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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, August 4, 2019

August 4	9:30am	Conversation Café
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
August 7	7:00pm	Spirit & Worship Meeting
August 11	9:30pm	Conversation Café
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering

Children Programming

We have no formal programming for children during the summer.

We welcome children to remain with us for the Spirit Gathering.

There are activity bags available.

Today, we welcome and thank Rev. Catherine Gaw.

She is leading our Spirit Gathering this morning.

Rev. Shawn is on vacation and unused leave time until today, August 4.

VISIONS NEWS & UPDATES

Photo Directory – If you haven't received your copy, please see Helen Halfpenny.

August 14, 7:00pm – Book Club - Our next meeting will be at the home of Paula Pickard (125 Hebron St., Riverview). We will be discussing the book *The Nightingale* by Kristen Hannah. We will enjoy Paula's beautiful backyard which includes a pool if you want to bring a swim suit.

UCW – July 2019 Issue of our E-mail newsletter "Spread the News in Chignecto" is posted on the bulletin board. Be mindful the next issue is a special one - the one hundredth issue. Please consider making a contribution to the content. Material and suggestions for the August issue due by the 15th of the month. Send to cjsmith@eastlink.ca. If you want to receive the newsletter by email, email Jean or phone 902 667 8748.

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.

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.

The Observer has a new name - "Broadview"! The United Church of Canada's award winning magazine is now called "Broadview: *Spirituality, Justice, Ethical Living*". 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.

OTHER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES

URGENT-The United Codiac Refugee Committee (UCRC): a previously sponsored an Iraqi refugee family that arrived in Moncton in November 2018, is looking for a 3 or 4 bedroom house to rent by October 1st. The house that the family is currently renting has been sold and the new owner is increasing the rent significantly, so the family needs to move. The family would like a detached house, on or close to a bus route since the parents are taking language lessons at MAGMA. If you have any leads, please contact Claudia at 389-4320 or by email at claudiaschaerer@hotmail.com.

August 20-23 – Tatamagouche Centre – Peace & Friendship Youth Alliance Gathering 2019. This is a gathering for Indigenous and settler youth ages 18-39 to envision and build sovereignty and self-determination among youth of the Wabanaki nations and settlers in these territories. Applications due August 5. More info: <https://www.tatacentre.ca/>

August 23-25 – Tatamagouche Centre - "The Spirituality of Movement" program. Registration includes: lodging, 3 meals and 2 snacks a day, and the chance to learn from two amazing dance teachers & choreographers. There is a seniors' discount and bursaries available for this program. More info: <https://www.tatacentre.ca/>

August 26-30 – Tatamagouche Centre – Social Justice Youth Camp. This camp brings together youth ages 15-18 from all the different communities and cultures in the Maritimes for a gathering that focuses on social justice and environmental issues, culture, and gender, race and injustice. Come join the experience. Come join the community! Please apply asap! More info: <https://www.tatacentre.ca/>

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Office Hours:	Friday, 9:30am-1:00pm at Visions Campus. <i>*Contact the Visions office phone to make arrangements to visit the campus mid-week</i>	
Minister Hours:	Wednesday, August 7 th , 10am-12 noon	

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. 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.