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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 17, 2019

Won't You Be My Neighbour?

Loving Community into Being - Matthew 25: 31-46

Panel Guests: Joanne Murray & Paul Clements

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| Nov.17 | 9:30am | Conversation Café - <i>Host: Anna & Bill Peters</i> |
| | 10:30am | Spirit Gathering |
| | 11:30am | Special Congregational Meeting |
| Nov. 20 | 7:00pm | Community Hub Conversation at Visions |
| Nov. 21 | 10:00am | Congregational Care Team |
| | 7:00pm | Choir Practice |
| Nov. 24 | 9:30am | Conversation Café – <i>Host: Anna & Bill Peters</i> |
| | 10:30am | Spirit Gathering |

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.

November Spirit Gathering Theme: Won't You Be My Neighbour?

This Sunday we welcome, Joanne Murray, Executive Director at the John Howard Society, and Paul Clements, Outreach Worker.

We continue the conversation about building community with the neighbours within and beyond the Community Hub at 140 Joyce Avenue:

"What does it mean to meet people where they are at?"

VISIONS NEWS & UPDATES

TODAY: Special Congregational Meeting - November 17 - 11:30am

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

Book Club: Our next book is **Oranges for Christmas** by *Margarita Morris*. We would love for you to join us!

Community Hub Conversation at Visions - November 20, 7pm-8:30 pm

This week's topic: Neighbourhood Demographics. We will delve deeper into the demographic study the UCC prepared for us and presented at the Nov 10 Spirit Gathering. We want to look at ideas for welcoming the neighbourhood to Visions, and begin to imagine what possibilities there may be for programs. This is our second evening of discussion and sharing more information in conjunction with our Spirit Gathering themes and the Community Hub project.

Do you love Camp TaWaSi? Volunteer needed to organize a conversation.

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).

Community Hub Information Session Volunteers: Nov. 25, 6:30-8pm

Visions and the John Howard Society are hosting an information session at 91 Murphy Avenue for community members in North East Moncton. We need volunteers as greeters to welcome attendees, host the Visions United kiosk, or help with refreshments and set-up of the space. Please speak with Shawn Redden, Peter Lightfoot or Peggy Renton if you can lend a hand.

Advent Email Personal Retreat: Starlight Stories begins November 30

Starlight Stories bring us five stories to help us get ready for Christmas. You'll meet John's childhood friend, Mary's mother Anna, Joseph who is ready to flee, a shepherd who holds his post, and even a story from the Star herself. The stories are wonderful – sometimes gently humorous, other times profoundly evocative, and always deeply authentic. Each one brings richness and depth to the human spiritual journey and the story of Incarnation. This retreat is offered as part of our congregational subscription to the Prayer Bench. You will receive a weekly email every Saturday during Advent. Sign up deadline: November 25 email: minister@visionsunited.ca

Broadview Banter November 28, 10-11am - Second Cup, Gorge/Mountain Rd. Drop by our monthly, informal gathering for conversation over the November issue of Broadview: Spirituality, Justice and Ethical Living. Extra copies are

available on the Giving Table or please visit broadview.org to view special feature stores and to sign up for their weekly newsletter. All are welcome!

Toyland: Once again, through Moncton Headstart, the Vision Aiders Team is planning to give assistance to those who need help at Christmas time. If you so wish, gift cards (suitable for teenagers) or a monetary donation (cash or a cheque made out to Visions United church with “TOYLAND” IN THE MEMO LINE) may be given and a tax receipt will be issued for both. A list of suitable cards will be available at church. Donations may be made at the table in the front hallway from Nov. 17 – Dec.15. Many Moncton families will greatly appreciate your generosity.

Temporary Office Hours Change: When we hired Emily we knew she would need to be away for a few weeks. Please note these office hours:
Nov. 18, 19 and 20th (Mon-Wed) from 9:30am-12:30pm.
Week of November 25-29, the office will be closed.
Dec. 5th and 6th (Thurs - Fri) from 9:30am – 12:30pm.
Thank you for your understanding and flexibility!

OTHER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES

Ten Thousand Villages 2019 International Fair-Trade Gift Sale: Nov. 21, 6pm-9pm; Nov. 22, 2pm-9pm; Nov.23 9am-3pm. St. Paul’s United Church, 404 Cleveland Ave., Riverview. Shop with intention and share in the joy! Free admission.

Mount Royal UCW- Candlelight Communion Service: Wed. Dec. 4, 7pm. 106 Mount Royal Blvd. Theme: Let the Angles Sing. An adaptation of a CGIT Vesper Service by Esther Mah and Rev. Jane Aikman. Offering: A non-perishable food item.

Trees for a Brighter Future: Gala, Dinner and Auction: Nov. 22. 6pm, Delta Hotel. This event is a gala, which includes diner, live and silent auctions, raffles, fun activities and door prizes. The funds raised by Inclusion Advocacy SENB help protect the rights and promote the interests of people with disabilities. To reserve or purchase tickets email:contactus@inclusionadvocacy.ca, call 857-8899 or purchase your tickets online at: <https://bit.ly/35d1a22>

Lutz Mountain – “Killer Reviews” – A Murder Mystery Farce in One Act by Michael Druce: Nov. 20-22, 7-9pm; Nov. 21, 1:30pm-3:30pm, Lutz Mountain Meeting House Dessert Theatre, 3143 Mountain Road, Moncton. When six famous film and theatre critics gather at the Castle Poupon on the Ille

Begotten off the Normandy Coast to receive the prestigious Van Janz Award for Literary Criticism, they quickly discover the sword is mightier than the pen. Tickets \$20 available from Meeting House or Wheaton's.

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| Office Hours: | This week: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30am – 12:30pm |
| Minister Hours: | This week: Thursday 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.