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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 all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Spirit Gathering

Sunday, August 19th, 2018

Summer Series - "A Divine Voice Sings Through All Creation"

This Sunday: *"Trees Clap Their Hands"*

<i>Events at a glance</i>		
August 19	9:30am	Conversation Café
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering - <i>"Trees Clap Their Hands"</i>
August 23	2:00pm	PET meets with Eric Tusz-King - Campus
August 26	9:30am	Conversation Café
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering - <i>"Flower Communion"</i>
August 27	7:00	CLT Special Meeting

August Worship Series: "A Divine Voice Sings through All Creation"

Rocks, Waters, Trees and Flowers: Scripture is filled with references and images of the Divine in Creation. What Wisdom do they offer us?

"Trees Clap Their Hands" is inspired by Isaiah 55 and the song, "We Shall Go Out With Joy" and its image of the trees of the field clapping their hands in joy. Do you have a special tree or forest place? Come share your story as we draw wisdom from the "Hidden Life of Trees".

An Invitation: Next Sunday's focus will be "Flower Communion". Bring a flower for our "communion of flowers" - any flower from your garden, the roadside, or maybe you planted those wildflower seeds in June for the bees and now they are blooming! Our conversation time will include sharing about favourite flowers, or special flowers/plants that grow in your garden. Send along any pictures for our visuals by Wednesday please.

Children's Spirit Space

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

Visions News & Updates

Office Closure – The office will be closed from Monday, August 20 to Wednesday, August 22 as Kristen will be on vacation. The office will reopen at 1pm on Thursday, August 23.

Summer Postcards - Send Visions a postcard or email a photo with a short tweet (caption) telling us about your summer adventures. We will create a visual montage of our summer adventures for Sept. 23rd, the first Sunday of fall. Mail postcards to: RPO North End Box 29101, Moncton N.B., E1G 4R3 or email photos (an electronic postcard) and caption to office@visionsunited.ca.

Visions Events

PET (Partnership Exploration Team) - August 23 (Thurs) 2:00pm (Campus)

Congregational Leadership Team Special Meeting – August 27 (Mon) 7:00pm
Reports are not necessary. Business includes updates from the Partnership Exploration Team, the Stilesville Property team, and Finance. Eric Tusz-King will join us as well.

Mark Your Calendar! August 25th (Sat) 1:30pm - River of Pride Parade. The United Churches in Greater Moncton will again be marching in the parade and a contingent from Visions will join them with our Visions' banner. The Parade lines up on Foundry Street in downtown Moncton. Participants with the UCC must arrive no later than 12:30pm (watch for our signs and float). The Parade will proceed onto Main Street; continuing to Downing and concluding at Riverfront Park. The Affirming Committee of Central United Church is once again assembling a float to represent The United Church in the parade. Anyone available to help with decorating is invited to meet in the Robinson Street/Capitol theatre parking lot behind Central United Church/Community Peace Centre Complex at 10:00am on Saturday morning. LGBTQ+ allies and supporters from our Presbytery and Conference are encouraged to join their United Church colleagues in the parade or provide encouragement from locations along the parade route. Let's do our part to continue to walk the talk as an Affirming Presbytery and Conference. Contact Glenna Lightfoot or Rev. Shawn with questions or more info.

August 18 (Sat) 11:30 Flag Raising at Moncton City Hall

August 19 (Sun) 10:45 Pride Service Community Peace Centre hosted by Central United. All are welcome.

Other Pride Events are on-line at www.fiertemonctonpride.com

The United Codiak Refugee Committee (UCRC) urgently needs the support of church members and others from the community in asking our elected officials to intervene on humanitarian and compassionate grounds regarding the case of Dr. Haya Samar and her parents whose application to be accepted as refugees was denied. (UCRC has sponsored Haya's fiancée, Manar Dawod, who arrived in Moncton in April 2017). Haya's family was forced to briefly return to Syria so both of her parents could receive medical treatment that was not available or affordable for them in Lebanon where they had taken refuge. UCRC has been attempting to bring Haya and her family to Canada almost since we began our work in late 2015. Please sign the letter that is available in in the foyer!

Other Church and Community Events

Memorial Service - St. Andrew's United Church, Rexton, NB, will have a Memorial Service on Sunday, **September 9th, at 9.30 am**. There will be special music, the worship ending with the benediction at the cemetery, followed by refreshments. If you want your donation to go to the Cemetery Fund, please mark your envelopes accordingly.

Spaghetti Supper – Tuesday, September 11 (4:30-6:30pm)

Mountain View United Church Men's Club, 85 MacBeath Ave. Moncton. Spaghetti with meat sauce, Caesar salad, garlic bread, dessert, tea/coffee. Freewill offering.

Apple Pie (U-Bake) Sale – Saturday's, September 29 and October 13

Mountain View United Church, 85 MacBeath Ave. Moncton. Pies available with Splenda upon request. To order call Nan Leger 384-1198 or the church office at 857-4817. Pick up between 10:30am to 1pm. \$7 each.

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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.

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 2018 objective of \$18,500.



RECONNECT JAR – Your donation supports the Reconnect Street Intervention Program in Greater Moncton , outreach to those who are homeless and at risk.

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.

CURRENT FOCUS - July - Donation to Camp Ta-Wa-Si; August - Coats for Care