



**Minister:** Rev. Dr. Shawn Redden  
**Music Director:** Daphna Pearson  
**Office Administrator:** Emily Smith  
**Greeter:** Carol Kelly  
**Door Attendant:** Charlie Kelly  
**Conversation Café:** Joan and Lorna  
**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, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

Lent 1 – Lenten Conversations

Matthew 4:1-11

Sacrament of Communion

Mar. 1	9:30am	Conversation Café - <i>Host: Joan and Lorna</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering Karing Kitchen
Mar. 5	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Mar. 8	9:30am	Conversation Café- <i>Host: ?</i>
	10:30am	Spirit Gathering - Lent 2

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

This Sunday we invite our children to remain with us for an all-ages worship when we will begin Lent and celebrate communion together at table.

Our helper, Kaylee Cormier, will be available to care for very young children and /or spend time with children who need a stretch break.

There are also activity bags available for children.

### **Lenten Conversations**

During the season of Lent we will explore the theme "Lenten Conversations".

We begin this Sunday with Jesus' journey into the wilderness - a time of 40 days and nights of life-changing conversation and prayer, as he discerned his future path.

Each week you will be offered an "Invitation for Conversation" to practice during the coming week. The first week's focus is on prayer.

## VISIONS NEWS & UPDATES

**Rev Shawn Redden** will be on vacation March 3-9. During this week please contact Peggy Renton of Congregational Care 386-1077 who will be in touch with the minister on call. Rev. Jane Aikman will lead the Spirit Gathering on March 8.

**Church Office Hours** The office will be closed on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Greeters, Door and Conversation Café** – Volunteers needed for these positions over the next few weeks. Please sign up today!

### **Planning Group for a Decommissioning Service for the Church Building**

Are you interested in planning a service of celebration of the history of the Visions United Church building (former Stilesville United Church)? This service would happen once we know the property is definitely sold and have a closing date for the sale. Usually when a church building is sold or closed there is a decommissioning service to give thanks for the building as a place of worship. Please email Rev. Shawn if you are interested in helping plan this event for the Stilesville/Indian Mountain community.

### **Youth Forum and Intermediates @ Conference Registration is Now Open**

Intermediates at Conference (I@C) is our program tailored to middle school and junior high age participants. Our theme this year is “Building Community” and we have some amazing adventures, games, talks and so much more planned for you! Please contact the I@C Registrar, Joy Hewitt if you have any questions specific to I@C registration

email: [intermediatesregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:intermediatesregistrar@gmail.com)

Youth Forum (YF) is our program developed for high school and university age participants. We have some amazing activities, games and so much more planned for you! Please contact the I@C Registrar, Grace MacMillan if you have any questions specific to YF registration via

email: [grace.macmillan@hotmail.com](mailto:grace.macmillan@hotmail.com)

Due to a generous financial offering from the two Regions, we are delighted to offer you a special registration fee of \$150 to all participants this year. We are so excited to have you come join us for what promises to be an inspirational, fun and fantastic time! We can’t wait to see each and every one of you there in May!

**Inclusion Advocacy** will host their annual Curling event on April 4<sup>th</sup> and are looking for Teams of 4 to participate. Cost is \$200 per team, and teams are encouraged to fund raise. Details are on their Website at [InclusionAdvocacy.ca](http://InclusionAdvocacy.ca) or contact Terry MacTavish-Hawkes.

**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**

**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 episode is: *Episode 6 – “Exploring Post-Secular Spaces”*

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

**Riverview World Day of Prayer Service** - Friday, March 6, 2pm at St. Paul's United Church, 404 Cleveland Ave. Reception to follow. The materials have been prepared by women in Zimbabwe.

**Lenten Bible Study 2020 “From Cross to Tomb and Beyond”** March 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 10:15am – 12pm. St. John's United, 75 Alma St. You are invited to participate in this year's Lenten Bible study led by Minister Emeritus, the Rev. Dr. Douglas MacEachern. To register please call the Church Office 858-8289 or email [sjuc@nb.aibn.com](mailto:sjuc@nb.aibn.com) by March 11. All are welcome!

**Jiggs Dinner** - March 20, 6pm, Mountainview United Church, 85 MacBeath Ave. Corn beef and cabbage, desert, tea and coffee. Entertainment following dinner: Gerry Melanson and Jonathan's Band. Tickets: Adults \$15 Children under 12, \$10. Please phone 857-4817.

**Maritime UCW Biennial Meeting “Colouring Outside the Lines”** April 24-26<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul's United, Riverview. All United Church Women members are welcome to attend. Registration is now being received for this three day UCW gathering. If you need further information please contact Anna Peters at [arpeter460@gmail.com](mailto:arpeter460@gmail.com)

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

### **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 2020 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.