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**Music Director:** Daphna Pearson  
**Office Administrator:** Emily Smith  
**Greeter:** Audrey Hayward  
**Door Attendant:** Randy Hayward  
**Conversation Café:** Jane Aikman & June Kelly  
**Teller:** Jocelyne Quann

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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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Baptism of Jesus**

*Matthew 3:13-17*

Waters of Blessing and Faith

Jan. 26	9:30am	Conversation Café - <i>Host: Jane Aikman &amp; June Kelly</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
	4:00pm	Book Club
Jan 28	9:00am	Joint Steering Team (John Howard Society)
	3:45pm	Planning Team - Shrove Tuesday Program
Jan. 30	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Feb. 1	9:30am	Communications 'Think Tank'
Feb. 2	9:30am	Conversation Café- <i>Host: Anna &amp; Bill Peters</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering

### **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.

### **Waters of Blessing and Faith**

Remembering the story of Jesus' baptism is our invitation to celebrate the blessing, "*You are a Beloved Child of God*", and recommit ourselves to the call of Love.

Today we welcome into our Visions family of faith by  
Transfer of Membership

*John Foster & Rev. Jane Aikman*

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## VISIONS NEWS & UPDATES

**Sympathy** - We offer our prayers and condolences Margaret MacDonald on the death of her sister, Christine Reid on Jan.10.

**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 Chiaverni*. Spouses/partners are invited to join us for a Potluck at 5:00pm.

### **Feb 1 (Sat) 9:30am-Noon - Communications 'Think Tank' Volunteers**

Are you interested in helping us plan a communications strategy for our move into our new neighbourhood? We need to update our website, explore other social media platforms, design some new promotional materials, and think about how we can reach out to people and share Visions' story in our new neighbourhood. Can you help? Do you have ideas? Join us for this brainstorming and planning session, or speak with Carla Bourque, Terry Hawkes or Rev. Shawn for more info. (Campus)

### **Prayer Bench Email Retreats - A New Approach - Sign up by Jan 30th**

Visions purchases a subscription to the Prayer Bench resources, and can register individuals for the personal email retreats. With this new approach you sign-up once for the whole year and you will receive one Email Retreat every month (except July and August) exploring new ideas and topics. The March and November retreat will offer an expanded edition: a small pilgrim manual with prayers and practices that will invite attention on a weekly basis during Lent and Advent: 10 Monthly Email Retreats, Holy Week Reflections; Stroll for Your Soul (spring); Summer Sabbath. You can sign-up anytime during the year. To receive the yearly package, and begin with January reflection, please email [office@visionsunited.ca](mailto:office@visionsunited.ca) by January 30th, and put "Prayer Bench Retreats" in the subject line.

The *January Email Retreat* is called "How Then Shall We Live." Instead of resolutions that perhaps add more to our lives, we look at how we "order our loves" to live more wholly within ourselves, and we learn how to make practices of what we already do to live with more intention.

### **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. Please notify us by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.

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

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

## OTHER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES

**Senior Fitness**: Come join us at St. Paul's United Church in Riverview for an hour of fun and fitness every Tuesday and Friday morning. We have two classes, "Fifty Plus Fitness" from 9-10 am for those who are active and who have participated in an exercise class before, and "Senior Fitness" for someone who wants to try an exercise group out, or if you have health or mobility issues. The cost for the January to May 31st. session is \$80.00, but this can be paid in two installments. Both groups feature exercises for aerobics, balance, stretching and strength improvement. To register or for more information, phone Marge at 372-4570.

**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 1 – "Leadership in the 21st Century"* and *Episode 2 "The Two Popes"*

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

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<b>Office Hours:</b>	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30am – 12:30pm	
<b>Minister Hours:</b>	This Week: 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.

**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.