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Music Director: Daphna Pearson
Office Administrator: Emily Smith
Greeter: Art
Door Attendant: Wayne
Conversation Café: Wayne and Art
Teller: Joan Hawkes

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, February 23rd, 2020

Café Worship with Annual General Meeting 2019

"We Can Only Love Our Way Forward"

John 21:15-19

Feb. 23	9:30am	Conversation Café - <i>Host: Wayne and Art</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering & AGM
	Noon	Congregational Potluck
Feb. 25	5:30pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Lent Event
Feb. 27	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Feb. 28	7:00pm	Book Club
Mar. 1	9:30am	Conversation Café- <i>Host: Joan and Lorna</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering - Lent 1 - Lenten Conversations Sacrament of Communion

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.

New Business at the AGM February 23, 2019 - Recommendation of a temporary location for Spirit Gatherings once Stilesville property sells:

The Congregational Leadership Team recently discussed possible gathering spaces once the Stilesville property is sold, and before construction is completed on the Community Hub building at 140 Joyce Avenue. We will discuss and vote on this recommendation at the congregational meeting:

Recommendation: Visions hold our Spirit Gatherings at the P re Patrice LeBlanc Centre, 91 Murphy Avenue, for each Sunday of the month except the third Sunday. For that week, we will meet on the Thursday evening for "Supper Church".

Rationale:

- A location in the new neighbourhood enables Visions to engage the community immediately.
- This is preferable over renting worship space in another UCC, which avoids a change in service time and any parking issues.
- There is space available to accommodate our Sunday children's program
- The building is accessible
- The rent is reasonable and includes set-up, clean-up, use of AV equipment, provision of tea, coffee for Conversation Cafe. (*VU provides food*)
- The 3rd Sunday each month is not available for rental as the Knights of Columbus host a community breakfast fundraiser.
- The Thursday evening prior to the 3rd Sunday is available. VU would offer an alternative service called "Supper Church" as a new community initiative.

Annual Meeting Sunday and Congregational Potluck is Today - February 23rd

Following our Annual Meeting we will share in a time of fellowship and finger food in the hall downstairs. We ask that those whose last names begin with the letters A-K bring sandwiches, vegetables etc. and those whose last names begin with L-Z bring fruit, cookies etc. If you would prefer to trade with someone from another part of the alphabet - feel free. We only ask that you keep in mind that it is "finger foods".

Rev Shawn Redden will be on vacation Feb 25-27. Please contact her directly in case of a pastoral emergency. She will return on Feb 28 - March 1 for hospital visiting and Sunday Spirit Gathering. She will also be on vacation March 2-9. During this week please contact Peggy Renton of Congregational Care 386-1077 who will be in touch with the minister on call. Rev. Jane Aikman will lead the Spirit Gathering on March 8.

Visions Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Lenten Event - Feb. 25th, 5:30pm - 7pm. We will gather for a special congregational pancake supper and mark the beginning of Lent. We will listen to a short all-ages story and participate in the ritual of ashes to mark the beginning of Lent. RSVP for planning and supper by Sunday, February 23rd. Sign-up sheet on the giving table or RSVP by email: office@visionsunited.ca with the subject: Pancake Tuesday.

Book Club: Our next meeting is at 7:00 February 28th in the Common Room at 25 Dominion St. We will be discussing the book *Becoming* by Michelle Obama.

Inclusion Advocacy will host their annual Curling event on April 4th and are looking for Teams of 4 to participate. Cost is \$200 per team, and teams are encouraged to fund raise. Details are on their Website at InclusionAdvocacy.ca or contact Terry MacTavish-Hawkes.

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

OTHER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES

The Atlantic School of Theology - AST is once again producing podcasts on theological questions, social issues and emerging movements in the Church. They can be found on AST You Tube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/astheology>

The most recent episode is: *Episode 5 – “Sacraments in the United Church of Canada”* Download the audio version from their Podcast Site <https://the-ast-podcast.simplecast.com/>

Leap Year Muffin Party – Sat. Feb. 29th, 10-11:30am. St. John's United Church, 75 Alma St., Moncton. Everyone Welcome! Free-will offering. Let us know you will be attending 858-8289 or sjuc@aibn.com

Riverview World Day of Prayer Service - Friday, March 6, 2pm at St.Paul's United Church, 404 Cleveland Ave. Reception to follow. The materials have been prepared by women in Zimbabwe.

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Office Hours:	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30am – 12:30pm	
Minister Hours:	This Week: Vacation	

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.