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BVU Family Picnic 2021

Thank you Carol Turnbull & Pat McKay for the photos



BUILDING A BRAVE COMMUNITY

As we move out of summer and into the fall, we do so with some trepidation. While we had thought we might be moving into stage 4 of relaxed Covid restrictions, we find ourselves in a different place; so as a church we are once again pivoting. BUT, we are not in the same place that we were last fall and for that we can give thanks. Those who have been vaccinated will have more opportunities to engage in some of our offerings, including worship, this fall and we are grateful that the majority of our congregation is vaccinated.



As we discerned what our focus and theme might be for this coming Pastoral Year (Sept 2021 – June 2022) the concept of building community and our identity as Broad View United was at the front of our minds. But how would we define what kind of community this is? We had talked about creating “Safe Space “ in our visioning process: a supportive place where diversity and inclusion are affirmed and honoured without fear of judgement. However, this spring when Nadia Boltz Webber was preaching at the regional meeting, she introduced many of us to the concept of “ Brave Space “. What is a Brave Space? It’s a place where we can come with our scars and our wounds, hold each other accountable, learn from both the experience of others and our shared differences to come to a place of new understanding. This recognizes that such spaces can be hard and uncomfortable at times but they move us to a new way of being. It is our hope this year that we can talk about how we hold *Safe Spaces* and *Brave Spaces* together and in tension at times. We believe it is important to do both. Some years ago the concept of “Holy Manners” was introduced by the moderator Marion Pardy. It is in using these holy manners that we honour the spirit and personhood of one another as we seek to understand and appreciate the differences that we embody. Such a place acknowledges that the diversity is what creates this wonderful pattern of sacredness and embodiment of God.

This year we will be working intentionally as community at BVU to create safe and brave spaces. At times it will be joyous. At times it will be hard. But mostly it will be sacred. I know and trust that we will bring our best selves to the process as we continue to discern our way forward. I want to end with the poem written by Micky Scott Bey Jones, that inspired the notion of “*brave space*”

Together we will create *brave space*
Because there is no such thing as a “safe space”
We exist in the real world
We all carry scars and we have all caused wounds.
In this space
We seek to turn down the volume of the outside world,
We amplify voices that fight to be heard elsewhere,
We call each other to more truth and love
We have the right to start somewhere and continue to grow.
We have the responsibility to examine what we think we know.
We will not be perfect.
This space will not be perfect.
It will not always be what we wish it to be
But
It will be *our brave space together*
And
We will work on it side by side

KIDS' ZONE

THANK YOU to everyone who was able to join us at the picnic on Sunday Aug 29th. It was a great success and so very nice to be connecting with the kids again, and their adults! We will be starting up **our children's programs on Sunday, September 19th during the 11:00am service.** Typically, we have the Crèche for babies and toddlers, a group for 4 to 6 year olds, a group for Elementary aged kids and a group for Middle School kids. We are still working out the details of following Covid safety protocols with these programs and will keep you informed as it is finalized.



YOUTH GROUPS

Typically we have had 2 Youth Groups- Senior Youth for High School students gathering every second Sunday evenings and Junior Youth for Middle Years students gathering every second Friday evening. These gatherings are full of fun, food and friendship! In the past, there has been a youth group for students in grades 4-6. These groupings are based on the number of youth in each age group that are interested in attending and the day/time that works best for the majority. Please send me an email if you have a child/children in any of these age groups that might be interested in joining also include the day/days of the week that could work for your schedule. I will then contact you once I have an idea of the numbers. Thanks. pat@broadviewunited.com



YOUNG ADULTS

(aged 19 -30ish) We are going to start gathering in person on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 12:30pm (after the 11:00am service) for lunch on Sunday, September 19th. Please bring your own lunch. Refreshment and dessert will be provided. You do not need to pre-register. Just show up. Please contact me if you have any questions! pat@broadviewunited.com



PARENTS & TOTS PLAYGROUP IS BACK!

Welcome to parents/caregivers and children aged from infant to 4 years old! We will be playing together on Wednesday mornings starting October 22nd from 9:30am-11:30am in the hall at the Arbutus Site. You do not need to pre-register, just show up! Adults will have to wear masks and you will have to bring your own snacks and drinks. We will not be having a circle/song time BUT the gym will be full of toys and trikes and lots of room for kids and their adult to run and play and socialize!



Intercultural Ministry

IPAB (INTERCULTURAL PROGRAM AT BROAD VIEW UNITED)

New season, means new excitement for those who are open to integrate with the intercultural community in different dimensions.

While keeping the ICaB-BE (Basic English) online for Thursday afternoon weekly, we are inviting everyone to explore your art sense together in the coming season, starting Sep 24th for 5 weeks on Friday evening at the Arbutus campus. More detailed information and registration will be provided on the BVU website and in the program guide soon.

The IWaB (Intercultural workshop at BVU) will be a part of the education program, please stay tuned for more details on the BVU website and in the program guide.

For those who are interested to connect with the intercultural community, please join our Facebook private group: IPaB – Intercultural Program at Broad View United (Victoria, BC)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/197818341820589>



Welcome
Back! 
to Broad View United

Join Us

ON SUN SEPT 12 @ 10:30AM
for a combined Worship Service and BBQ
2625 Arbutus Rd

Kid's Games - Food - Bouncy Castle - Worship - Gathering



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COVID POLICY FALL 2021

I suspect we are all disappointed that instead of entering step 4 of Covid opening up we are moving backwards into a more restricted step 3. So, what will that mean for worship and for our programs and gatherings this fall?

WORSHIP: We are offering both in-person worship and on-line worship.

Online Worship: When attending on-line worship you are free to set your own Covid guidelines. Our hope and expectation is that those who are not double vaccinated will attend on-line. Those who are showing any symptoms of illness are asked to attend online. Both the 9:30am and 11:00am services will be available online via live stream.

In-Person Worship at both the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services:

1. Masks are mandatory at all times for all people ages 12 years and older
2. Social Distancing of at least 3 feet is required
3. Two vaccinations are expected so everyone can feel safe
4. Hand sanitizing upon entering is a benefit offered to everyone
5. Air purifiers will be running before, after and between services along with open doors and air exchange fans.
6. People who are ill and/or showing symptoms of a pending illness are asked to stay home and participate in the services on-line
7. Worship leaders will be masked except for when they are speaking. When not speaking they will be masked.
8. Song and music leaders will be masked except when they are leading the singing. They will be socially distanced to lead singing

Children under 12:

- All children over the age of 3 will also be asked to wear a mask for both worship and for their **participation in the children's programs**. Children 3 and under are exempt from this request.
- Hand sanitizers will be available for use
- Any children experiencing or exhibiting any sign of sickness of any type are asked to stay at home and not attend in person.

Groups and Meetings (i.e. everything that is not a worship service)

- All persons are mandated to be wearing masks and to be double vaccinated for study groups and meetings. Those who are not will be unable to attend.
- All our study groups will be offered online for this semester. Other groups will make their own decisions about online or in-person and that information will be in the Program Guide to be available Sept 12
- Groups meeting outside must be double vaccinated but masks can be optional.
- All church sponsored groups and rentals fall under these mandates; with the exception of grief groups, AA groups and other such groups for the support of mental health.
- Anyone experiencing any signs or symptoms of illness of any sort is asked to stay home and not attend.

Workplace Policy :

- All employees of BVU are required to be double vaccinated
- Mask are to be worn when transiting between ones office and other spaces in the church
- Limit to the number of people in offices shall be 3 or less
- Anyone experiencing any signs or symptoms of illness of any sort is asked to stay home and make arrangements to work remotely

What's Happening

START UP SUNDAY - SUNDAY SEPT 12 @ 10:30 AM

Our Start Up Sunday this year will be a little bit different yet again as we look for ways to safely bring together our community. Our regular services and times will begin the following week, but for this week we will gather together as one group in two different spaces! Both service experiences will be similar and will last about 25 mins. You can come into the sanctuary and find your spot at a safe distance from others in your bubble or you can come into the hall and be seated at a table group with others and experience the service in that configuration. We ask all those attending and participating be double vaccinated and wear a mask. The worship and music leaders will move back and forth between the two spaces so that everyone who attends gets to experience all of our leaders at this worship. We will also be live streaming this service for those who wish to participate from home.

Following worship we will eat together and enjoy a BBQ similar to the ones we have been having throughout the summer. Burgers (meat, veggie and GF), hot dogs, corn on the cob, munchie mix and dessert will all be served up. There will be time and space for conversation, games for children and adults, face painting and a large jumping castle for our smaller ones. Come join us for a wonderful morning of reconnecting and laughter.



WORSHIP FOR THE FALL:

The bare facts:

1. There will be 2 worship services on Sunday morning: The Bridge at 9:30am and The ConXion at 11:00am
2. Both of these morning services will be livestreamed and available live and as a recording whenever you wish to view them
3. Our on-line platform is new – **now the services will only be accessed through the church's** webpage: www.broadviewunited.com. The webpage will have an obvious link to BRIDGE LIVESTREAM and CONXION LIVESTREAM. This begins Sunday, September 12
4. Services previous to Sept. 12 can continue to be accessed through YouTube.
5. Our theme for this year is: Becoming a Brave Community and you can read about that on the first article of this newsletter
6. Please check out the COVID protocols for worship elsewhere in the newsletter
7. There will be pre-service coffee available for both the 9:30am and 11:00am services. We regret that beverages will need to be consumed prior to entering the sanctuary where we are required to be masked at all times.



We know that much of this sounds new and maybe daunting to navigate. But fear not, our community is filled with resourceful people and we will take all of this in our stride. In fact, as we go through our first few services **we'll probably marvel at how intuitive it has become.** So long as we trust that all our intentions are constructive we must practice our spiritual gifts of grace, understanding, openness and non-judgementalism of one another as we continue on the path to developing a positive new community



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PROGRAM BROCHURE

Our line up of programs and possibilities are taking shape and being pulled together by the various staff and volunteers who run them. Our fall program brochure will be out and available in paper form at the Start Up Sunday, September 12 and will also go online after that. Some events will require sign up, and information about how to do that will be contained within. Covid protocols will be in effect for all in person programs many of them will be online this fall to accommodate the rise in cases and give the greatest opportunity for folks to engage in learning and spirituality opportunities.

One change for this year is that we will be only publishing programs up until the end of December 2021. As we know we are going to need to keep pivoting with the platforms and programs we can offer as we move through the 4th wave of Covid and the effects of increased vaccinations are discerned.



THRIFT STORE NEWS

We want to take time to thank our Summer Students for all their work in the Thrift Store this past summer. The summer was a time of experimenting with additional hours, and the Thrift Store board and managers have decided we are ready to move forward with additional opening hours for the fall. The new hours for the Thrift Store will be Tuesday nights from 4-8pm, Wednesdays from 10am-6pm and Saturdays from 10am-4pm. In addition to our very dedicated group of volunteers, we will be supplementing staffing for Tuesday and Saturday, in the hiring of our summer students. We are happy to have them join us and to be able to offer more hours of opening for the community to shop.



FAIRWAY MARKET RE-LOADABLE CARDS

It was brought to our attention back in June that Thrifty Foods would be changing their Smile Card program and the changes meant that it was no longer feasible for Broad View to continue in the program. We have now signed up with Fairway Market for **their program which runs basically the same as Thrifty's did prior to their changes.** If you shop at Fairways please come and pick up one of our re-loadable cards and use it for your shopping! Broad View United will receive 5% of the amount loaded onto the card. If you shop there regularly or even just pop in to pick up milk occasionally please pick up a card anytime after Sept 7th from Charlotte at the front desk at our Arbutus Site. Thank you for your ongoing support.



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Since the beginning of the pandemic, small groups have provided a forum for folks at Broad View United to connect, nurture and deepen their spirituality, as well as learn together and support each other in community.

Eight groups met throughout the past year-mostly virtually, but outside when weather allowed. Many folks have commented that the small group experience helped not only their sense of connection during the pandemic, but was a **place where isolation was lessened and a sense of 'normalcy' was retained.**

Some groups took a break this summer, and now as we enter the Fall season, we are excited to expand some groups, and add in some new ones.

Plans are in the works to add a small group for parents, a group for newcomers, and other groups based on various demographics and needs. We are also looking for people who have an interest in being a small group facilitator. Training and on-going support and mentorship are provided.

Please see our program brochure to learn more about how you can become a member of a small group! We long to welcome you!

To speak to someone now about small groups, or if you have questions to explore, please be in touch with one of the Small Group Core Team.

Please let us know how we CAN HELP YOU CONNECT!		Your Core Team
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ORANGE SHIRT DAY AND NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION SEPT 30TH

We have had a long tradition of acknowledging the pain of residential schools over the past number of years by wearing orange shirts and acknowledging our part in this tragedy. This past summer, legislation was passed in Canada declaring that Sept 30th would become a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada. This is a day set aside to both remember and commit ourselves as a nation and as communities to work through the tragedy of the cultural genocide perpetuated by the residential school system.

As a way of honouring the residential school tragedy, we have been asked to wear orange shirts. Many **community members have purchased ones that have embodied indigenous art with the words "Every Child Matters".** As part of our ongoing commitment to be a witness to the work of Reconciliation, we are offering these shirts for sale through the Thrift Store. All proceeds are returned to the Indigenous artist and companies who have created them. The store is open Tuesday evening 4-8pm, Wed 10-6pm and Saturday from 10-4pm. We ask that you wear your orange shirts not only on Sept 30th but also on the Sunday before (Sept 26th) for worship as well. Sept 30th is now a national holiday and we will be closed at BVU in observance of this day.



SURPLUS

As you are aware we are trying to empty the CHX building on the top floor in anticipation of renovations beginning. The Surplus sale moved a lot of items out and on-line sales have continued to help items find new homes. We are indebted to the Surplus team of Shirley Hannaford, Anne Churchill, Rosita Dworschak, and Tony & Marilyn Smith for all their organization and hard work in this endeavor. The summer students, Josh, Calista and Harnet each lifted more than their weight every day to get ready for the sale. The gas stoves have all been removed as a safety measure and will be replaced with electric ones as part of the reno.



STAFF

Beginning September 7, Charlotte will be at the Arbutus site and there will be no one in the office at CHX. However, Cheryl will continue to primarily work out of the CHX office and Mark and Paul will be in and out the CHX site on a regular basis. We will all move to the site where we are needed in a fluid way. Cheryl will also have shared office space at Arbutus site. Edgardo will be on the CHX site for reduced hours but the bathrooms, the Thrift Store and the lower hall will continue to be cleaned on a regular basis.



THE LOWER HALL

Our partner group, Saanich Neighbourhood Place will come on-site in September and will use the 2 small rooms, formerly used for Historical and for Bazaar storage, as office space. They will also run a Caregivers and Tots program once a week.



The Thrift Store will continue to have access to a portion of the lower hall and to the kitchen so they can do their work effectively. We know that as we move into construction there will be some disruption but we are confident we will make the necessary pivots as the situation requires.

PERMIT

Some of you have asked about our application to Saanich for a building permit – we will hopefully submit the application in September. The architect has been having meetings on our project every two weeks since June and we are seeing all aspects of the project – electrical, mechanical, design, civil, contractor, interior design and more – become more fully integrated. As they say: This is a big project. Doug Koch, the Project Liaison, Mark and Cheryl meet with this group. The building redesign group is also kept up to date as things move along and decisions need to be made.



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ORGAN STORY

What an excellent concert PJ Jenson gave last Wednesday – he is a past organist at **St. Aidan's** and an **accomplished organ teacher now living in New Westminster.**

We were delighted by the breadth and depth of his playing. Can we say our organ is **being retired on a 'high note'**? **The Spilker Organ which has served at St. Aidan's since**



it was installed in 1970. is being retired and will go to its new home in mid September. George, the gentleman who purchased it has an interest in the mechanics of organs and organ building. His wife does play the organ but George wants to know how they work and how to repair them. Grant Smalley will be guiding him in the removal of the pipes and parts and mentoring him in this part of the process. In Vancouver, where George will practice rebuilding the organ he will also be mentored by a well known Vancouver organ builder. So our organ will be finding new life as a teacher of organ mechanics. We give thanks that for 50 years our church has been well served by this instrument, by the people who have played it, by the choirs and congregation members who added their voices in the pursuit of spirit filled music. We are currently looking for an electronic organ and trying to puzzle our way through the new iterations of digital organs and discerning how we find one that will work well in the Arbutus site and the newly renovated Cedar Hill Cross site when we return. As we do so, we keep in mind our values of flexibility, portability and openness. And so **the beat goes on...**

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

The stained glass windows in the CHX church came from England many years ago to be **installed in the home of B.C.'s premier Sir Richard McBride. St. Aidan's minister was a**

caller at this lovely home and admired the windows. The lady of the house said she cared little for them as they were too formal for her taste, and really should be in a



church. She said plain glass would suit her better. The minister, with a sudden wild idea forming in his mind, said he would take her at her word and give her plain glass in exchange for the stained glass. After a flurry of renovation the windows were installed in the entry area. The craftsmanship of these nature windows is so exquisite that if you stop and look closely you will see a spider spinning its web amongst the leaves, flowers and birds. Where are they going? The bank of three stained glass windows on the exterior wall have been integrated into the design of the commons area and will be relocated as part of the renovation. The two panels that are currently located in the screen between the narthex and sanctuary proper will be installed in light boxes and relocated to the entry way of the Thrift Store. This will allow them to continue to light our path and remind us of the beauty of creation.

ARMITAGE ST. AIDAN'S STORY (JOAN SHERWOOD—GRANDDAUGHTER)

My grandparents, Rev. Harold & Stella Armitage, came to minister at St. Aidan's United

Church in 1930. They moved around a lot but seemed to set down roots in the Cedar Hill area. Grandpa was instrumental in making positive changes to the workings of the church as well as to its ambience. Acquiring the stained glass windows and the creation of new doors and a new pulpit were some of his initiatives. These created work & income for parishioners in difficult times as well as providing a creative path towards the future of the little church.

It is our pleasure to become caretakers of the two pulpits associated so closely with

Grandpa's ministry in St. Aidan's. The original pulpit, dating back to 1894, serves as a vital

piece of church history which we are honoured to be able to preserve. The second pulpit, created as a work project as well as a labour of love, was built by family friends Mr. Jennings & Mr. Merrett. Thank you for allowing us to carry on this family and church story by taking these pulpits home.



New Programs

Grieving together



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

One of the most challenging aspects of living through the pandemic has been our inability to gather and process our losses. If you have experienced a death loss, please know you are welcome to gather with us in September, in a safe place to process the many feelings and phases of grief.

Date: Monday afternoons 1:30-3:00 pm
Start date: Sept. 27 – Nov. 8 (Excluding Oct. 11)

For more info. please see our Program Brochure or contact
Margaret Harper: margaret@broadviewunited.com
250-477-2715

CONTEMPLATIVE SPIRITUALITY

Watch for two new offerings this Fall that will complement our existing opportunities at BVU to explore and deepen our relationship to the sacred: within us, between us and around us.

Sacred Pause at Day's End: An online weekly meditation circle to gently reflect and close out the day.

Walking the Labyrinth with the Virtues: Utilizing the Labyrinth in the Arbutus Site, we will ground ourselves as we explore the ancient universal virtues (The Virtues Project™) that keep us in touch with the sanctity of life.

For more info, times and dates, please see the BVU program brochure or contact Margaret Harper margaret@broadviewunited.com or 250-477-2715



MONTHLY BVU COMMUNITY MEAL

As part of our desire to build community and help folks get to know one another, we will be hosting a monthly community meal on the first Wednesday of the month at 6pm in the hall. We will serve a simple meal with regular, vegetarian and gluten free options for folks to come and share with others. Conversation and updates will enable us to feel connected. Like all restaurant experiences, this event will only be open to those who are double vaccinated. (with children under 12 exempt).



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Outreach

SHELBOURNE COMMUNITY KITCHEN UPDATES & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

As the Shelbourne Community Kitchen prepares to open their new location at 101–3787 Cedar Hill Road, they are recruiting and training new volunteers.

~Gardening * Cooking * Teaching * Cleaning * Delivery Driving * Computer Work * Fundraising~

It is an exciting time to be involved with increasing Food Security in our Neighbourhood. If you want to Volunteer, contact Kim or Odessa at info@shelbournecommunitykitchen.ca

**DOUBLE THE NEED
DOUBLE THE DONATION**

Due to COVID the need in our community has never been greater, and there has never been a better time to give.

**FOR A LIMITED TIME, YOUR DONATION
WILL BE MATCHED BY A GENEROUS DONOR!**

\$50 · $\times 2$ · \$100 =  Fresh Food for TWO Families

We provide **FRESH & HEALTHY** food to **650 adults** and **90 children** through our Pantry Program.

SUMMER PLANT SALE

We had another successful Covid Style Plant Sale this summer and raised \$5038 for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen. Hundreds of plants were donated by the three partner churches, kitchen volunteers, friends, neighbours and passers-by. **The plant stand had quite a following ... some people showed up several times a week to share what was going on in their lives and buy plants!** Some of the leftover flowers, veggies and garden tools were donated to the shelter at Mt. Tolmie Hospital. The residents are rejuvenating the courtyard garden and by the time we left the dirt was flying and the plants were getting put in the ground! A big Thank You to all involved. You have made a huge difference.