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The theme we are working on this year is; being brave, having courage, being bold and unafraid; being willing to have brave conversations; bravely talking about difficult issues and, boldly going ahead with an amalgamation in the midst of the biggest global crisis the world has faced in 100 years. **Completely revising how we 'be' church as we were unable to meet in person for 17 months.**



How many times did Jesus remind his friends and disciples to not be afraid? It was a often a repeated sentiment every time something significant happened.

How many times did you have to be reminded and bolster your own mental and spiritual health with some kind of litany that said: You have to bravely go on, day by day, and face the changes in your life and the gaps in getting together with loved ones. All in order to be part of maintaining the common good.

How many times did Mark and I and the Board reassure each other that we needed to move ahead with becoming one and that we should not let fear and uncertainty of the future cause us to falter or lose the vision of what we could become. We have been through the wilderness both individually and as BVU. Now that we are slowly returning to worshipping together, being together, sometimes I just want to sit and look at you – beautiful people who I have missed deep in my soul.

The practicalities of our community life mean, however, that I cannot just sit and stare at you and rejoice in our being together again. It is October, the traditional month when we bravely launch our annual stewardship connection and ask you to prayerfully and intentionally consider your support for BVU for the rest of this year and in the upcoming year.

First, we want to say a profound thank you to everyone who continued your support of the ministry that BVU has been doing - providing on-line worship in two styles, offering study opportunities on important subjects online, renovating the Thrift Store and taking the risk that it was safe and sanity producing to let volunteers work in small groups; launching small groups that became a life-line for people; phoning and sharing pastoral care in every safe way we could think of and the list goes on.

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We have noticed something during Covid: people who were on PAR, who had set up their giving to be regular and automatic largely continued to support BVU. Those for whom giving was not set up to be easy and regular had a more difficult time providing support. This year, during the Stewardship month of October we hope many more people will sign up for Pre-Authorized remittance and will make their giving easy and regular.

We have noticed something else during Covid: people who were uncertain about the amalgamation didn't get a chance to 'try it out' because we were locked down. We want to invite everyone to really give BVU a good, old fashioned try. It is our humble request that everyone who is wavering in their church participation come to worship 6 times before you make a decision. We believe that we have something to offer everyone and we ask that you be brave and give us a chance to be your spiritual home. **If it doesn't work for you in that time then so be it** and let us part as friends who shared a chapter together and are now going in different directions.

In October we will focus our services on bravely speaking about stewardship using the story of the 10 lepers. We often focus on the one who came back to say thank you – as if he was the only one who was grateful. But if I was a betting person, I would bet that the other 9 went back into life as transformed people and they told the story of their healing to people they met. Because when something significant and life-giving happens to us we cannot keep silent. As well, we will gather for a community meal and through this simple menu of soup and bread we will have fun getting to know each other.

Early in October you will get a letter letting you know of your giving thus far in 2021 and inviting you to indicate what your intentions are for your 2022 giving (always subject to change if your circumstances change) and if you are willing and able to consider making a special thanksgiving and/or Christmas gift for 2021.

Thank you for reading to the end of this article and for all you do to help grow BVU into a brave, bold, and beloved spiritual community. In closing let me offer you this quote which I think is true for all of us:

"Believe in yourself. You are braver than you think, more talented than you know, and capable of more than you imagine." — Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart

SACRED PAUSE AT DAY'S END

Living in this world requires much of us. The ebbs and flows of life can leave us longing for a quiet place to simply be with no agenda. To listen to the still, small voice within and to honour **our experience of the day that has been. Sacred Pause at Day's End is an opportunity to gather "together" online. We will ground ourselves with a poem, a reading from a sacred text or an excerpt from a wide body of spiritual literature, and then enter into a brief time of contemplation and meditation. No previous meditation experience is needed, only the desire to enter into a space of quiet and calm. If you would like to join us on Monday evenings via Zoom at 7:30pm please [register](#) on our website to receive the Zoom link.**



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KIDS' ZONE

Our Sunday morning program for kids runs every Sunday during **worship time**. We start with a **Children's Time** during the service then we move into small groups. Typically, we have a group for K/PreK, Grades 1-5, and Grades 6 – 8. How the kids are grouped depends on how many children are participating each Sunday. This **is a chance for the kids to explore the bible story and Jesus' presence** in our lives. We also build a fun and supportive community together!



YOUTH GROUPS

Junior Youth Group is for students in grades 6, 7 or 8. We meet every second Friday from 7:00 til 9:00 in the hall and the youth room upstairs at the Arbutus Site. Our first gathering of fun, food and friendship is Friday, Oct. 1st then October 15th and 29th. Bring your friends!



Senior Youth Group is for students in grades 9 – 12. We meet every second Sunday from 7:00 til 9:00 in the hall and upstairs in the youth room at the Arbutus Site. This is a safe way to try different ways of being with your peers. Our first gathering is Sunday, Oct. 3rd then Oct. 17th. Bring your friends.

YOUNG ADULTS

For all those aged 18 – 29 we meet for lunch on to the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 12:15pm in the hall. Lunch is provided. You do not need to pre-register. Just show up and enjoy this supportive and welcoming community. Our next gathering is Sunday, October 3rd then again on October 17th. Come and join us in the hall around 12:15pm. Bring your friends. All are welcome!



PARENTS & TOTS PLAYGROUP

Welcome to parents/caregivers and children aged infant to 4 years old! We will be playing together on Wednesday mornings 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. Coffee/tea for adults and snacks for kids will be provided. The gym will be full of toys and trikes and lots of room for kids and their adult to run and play and socialize!



BVU COMMUNITY MEAL

STARTING OCT 6TH



FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

6PM IN THE HALL
2625 ARBUTUS RD

Intercultural Ministry

IPAB (INTERCULTURAL PROGRAM AT BROAD VIEW UNITED)

IPaB offers a safe space for people of diversity to transit into the community of Victoria through support of integration by members and adherents at BVU. Those who consider themselves a global citizen will particularly enjoy our program and activities meeting people of different backgrounds and cultures. This season, we are offering a hybrid online and on site program accommodating the current environment, please check for update at the [BVU website](#) or contact Julie Ng-Leung at julie@broadviewunited.com



ICaB-BE (Intercultural Conversations at BVU - Basic English) – Every Thursday@2:30-4:00pm on Zoom
ICaB welcome both English speakers and learners for our conversations. Participants are divided into small groups to share opinions or experience on a weekly topic. Please check our website for details, and [register](#) to get the Zoom link.

IWaB (Intercultural Workshop at Broad View United) – Wednesdays Nov 3 – Dec 1, 2021, 7:00pm.
IWaB encourages true integrations of diverse people in our community through deepening understanding of who they are, their culture, beliefs and value. Becoming a brave community is the theme at BVU this season, for a series of 5 Wednesdays starting Nov 3, we want everyone to be brave and honest to ourselves and to our community. We will explore the true experience of some of the newcomers and people of colours in our community. Can we explain the source of actions and feelings? How do people of different culture express their views and opinions? How history affects each of us today? And our behavior? Are we able to shape our future together? [Please register](#) and explore together. Please note that the workshop on Nov 3 and Dec 1 will be held after the Community Meal at the Arbutus site, Nov 10, 17, 24 will be on Zoom. 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)

BUILDING RENOVATION UPDATE:

The architects, engineers and consultants continue to work at creating the plans and documents needed for submission to Saanich for the building permits. Doug Koch, our congregational liaison as well as Mark and Cheryl have been meeting bi weekly for updates and consultation. The building reimagine committee met once during the summer to review a few items as well. We are also working on some grant applications. We are hoping that next month we will have a bit more to share with you.



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



Pop-Up SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 10-4PM

3703 ST. AIDAN'S ST

The Thrift Store will also be open 10-4

**HUNDREDS OF NEW AND GENTLY USED CHRISTMAS
ITEMS INCLUDING TOYS, DECOR, BOOKS,
ORNAMENTS, ETC
JEWELLERY AND KNITTING ALSO AVAILABLE**

What's Happening

MOVIE NIGHT

Movie Night Oct 30th 7pm *It Could Happen to You* is our movie this month. A story about generosity, gratitude and figuring out what is really important in life. Based on a true story this movie stars Nicholas Cage, Bridget Fonda and Rosie Perez. You can view the trailer at <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0110167/> . Popcorn snack bags and canned beverages will be provided. Discussion follows. You must be double vaccinated to attend and wear a mask when not consuming your snacks.



THRIFT STORE NEWS

The Thrift Store is currently seeking a volunteer, or small team of volunteers, to help us distribute goods to local, community organizations. These volunteers would be responsible for checking the thrift store once weekly and for taking goods to organizations such as Peers Victoria, the BC SPCA, Women's Transition House, Artemis House, The Parent Resource Centre, etc. Please get in touch with us if you think you would enjoy this position.



Please save the date for our Christmas Pop- Up Sale on Saturday, November 6th from 10-4 p.m. The sale will be held in the lower hall of CHX and the thrift store will also be open during those hours. We will have hundreds of new and gently used Christmas items, including toys, decor, books, and ornaments. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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.



BVU COMMUNITY MEAL

BVU Community Meal - Wednesday Oct 6th at 6pm at the Arbutus Site Hall. We welcome all those at BVU to come for a simple meal to share with others and build new acquaintances and friendships. Two types of Soup (Vegetable and Lentil) will be offered with bread, cheese and raw carrots as accompaniments. We have made accommodations for those needing GF, Vegetarian and Dairy free dietary requirements. All ages welcome and there is no cost.



OCTOBER TOWNHALL

Julian Daly, Executive Director of Our Place will join us for the first Townhall of the fall on Monday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m. The format will be about a 30 minute presentation from Julian and then Q&A from the Participants. Julian will talk about the homeless, mental health, and addiction situation as he perceives it in Victoria – challenges, possibilities, hopes and how he sees church being involved. We are delighted to welcome Julian and encourage people to think about what you would like to ask him about the Victoria homeless and shelter situation.



PASTORAL CARE UPDATE

One of the most difficult aspects of the pandemic has been how to support one another when we have not been able to gather and connect face to face in conversations where we would naturally share some of the joys and concerns of folks for whom we care. Ultimately, the church is about people---who we are as a spiritual community, and the relationships that bring meaningful connection and joy to our lives.



To this end, we are hoping to be able to share some of the changes **and transitions of people who are connected to the Broad View Community. With regards to folks' respect and privacy, we strive to do this in a sensitive manner and with the permission of those persons and families in question.**

Please feel free to be in touch with Margaret Harper, Pastoral Care minister, or any of the Congregational Care Team (Bonnie Davoren, Rosita Dworschak or Edna Hamilton) if there are folks you know who might benefit from a phone call or visit.

We are grateful for the ongoing pastoral care that is happening within our small groups, through those who continue to be spiritual companions, and via the many ways that you respond to each other with your prayers, your listening, your actions and your caring. We are so fortunate to be part of a faith community who takes seriously the call to walk with each other through the joys and sorrows of life.

We offer our love and condolences to these folks who have experienced the death of a loved one: We celebrate their lives and uphold the gifts they shared and received while on this earth.

~Brian and Emma Calderwood on the deaths of Brian's brother, Barry Calderwood and mother, Fran Calderwood. Fran's celebration of life is October 1, 2021.

~Anne, Kiana and Akina Kishiyama on the death of husband and father, Kenji. We celebrated Kenji's life on Sept. 12 on the Pacific Ocean.

~Jean Margison on the death of her husband, Alan. A private family gathering was held at Royal Oak Burial park on Sept. 1, 2021.

~Joan Martin. We will celebrate Joan's life on October 16, 2021.

~Vicki Sanders and family on the sudden death of beloved husband, Dennis.

~Joan Scharf whose life we celebrated on September 15, 2021 at McCall's.

Our Loving thoughts and prayers are also with: We uphold Andrea Hubbard, Dan and family in our prayers and love. Andrea remains in hospital, spending her time with family-remembering the gifts of life and all the blessings therein. We uphold Marjorie Cowley-Peary and Bert Peary. Marjorie remains in hospital following a stroke.

Upcoming Study Opportunities

See Program Brochure for more details
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- INTERCULTURAL WORKSHOP: Begins Nov 3rd following the community meal. Please note the new start date. Register [ONLINE](#)
- FIVE LITTLE INDIANS book study begins Oct 19th at 2:30 pm via Zoom. Register [ONLINE](#)
- DO I STILL WANT TO EVEN CALL MYSELF A CHRISTIAN – 4 week study beginning Oct 26th at 7pm via zoom. Register [ONLINE](#)
- OUR FUTURE WORLD - Oct 13th at 7pm Via zoom. A look at how the church might be a moral and spiritual center in a rapidly arriving future will be explored in this 75 min online event. Register [ONLINE](#)



Community Building Activities

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- COMMUNITY MEAL - Wednesday Oct 6th at 6pm - simple soup supper and conversation at the Arbutus site in the hall
- ART FOR EVERYONE Friday evenings 7pm until Oct 22nd at the Arbutus site. Cost: \$20/session drop in fee. Register [ONLINE](#)
- CAMEO (come and meet each other) will gather Saturday Oct 23 at 7pm at the Arbutus site to set direction for future gatherings as we dream what might come next and what would be fun for the group to do together.
- PING PONG AND GAMES NIGHT – is an option we are exploring if there is enough interest expressed. Register [ONLINE](#) to express your interest.
- TOWN HALL MEETING Mon Oct 4th at 7pm. Julian Daily, executive director of Our Place joins us to discuss homelessness, mental health and addiction as he perceives it here in Victoria. Link will be emailed out Monday morning to everyone.





OUR FUTURE WORLD

- HOW CAN THE CHURCH BE A MORAL CENTRE IN THE FUTURE?
- HOW CAN THE CHURCH ADDRESS THE NEXT FRONTIER OF RACISM AND SEXISM?
- HOW CAN PEOPLE OF FAITH BECOME A SPIRITUAL CENTRE?

LED BY TORONTO-BASED WINNIE ALLINGHAM
OF KINGSWAY-LAMBTON UNITED CHURCH.

*OCT 13 • 7PM •
VIA ZOOM*

Learn more and register at broadviewunited.com

Outreach

The Palestinian Refugee Family

The Constituent Group – consisting of some members of BVU, as well as others - which has the legal responsibility for sponsoring this family, has just received exciting news. The Approval to Travel document **has been issued by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (“IRCC”)**. After completion, this document normally precedes the final steps to bring refugee applicants to their new home.

While we are delighted that, after nearly two years of waiting, things seem to be moving in the right direction, we are aware that it could still be a few months until the actual arrival. However, we are now in an anticipatory mode, confirming quarantine quarters for them, and preparing for long-term accommodation. Please see the insert in the current Bits & Bytes regarding this request to the congregation for assistance.

For those of you who are not familiar with the situation, the family consists of three members – father, mother and teenage son. The father has been living in a different part of the world from his wife and son for a number of years, so we will be reuniting the family when they arrive in Victoria. The sponsoring group is responsible for the family for a year after they come, and a number of people have offered to assist us in this regard. If you can help – either with accommodation or time and energy assistance – **we’d be delighted**. We will also probably need to come back to the congregation for some financial aid, as our budget was prepared two years ago, and the price of everything has gone up since then!

Sincerely,

Barbara Hansen, Carol Munro, Robin & Gian Polastri on behalf of the Constituent Group



- ~ Are you looking for a place to get to know others---a place of spirituality and nurture?
- ~ A place where friendships can grow and deepen?
- ~ A place where you can be known, valued and loved?

Small groups are a new ministry at Broad View United---a space where 6-12 folks gather to connect, grow and learn together in a way that is not possible in a larger gathering.

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. Our Climate Justice and Environmental Small Group is open to receiving new members! 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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