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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, May 12, 2019**

**Be An Encourager**

May 12	9:30am	Conversation Café (UCW)
	10:30am	Spirit & Worship
May 14	1:00pm	UCW Open House at John Howard Society
	7:00pm	Stilesville Cemetery Meeting
May 15	9:00am	Joint Steering Team at JHS
May 16	7:00	No Choir Practice this week only
May 19	9:30am	Conversation Café (UCW)
	10:30am	Spirit & Worship Recycling for Reconnect

### **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.

Today, we welcome and thank Rev. Dr. Hugh Farquhar.  
He is leading our Spirit Gathering this morning.

Rev. Shawn Redden is away for Continuing Education, from May 6-12, attending the second week of the Ministry of Supervision course at the Atlantic School of Theology. *(She attended Week 1 last Oct)*

## VISIONS NEWS & UPDATES

**Announcements** – If you would like to add any announcements to this bulletin, please send all details to [announcements@visions.ca](mailto:announcements@visions.ca)

**The Congregational Care Team** is seeking names of those who will be graduating from universities and local high schools this academic year. Please submit the names to Peggy Renton 386-1077, Helen Halfpenny 859-0089, or the church office prior to June 2nd.

**Extra maple syrup** left over from the pancake brunches for sale, \$7.00/bottle, in the hallway outside the Great Room. Please take a bottle or two and leave your money in the envelope beside the box. Note that the maple syrup should be kept in your refrigerator since it is not heat sealed.

**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.

**UCW** – April 2019 Issue of our E-mail newsletter "Spread the News in Chignecto" is posted on the bulletin board. Material and suggestions for the May issue due by the 15th of the month. Send to [cjsmith@eastlink.ca](mailto:cjsmith@eastlink.ca). If you want to receive the newsletter by email, email Jean or phone 902 667 8748.

**May 14 - 1:00pm-2:30 pm - Open House for Visions United at the John Howard Society**, 15 Flanders Court. This special open house is an opportunity for Visions congregation to meet the staff, learn about the many programs offered by the organization, and tour the facility. There will be opportunity to view one the 1- bedroom apartments they presently have for persons at risk of homelessness and who require affordable rents and some supports to transition to a more self-sufficient lifestyle. Hope to see you there!

**May 14th at 1:00pm Visions UCW** will meet at the John Howard Society facility, 15 Flanders Court. We will attend an Open House for Visions United hosted by the JHS. It will involve a tour, meet the staff, a short "lecture" about the JHS facility, with some light refreshments served. Following this we will hold a short UCW meeting. Flanders Court is located between Vaughn Harvey Blvd. and War Veterans Ave. near the YMCA of Moncton. If you need further information speak to Helen or Anna.

**May 14 at 7:00pm - Stilesville United Church Cemetery Ltd AGM** - The Board of Directors have called the Annual meeting to be held at Visions United Church.

**Choir Practice May 16** – Please note there is no Choir practice this week only.

**June 2 at 4pm Book Club** - We are having a BBQ at the home of Pat Harknett (21 Queen Mary Crescent). The book we are reading is *An Audience of Chairs* by Joan Clark. Please bring along whatever you would like to BBQ and an appetizer, salad etc. or dessert to share. Partners are invited as well. Let's hope for a lovely day.

#### **OTHER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES**

**May 15, 2pm – St. Paul's United church** – Spring Tea & Musical Entertainment. Fancy tea, sandwiches and sweets, served with some lively entertainment at 404 Cleveland Ave., Riverview. Tickets are \$12 in the church office (386-3335).

**May 16, 7-8:30pm – Mountain View School** – Celebrate the career of educating excellence. RETIREMENT CELEBRATION honouring AUDREY HAYWARD and 3 of her colleagues in the School Gymnasium, Mountain View School, 2586 Route 115, Irishtown Open House. All Welcome.

**May 16, 7pm - Central United Church** - The Affirming Committee presents the movie *The Necessities of Life* at The Community Peace Centre Forum 22 Church St, Moncton. Movie and snacks are free of charge. Come and bring a friend. *An Inuit hunter being treated for tuberculosis in a Quebec sanatorium finds his weakening will to live suddenly reinvigorated after his nurse arranges for another young Inuit to be transferred to the same hospital. It's the early years of the 1950s, and when Inuit hunter Tivii is diagnosed with tuberculosis, his only hope for survival is to travel to Quebec for treatment.* Rating: NR, Genre : Drama, Runtime: 108 minutes

**May 17-20 – Tatamagouche Centre** – Personal Creativity Retreat – Would you like to get some quiet time away and do your own work? More information: <https://tatacentre.ca/?r=programs/details&id=2614>

**2019 Pilgrimage Walks** – Special invitation to go on Pilgrimage with Atlantic School of Theology. Registration is now open for all 2019 walks. For more information or to register: <http://www.astheology.ns.ca/home/events-calendar/camino-ns.html> or if you have questions please email: [camino.novascotia@gmail.com](mailto:camino.novascotia@gmail.com)

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<b>Office Hours:</b>	10am-2pm Central United 150 Queen St; No hours at Stilesville *Contact Tanya for arrangements to visit the campus mid-week	
<b>Minister Hours:</b>	Thursday, May 16 - 9:30am-11:30am	

### **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. 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.