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My father ended his service in WW2 as a prisoner of war. He was wounded and captured in France. After his surgery he was moved into a German POW camp to do hard labour. He seldom talked about the details of his life in the army or his time as a POW. One time he attempted to fill in the forms to apply for a pension he was eligible for, but he only finished about a half a paragraph describing his circumstances and left it in the middle of a sentence. He never completed the form and no one in the family knew of its existence until he died and we had to go through his papers.

What he did communicate, however, was some core values that permeated his life: patriotism, service to country and community, you have to stand up to injustice when you see it happening, and there is almost always a personal cost to be borne when you live your values. They are not free.

I write this by way of introducing the November newsletter and our theme for this month. We will look at the theme of Core Values and we'll use the story of the great Hebrew Bible prophet, Jeremiah.

Jeremiah is a hard read for most of the chapters are of doom and warnings of great perils that will occur if the people of Israel do not change their ways. The language is a precursor for great drama's like The Lord Of the Rings or Star Wars. All is not well in the kingdom and Jeremiah alternatively warns, pleads, threatens the people to wake up and to recognize that there are consequences for their straying from their core values of following Gods way. He also gives them signs of hope that the perils they face will not last forever and some day they will return from exile and will no longer be displaced people.

Our Core Values will be explored through this story that is now about 3000 years old as well as through the various Sundays of this rich month of November. The First Sunday is Nov. 1 and we'll celebrate All Saints Day and remember the legacy that we have received from the people who have gone before us. We'll also share a virtual communion. Second Sunday we will observe Remembrance Day and rededicate ourselves to peace with justice in a very unsettled world. The third and fourth Sunday's we'll come closer to home and look at the Core Values of BVU. We'll also bid farewell to our 2019-20 Christian Year and for the last Sunday of November we'll welcome the start of a new Christian Year with the First Sunday of Advent.

November, you come for us whether we are ready or not. And you bring a time of stripping away the foliage. So our main branches are revealed. And we ready ourselves. To meet whatever may come. Indeed to say: Bring it on.

With Warm Regards,
Cheryl and Mark



Children , Youth & Family

BVU KIDS' ZONE

Sunday, November 1st we will be meeting in person with kids up to age 12. We gather in the hall at the Arbutus Site from 11:00am til 11:45am. There will be activities based on the bible story for the month and each family will receive a Faith@Home kit to continue diving into the story on their own time at home. Parents may want to take in the concert while their child is taking part (you must [register for the concert](#)) or come and sign your child in then return to pick them up. You can [register your children](#) to attend but if it is a last minute decision, your kids are still welcome to join us! We have 4 great youth leaders who are excited to explore our faith together!



YOUTH GROUPS @ THE ARBUTUS SITE

Our Senior Youth Group is for students in grades 9 – 12. We meet every second Sunday from 7pm– 9pm at the Arbutus Site (Nov. 8 and 22). This is a great opportunity to explore new ways of being with peers in a safe place. We are following Covid protocols as we share fun and laughter and friendship.



PARENT AND TOT PLAY GROUP

Parents/Caregivers and little ones ages 0 to 4 years are invited to join us at the Arbutus Site every Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30. We have implemented Covid Protocols and this includes limiting our numbers to 20 children and not providing snacks for the kids so please bring your own. We will be serving coffee/tea for the adults. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet and connect and play!



YOUNG ADULTS @ THE ARBUTUS SITE

Our Young Adult group is for anyone aged 18 to 30ish. We meet for lunch in the hall every second Sunday (Nov. 1, 15th, 29th) after the concert at the Arbutus Site (around 12:15). Covid protocols are in place so you do have to bring your own lunch but drinks are supplied, and sometimes dessert! You do not have to pre-register. Show up for a chance to explore faith, friendship and community.



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Building Info

BUILDING REDESIGN PRESENTATION

On Monday Oct 26th, the BVU board and trustees met with the building redesign working group to hear and see their presentation on a proposed renovation project and design for the Cedar Hill Cross site which will eventually become our permanent home. The board was excited by the presentation and design and endorsed its readiness to go to the congregation as a whole for their first look at the proposal and a chance to interface with it.



While the hope and the plan had been to have a series of in person presentations and the Q&A session to follow, the recent rise in COVID19 cases and the further restrictions being asked by Dr Bonnie Henry left us feeling like we should shift to an online option instead so as to not risk the health of anyone in our community nor to become a super spreader event.

What is therefore being proposed is that we offer 3 zoom presentation times allowing for 50 or so each time. People can sign up for the time that suits them best by registering [HERE](#). If the 3 time slots are not enough, we will add more.

Each session will feature a video presentation by the building redesign working group and then folks will be in breakout groups with a facilitator who can answer questions and gather feedback. Once the process has been completed, the video presentation will be available online for folks to view again or see for the first time if they were unable to attend one of the presentations. In addition, feedback can also be sent to the working group via email at reno@broadviewunited.com

Once the feed back has been gathered, disseminated and integrated, a written report and final proposal will go to the congregation in early 2021 prior to a congregational meeting where a vote will be held to approve the design and the budget. Once the approval of the congregation is received, the proposal must also receive the approval of the Pacific Mountain Region. Once that has all been approved, we can proceed with the renovations.

We are excited about the proposal and the ways it will enable the mission and ministry of Broad View United to be enabled and for the ways it will enable us to partner effectively with other organizations through the community hub being created in the lower hall. We look forward to sharing this with you.

Dates and times available to sign up for the presentations are:

- Monday Nov 23 - 1 pm
- Tuesday Nov 24 - 7 pm
- Thursday Nov 26th - 10:30 am



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Share the Warmth

Blanket and Clothing Drive



Please help our neighbours who are struggling to keep warm this winter

We are in need of these gently used items:

- blankets (twin size preferable)
- sleeping bags
- warm clothing
- winter coats/gloves/hats/scarves
- face masks (PPE)
- rain gear
- tarps
- backpacks
- tents

Please call ahead to one of these locations to schedule your donation drop off

Our Place Society
919 Pandora Avenue
(250) 388-7112

New Roads TRC
94 Talcott Road in View Royal
(250) 388-7112

Comfort Inn
3020 Blanshard
(250) 388-7112

Rock Bay Landing shelter
Coats only please
535 Ellice Street
250-383-1951

Sandy Merriman House
women's shelter
809 Burdett Avenue
(250) 480-1408

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Hope and Belonging



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SOCIETY

Thank you for caring!



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What's Happening

CHRISTMAS POP UP SALE

Please join the Broad View Thrift Store on Saturday, November 14th for our Christmas Pop Up Sale! We will be opening up the Great Hall and Rooms 2C/D of Cedar Hill X site and displaying our many tables of holiday goods. Keeping everyone safe is our top priority and all Covid safety measures will be in place. Members of the congregation are welcome from 9 a.m-10 a.m and then the doors will be opened to the public from 10 a.m-1 p.m. Please note that only cash will be accepted.



REMEMBRANCE DAY – NOVEMBER 11

The church office will be closed and programs suspended for the day. Hopefully we can all find a minute to pause and express our gratitude for those who have tried to keep us safe and our democracy strong. This will also be part of the Bridge and ConXion services on November 8.



MOVIE NIGHT - NOVEMBER 27TH @ 8PM

As we continue to learn about doing online education and group, we find ourselves adapting and pivoting. Most people are watching the monthly movie in advance of the Friday night discussion and so it was decided that we would start the conversation a bit earlier and begin at 8pm from now on.

Our movie for November is INSTANT FAMILY: The true story of a young couple struggling to find meaning in their life who find themselves in over their heads when they foster three children. Its available on Netflix and amazon prime for watching in advance To register to receive the Zoom link for discussion [click here](#).



RACISM 101 - PART 2 WEDNESDAYS (2:30PM IN PERSON OR 7PM ONLINE)

The past 4 weeks has seen about 35 people participating in a combination of the online and in person discussions on racism. We now move into part 2 where we use some of the tools and language we have been using to engage the topic through films. If you would like to join this next part of the series, you would be welcomed. Part 2 is 4 weeks as well and begins Nov 4th. Register [HERE](#) to join the conversation and receive the links and emails.



EXPLORING GRIEF & LOSS TOGETHER: SESSIONS FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

Thank you to those who have signed up for this series. We will begin meeting in early November. We anticipate running our next Grief and Loss Group in the early part of 2021. To express interest, ask questions, or to put your name on a waiting list for the next Grief Group, Please contact Margaret: margaret@broadviewunited.com or 250-477-2715

IPAB (INTERCULTURAL PROGRAM AT BROAD VIEW UNITED)

The Intercultural Community at Broad View United welcome all of you to join any one or all our activities. Those who enjoy meeting people of different backgrounds and cultures find our activities particularly interesting because you can experience different cultures just sitting at your own home. The safest worldly staycation you could find.

- **IWaB (Intercultural Workshop at Broad View United) – First Sunday of every Month @ 2-3:30pm**

In the coming session, participants will get to explore their own readiness to meet with people of diverse backgrounds through deep reflection of their inner minds.

The IWaB exploration includes topics in the following areas:

- Learning the different cultures in our community
- Power in our community and in our relationships
- Religious, Festivals and Cultures
- Conflicts and relationships
- Cultural events and enjoyment in our community

Please [register](#) to get the Zoom link.



- **ICaB (Intercultural Conversations at Broad View United) - Business Mentoring - Tues @ 5:30-7pm**

We invite those who have 10 or more years of working experience in Canada to share their career journey with a group of newcomers and young adults who are eager to learn and explore opportunities in Canada. It's a great way to learn about the ins and outs of different professions without working in the industry.

Please [register](#) to get the Zoom link.

- **ICaB (Intercultural Conversations at Broad View United)- Basic English - Thurs @ 2:30-4pm**

For those who are looking for opportunities to practice their English skills or a chance to learn from people of different cultures and backgrounds, this will be a fabulous conversation you will enjoy. A safe place for you to ask questions and exchange cultural practices.

Please [register](#) to get the Zoom link.

TOWN HALL -NOV 17TH @ 7PM

This months Town Hall will feature two presentations:

1. An introduction to the process that we are going to use for the engaging the design proposal from the building redesign working group
2. An introduction on how to use Breeze, our new online data base so each person can find the contact information they need for members of Broad View.

You can get the zoom link for this town hall meeting in two ways. Either by signing up [HERE](#) for a direct email or by watching for the link in the Friday email and the reminder email that goes out Tuesday morning. If you have any questions or concerns about the town hall, please let Mark or Cheryl know.



STEWARDSHIP

A Blessing for After

This blessing is for the moment after clarity has come, after you have agreed to what seemed impossible. ¹

This blessing is what follows after illumination departs and you realize there is no map for the path you have chosen, no one to serve as guide, nothing to do but gather up your gumption and set out. ²

This blessing will go with you. It carries no answers, no charts, no plans. It carries no source of light within itself. ³

But in its pocket is tucked a mirror that, from time to time, it will hold up to you to remind you of the radiance that came when you gave your awful and wondrous yes. ⁴

- Jan Richardson



This Poem/prayer by Jan Richardson captures stewardship during this pandemic time.

¹ In March, April and May BVU was reeling under what it meant for worship to be on-line, for staff to be working from home, for all of us learning zoom, for many of us to be home-bound, and for the dislocation of not seeing people – friends, family, loved ones we were not currently living with. Our lives revolved around the Prime Minister's morning briefing and Dr. Bonnie Henry's 3 p.m. briefing. We were in a strange new world. You showed your support for your church and you found non-Sunday ways to give to BVU. Thank you.

² June, July and August: Along with many other organizations we scrambled to meet payroll, fulfill commitments and continue being a source of kindness, support, compassion. We began to find ways to keep in touch, celebrate important milestones all while striving to keep everyone safe. We learned new vocabulary: CERB, social distancing, being together by staying apart... We were adrift in some ways. We were living in a pandemic and the previous historical experience was 100 + years ago. There was no proven path to trod and we daily had to gather up our gumption and keep going.

Still, you showed your support for BVU and you continued to give as was possible for you – some of you offered to top-up your givings. It was all so appreciated and full of wonder. You were not just giving. You were being stewards for your church.

³ September, October: We are moving into phase two – perhaps a bit earlier than expected. Our numbers are rising – there are no easy answers as to whether we will collectively do what we need to do to flatten the curve. We are tired. We have to wean ourselves off the government programs we received in the spring and summer. We are worried for our neighbours to the south and for ourselves. We are regularly invited to let fear and a sense of scarcity take over ... but...

Our experience is that God is good and you are the blessing. In your stewardship hands BVU is held and upheld. We trust that you will give what you can, when you can. Your love for your church is evident, your belief in the importance of our presence is firm and your thoughtful generosity reflects your character.

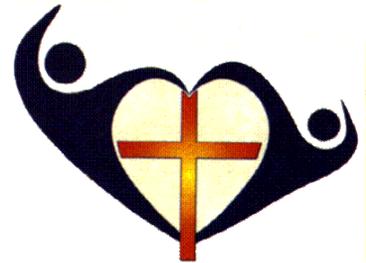
⁴ Thank you for your "awful and wondrous yes" (I'd rather say awe-filled and wonder) to carrying on our mission because there is a pandemic.



Library request from Arbutus Campus. There are 11 books signed out that have not been returned so I am hoping those who have them are still looking for them. Please bring them in to Meghan at the office if you find them or let Eileen (ecchome@shaw.ca) know you can't find them so they can be deleted from our catalogue. (The Book of Joy, In My Own Words, Fill a Bucket, Tattoos on the Heart, Catching Your Breath in Grief, Our Heroes, Dreams and Spiritual Growth, Hana's Suitcase, Spirituality For Extroverts, The Know How Book of Experiments, The Healing Pathway of Prayer)

HEALING PATHWAY TREATMENTS

Healing Pathways members are offering distance healing treatments for anyone who would like one. They are being offered on the 1st, 3rd, 4th (and fifth in certain months) Mondays at 7:00pm and on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00PM. The treatments are scheduled through the website by [filling out the form](#) found under the program registration tab. Many people have benefitted from this ministry so if you would like to experience the healing in the safety of your own home call the office and book an appointment.



ANGEL GIFTS FOR OUR PLACE

The Angel Gift program will be running again this year, albeit in a slightly modified form. The names of the recipients will be available earlier, and the deadline for returning the wrapped gift to Broad View CHX campus is Sunday, December 6.

If you are interested in participating, please [click here](#) to add your name to the list. Or visit the BVU website and click on events. There will be no physical Angel cards this year. As soon as we receive the information from Our Place, the coordinating team (Andrea or Maureen) will contact you with the gift number, and the name and personal information of your recipient. (If possible, please refrain from purchasing a gift until you hear from us as it will be difficult to accommodate requests for a recipient of a specific gender or size.)



Thank you for your interest! Andrea Hubbard and Maureen Koch

CONCERT UPDATES:

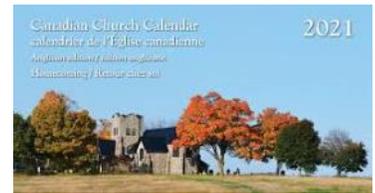
The Sunday concerts are proving to be a very popular and spiritually grounding event for folks. A huge thank you to our musicians for sharing their gifts and for their organizing of the special guests.

We are now at the point where we are hitting the maximum number of people who can attend earlier in the week. We have two ways we are looking to address this. First, we have created a waiting list so that we can move people into the concert when people drop out or don't show up last minute. Secondly, if we get a significant number of people on the waiting list, we will look to offering the concert a second time that day. So, check out the concerts and sign up [HERE](#) for what is of interest to you.



CANADIAN CHURCH CALENDARS FOR 2021

If you would like to purchase a Canadian church calendar for the 2021 year they will be available in the church offices for \$5.00 each, starting in November.



GIFTS WITH VISION

The pandemic will change how folks purchase gifts for their friends and family this Christmas and we all know that person who is absolutely impossible to buy for, or perhaps you're tired of giving stuff to people and would rather show your love and appreciation for them in a different way? Gifts with Vision is the perfect solution to your holiday shopping dilemmas! These are items that can be purchased that will benefit others around the world who could use the support. It's a faithful way to give and receive this Christmas. Take a look at what they have to offer this year at www.giftswithvision.ca Items start at only \$10.00!



Connection

Learn

Community

Care

Spiritual



Fall Celebrations:

8 small groups are meeting regularly—some via Zoom and others in person with COVID precautions in place. Together group members are deepening relationships, learning, listening and connecting in a spirit of friendship, faith and fun.

Our Facilitators and Core Team are meeting monthly honing our skills and being attentive to the evolution of this new ministry.

The following group is open to receiving some new members:

Climate and Environmental Justice: Currently meets via Zoom.

Please contact either Brenda Henderson: bjhenderson@shaw.ca 250-370-2550 or Brian McConkey brianmcc306@gmail.com to explore this option.

These following groups will begin, once we have enough folks to go ahead (including leadership)

An LGBTQ2S+ Small Group

A Small Group for those who are new to faith/church

If you would like to speak to someone NOW about SMALL GROUPS, please be in touch with any of the contacts listed below.

PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP YOU CONNECT!

Your Core Team

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Parents & Tots Playgroup



Wednesdays 9:30am - 11:30am
Arbutus Site - 2625 Arbutus Rd

Space Limited - First Come First Serve
www.broadviewunited.com



Covid-19 Protocols



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Online Presence

BROADVIEWUNITED.COM

Our website continues to be the hub for all online activity for Broad View United. Anything you are asked to register for will be on the website under [Program and Event Registration](#) on the right hand menu. At the very bottom of our website are links to other resources and information including a link to our [directory](#) (see next article). The website is updated weekly so check back often for new things!



BREEZE (NEW DIRECTORY)

The new Broad View United secure online directory will launch on Wednesday, November 4th. On that day, members and adherents of Broad View United will receive an email invitation to set up their account. If you don't see the invitation, please check your spam and junk mail folders and if you still can't find it, contact Nadia at 250-477-2089 or nadia@broadviewunited.com.



You can view instructions for activating your account [HERE](#) (note that the blue login button on the Broad View United website will only work after you have set up your account following the links in the invitation email). To learn more about logging into Breeze, please visit their [instructional website](#) and view the first video in the section entitled "Getting Started with Breeze."

Once you have activated your Breeze account, you'll be able to access it via any internet web browser at <https://broadviewunited.breezechms.com>, or on your smartphone via the app. Search for Breeze in the App Store for Apple devices or Google Play store for Android devices and download the app with the with the sail icon. Click the green connect button and enter broadviewunited under Church ID. You will then be taken to the login page where you will enter the username and password you previously created.

Nadia will give a brief tutorial on basic features of Breeze at the [November 17th Town Hall Zoom meeting](#). Please ensure you have activated your account and downloaded the app prior to this meeting as that will not be part of the tutorial. If you've followed the directions to activate your account and download the app but are still having difficulty, please contact Nadia before attending the tutorial.

SOCIAL MEDIA

If you aren't already following us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter we invite you to do so. Our social media accounts are updated daily and provide another level of conversation for folks not just within the BVU community but outside it as well. On Facebook, Instagram or Twitter you can search for Broad View United to find us!



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Social Enterprises



JUST LIKE FAMILY

We have just reached our first anniversary milestone for the South Island franchise. What a year it has been with lots to celebrate and lots of learning. We have surpassed the number of clients and care hours (and thus income) that we had initially put into the business plan in spite of the challenges of COVID. We are grateful to the board and the employees for their hard work in helping us navigate this first year. Our second franchise in the North Island is also now starting to pick up steam and we are confident that it will be on the same projection as the South Island one has been.

We have just recently signed a partnership agreement with VOICES IN MOTION, an intergenerational choir for adults with memory loss, their caregivers, friends and students. We will be working with them to offer homecare and support through respite services. We see this as an important partnership.

As always, your recommendations and referrals are important and helpful in helping this social enterprise grow. We are enabling folks not only to maintain their independence at home but indeed to thrive in their home setting and embrace the challenges they are facing. For referrals or more information you can email southisland@justlikefamily.ca or phone 250 888 8211

BROAD VIEW THRIFT STORE

A merry group of sorters and organizers meet Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday to get ready for the Grand Re-Opening of the Thrift Store in early to mid December. And have we been busy:

- o Choosing and moving things from Gordon Head Thrift shop and church
- o Launching our on-line selling division
- o Getting set up with our own e-transfer
- o Eating donuts and cookies to retain our strength
- o Learning to run the tagging 'guns'
- o Building a great team with our managers: Sam and Katy
- o Having tea and crumpets together
- o Choosing the cabinetry for the new store
- o Repurposing some of the old shelving
- o Laughing, laughing, laughing
- o When we reopen we have decided our initial hours will be: Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.



See the other article from the Thrift Store regarding the Christmas Pop Up Sale in November you won't want to miss!



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