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**Office Administrator:** Emily Smith  
**Greeter:** Carla Bourque  
**Door Attendant:** Doug Bourque  
**Conversation Café:** Peggy Renton  
**Teller:** Bob Christie

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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, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Epiphany Sunday**  
**Living in the Light**

Jan. 5	9:30am	Conversation Café - <i>Host: Peggy Renton</i>
	10:30am	Epiphany Sunday Karing Kitchen Sunday
Jan. 8	7:00pm	CLT Meeting
Jan. 9	10:00am	Congregational Care Meeting
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Jan. 12	9:30am	Conversation Café- <i>Host: Audrey Hayward</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering - Baptism of Jesus Sunday

### **Today, we celebrate Epiphany!**

Do you recall the gift of a Star Word received last Epiphany?

This Sunday, you are invited to share any reflections about your word from 2019, and receive a new word for 2020: *Did your word surprise you? How did it become a prayer of discernment for you or offer you wisdom?*

Come, celebrate the journey of the Magi,

receive your gift of a Star Word for your journey in 2020,  
and leave with a blessing for our homes and our hearts this New Year.

Happy Epiphany!

**Karing Kitchen** – Your chance to donate groceries and/or grocery store cards, the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**De-decorating the Church** - After the service on Sunday we need volunteers to help pack away the Christmas decorations.

**CLT Meeting:** Please send your reports to Anna Peters CLT. Her email is CLTsecretary@visionsunited.ca

**Team Annual Reports** – All representatives of committees who submit reports without financial statements for the Annual Report, please email your report to Emily by January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Antique Choir Chairs For Sale** - We currently have some beautiful, wooden, cane seating chairs available for purchase. They can be viewed on the stage in the old Sanctuary. Cost per chair is \$30. Please direct all inquiries to Joan Hawkes. You will want to move quickly as the deadline to purchase is Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Book Club:** Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, Common Room at 190 Carson Drive. We will gather at 4:00pm to discuss the book **Mrs. Lincoln’s Dressmaker** by *Jennifer Chiaverini*. Spouses/partners are invited to join us for a Potluck at 5:00pm.

**Offering Envelopes:** Please pick yours up today before or after the Spirit Gathering in the lobby. After today, any unclaimed envelopes will be available for pick up in the office.

**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 Sobeys, 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](mailto:announcements@visionsunited.ca)

#### OTHER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES

**Roast Pork Dinner** – January 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm – 7pm. Mountain View United Church, 85 MacBeath Ave. Tickets \$15 (children under 12 \$5). For tickets please call the church office at 506-857-4817.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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<b>Minister Hours:</b>	Thursday 9:30am-12:30pm	

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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