



2020

VISIONS UNITED SUMMER BULLETIN



ONLINE SPIRIT GATHERINGS & SUMMER VACATION

Visions will have a Sabbath time and no Spirit Gatherings June 21 - August 2. On these Sundays, Rev. Janice MacLean and Trinity United (Riverview) will welcome us to worship on-line with them from June 21-July 26. Two ways to join them:

- 1) You can join them live on their public facebook site at 11am Sunday at:
<https://www.facebook.com/TrinityUnitedRiverivew>
You do not need a facebook account to listen to the service.
- 2) Immediately after the gathering (after 11:30am Sunday) the recorded video is available on their website: <https://trinityunitedchurchriverview.com/>

SUMMER PASTORAL CARE

June 15 - July 26: Rev. Janice MacLean will provide emergency pastoral care as necessary and within the guidelines of Public Health and Trinity United Church. You can contact her by email: ministertrinityuc@gmail.com or call Peggy Renton, Congregational Care (386-1077).

July 27 - Aug 2: contact Peggy Renton for info: 386-1077

Hospital Visitation is provided by Rev. Lloyd Bruce, the United Church Chaplain. Contact him directly at (506) 940-1151 or by email: lloydabruce@icloud.com

OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the office will be closed from June 15th until August 4th. Summer Offerings received during July will be processed after the office opens again in August.

SALE OF STILESVILLE CAMPUS

As of April 30, 2020 our 1270 Gorge Road property has been sold to the Notre-Dame-de-Joie Mission for \$128,500. After real estate and lawyer's fees, associated disbursements, and HST adjustments, the net proceeds from the sale is \$120,399.87. This has been put into a 'Hub Lease Fund' from which 5% (\$6020) will go to support the Regional Archives, \$20,000 (estimated) for audio-visual expenses at the Community Hub, and the remainder to pay for leasing at the Community Hub, 140 Joyce Avenue, Moncton.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We have revised both the 2020 budget as well as our 5 Year Financial Outlook. Check out the video for a clear summary on these revisions.

www.dropbox.com/s/tdnin3uznrczlx4/Finance%20Update%20Video.mov?dl=0

CROSS COUNTRY CANADA PILGRIMAGE

Join us on a virtual pilgrimage across Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean.

Check out all the details at:

www.visionsunited.ca/cross-canada-pandemic-pilgrimage/

SUMMER SABBATH SERIES

The Prayer Bench's Summer Sabbath Series: The Inventions of Summer has been emailed to the congregation. This series includes four devotions for your staycation, back deck or during Visions' Summer Sabbath.



COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE

As the poem goes –

Spring has sprung, the grass is riz.
You wondering now where Visions is?

This short update is to inform you “where Visions is”. We hoped Visions would be “replanted” in the Joyce Ave. area by this summer. The restrictions around COVID-19 have altered (and might further alter) the timeline for our relocation.

Spirit Gatherings/Other programs:

Our services will continue on-line in August when we return from our summer recess. Eventually, we plan to meet temporarily at the Père Patrice Leblanc Centre, 91 Murphy Ave., just 1 block east of the 140 Joyce Ave. construction site. Your Congregational Leadership Team (CLT) will carefully examine the situation in August and consider public health guidelines, the well-being of our members, and how we can best engage the neighbourhood. We will keep you informed of our plans by September.

140 Joyce Ave. Construction: Preliminary site preparations are complete. Our builder, Windsor Construction, is as eager to resume work, as we all are. Now, we are awaiting the final paper work from the funding sources, which outlines when the money starts flowing to pay the construction bills. Once work is underway we will revise the timeline for completion/occupancy and share it with you.

Hub Planning/Community Engagement: Planning for the Community Hub is starting up, even with pandemic concerns. Operational plans need to be fully in place for when the building is completed. Engaging with the community, Hub staffing requirements, an interim Hub governance plan, an interim management Hub Board, and further partners for this venture are all necessary components. This exciting time is the perfect opportunity for Visions to connect with the neighbourhood and jump into the future. We hope you are as enthusiastic as we are, so stay tuned for your opportunity to participate.

Point to Ponder: While we Visions folks are impatient to get “back to normal”, this is a very large and complex innovative project, especially in these difficult times. The largest construction project in the Bible was the building of the Ark. Even with God as “Project Manager” navigating the bureaucratic red tape, Noah was 600 years old when it was completed! We promise you will be much younger than that, when our project is completed by us mere mortals...

- Peter Lightfoot, Partnership Steering Team & CLT Congregational Rep.

VISIONS RECEIVES UCC NEW MINISTRIES GRANT!

Congregational Leadership Team (CLT) is delighted and humbled to announce Visions receipt of a United Church of Canada New Ministries Grant of \$25,000 for June 2020 to May 2021, renewable for two more years for a total of \$75,000. We are delighted because it's a national endorsement of our partnership journey of “Openness” with John Howard Society in creating a Community Hub in Northeast Moncton. We're humbled because ours is the only New Ministries Grant to have been issued this spring for the entire country!

This will help us begin our ministry in the new neighbourhood, plan and participate in community engagement sessions, and develop the Community Hub partnership by covering some of our program costs and a portion of our staff salaries/ time commitment to this work. The Grant obviously makes a major improvement in our 2020 budget (see the financial update this Friday). This grant is an opportunity for Visions to thrive into the future, but is also a serious obligation for us to ensure that this UCC investment in our innovative, community-enhancing project is well-placed.

Visions: dreams made real!

Open Doors - Open Minds - Open Hands - Open Hearts

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Revised 2020 Budget Update

Visions United Church

Congregational Life Fund:

2019 Budgeted Revenue/Expenses

Original as Accepted at	June
Annual Congregational	Revised
Meeting in February	Projection

Revenues

Contribution Revenues

Offering	107,000	107,000
Grants	0	0
Covid Wage Subsidy	na	11,986
Fund Raising Projects		
Book & Garage Sales	0	0
Card Sales Profit	3,000	2,000
Catering	0	0
Chicken Salad Takeout	0	0
Green Purchases	0	
Stilesville Pancake Brunches	0	0
The Beef/Turkey Supper	0	0
Traditional Breakfasts	0	0

Subtotal for Fund Raising Projects

3,000	2,000
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Miscellaneous Revenues

Other Revenue		
Facility Usage Rental	0	0
Investment Revenue (past years)	20	20
Payment for Services, Reimb, Dispositions, etc	1,700	1,700

Subtotal for Other Revenue

1,720	1,720
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Total for Revenues

111,720	122,706
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2020 Budgeted Revenue/Expenses continued

Original Budget

Expenditures

Operating Expenses

Administration	0	200
Financial Fees	1,500	1,500
Insurance (except for buildings)	720	1,553
Office Supplies	2,400	2,400
Denominational Assessment	5,288	5,288
Publicity Expense	5,000	226
Stewardship Program Expenses	0	0
Telephone/Internet Expense	2,400	2,253

Subtotal for Administration

17,308 13,420

Congregational Care

Committee Expenses	500	500
Congregational Socials	2,000	2,000
Conversation Café	1,000	600
Family Camp	0	0

Subtotal for Congregational Care

3,500 3,100

Property & Facilities

Dover Cemetery	700	700
Electricity	4,500	2,355
Heating Oil	2,000	1,096
Insurance	2,000	1,062
Normal Building Maintenance	2,170	1,276
Renovations & Repairs	500	0
Rental Expense (worship, office, storage)	0	2,197

Subtotal for Property Maintenance

11,870 8,686

Spirit & Worship

Childrens' Programming Costs	1,000	630
Equipment for Music, Sound & Video	200	200
Learning Resources	500	774
Worship Resources & Copyrights	1,300	1,300

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3,000 2,904

Staff & Human Resources

Guest Speaker/Clergy/Musician/Contractor	6,623	2,815
Leadership Development & Cont Ed	1,642	1,642
Salaries & Benefits	130,176	128,095
Travel Expense	2,520	2,000

Subtotal for Staff & Human Resources

140,961 134,552
-4,200

Transfer into Transition Fund

1,600 1,600

Total for Expenditures

178,239 160,062

Revenue minus expenses

-66,519 -37,356

Transfers required from Ministry Fund

-66,519 -37,356

Revised 5Year Financial Outlook

Anticipated Scenario (3 Additional \$25,000/year grant monies, no changes to expenses)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Revenues	124,413	122,706	119,640	128,323	135,549	142,820
Expenses (Excluding Rent)	162,706	160,062	171,138	171,405	173,957	176,121
Operating Deficit before rent	(38,293)	(37,355)	(51,498)	(43,082)	(38,408)	(33,301)
Rent in Hub			25,000	25,500	26,010	26,530
Annual Deficit	(38,293)	(37,355)	(76,498)	(68,582)	(64,418)	(59,831)
Grants	15,000	15,000	25,000	25,000	10,000	-
Net Deficit	(23,293)	(22,355)	(51,498)	(43,582)	(54,418)	(59,831)
Ministry/Manse Fund end of year	112,037	89,682	63,184	45,102	16,694	(16,607)
Campus Sale Fund end of year		94,380	69,380	43,880	17,870	(8,660)
Balance of Investments at year end	112,037	184,062	132,564	88,982	34,564	(25,268)