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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 8th, 2020

Lent 1 – Lenten Conversations

Matthew 4:1-11

Mar. 8	9:30am	Conversation Café - <i>Host: Joan and Lorna</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
Mar. 11	7:00pm	CLT Meeting
Mar. 12	9:30am	Vision Aiders (Second Cup Gorge Road)
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Mar. 13	9:30am	Partnership Steering Team - JHS
Mar. 14	10:00am	Communications Project Team Meeting
Mar. 15	9:30am	Conversation Café- <i>Host: Glenna</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering - Lent 3

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.

Thank you to Rev. Jane Aikman for planning and leading
today's Spirit Gathering.

VISIONS NEWS & UPDATES

Kitchen Konsense 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!

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. The total so far this year is \$35.

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.

Youth Forum and Intermediates @ Conference Registration is Now Open

Intermediates at Conference (I@C) is our program tailored to middle school and junior high age participants. Our theme this year is "Building Community" and we have some amazing adventures, games, talks and so much more planned for you! Please contact the I@C Registrar, Joy Hewitt if you have any questions specific to I@C registration

email: intermediatesregistrar@gmail.com

Youth Forum (YF) is our program developed for high school and university age participants. We have some amazing activities, games and so much more planned for you! Please contact the I@C Registrar, Grace MacMillan if you have any questions specific to YF registration via

email: grace.macmillan@hotmail.com

Due to a generous financial offering from the two Regions, we are delighted to offer you a special registration fee of \$150 to all participants this year. We are so excited to have you come join us for what promises to be an inspirational, fun and fantastic time! We can't wait to see each and every one of you there in May!

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.

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

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 8 – “The Theology of the United Church of Canada”* Download the audio version from their Podcast Site <https://the-ast-podcast.simplecast.com/>

Ready to Bake Casseroles by Hillsborough United Church – Pre-order by Friday, March 13, by calling Verna at 388-5437 or email huc1862@gmail.com
4 choices: Shepard's Pie, Cheeseburger, Meatballs, And Hamburg & Tomato. 3 sizes small (\$6), medium (\$10) and large (\$15). Pick up at the church on March 20 from 2-5pm. Casseroles come in ready to bake or ready to freeze container. Order yours today!

Movie “On the Basis of Sex” - Presented by the Affirming Committee of Central United Church. Thursday, March 19th at 7pm. Please use the 150 Queen St. entrance. Movie and snacks are free of charge. Come and bring friends! Rated PG 13

Jiggs Dinner - March 20, 6pm, Mountainview United Church, 85 MacBeath Ave. Menu is: Corn beef and cabbage, desert, tea and coffee. Entertainment following dinner: Gerry Melanson and Jonathan's Band. Tickets: Adults \$15 Children under 12, \$10. Please phone 857-4817.

Maritime UCW Biennial Meeting “Colouring Outside the Lines” April 24-26th, St. Paul's United, Riverview. All United Church Women members are welcome to attend. Registration is now being received for this three day UCW gathering. If you need further information, please contact Anna Peters at arpeter460@gmail.com

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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.