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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, October 27th, 2019

Won't You Be My Neighbour?

"Passing Lanes and Rest Stops" - Luke 10:25-37

Oct. 27	9:30am	Conversation Café - <i>Host: Claudia Schaerer</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
Oct. 30	1:00pm	Joint Steering Team - John Howard Society
Nov. 3	9:30am	Conversation Café – <i>Host: Peggy Renton</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
	11:45am	Congregational Potluck
	1:00pm-2:30pm	Conversation Circle with Mardi Tindal, Past Moderator of the UCC - The Seasons of Aging

Children's Spirit Space

This week's leader: Jill Baycroft; *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.

Won't You Be My Neighbour?

As we imagine ministry in the Community Hub, we delve into some questions: What does our new neighbourhood look like? Who lives there? Who will be our neighbours in the Hub? And, most important of all, How can we best live the great commandment, 'Love God and Love Your Neighbour as Yourself'? Our Spirit Gatherings will draw inspiration from "Mr. Rogers' Neighbourhood", interviews with community workers, and the teachings of Jesus.

Coming Soon in November - 3 Evenings for Community Hub Conversations

What are your questions and your ideas about our ministry in the new Community Hub? We are organizing three evenings of discussion around three themes. Watch next week's bulletin for dates and details. Are you interested in helping us plan? Please speak with Rev. Shawn or Peter Lightfoot.

The Seasons of Aging and Autumn: A Conversation with Mardi Tindal –

November 3, 1-2:30 pm. You are invited to join with Mardi Tindal, Past Moderator of the UCC and Courage & Renewal Facilitator, for this program: A Conversation Circle on the Seasons of Aging in this season of autumn. We will have a community potluck following our Spirit Gathering before the program. Please remember to bring your own dishes and cutlery as well as a food item to share.

Visions United - Roast Beef Dinner, Nov. 9, with two sittings: 4:30pm AND 6:00pm. The dinner includes potatoes, gravy, peas, carrots, homemade mustard pickles, rolls and apple crisp served with whipped cream for dessert. Cost is \$20 per person. For reservations call Joan Hawkes at 204-6024.

UCW " Spread the News" - The final issue is posted on our bulletin board.

2020 United Church Calendars - UCW is placing an order. If you would like to purchase one or several add your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer or contact Helen Halfpenny. Cost: \$6.00/calendar. Order Deadline: Oct 27th.

A Kind Card! – We received a lovely handmade card created by Melody and Nadia who attend the Sunday School class in Hillsborough. It says, “Dear Visions United, We learned about Paul writing letters to help others, like Philemon. Help, Encourage, Love and Pray! We are doing that for you in our Sunday School Class in Hillsborough.” The card is on the bulletin board if you would like to see it.

New Office Hours

Our new office hours will be 9:30am-12:30pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Our new administrator, Emily Smith, will be happy to assist you!

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

announcements@visionsunited.ca

Cleaner: Visions is looking to hire someone to clean the building once a week. If you know someone who would be interested in some part time work (1-2.5 hours/week) please contact the office via email, office@visionsunited.ca

OTHER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES

Mount Royal UCW - Halloween Coffee and Muffin Party/Craft Sale, Oct. 29, 9am-11am, at 106 Mount Royal Blvd.

Mount Royal United Church - Smiley-face Pancake Breakfast, Nov. 2, 8am-11am. Menu - fluffy pancakes with real maple syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, juice, tea/coffee for \$10 for adults and \$6 for children under 12.

Mountain View United Church Indoor Yard Sale – Sat. Nov. 2, 8am- 12pm. 85 MacBeath Ave. Come check out a large variety of items. Admission is free and parking is available across the street from the church.

Tatamagouche Centre – Program - Climate Crisis: What’s Faith Got to Do with It? Fri., Nov 1, 3pm – Sat., Nov 2, 4:30pm. An extraordinary opportunity to explore the “why” and the “how” of engaging in action for climate justice by exploring practical local actions, wider advocacy and deepening spiritual approaches to working with climate justice. Each congregation is invited to send one or two representatives. For more info please contact Emily Smith in the office or see the link <https://marconf.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e2021d1ad768ec5177f0f050a&id=8fd21b7a41&e=0492d3b3a9>

Alantic School of Theology – Nov. 4, Paul Watson Lecture. Schedule: 2pm-3pm Seminar at the St. Columba Chapel, Alantic School of Theology. 7pm Lecture at Saint Mary’s University, Loyola Conference Centre. Both located in Halifax. Free. To register go to www.astheology.ns.ca/home/events-calendar/paul-wattson-lecture.html

Home Safe and Sound Moncton Co-op are offering Home Assistance Services for Seniors (personal care, shopping, errands, light housekeeping, organizing, laundry, cleaning, food preparation, pet care; as well as conversation, companionship, nurturing and check-ins). This program is mentored by Open Sky Cooperative. For more information contact Tracey Berry (manager) at 506-588-9045 or email HomeSafeandSoundMoncton@gmail.com

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Office Hours:	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30am – 12:30pm
Minister Hours:	Friday morning.

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 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.