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Conversation Café: Audrey Hayward
Teller: June Kelly

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 19th, 2020

Baptism of Jesus

Matthew 3:13-17

Waters of Blessing and Faith

Jan. 19	9:30am	Conversation Café - <i>Host: Audrey Hayward</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering
Jan. 20	5:30pm	Finance/Property and Trustee Meeting
Jan. 23	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Jan. 26	9:30am	Conversation Café- <i>Host: Jane Aikman and June Kelly</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

VISIONS NEWS & UPDATES

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

A couple weeks ago - We Received a Star Word for 2020

During the service we each chose a star with a word on it. The invitation is to ponder this word, pray about it, notice how it can guide your spiritual journey in this coming year. If you would like a star word, email Shawn and she will send a word to you.

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 20th. Thank you to everyone who has already submitted one!

Book Club: Sunday, January 26th, 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.

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)

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 31st, 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

OTHER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES

The Atlantic School of Theology: AST is once again producing podcasts on theological questions, social issues and emerging movements in the Church. The most recent is *Episode 1 - Leadership in the 21st Century*

VIDEO: <https://youtu.be/W2iZmPoq7rc>

itunes PODCAST: <https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/the-ast-podcast/id1494590832>

Google PODCAST: <https://podcasts.google.com/?feed=aHR0cHM6Ly9mZWVkcyc5zaW1wbGVjYXN0LmNvbS9xSGJtcEQzMA%3D%3D>

Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/show/7KLWQZkubd0OnWtUhMv85u?si=jm8txtgDTSqvAxEM4oLIGg>

The Honourable Mayann Francis Faith in Action Award 2020

Nominations for The Honourable Mayann Francis Faith in Action Award 2020 are now open! The deadline to nominate is March 8, 2020.

If you would like to nominate someone please visit:

<http://www.astheology.ns.ca/home/faith-in-action.html>

The Award, to be presented by AST, honours exceptional community outreach that is recognized as having provided significant benefit to the wider community. This outreach award is given to an individual whose honoured work is driven by their religious commitment to the faith tradition to which they belong.

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