

Visions United Spirit Gathering

January 10th, 2021

*Acts Now! Part 2 - Stories of Making Church Outside a Building
The Story of Paul - A Change of Heart - Becoming the Story*

Our Community Gathers

Prelude Star of the East *Harmonica: Norma Downey-Tuff (94^{1/2}) & daughter, Daphna*
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Welcome

God's Doors Are Open to All!
Open Doors · Open Minds · Open Hands · Open Hearts
Visions United seeks to be a safe place for people of all
races, creeds, ages, cultural backgrounds,
sexual orientations and gender identities to worship.

Song Come in, Come in New Year *Lead: John & Daphna Pearson*
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Come in, Come in, New Year
With sparkling winter day!
Your promise calls us here
To cel-e- brate and pray.
Through Jan- u-ar-y's open door
To stride with hopeful step once more.

Come in, New Year, and sell
Your wares - of chance and change.
Engage us with your spell
To risk- and re-ar-range.
To feel the Spirit's impulse beat.
To follow down a diff'rent street.

The cal-en-dar of Christ.
Will mark- the sea-sons' turn.
His story claims our trust,
His love- be ours to learn.
For all the world, for young and old.
We pray a year of peace unfold!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gathering Prayer

We Listen for Wisdom

Theme Introduction Act 2: Stories of Making Church Outside a Building *Shawn Redden*

Scripture Story Reflection

The Story of Paul

From "Paul's Discovery", a Godly Play Story by Jerome Berryman
©2003, *Godly Play Resources, Volume 4 - The Complete Guide to Godly Play*

- Story** Leaving Tarsus (*Paul's Birth*) *Reader: Megan Smith*
- Song** VU#644 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry (v.1-3) *Lead: John Foster*
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- Story** Studying at the Temple *Reader: Brian Botten*
- Story** Experience on the Road to Damascus *Reader: Jane Aikman*
- Song** VU#266 Amazing Grace (v.1&2) *Lead: Brian Affleck (guitar) & Daphna Pearson*
Words: John H. Newton, © 1779. Public Domain
- Story** Escape from Damascus & Paul's Time in the Desert *Reader: Shawn Redden*
- Story** Paul's Word: Letters to New Churches *Reader: Trudy Colpitts*
- Song** VU#567 Will You Come and Follow Me? (v.1, 2 &5) *Lead: Bill Peters & John Pearson*
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- Story** Jerusalem for the Last Time *Reader: Brian Botten*
- Story** Paul's Death (*Death and Yet*) *Reader: Shawn Redden*
- Wondering** A Change of Heart: Becoming the Story

We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

- Song** A Companion on the Road *Lead: Bill Peters*
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- Draw a breath. -- Say a prayer. --
 Now look around, see that someone else is there.
 Take a hand. Share the load.
 It's good to have --- a companion on the road. ---
 It's good to be --- a companion on the road.

Our Community at Prayer *Brian Botten, Ministry Student*

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

Blessing and Changing of the Light

- Song** MV#212 Sent Out in Jesus Name *Lead: Ainsley MacTavish –Hawkes*
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May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.