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Teller: Gordon Norton

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 16th, 2020

Transfiguration Sunday

"Come...Wait...Listen..."

Exodus 24:12-18 and Matthew 17:1-9

Feb. 16	9:30am	Conversation Café - <i>Host: Lila and Cecil Briggs</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
	Noon	Lunch - Inspirational Café
Feb. 17	6:30pm	Finance Team Meeting
Feb. 20	10:00am	Broadview Banter - 190 Carson Dr. Common Rm
	1:00pm	Spirit of Music Steering Team (St Paul's United)
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Feb. 21	9:30am	Vision Aiders Meeting (Second Cup Gorge Rd)
Feb. 23	9:30am	Conversation Café- <i>Host: Wayne and Art</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering & AGM
	Noon	Congregational Potluck

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

Let's Do Lunch? Feb 16th, noon – today is the day! We will meet everyone who registered for this event at the Inspiration Café following our Spirit Gathering.

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.

Broadview Banter: Thursday, February 20th at 10am, 190 Carson Dr. Common Room. Host: Anna Peters. Join us for a monthly, informal gathering for conversation over the latest edition of Broadview. Bring along your February issue of our United Church magazine and come ready to discuss ideas and share opinions. All are welcome.

Vision Aiders: Friday, February 21 at 9:30am at the Second Cup, Gorge Road.

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 Père 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 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". See you at lunch next Sunday.

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.

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 (today!), 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.

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.

OTHER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES

Central United Church Movie Night "Green Book" Thurs., Feb. 20th 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 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/>

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

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.