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Broad View Thrift Store on The Upside

Chek TV's The Upside show came to the BV Thrift store on Thursday, May 27. What a fun event and great exposure for BVU and the Thrift Store!

Ed Bain just dropped into the office Friday morning to pick up the hat that was part of the outfit they put together for Joe Perkins.

Here is the back story: Premier John Horgan was watching last night's Upside and sent a text to Joe: "You can keep the shorts but I want the hat." So Ed came today to buy the hat for the Premier.

Cheryl tried to make it a gift but Ed wouldn't hear of it – he doubled the price as a gift to the store. He IS a real upside guy.

Jeff King was really excited about the Giant Book Sale and he is going to drop off some books.

So, remember the GIANT BOOK SALE is June 12, 10am to 2pm and the Thrift Store will also be open.



Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Col 3:12

This past week the Government unveiled its 4 step plan to gradually remove the health orders and restrictions as we move toward the fall. While possible dates were given in the timeline, more importantly was the health markers of new cases and rates of vaccinations that will determine what kind of contact we will be allowed to have with one another. In the days and weeks to come you will be hearing and reading a lot in the news about what is allowed and what the various interpretations of that are going to be from different interest groups and individuals. We too as a congregation will be looking to find our path forward to the fall with both the health guidelines and other factors needing to be considered in our plan for what activities and contact will resume and when. There are some things we know now and can share with you. There are other things that are still emerging and we are waiting for the guidelines to be released for us to be able to plan. You can see our plan for this summer in the section below.

However, first and foremost we must remember that we are a diverse community of people with diverse needs and comfort levels as we emerge from this pandemic. Some of us will be eager to meet with whomever and whenever we can, and are permitted by the guidelines. Others of us may be more cautious and reticent to return to socialization right away. Some of us will be eager to ditch mask wearing, to see the faces of others, to shake hands or embrace folks we miss, while others of us will not be ready to have that close contact quite yet. Some have even said they are not sure they will ever return to shaking hands again. What we do know, is that we will need to exercise patience, kindness, compassion and gentleness with one another as we respect the different places we might each be at individually as we return to the public sphere. Some are still worried and traumatized by the past 15 months and it will take time for the anxiety and fear to retreat.

On the other side of the pandemic is a new normal. We have an opportunity to take stock of the things that we know were not working in our society, and in our way of being together as human community prior to the start of the pandemic. We have an opportunity to address some of the deep systemic roots of racism and economic **inequality, as we move into our “new normal” and address these as we rebuild our society and our world.** We have the opportunity to realize our interconnectedness as human beings across the various ideologies and systemic constructs that divide us, and work toward a new vision of a more just and equitable society. And we have the chance to do so in a way that also honours our Interconnections with the earth and its precious ecosystems. While the earth has experienced some reprieve from our impact as human beings during this pandemic, with a reduction in our use of fossil fuels, it has also been impacted negatively with the increase in a wide variety of disposable products that have been consumed and used during this same period of time. We are at some important crossroads as individuals, as communities, as nations and as the world. As we move through the next few years of responding to the inequities of the pandemic as witnessed by the roll out of the vaccines around the world, there will be some hard questions for us to address. The advice of Paul in his letter to the Colossians will be timely still. We will need to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

May it be so. ~ Mark Green



KIDS' ZONE

Since October when we could no longer gather together in person, I have been **delivering Faith@Home kits to each family and posting a virtual Kids' Zone** with songs, crafts, prayers and stories based on the theme for each month. The June Faith@Home kits will look at a reading from the book of Revelation and our faith journey during the upcoming summer months. As well, there will be activities around National Indigenous History Month, PRIDE week, and diversity. The kit **will be delivered around mid June and the new Kids' Zone virtual page will also be** posted at that time. Please note that there will also be a delivery of a Camp@Home kit from Pacific Mountain Region around July 12th.



SENIOR YOUTH GROUP @ THE ARBUTUS SITE

Usually students in Grades 9 – 12 gather at the Arbutus Site every second Sunday evening from 7pm – 9pm. Due to Covid protocols we have been unable to gather in person. We have again started gathering together in a bi-weekly Zoom call with time to check in, discuss and play on-line games! It is every second Friday from 7:00 til 9:00. Our Zoom gathering in June will be on Friday, June 11th. Please contact me if you want to be added to the email/text contact list.



YOUNG ADULTS @ THE ARBUTUS SITE

(aged 19 -30ish) Typically we meet every second Sunday around 12:15pm for a lunch gathering. Due to Covid protocols, participants were bringing their own lunch but drinks and dessert were provided. Until we can gather in person again, we are continuing to meet on Zoom every second Sunday at 7:30pm. Our next Zoom gatherings will be Sundays, June 6th and 20th. Please contact me if you have not been getting the notices and want to be added to the email/text lists.



PARENTS & TOTS PLAYGROUP

Our free program for children aged up to 4 years old and their caregiver usually runs Wednesday mornings at the Arbutus site from 9:30am til 11:30am at the Arbutus Site. We will begin this program again in the fall following the updated Covid protocols.



Intercultural Ministry

IPaB (Intercultural Program at Broad View United)

Whether you are new to the BVU community or an old friend, a resident of different countries or simply a citizen of somewhere on our planet, we welcome you! Our program connects you to other open minded people who look to meet and learn about different cultures through exchange of knowledge and information from participants of diversity.



IWaB (Intercultural Workshop at Broad View United) –

June 6 at 2pm to 3:30pm

June 6 is our final workshop for the season, please register at the BVU website or the link below no later than May 28 to get information you require for this particular workshop.

We thank all those who have participated!

To get Zoom link, [please register](#).

ICaB-BM (Intercultural Conversations at Broad View United - Business Mentoring) – June 1, 15 & 29 (Bi-weekly Tuesday) at 7:30pm on Zoom

These Conversations will end after the month of June. We had over 30 speakers provide a diverse perspective to our community conversations. We learned about different fields, industries and jobs in different parts of North America. The Conversations have widened our perspectives not only about the job market, but the world in general.

We appreciate all the guest speakers who have shared their stories and experience with our community.

[For those who are interested to grasp the last opportunity during June, please contact me or register](#) to get the Zoom link and the details of the speaker and topic for each of the Conversations. Click [here to review some summaries of our conversations](#).

ICaB-BE (Intercultural Conversations at Broad View United - Basic English) – Every Thursday@2:30-4pm on Zoom

This program will last through the summer on a weekly basis. We continue to provide a safe place for everyone to ask questions and exchange knowledge and information while practicing English. We welcome both English speakers and learners for these Conversations.

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

A survey has been created for us to hear your feedback, please click the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MXMJ2BD>



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What's Happening

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - JUNE 13TH AT 11:30 AM

A congregational meeting has been called for the purpose of extending Calls to our existing Order of Ministry staff on Sunday June 13th at 11:30am via Zoom. A link for the meeting will be sent out closer to the time. You will remember that at the time of amalgamation, all existing calls for our ministers had to be ended by the rules around amalgamation. They were appointed to the new congregation of BVU for one year and these appointments end on June 30th. At the meeting, new terms of Call will be shared with the congregation and a vote held as required by the United Church of Canada. Additional information will be in the Friday email on June 4th and June 11th.

COVID 19 UPDATES FOR BVU

Return to in person meetings. Tentatively, we will have the option of returning to some in-person meetings after the 15th of June while practicing social distancing measures. There will still be a wide use of zoom to allow full participation of our community for those not quite ready to return to such activities.

In Person Worship will not resume until September 12th (if the timeline continues to unfold as stated) when groups larger than 50 can congregate in one place and participation in activities like singing are allowed once again. The board decided, based on a poll at the congregational meeting in April, that we would not resume worship until the fall when the majority of folks have been vaccinated and a critical mass can assemble. In addition, this makes room for staff holidays and fall planning to happen without this major pivot in work and detail in cleaning and distancing protocols that would be needed to host worship during the summer transition time.

Midweek regular community coffee times will resume in July and August as an opportunity for folks to come and visit with one another, meet new and familiar faces and share updates about what is happening around BVU. Days and times of these will be published in the Summer newsletter at the beginning of July.

Some in person groups will be allowed to resume as well during the summer months such as study groups, small groups, youth and young adults groups and family groupings. More details will be in the summer **newsletters and Friday's Bits and Bytes** email as the opportunities and guidelines allow.

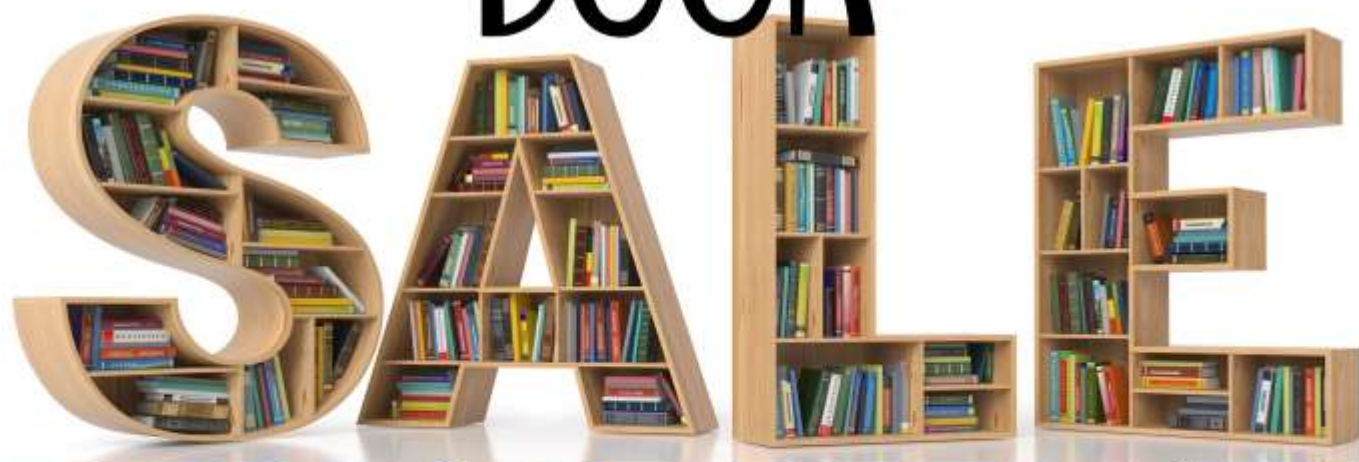
SUMMER HOLIDAYS FOR STAFF

Summer time is an opportunity for staff to take a breather after a pretty intense year of pivoting and serving at BVU. At all times there will be staff available for Pastoral Care support and emergencies. Here is the list as we are currently aware:

- * Cheryl will be away July 4th -25th
- * Mark will be away August 1-22
- * Margaret will be away July 16th -August 15th
- * Pat will be away June 28 – August 22nd
- * Meghan will be away July 3-18 and Aug 1-15
- * Julie will be away TBA



GIANT BOOK



**June 12th
10am-2pm**

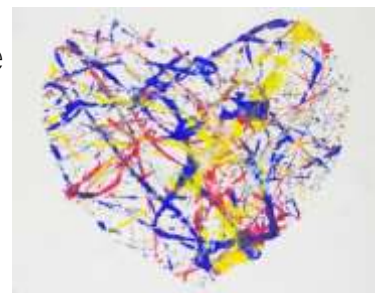
Broad View Thrift Store

3703 St. Aidan's St



JUNE AND SUMMER WORSHIP:

For the upcoming month of June, we will continue to offer both The Bridge and The ConXion styles of worship. **For the month of June The Bridge's theme will be "JOY" and for The ConXion, "The church of the Spirit"** For the summer months we will only be offering one service so that ministers and musicians can have some down time. For June 13th, we have been invited to participate with the Pacific Mountain Region in their worship celebration for all of BC. Nadia Bolz-Weber has been invited to be the guest preacher that morning and she will be a delight to experience and hear. Unfortunately, this service must be watched live at 10am as it will not be recorded. **If you've not heard about Nadia before, we encourage you to google her and watch or listen to what she has to say.** She is one of today's leading progressive Christian voices. We will be providing the link for that service instead of our recordings that day.



THRIFTY FOODS SMILE CARD PROGRAM

Thrifty Foods Smile Card Program has always been a lovely fundraiser for the church. It was easy for folks to simply load up their card and do their regular **grocery shopping and know that a % was coming back to their church.** Thrifty's has recently let us know they are changing how the program works, and unfortunately the changes do not make the program very feasible for BVU. We are now required to purchase already loaded cards and re-sell them to the congregation, which is a high initial **cost that BVU isn't willing to invest.** That being said, we still have an opportunity to make the old program work for us. **St. Aidan's Smile Card program finished in April so please discontinue those cards.** But Cadboro Bay UC Smile Card Program goes until the end of June. If you currently have with a Cadboro Bay United Church **Smile Card please use it until the end of June.** If you had a St. Aidan's Smile Card please pick up a new one at either church office and use it until the end of the June. Let's finish off this wonderful fundraiser with a bang!



HOW TO SAY THANK YOU HUMBLLY AND MEANINGFULLY!

It is with a tear that I say this final thank you to all of you wonderful folks of Broad View United!

You have cared for me and each other with compassion and love and given me a deeper understanding of the meaning of our faith. Through the most challenging times, together we have learned how to stay connected! And as you continue this journey, my hope and prayer to you is that you open yourselves to the new and changing times, share your stories with each other and the world, be vulnerable, and know that you are never alone!

My faith journey continues at my sponsoring church, Trinity United in Port Coquitlam where I know there are more opportunities for connection and sharing! I welcome you anytime to visit!

My address: # 223-2232 McAllister Ave. Port Coquitlam V3C 2A6

My cell phone number remains the same: 250 208-4394

Love and Shalom,



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Calls to the Church: Listening to the Wisdom of the Elders in National Indigenous History Month

Four evenings
June 1 – 4, 2021
6:30 -7:30 pm PT / 7:30 -8:30 pm MT

LeaderShift is pleased to host this free workshop series, coordinated by Rev John Snow, Pacific Mountain Regional Council Indigenous Minister, and Tony Snow, Coordinator for Indigenous Right Relations, Chinook Winds Regional Council.

LeaderShiftPM.ca/register

This totem stands in Kispiox. Photo by Doug Goodwin at the 2016 Native Ministries Council

June is National Indigenous History Month

National Indigenous History month will focus our attention to deepen our commitments and actions towards justice and reconciliation within the United Church of Canada, and within our communities.

Four evenings, listening together

This four-session series will highlight the [Calls to the Church](#) (pdf) approved at the 2018 General Council.

The Calls to the Church document articulates the Indigenous Church's vision for the ongoing development of Indigenous Peoples' mission and ministry and communities of faith within The United Church of Canada. It outlines pathways for the whole church to continue to walk in the Spirit of Christ toward justice, healing, and reconciliation.

Session Themes

Each session will include teaching from our Indigenous Ministers, and a time for discussion in groups.

June 1 - UCC Indigenous Church Orientation, Reconciliation Programming Sharing Circle

⇒ an overview of UCC Indigenous Church and where we can share our work as UC Communities of Faith

June 2 - Apology, TRC, UNDRIP, Calls to Church

⇒ A review of our work as a church with the recent calls to the church by the Indigenous Elders and discussion of implementation and the calls in communities of faith what they are discerning and what actions each are taking

June 3 - Meaningful Observation and Advocacy (Red Dress Day, Indigenous Month, Treaty Day, Orange Shirt Day Sisters in Spirit Day)

⇒ Implementation of the work incorporating what has been learned from the Apology, TRC, UNDRIP and the United Church Elders Calls to the Church

June 4 - What is your path? Living into the Calls to the Church

⇒ **What is our workplan, considering past Moderator Jordan Cantwell's request to implement the Calls to the Church as our United Church Workplan.**

[REGISTER HERE](https://LeaderShiftPM.ca/register)

MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY JUNE 25TH AT 8PM

For our final movie night this season, we will be watching and discussing the film *BOY ERASED*: the story of a young man who has conversion therapy inflicted upon him by his family and church and their struggles to come to terms with his God given orientation and place in the world. This film and discussion is part of our ongoing participation in what it mean to be an Affirming congregation, and a part of our participation in this years PRIDE celebrations. Conversation is via zoom at 8pm. Register [HERE](#) to get the zoom link if you are not already signed up for the movie night group. This film can be found on Netflix and other streaming services. More information about the film and trailer can be found at <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt7008872/>



BROADVIEW MAGAZINE

Broadview magazine is an independent publication that is affiliated with the United Church of Canada. The magazine consistently wins awards for its writing and in-depth coverage of a variety of issues related to faith, spirituality and justice. As we merge into a new congregation, the subscription arrangements we have had in the past have now ended and we begin a new relationship with the magazine. If you have received the magazine in the past you will need to sign up anew for a subscription. **If you've never received it before**, we encourage you to give it a try for a year. **Past issue can be borrowed from either site if you'd like to check it out in advance.** To obtain a subscription to the magazine at a discounted rate of \$26 through BVU, go [HERE](#) to our website where you can fill out an online form. You can pay by credit card, e transfer or pay pall. If subscribing online is a challenge for you, you can phone Meghan at 250-477-2715 for alternatives. Financial assistance is available.



LGBTQIA2S+ PRIDE CELEBRATIONS 2021

Due to Pandemic restrictions, the official Victoria Pride celebrations will be hosted online this year. BVU will continue to look for ways to participate and celebrate with the LGBTQIAS+ community during the week of June 27- July 4th. Pride celebrations and reflections will be worked into our worship during that week, and will be the focus of our movie night film and discussion. We are working out ways to participate virtually in the parade as well. Watch the Friday *Bits and Bytes* email for ways you can help us participate.



SUMMER STUDENTS

Broad View United is please to be participating in the federal summer students grant program. We will be hiring 3 students this year to be working in the thrift store along side our managers Katy and Sam and the many dedicated volunteers. They will begin June 28th and we have posted job offerings on INDEED and our webpage for any person age 16- 30 who might be interested in learning about retail and social enterprises this summer. If you know a young person who might qualify, please let them know about this opportunity. We thank our MP, Laurel Collins, and her office for their support of our application as well as the Federal Summer Employment program for this opportunity.



BUILDING REIMAGINE AND RENOVATION UPDATE

Plans and drawings are still being created and meetings held to work out the various details of the building redesign; as we move closer to having the official architectural drawings with inputs from the various engineers and other professionals. Once these drawings are complete, they then go to Saanich for approval and for building permits to be obtained. There are lots of details to be decided and ironed out as we go and various different groups of people within BVU are being consulted with regarding specific areas and uses. Feedback or questions can still be sent to the committee at reno@broadviewunited.com and will be answered as is possible. We will continue to update you as the project unfolds.



As part of an evolving process, the board has nominated Doug Koch to be our Congregational Liaison with the contractor, the architect and the rest of the design team. Marilyn Poutanen will step into the professional role of Interior Designer with the rest of the architectural team and no longer be a part of the building redesign working group but rather a consultant to it. This allows us to have clarity as to which hat she is wearing in the project. Mike Emme, Faye Schmidt, Doug Koch and Sarah Schoeck will continue to serve as the building reimagine working group as the project unfolds.

When the project moves into its building phase, there will be biweekly updates from the contractor sent to Doug Koch as our congregational liaison so that there is a clear point person for the various professionals to interface with. Doug will also meet biweekly with our treasurer Paul Malnarich and the two co-lead ministers to oversee the project, the budget and keep the board updated as necessary. We are grateful to Doug for his willingness to serve in this way.

TOWN HALL JUNE 15TH @ 7:00 PM

This month's Town Hall will continue the discussion on Broad View Justice activities that was introduced at the AGM. If you didn't attend the AGM, don't worry all will be explained. Since the AGM the Justice Team has received a number of inquiries from folks who would like to learn more about the justice initiatives our church is involved in. The Town Hall will feature a short presentation and then some small group discussion opportunities so that participants can choose a couple of different initiatives that may interest them and hear more about each from a member of the congregation who is already highly involved and knowledgeable. As we merge **our communities, we want to discover each other's talents and passions, and find ways to join together in the work and life of the church.**

There is no need to preregister for this event. A zoom link will be sent to all the congregation on the Tuesday morning of the Town Hall. A phone in option is also provided for those who do not have internet. We look forward to hearing from you as we chart a path forward and discern our Justice priorities and foci.



Stewardship

*Your Pentecost Donation is Invited!
Your Financial Gifts Declare Spirit!*

Right now, your financial donations to the annual operating budget are an anchor for this new congregation. Your gifts mean that we can be

hope in people's lives and that we can offer connection for people who are feeling disconnected, who are grieving, and who are facing changes in their lives. Your gift also means we can continue to build a strong, new congregation during these difficult times. Because of your donations, we are ready to share God's love where it is needed! *Thanks for making BVU's mission of compassion, cohesion and engagement possible!*

Donations can be made by PAR (preauthorized remittance); via the [Donate Now](#) button on our website (at top), through Canada Helps, by e-transfer to office@broadviewunited.com or by cheque mailed or dropped off.

If you have questions about giving your financial gifts please contact Meghan (meghan@broadviewunited.com) in the office and/or Paul (treasurer@broadviewunited.com)

We are grateful for your support and we feel so privileged to be able to offer care and support to those who need it!

Blessings for this season of Spirit!

Andrew and Kathryn and Paul and Cheryl and Mark
Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Co-Lead Ministers

GIVING INFORMATION:

Year to Date Giving Goal: \$197,465.00

Given: \$166,178.80

*Thank you for your Generous Giving,
can you help bridge the gap?*

May Giving Goal: \$35,165.00

Given Thus Far in May: \$26,518.21

BVU FOUNDATION: GIVING A LEGACY

Giving to BVU comes in many shapes and sizes. Giving to the annual operating budget is one way and it is referred to above. Planned giving, that is providing a gift through your will and estate planning and/or providing a special gift over and above your annual giving is another important way of giving and communicating your enduring values and commitments.

Giving a legacy gift through your planned giving to Broad View United has never been easier. Many in our new congregation are just becoming aware of the BVU Foundation. It is a powerful vehicle through which your commitment to having a strong, vital, peacemaking, justice seeking spiritual community lives on after you.

The BVU Foundation is a separate registered charitable organization with a 5 person Board of Directors: It's directors are: the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer of the Board of BVU and 2 members selected by the Board.

The goal of the Foundation is to assist in the building or equipping of facilities to expand the ministry of BVU. It is a vehicle to which participants and members of BVU can leave a legacy gift during their lifetime or in their estates that would be an enduring gift to the ministry of BVU. The Foundation can receive gifts of stocks, land, cash, life insurance policies, annuities, bonds etc. It pledges to preserve capital while supporting the work of ministry with the investment income. If you have questions or would like to talk one to one about your situation, please contact the Treasurer, Paul Malnarich, treasurer@broadviewunited.com

Outreach

BROAD VIEW THRIFT STORE

The Thrift Store is open on Wednesdays from 10am- 6pm and will stay open during the summer! We have been capitalizing on this fine weather by moving some of our items outside and customers have enjoyed perusing through our fabulous items while safely waiting to come into the store. We continue to receive an abundance of quality used goods from generous donors and each week there are so many wonderful new items. If you came into the store this month, you may have noticed we had a Red Dress hanging from the ceiling. This is to commemorate the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG), which coincides with "Red Dress Day" a day to remember murdered and missing indigenous women. Broad View Thrift Store is a place that welcomes everyone. If you haven't yet had a chance to come in and see it for yourself, we encourage you to visit soon! Also if you are interested in joining our fabulous and friendly team of volunteers, either in the store or behind the scenes, we would love to welcome you!

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TENANT STARTER KITS

Thanks to the generosity of our joint congregation, we have completed two of the Tenant Starter Kits requested by Our Place and CoolAid for people moving from homelessness into permanent housing. We are now working on a third and fourth kit, and have many of the items already. We are only accepting donations of items until Tuesday June 1st. You can make a financial donation by [clicking here](#).



GARDEN SALE FOR SHELBOURNE COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Stop by Thistle St. and get your garden ready for the summer season! For a second year the Annual Garden Fundraiser has been adapted into a no-contact, curbside plant sale.

Where? 3597 Thistle St.

When? Sunny days until July 1.

What? Plants, gardening tools, ceramic pots, bird feeders etc. everything being sold has been donated

Why? To raise funds for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen

We will be asking for donations of plants, tools and garden stuff from now until the end of June so we can keep the table full and interesting so drop by to donate plants and pick new ones up !



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