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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, November 3, 2019

Won't You Be My Neighbour?

Hub Housing: a Conversation with Joanne Murray

Love is Being in Service - *John 13: 1-5, 12-15, 34-35*

Nov.3	9:30am	Conversation Café - <i>Host: Peggy Renton</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
	11:45 am	Congregational Potluck
	1:00pm-2:30pm	Conversation Circle with Mardi Tindal, Past Moderator of the UCC – The Seasons of Aging
Nov. 6	7:00pm	Spirit and Worship Meeting
Nov.7	10am – 12pm	Congregational Care Committee meeting
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Nov. 9	4:30pm & 6:00pm	Roast Beef Dinner
Nov. 10	9:30am	Conversation Café – <i>Host: Peggy Renton</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering

Today, we welcome Joanne Murray, Executive Director for John Howard Society of Southeastern New Brunswick, for a conversation about the housing that will be a part of the Community Hub. Twenty, 1 bedroom apartments will meet the needs of men at risk of homelessness in our city.

Children's Spirit Space

This week's leader: Megan Smith; *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.

VISIONS NEWS & UPDATES

November Spirit Gathering Theme: 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.

Today - 11:45am - Community Potluck following the Spirit Gathering with Mardi Tindal, Past Moderator of the UCC. Please remember to bring your own dishes and cutlery as well as a food item to share.

Today – 1pm-2:30pm -The Seasons of Aging and Autumn: A Conversation with Mardi Tindal Mardi Tindal, Past Moderator of the UCC and Courage & Renewal Facilitator, will lead a Conversation Circle on the Seasons of Aging in this season of autumn.

Volunteers for the Community Hub Information Sessions - Nov 5 & 25

Visions and the John Howard Society are hosting two information sessions for community members in northeast Moncton about the building on 140 Joyce Avenue. We need volunteers as greeters to welcome attendees and hosts at the Visions United kiosk, help with refreshments and set-up of the space. Please speak with Shawn Redden, Peter Lightfoot or Peggy Renton.

Community Hub Conversations at Visions - November 7,6pm.

This week's topic: Hub Housing. Join us for an hour of conversation. What are your questions about the housing and residents after listening to Joanne Murray's presentation at the Spirit Gathering? How can we be a community that welcomes these residents? What are your ideas for our ministry with the residents? This is our first evening of discussion and sharing more information in conjunction with our Spirit Gathering themes and the Community Hub project.

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.

Congregational Leadership Team - November 13, 7:00 pm - Please forward your team reports to cltsecretary@visionsunited.ca (Anna Peters) by November 8, so she can distribute everything in one email to CLT members.

Special Congregational Meeting - November 17 - 11:30am

This special meeting will be held following the Spirit Gathering to review the principles of the lease with the John Howard Society and provide direction to the Trustees to sign a lease.

Do you love Camp TaWaSi? We've been asked to participate in a conversation with a facilitator on some visioning for the future for Camp TaWaSi (date to be decided). We need a volunteer to help organize this conversation. Can you?

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.

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

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

St. John's UCW Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon – Nov. 9, 11am – 2pm. 75 Alma St. Moncton. Luncheon served from 11:30am – 1:30pm. Come check out the selection of crafts, baking, jams, jellies, pickles, fudge, new to you treasures , books, etc.

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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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.