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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, December 22, 2019 - Advent 4 - Love
Preparing for the Mystery of Christmas

Dec. 22	9:30am	Conversation Café - <i>Host: Ruth Flanagan</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering - Advent 4 – Love
Dec. 24	4:00 pm	Children's Service of Story and Song
	7:00pm	Christmas Eve All Ages with Candle lighting
Dec. 29		No Spirit Gathering this week
Jan. 5	9:30am	Conversation Café- <i>Host: Peggy Renton</i>
	10:30am	Epiphany Sunday Karing Kitchen Sunday

Today, we light the Advent Candle of Love.

We prepare for the Mystery of Christmas with a special service
with our children, and we celebrate Communion.

Thank you to our children, youth and leaders for their participation in our
service this morning.

Our Sympathy

We offer our condolences and hold in prayer two of our families who have lost
grandparents this week:

Megan Smith and Justin Landry on the death of Megan's great-grandmother,
Marjorie Smith in Newfoundland;
and to our administrator, Emily Smith, on the death of her grandmother,
Kathleen Manley, in Ontario.

Merry Christmas and blessings of this season
as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!

Advent & Christmas Season Gatherings

Dec 24th Christmas Eve - 4:00pm Children's Service of Story and Song
Christmas Eve - 7:00pm All Ages with Candlelight service

Dec 29th No service

Jan 5th Epiphany Sunday

Toyland at Moncton Headstart – Thank you for everyone who participated in this wonderful Christmas giving opportunity this year. Your kindness and generosity will have made all the difference to the life of a youth this holiday!

Holiday Office Hours – Please note the modified office hours over the holidays.

Monday, Dec. 23 - 9:30am – 12:30 pm

Monday, Dec. 30 - 9:30am – 12:30pm

Friday, Jan. 3 - 9:30am-12:30pm

Rev. Shawn will be off but on call for any pastoral concerns Dec 25th-Jan1st.

Christmas Offering: Please keep in mind that all Christmas offerings that have not already been received should be brought to the Christmas Eve Service. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Offering Envelopes: Please pick yours up today before or after the Spirit Gathering.

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. Grocery cards can be purchased from Visions on Sunday morning. The Karing Kitchen issues tax receipts. Speak with Lila Briggs for more information.

Storm Cancellations - On Sunday mornings a decision will be made by 8am. When any services or special events are cancelled due to bad weather, a message will be left on Visions answering machine (384-0843), and a notice placed on our Website and Facebook page. We try and post notice to radio stations and CBC storm centre: <https://www.cbc.ca/news2/interactives/stormcentre/index.html?region=NB>

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

Christmas Greetings Visions United has joyfully received Seasons greetings electronically as well as in paper format from many of our friends. A few to highlight are The Alantic School of Theology, Youth Impact Jeunesse , Moncton's Headstart Program, Tatamagouche Centre and Camp-Ta-Wa-Si and many others.

OTHER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES

United Codiac Refugee Committee - A new family arriving in 2020 is in need of car seats. The children are 5-12 years of age. Because we are unsure of their size, we want to be prepared for them to ride safely in vehicles as per Canadian law. We are looking for at least one larger car seat for a toddler/small child and at least 2 booster seats. Please contact Bob Adsett at robertadsett@gmail.com if you can help. Also, please ensure that the car/booster seats meet today's safety standards.

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Office Hours:	Dec. 23, Dec. 30 and Jan. 3 rd 9:30am – 12:30pm	
Minister Hours:	On Call for Pastoral Concerns - Dec 25 - Jan 1	

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.