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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, February 9th, 2020

The Story of Congregational Care:

"Drawing the Circle Wider"

Christian Pastoral Care in the 21st Century

Feb. 9	9:30am	Conversation Café - <i>Host: Anna & Bill Peters</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
Feb. 11	1:30pm	UCW Meeting
Feb. 12	7:00pm	CLT Meeting
Feb 13	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Feb 14	9:00am	Partnership Joint Steering Team
Feb. 16	9:30am	Conversation Café- <i>Host: Lila & Cecil Briggs</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering

Children's Spirit Space

This week's leader: Linda Higgins. 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.

Thank you to the Congregational Care Team for their leadership and participation in worship today. They are sharing the story of the ministry of congregational care and their reflections on their book study, *Nurturing Hope: Pastoral Care in the 21st Century*.

VISIONS NEWS & UPDATES

Let's Do Lunch? Feb 16th, noon - Central United would like to invite the Visions United congregation to join them for Lunch at the Inspiration Cafe on Sunday February 16 following our Sunday gathering. The Central United folks were really appreciative of the invitation to join Visions recently to watch 'A Wonderful Day in the Neighbourhood' at the Cineplex and would like to reciprocate. It is also a great way for more people to become familiar with the Inspiration Cafe. Lunch will likely be a set menu and price. Details will be available next week. Please let the office know if you are interested in attending by noon on Thursday February 13th.

Charitable Tax Receipts - please pick up your tax receipt today. All receipts not picked up by Feb.16th will be mailed. For confidentiality, please only pick up **your** receipt. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Annual Meeting Sunday is February 23 - please mark your calendar.

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 23 Sign-up sheet on the giving table or RSVP by email: office@visionsunited.ca with the subject: Pancake Tuesday.

Leaders for Small Group study on the Spirituality of Aging - Would you be interested in leading or co-leading a small group study? This may be used in Lent or later in the spring. Please speak with Rev. Shawn for more info.

Have you loaned anything to Visions? Have you forgotten something?

Our Trustees prepared an inventory of property we will take with us or may leave behind or sell. We've extended the deadline on account of our storm Sundays. Please notify us by February 16th, so we can update our inventory list, and remove any personal property. After that date the Trustees will consider any property, not noted otherwise, as congregational property.

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

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

OTHER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES

Central United Church Movie Night "Green Book" Thurs, Feb 20 at 7pm, 150 Queen St. Movie and snacks are free of charge. Come and bring friends. Rated PG.

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 episodes are: *Episode 4– "Religion and Sport"*

Download the audio version from their Podcast Site <https://the-ast-podcast.simplecast.com/>

AST Upcoming Worskshop: *Leading from the Inside*, April 3 & 4, Details:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/leading-from-the-inside-out-facilitating-change-for-a-world-in-crisis-tickets-88526658619>

Tatamagouche Centre Upcoming Events

2020 Licensed Lay Worship Leader Retreat, Details:

<https://www.tatacentre.ca/programs/licensed-lay-worship-leader-training-wilderness-and-wonder-2020/> .

Winter Gaming Retreat, Feb. 28 – March 1

A weekend get-away to play tabletop roleplaying games! A supportive, peer-led weekend to try playing and leading games for the first time.

Details: <https://www.tatacentre.ca/programs/winter-gaming-retreat-2020/>

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

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.