



**Minister:** Rev. Dr. Shawn Redden  
**Music Director:** Daphna Pearson  
**Office Administrator:** Emily Smith  
**Greeter:** needed  
**Door Attendant:** needed  
**Conversation Café:** Anna & Bill Peters  
**Teller:** Cecil Briggs

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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, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

**Beatitudes - The Blessing of BE-attitudes**

*Matthew 5:1-12*

Feb. 2	9:30am	Conversation Café - <i>Host: Anna &amp; Bill Peters</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering Karing Kitchen Sunday
Feb. 5	7:00pm	Spirit and Worship Meeting
Feb. 6	10:00am	Congregational Care
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Feb 8	9:30am-noon	Communications "Think-tank" (rescheduled)
Feb. 9	9:30am	Conversation Café- <i>Host: Anna &amp; Bill Peters</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering

### **Children's Spirit Space**

This week's leader: Linda Higgins. 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.

**Thank you** to Trudy Colpitts, our Licensed Lay Worship Leader- in-training, for planning and leading our Spirit Gathering this morning.

Participation in worship and preparing parts of the service

is part of the program to be recognized

as a Licenced Lay Worship Leader in the United Church.

## VISIONS NEWS & UPDATES

**Sympathy** - We offer our prayers and condolences to Doug and Carla Bourque on the death of Doug's mum, Claire Bourque, this past week, and to Pam Harrison on the passing of her Aunt Lucy Barkhouse, age 97 in Mahone Bay. May our love and prayers for healing surround both of these families.

**Thank You** - A huge and heartfelt thank you to the wonderful congregation of Visions United! We love the beautiful basket of baby gifts and appreciate all the time and effort put forth by you! We look forward to using them with our little boy, William. Your generosity is a lovely and surprising blessing. We will be sure to bring him by for a visit once he arrives. - *Breanna & Rob Sharpe, and Rev. Shawn.*

**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. Grocery cards can be purchased from Visions on Sunday morning. The Karing Kitchen issues tax receipts. Speak with Lila Briggs for more information.

**Rescheduled - New Date: Feb 8(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)

**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 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**

**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 3 – "Race, culture and migration in Atlantic Canada"*

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

**United Church Calendars:** If anyone is still looking to purchase a United Church Calendar please contact Liz at Mountain View United Church, 506-857-4817. Calendars are \$7.00 each.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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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.