

Minister: Rev. Dr. Shawn Redden Music Director: Daphna Pearson Office Administrator: Tanya Melanson

Greeter: Carla Bourque

Door Attendant: Doug Bourque

Teller: June Kelly

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, June 16, 2019

"Once Upon A time..." - The Man with the Violin The Spiritual Practice of Living with Awareness

| June 16 | 9:30am | Conversation Café (Choir) |
|---------|---------|---------------------------|
| | 10:30am | Spirit Gathering |
| | | Recycling for Reconnect |
| June 23 | 9:30am | Conversation Café (Choir) |
| | 10:30am | Spirit Gathering |

Our Theme

This Sunday's Spirit Gathering is a selection from a worship series,
"Once Upon a Time", inspired by the wisdom from children's books.
"The Man with the Violin" is based on a story about world-renowned violinist,
Joshua Bell, and an experiment that offers some
wonderful wisdom for us about "living with awareness".

Children Programming

Kaylee Cormier will be available to assist with children in June, although there is no formal programming.

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

Happy Father's Day to all our Dads and Granddads, and men who play a fathering role in our lives.

VISIONS NEWS & UPDATES

Our Sympathy is extended to the family of Hilda Bell.

Upcoming Spirit Gatherings

June 23rd - Theme: Joy - service will be led by Rev. Jane Aikman

June 30th - No Spirit Gathering - Visions' vacation month begins

<u>Visions Vacation Month: June 30th - July 31st</u> - We will not be holding Spirit Gatherings during the month of July this year, including Sunday, June 30th of the July 1st long weekend. Services will resume on August 4th.

Pastoral Care during Vacation Month and Minister's Vacation

Rev. Shawn will be attending the North American Godly Play Conference June 17-23, and then on vacation and unused leave time from June 24-August 4. Hospital visitation will be provided by Rev. Lloyd Bruce, the on-call United Church Chaplain (506-940-1151).

For all other emergency concerns and funerals, contact Peggy Renton at 386-1077 and she will contact the following ministers:

June 17-July 7: Rev Janice MacLean (Trinity United, Riverview)

July 8 - 22: Rev Stephen Brown (Petitcodiac)

July 23 - Aug 4 - To be determined (Rev Shawn will be available on call July 26-Aug 4 when she is attending Berwick Camp)

Looking for Inspiration during July? Summer Sabbath Series: A Fine Line will be with our weekly email next Friday. It provides 4 devotions to use during July when Visions is on vacation. This is provided free of charge as part of our Congregational subscription to the PrayerBench. There are a few printed copies available today for those who do not receive our weekly email.

During July visit one of our sister United Churches

Mount Royal - 10 am

Mountainview - 10 am

St. Paul's (Riverview) - 10am

Trinity United (Riverview) - 10 am - June 30, July 7 & 14

* Note: Other Moncton area United Churches are also closed in July.

Note of thanks to all who supported the IG Wealth Alzheimer's Walk to

<u>Remember</u> - Despite a very rainy Sunday we raised over \$23,000 in Moncton, a huge increase from last year's \$12,000. When you realize we have over 300 IG Walks going across Canada, the public awareness growth and potential for medical progress continuing in the fight against Alzheimer's and Dementia is very encouraging. Thank you, John Pearson

<u>Recycling For Reconnect</u> - 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.

The Observer has a new name - "Broadview"! The United Church of Canada's award winning magazine is now called "Broadview: Spirituality, Justice, Ethical Living". The magazine traces its roots to 1829 - 190 years! This is the fourth name change in its history. Our congregational annual subscription month is extended to August this year. Annual rate is \$25. Envelopes are available for you to return your renewal payment, marked Broadview and your name. Cheques should be made out to Visions United with a memo "Broadview renewal". Would you like to subscribe? Speak with Lila Briggs or Pam Harrison.

<u>Grocery Card Program</u>: Easy for you fundraiser! For every grocery card sold Vision United gets 4%; that's \$4 for every \$100 sold. Get your Sobeys, and Superstore cards before the service.

OTHER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES

Karing Kitchen is collecting milk bags, the larger bag that holds 3 one litre bags. They are used to make sleeping mats for the homeless and it takes about 300 bags to make one. If your church or other groups would like to help, collect them as you are able. For pickup contact Bob Adsett at robertadsett@gmail.com

<u>June 23 at 3:00pm - Birch Hill Cemetery</u> – Annual Memorial Service being held in the cemetery, Rogers Road, Berry Mills. If raining, the service will be held at the Lutz Mountain Meeting House. A pot luck supper at Lutz Mountain Meeting House will follow the service. Everyone is welcome.

June 26 at 3:30pm – June 28 at 1:00pm, First United Church Murray Corner – Rural Ministries Gathering, Rural Routes through the Holy. A gathering opportunity for those touching or touched by rural congregations. Let's imagine together ways in which we might remain grounded in and able to share the Gospel despite sometimes challenging circumstances. What will our ministry and community look like? Registration ends June 18. Register/More info visit: http://hemofthelight.com/ruralroutes; call Catherine 506-536-0216

June 27 at 7:00pm, Central United Church - The Affirming Committee of Central United Church presents the movie "Smoke Signals" at the Community Peace Centre Forum, 22 Church St, Moncton. Movie and snacks are free of charge. Come and bring friends. Movie Synopsis: Two young American Indians leave the reservation to resolve their problems and to find themselves. Rating: PG-13 (For some intense images), Genre: Comedy, Drama, Special Interest, Runtime: 88 minutes .

CONTACT INFORMATION

Address: 1270 Gorge Rd., Stilesville, NB, E1G 3E5

Mailing Address: RPO North End Box 29101, Moncton, NB, E1G 4R3

Telephone: 384-0843 (Office - Messages) 857-3186 (Administrator)

588-0326 (Minister Cell) 384-8013 (Fax)

Email: office@visionsunited.ca minister@visionsunited.ca

Announcements: announcements@visions.ca

Web: visionsunited.ca

Facebook: Facebook.com/visionsunitedchurch

Facebook.com/groups/visionsunited

Office Hours: Friday, 9:30am-1:00pm at Visions Campus. *Contact the Visions

office phone to make arrangements to visit the campus mid-week

Minister Hours: None this week as on Continuing Education leave.

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 envelops 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. 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.



<u>RECONNECT JAR</u> – 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.

<u>KARING KITCHEN</u> – Your chance to donate groceries and/or grocery store cards, the 1st Sunday of each month, to assist Moncton's largest soup kitchen.