - <i>Host: Glenna</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
Mar. 17	7:00pm	PATH workshop
Mar. 19	10:00am	Broadview Banter - <i>Location: Common Room 190 Carson Dr.</i>
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Mar. 22	9:30am	Conversation Café- <i>Host: Glenna</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering - Lent 4

Children's Spirit Space

This week's leader: Megan Smith. 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.

Lenten Conversations

I wonder... *did you hear the Spirit?*

Each week during Lent, we receive an "Invitation to Conversation".

Last week's invitation was to spend time outside
dedicated to listening and feeling the wind (John 3: 1-10).

In your time of contemplation, listen for the movement of the Spirit.

If you miss receiving a week's "Invitation", email Rev. Shawn for a copy.
This week's is inspired by Jesus' conversation at a well about Living Water.

Visions United's Response to COVID-19 (coronavirus)

Please see the attached insert regarding steps Visions United is taking to minimize risk at our gatherings.

PATH – Visions CLT will be working with Inclusion Advocacy to develop a plan (PATH) for the future, ("*PATH*" is an acronym for "Planning Alternative Tomorrows With Hope") looking at our community engagement when we move forward with our JHS partnership. Outcomes from these meetings will assist in a grant application. The dates are March 17th and March 24th (7pm-9pm). If you think you might be interested in attending speak with Terry MacTavish-Hawkes.

Kitchen Konscience Vision Aider's challenge for Lent this year is to look around your kitchen for ways you could be more environmentally friendly, ways you could reduce, reuse, recycle. There will be post-it notes at church for you to write out your suggestions and put them up on the easel. Look them over and make a commitment to try something new!

Broadview Banter March 19, 10am, Common Room 190 Carson Drive. A monthly informal gathering for conversation over the latest edition of Broadview: Spirituality, Justice and Ethical Living. Bring along your March issue of our United Church magazine and come ready to discuss ideas and share opinions. All are welcome.

Planning Group for a Decommissioning Service for the Church Building

Are you interested in planning a service of celebration of the history of the Visions United Church building (former Stilesville United Church)? This service would happen once we know the property is definitely sold and have a closing date for the sale. Usually when a church building is sold or closed there is a decommissioning service to give thanks for the building as a place of worship. Please email Rev. Shawn if you are interested in helping plan this event for the Stilesville/Indian Mountain community.

United Codiac Refugee Committee Annual Meeting - Sunday, March 22 at 2pm, St. John's United Church, 75 Alma St. Moncton (Please use the Victoria St. door!). Storm date is Sunday 29th, 2pm. Agenda includes: Update of Current Refugee Situation in the World & Canada's Actions Future, Focus of UCRC, Reports on current, future and past (or failed) sponsorships, Financial Report, Actions Planning and Motions, Election of Officers.

Recycling – Please bring your empty drink cans and bottles (rinsed and with the caps off) to church each Sunday. John Foster turns them in weekly and the money goes to Reconnect.

Earth Hour - Saturday, March 28th. Turn out all your lights from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm, and invite friends and neighbours to do the same. This is a small, but highly symbolic way of showing support for climate change, reducing energy consumption and helping to reduce global warming.

Visions United Garage Sale – Saturday, March 28th and April 2nd. Please bring all items to sell (books, jewellery, dishes, kids' stuff, purses etc.) to the church on Fridays. We are raising funds for our audio visual at the new location. If you are able to volunteer please speak with Peggy.

Inclusion Advocacy will host their annual Curling event on April 4th and are looking for Teams of 4 to participate. Cost is \$200 per team, and teams are encouraged to fund raise. Details are on their Website at InclusionAdvocacy.ca or contact Terry MacTavish-Hawkes.

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.

OTHER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES

The Atlantic School of Theology - AST is once again producing 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 episode is: *Episode 9 – “Brevard Childs, allegory and preaching daringly”* Download the audio version from their Podcast Site

<https://the-ast-podcast.simplecast.com/>

Silent Auction and Desert Extravaganza – St. Johns United Church, 75 Alma St. Moncton. **Silent Auction:** March 19th, 9am-9pm and March 20th, 9:00am-4:00pm. **Desert and Tea:** March 19th 2-4pm & 7-9pm; March 20th, 2-4pm. Eat in or take out. \$5.00 a serving.

Ten Thousand Villages Close-Out Sale – March 27, 4:00pm-9:00pm and March 28, 9:00am-4:00pm, St. Paul's United, Riverview. Up to 25% off everything (excluding food). Admission is free. Your purchase still makes a difference!

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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. 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 2020 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.