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## WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

This month we venture into a new story; exploring our faith and **what it means to bravely call ourselves “Progressive Christians”**. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus asks the disciples: *“Who do you say that I am?”* They have a variety of responses. Peter then speaks up and makes a bold claim. *“You are the messiah. The chosen one.”* Peter’s declaration is one that today, as progressive Christians, we have to struggle with as the many **definitions of “Christian” are often incompatible with one another** at best, and even offensive at their worst.



**For many of us, it’s not easy to claim the descriptor of “Christian”** these days with the amount of baggage often attached to the term. From historical wrong doings, to theological constructs of redemption and atonement, to denial of a scientific worldview and the conflict between denominations and other religions, many of these things have become a barrier to faith. Those who have grown up on the margins of the church or without any contact with the church have formulated in their mind an idea of Christians as closeminded, conservative and judgmental. Many of a progressive bent get weary in adding the caveat to any conversation that involves their faith or involvement in church of ***“I’m not THAT kind of Christian”***.

And yet, our ability to articulate what we believe about Jesus and the many other aspects of our faith can be challenging at the best of times, and even harder when we are in a room of those either antagonistic **or who hold to a very fundamentalist perspective**. I love the quote from John Shelby Spong. *“When it comes to religion, discussions are much like a swimming pool: The shallow end is the loudest!”*

Over the course of the next 4 weeks, we will be trying to shine some new light on the question that Jesus asks the disciples: *“Who do you say that I am?”* Through our Sunday morning worship reflections, our **study groups this month, and our movie night with the film “Jesus of Montreal”, we will seek not to answer** the questions definitively but rather to give each of you tools to discern and a language to bravely engage in conversations about faith and religion. For I believe there is a treasure to be found in the teachings of Jesus and the community of the faithful who seek to follow them.

And, if over this 4 week period you come to understand yourself as a follower in a new light and you have not yet joined Broad View United as a member, we invite you to speak to Cheryl or myself about becoming a member of what we believe is a fine example of a brave and progressive Christian community/**church**. For each of us, the question of *“who do you say that I am?”* is one where the answer is constantly shifting and changing for us as we grow in our faith and understanding. And that’s a good thing and the sign of a mature spirituality. May our time together be nurturing and challenging for us just as the life and teachings of Jesus were for the first disciples. We look forward to making this journey with you.



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## REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVANCE AT BVU - SUNDAY NOV 7TH

As a congregation we will be observing Remembrance Day with a minute of silence and the sound of the trumpet at both services. This will be a time for remembering those who have lost their lives in war and conflict and a pledging of our commitment to work for peace so that future lives are not lost in this way.

Red Poppies: will be available by donation at the reception desk starting Nov 7th. They will also be available at the Pop up Christmas Sale on Nov 6th. We would encourage you to wear a poppy leading up to Nov 11th.

White Poppies for a Culture of Peace: is an initiative for a more broadly focused Remembrance Day in Canada.

*"We want to encourage Canadians to broaden their Remembrance Day focus*

- To include the civilians who now make up 90% of conflict victims;*
- To challenge the beliefs, values and institutions that make war seem inevitable and;*
- To urge our government to promote and fund effective non-military means of dispute resolution."*

*Vancouver Peace Poppies*

The white poppy was introduced in Britain in 1933. It was never intended as an insult to those who died in the First World War, a war in which many of the women lost husbands, brothers, sons and lovers. Rather it was a "No More War" statement against the military culture. These lapel poppies can be worn alone, or alongside the red poppy to show your commitment to ending war and to recognize all its victims.

Ever wonder why Veterans day is on the 11th and does not change ? World War I ended on the 11th month on the 11th day on the 11th hour.

Today I saw a man selling poppies stop a lady and asked if he could re-position her poppy. While doing so he told that lady she should wear the poppy on their right side; the red represents the blood of all those who gave their lives, the black represents the mourning of those who didn't have their loved ones return home, and the green leaf represents the grass and crops growing and future prosperity after the war destroyed so much. The leaf should be positioned at 11 o'clock to represent the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the time that World War I formally ended. He was worried that younger generations wouldn't understand this and his generation wouldn't be around for much longer to teach them. We must remember those from our current wars too!



## KIDS' ZONE

Our Sunday morning program for kids runs every Sunday during **worship time at 9:30 and 11:00. 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 7:00pm til 9:00pm in the hall and the youth room upstairs at the Arbutus Site. Our gathering of fun, food and friendship is Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> then on Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Bring your friends!



Senior Youth Group is for students in grades 9 – 12. We meet every second Sunday from 7:00pm til 9:00pm 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 next gathering is Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> then again on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. 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, November 7<sup>th</sup> then again on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Come for the service then stay for lunch or just join us in the hall around 12:00. 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 9:30-11:30 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!



# Intercultural Ministry



IPaB offers a safe space bridging people of diversity into the English speaking environment through support of 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.

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

IWaB (Intercultural Workshop at Broad View United) is postponed until further notice. Please continue to [register on the website](#) to show your interest in the program.

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)

## 2022 GIVING ENVELOPES

**If you don't currently use envelopes and you would like to sign up to receive some in 2022,** there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you are currently using envelopes but want to switch to PAR, please email Meghan ([meghan@broadviewunited.com](mailto:meghan@broadviewunited.com)) and she would be happy to assist you. Offering envelopes for 2022 will be available for pick up on Sunday Dec 19th.



## NAME TAGS

For BVU members and adherents can be ordered now. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and the cost is \$7.00. They have the first name in large lettering and the last name in smaller letters, with no logo on them so they can be used in a variety of settings. They come with a magnet or pin backing. You will be asked to pay Bonnie Hetherington directly when your pin arrives and she contacts you.



## SANCTUARY DECORATING

The Worship Team is looking for a crew of folks to help decorate the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas on Sat Nov 27th. If you are available to help out that day please email Raedene [raedene.mr@gmail.com](mailto:raedene.mr@gmail.com)



## FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

Starting in the new year we are looking to create a roster of folks who would take turns bringing flowers in for Worship on Sunday mornings. If this is something you might be interested in please let Raedene know [raedene.mr@gmail.com](mailto:raedene.mr@gmail.com)



## MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY— NOV 21, 2021

**On Sunday Nov 21st during Worship, we will have Membership Sunday. If you'd like to become a member of BVU or transfer your membership to BVU from another church please let Meghan know.**

# What's Happening

## ADVENT HAPPENINGS

Advent 2021 begins Sunday Nov 28th. Some dates to keep in mind, with more info coming in the December newsletter.

- Saturday Nov 27th - Sanctuary decorating: We are looking to pull together a crew of folks to help in decorating the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas on Saturday Nov 27th. If you are interested and available to help please email Raedene R. from the worship team at [raedene.mr@gmail.com](mailto:raedene.mr@gmail.com) to express your interest. Details will then be forwarded to you.
- Sunday, Dec. 5th - **Poinsettia "You're in Our Thoughts" Distribution**
- Sunday Dec 12 - Blue Christmas Service at 7pm
- Sunday Dec 19th - 1:30 pm Christmas concert featuring the BVU community Choir, and carol singing
- Friday Dec 24th- Christmas Eve services – every 30 mins beginning at 4:30 pm. More details to come.



## RECONCILIATION LEARNING EVENT - WITH PATRICIA WATTS: SATURDAY NOV 20TH FROM 9 AM TO 12:30 PM WITH LUNCH TO FOLLOW

As part of our ongoing commitment to walking the road of truth and reconciliation, we are privileged to have the opportunity to hear directly from Patricia Watts, an elder in the Wuikinuxv (Woo-ink-in-uksh) Nation. She will join us for the morning to share her experiences of Residential School using power point, story-telling and discussion as a means to both share her story and invite us into a time of deep listening and learning.

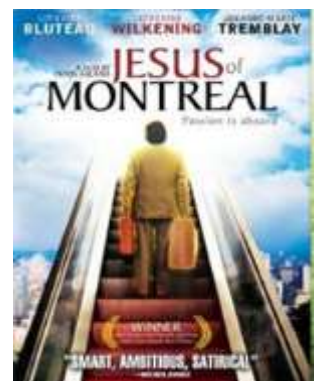


Although born as a Kwak-waka-wakw, Patricia has lived in Nuu-Chah-Nulth territories for a number of years. Her stories of recovery and not only surviving but thriving are remarkable for their persistence and triumph over the devastation many have lived since their childhood experiences of Residential Schools.

Patricia has worked for the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation in different capacities and in the last few years she has been sharing her stories with different ministries in the provincial government. The BVU Reconciliation team extends a warm invitation to everyone to join us for this deep learning event. We ask you to pre-register so that we can have the appropriate hospitality arranged. Coffee and muffins will be available at 9am with the session beginning at 9:30am. Our time together will run to about 12:30pm with lunch to follow. Cost is \$25/person which includes lunch and snack. Please register [HERE](#) and you will receive a note of confirmation. We look forward to hosting you for this important event.

## MOVIE NIGHT-NOVEMBER 27TH AT 7PM.

We will be watching the Canadian movie *Jesus of Montreal* as we conclude our 4 week series on Jesus and our passage "who do you say that I am". This is the story of a young group of actors commissioned by the catholic church to put on the passion play on the mount. Their recreation of the story using a historical lens rather than a faith lens lands them in conflict with the authorities. Their lives begin to parallel the gospel narrative as the story unfolds. Discussion to follow. Snacks and beverages provide. Watch the trailer here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLfINF6ln4c>





## COMMUNITY MEAL – DECEMBER 1ST AT 6PM

Our third community meal will take place on Wednesday evening Dec 1st and you are invited to attend. A simple supper of two different kinds of soup, bread, cheese and dessert is offered free to anyone. You will have a chance for some conversation and an opportunity to get to know some new folks as we continue to merge our congregations. Numbers of those attending has been slowly increasing each month as folks get more comfortable with being out in the world with others outside of their bubble. All those attending must be double vaccinated and masked when not sitting at their table and eating. GF and Vegetarian diets are accommodated within the menu.

## DECEMBER TOWNHALL: DECEMBER 6 @ 7 P.M.

We are excited to welcome Sarah Bowder, CEO of Just Like Family Home Care for Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands as our guest for the December Townhall. Many of us know Sarah as a member of BVU, as the leader of the Social Enterprise Working Group, or as an engineer or as a startup entrepreneur specialist. As you know BVU is working with the National Church EDGE on developing social enterprise as a viable option across the church. Mark your calendar, for this will be an interesting hour.



**JUST LIKE FAMILY  
HOME CARE**

## PING PONG & GAMES NIGHT – FRIDAYS 6:30-8:30PM STARTING NOV 5, @ CHX SITE

Are you interested in playing ping pong or other indoor games while it is cold and rainy outside? We have moved the location of this evening to the CHX site to avoid having to move the ping pong table down to the Arbutus site and also to avoid overlapping use of the gym with the Jr. Youth Group. Please [register](#) to show your interest in joining this evening of fun!





# Pop-Up SALE

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 10-4PM**

**3703 ST. AIDAN'S ST**

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**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**

# Building Re-Design

Work on the planning for the Building Renovation continues to unfold with many consultations and meetings happening all summer and into the fall. Consultations with mechanical, electrical and structural engineers as well as with the architects have taken considerable time as we seek to create the best plans possible before making a submission to the District of Saanich for building permits. Time has also been spent with acoustical consultants to make sure that we maintain the good balance of acoustics in the large sanctuary space while at the same time creating buffers for sound that might travel from entry and small gathering areas into the sanctuary. Adaptations to the original design are under way to respond to the acoustical consultations and find **affordable ways to serve our congregation's diverse needs.**

Another area that has required additional work has been in solving the challenge we have in dealing with the firewall barrier between the original Sanctuary building and the addition added in the 90s. The proposed new design was intended to mitigate the traffic bottle neck in the transition places between these two buildings. Initially, sprinklers in the building and opening up the firewall was the proposed solution. However, subsequent meetings and consultations with the engineers and the fire code has driven the cost up more than 3 times the original estimate for this item and might potentially negatively affect the historic lines of the ceiling. Therefore, in consultation with the architect, we have gone back to looking at alternative solutions that are more cost effective and also meet the fire code.



The building redesign committee has met a number of times over the summer and fall. Our Congregational Liaison, Doug Koch, together with the co-lead ministers have met bi-weekly with the architects and engineers throughout the summer and fall. Work continues to move along at a solid pace and we will share updated timelines when things are settled. Fine tuning of the design based on input from various experts and with an eye to keeping the budget balanced have been at the forefront of the consultations.

In the meantime, other aspects of the project continue to unfold: The solar panels are ordered and will likely be installed before the end of the 2021 year. Plans for dealing with the pews are underway with a variety of uses being explored.

We know the delays can be frustrating at times and many are wondering what the timeline will be for completion. We hope to have more to share with you in the coming weeks but we are confident that taking the time now for the plans to safely serve the congregation, will save us the headache when the construction gets underway. In the meantime, we are blessed with more than one location that we can safely use as we await the renovations to be complete. Stay tuned.



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# Pastoral Care Update

We offer our love and condolences to the family and friends of the following members of the BVU community who passed away in October. We celebrate their lives and uphold the gifts they shared and received while on this earth.

- \* Andrea Hubbard, who died on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. **We will celebrate Andrea's life on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at the Arbutus Site.**
- \* Beverley Wright, who died on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Frank Johnston, who died on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Our loving thoughts and prayers are also with:

- \* Della Skinner, whose brother Dwight died on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

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



Our BVU Small Groups continue to be a place where those connected are receiving much support, nurture, and pastoral care. If you are not yet part of a small group, and would like to get connected into one, please contact me. ([margaret@broadviewunited.com](mailto:margaret@broadviewunited.com))

Thank you for the many and varied ways you contribute to the pastoral care needs of BVU through phone calls, visits, emails and generally checking in with each other with love and kindness.

We appreciate you more than words can say.

## **"YOU'RE IN OUR THOUGHTS" POINSETTIA PROGRAM**

Every year at Christmas, our community is aware of some members who have had a particularly rough year due to a variety of circumstances. Once again this December, we will endeavour to deliver a poinsettia to these folks. The poinsettias are delivered in the spirit of love, compassion and kindness as a way to say, **"We're thinking of you, especially over the Advent and Christmas Season."**

Last year, many generous folks came forward to help with the delivery process. This year, delivery will happen the week of Sunday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to help us deliver poinsettias this year, we would gladly welcome your assistance. Please contact Charlotte ([charlotte@broadviewunited.com](mailto:charlotte@broadviewunited.com)) to add your name to the list, and we will be in touch with you. Thanks immensely.



# Outreach

## ANGEL GIFTS

Once again, BVU will continue its historic involvement with the Angel Gifts program run by Our Place and the Downtown Outreach Ministry of the United Church. Names of those receiving gifts will be available for congregational members to pick up Sunday morning or during the week toward the end of November. When we have received the names we will let you know through the Friday Email and in the bulletin that the names are available.

Each card contains the name and some basic information about the person you are buying for. In order for all the gifts to be equitable, the budget for the gift is between \$40-50. Typically new clothing, gift cards, and small treats are chosen to be gifted. You are also asked to write a short note expressing your thoughts and wishes for the recipient.. For some this is the only gift they will receive during Christmas time. Gifts are then returned to the church by the deadline on the information card.

After we have received all the gifts back, they are sorted by OUR PLACE volunteer and distributed at the Christmas party in mid December. You can support this project in a number of ways:

- Take a name, buy a gift and return it following the instructions
- Make a donation equivalent to the amount of the gift for one of our BUV shoppers to pick up
- Be a shopper for BUV members who are unable to shop themselves but want to participate

To make a donation or be a volunteer shopper, please sign up on our [website](#)

If you have any further questions, you are welcome to email our coordinators for this year: Maureen Koch [maureenfkoch@gmail.com](mailto:maureenfkoch@gmail.com) or June Robinson [june.robinson@shaw.ca](mailto:june.robinson@shaw.ca)



## GIFTS WITH VISION

**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 dilemma! 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](http://www.giftswithvision.ca) Items start at only \$10.00! There are a few hard copies of the giving catalogue around the church if you don't have access to the internet.**



JAMES BAY BEACON

## BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS: DEC 15 – JAN 9

One of the ways we work with our outreach partners to make a practical impact for those living on the margins, is to support the work of Saanich Neighbourhood Place (SNP), and their work with young parents. After Christmas, many young parents struggle with making ends meet and these supplemental items go a long way in supporting children and families at risk. Many of those served by SNP live on income assistance and as a result often don't have enough for many of the basic necessities because so much of their income must go toward their rent. This often leaves many families short of money for food and other essentials. Christmas and the weeks that follow become an added strain. The items listed are some of the most needed items: diapers (size 4,5,6 because little ones stay in these sizes the longest), pull ups, infant formula, baby wipes, baby food, infant cereal, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products.



## SUPPORT FARMERS IN PALESTINE

We continue to have the opportunity to support farmers in Palestine through the sale of olive oil and other products! As you might imagine, COVID-19 has made it difficult for groups supporting local people overseas to distribute their products when churches were not open and other events cancelled.

The absolutely amazing medjoul dates (900 grams) and the delectable olive oil (750ml) each cost \$20. And for a cost of \$5, you can purchase a package of **za'atar** or a bar of olive oil soap. **Za'atar varies regionally and is used both as a cooking spice and for table use. Now a staple in our home, this za'atar is a mixture of wild thyme and sumac mixed with roasted sesame seeds and salt.**

The two organizations we support are: <https://zatoun.com/>  
<https://palestinejusttrade.ca/>



If you are interested in purchasing these products, please call (250) 477-4930 to pick up from our home in South Jubilee. I also hope to have them available between services. Barbara Hansen & Stephen Tyler

## THRIFT STORE UPDATE

Thrift Store Christmas Pop-Up Sale: Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 6th from 10am - 4pm at the Cedar Hill Cross Site! We will be having a jolly old time at the Christmas Pop-Up Sale! Hundreds of new and gently used Christmas items including toys, books, ornaments, jewellery and knitting. Gently used kids' winter gear will also be available! The Thrift Store will be open! We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Kids' Christmas Shopping Evening: We will be hosting our first annual Kids Shopping Night on Friday November 26th from 4 - 7pm at the Broad View Thrift Store. This event is for all kids aged 2 - 12! The Thrift Store will be open exclusively for kids to come and shop for presents for their parents, siblings or any significant person in their lives. Gifts will be priced for kids budgets! Pre-registration is required. Please email Katy or Sam at [thriftstore@broadviewunited.com](mailto:thriftstore@broadviewunited.com) to register and for more details.

Broad View  
Thrift Store



## SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER AT THE THRIFT STORE

The Thrift Shop has a new display of items that are being sold to raise money for organizations that the Broad View congregation supports. The items and organizations will rotate throughout the year, with all the proceeds of the sales going to the organizations in support of their Social Justice work.

- We are offering Orange Shirts and other merchandise in support of the Victoria Orange Shirt Society <https://victoriaorangeshirtday.com>
- We are also currently featuring merchandise in support of the Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan <https://cw4wafghan.ca/home-idq/> who have been taking action, in partnership with Afghan women, towards improving human rights and the education of women and girls in Afghanistan.
- Level Ground Coffee is also for sale in our Thrift Shop. We are once again bringing in organic, fair trade products from the locally owned Level Ground Coffee <https://levelground.com> for you to buy in support of their activities around Fair Trade and environmental stewardship.



Check out the Social Justice Corner each time you come to search for treasures in the Thrift Shop; we will be rotating our featured merchandise to highlight the work of Local Social Justice Organizations.

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## **SAVING BC'S ANCIENT FORESTS - ELDERS/MULTIFAITH BUS TRIP TO FAIRY CREEK**

Broad View congregation members have been active in supporting Indigenous land defenders protesting old growth logging around the Fairy Creek watershed near Port Renfrew. On October 5<sup>th</sup>, BVU members joined more than 30 other elders in a multi-faith ceremony at one of the protest sites. The date of the ceremony was deliberately chosen to fall between the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Thanksgiving. Organized by BVU member Barbara Hansen (Diaconal Minister, retired), the ceremony expressed thanksgiving for ancient forests and creation and support for a path of truth and reconciliation between settlers and Indigenous peoples, and with all beings.

Visiting elders delivered food and supplies and were permitted to walk through the forests to visit two enormous sacred western red cedar trees which have come to be known as the Grandmother and Grandfather Trees. They also visited the Red Dress Memorial highlighting Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women – a memorial that has been rebuilt after destruction by the RCMP.



Indigenous land defender Cheyoktin opened the ceremonial circle with an insightful and moving speech about the devastating impacts of colonialism and a reminder of Indigenous teaching focused on generosity and connection with mother earth. Settler speakers at the ceremony included current and retired United Church clergy Barbara Hansen, Keith Simmonds and Henri Lock as well as Rabbi Harry Brechner (Congregation Emanu-el). Each spoke about the need to respect indigenous wisdom, work for reconciliation, and connect with earth and all beings. Other people in the circle were also welcomed to speak.

We support protection of old growth forests and protection of the livelihoods for Indigenous communities through sustainable forestry. You can help by contacting your MLA to voice your concern. If you are interested in taking a more active role in defending old growth, please contact Brenda Henderson at [bjhenderson@shaw.ca](mailto:bjhenderson@shaw.ca), Barbara Hansen at [bmhansen@telus.net](mailto:bmhansen@telus.net) or Susan Draper at [graceful@shaw.ca](mailto:graceful@shaw.ca) for additional information.

# Stewardship

## FAIRWAY MARKET RE-LOADABLE CARDS

We are now fully enrolled in the Fairway Market reloadable gift card program. You can pick up a card from Charlotte at the front

**desk. It works the same way as the Thrifty's Smile Card Program used to, simply load your card and do your shopping as usual. Five percent of the amount you load onto the card gets sent to Broad View United!** With Fairway Market being so close to our new home we hope we can make good use of this program! There is no limit to the amount we can earn as well.



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

Thank you for your generous response to both the 2021 Christmas gift and the 2022 Giving Intention Card.

Your support of BVU is both humbling and inspiring.

First, let me give you some stats about our stewardship connection – remember this data is accurate based on what is known at noon on November 2.

Number of active givers to BVU: 235

Number of potential givers to BVU: 500

Number of continuing PAR donors: 177

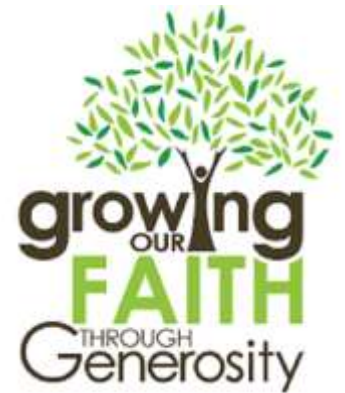
Number of givers via Canada Helps, United Way, etc: 13

Number of Intention cards returned: 86

Intended amounts pledged for 2022: \$194,204.17

Year End/Christmas Gifts Given to date for 2021 = \$24,455.00

We appreciate this is a busy time of the year, but we would love to hear from everyone this year. So please send in your intention cards via mail, or drop-off at the Arbutus site, or the mailbox at CHX, or you can fill it out online by clicking [here](#) or visiting the website.



**Second, let's celebrate all the good that this commitment represents: Our own spiritual health is nurtured and healing takes place as we sing, pray, seek a wider perspective, talk honestly together, share our life journeys with compassionate others, and get equipped to be a source of light and love in this hurting world.**

We also reach out to others through our community connections, our partner organizations, our refugee sponsorship, our social enterprises, and the individual efforts of each one of you.

What a remarkable privilege it is to be in this work together. Thank you.

Paul, Mark and Cheryl

## GIVING TUESDAY - NOV 30

This years Giving Tuesday focus is the Outreach Fund at Broad View United that keep us connected and supportive of individuals, groups, outreach agencies and other partner organizations. Your support makes the difference in peoples lives. Thank you. Check out our Giving Tuesday Profile by [clicking here](#)



Take Some Time For You

# BVU SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

**Walk the Labyrinth with the Virtues**

Mondays @9:30am

**Sacred Pause at Day's End**

Mondays @8:30pm

*Register on our website or email Margaret  
(margaret@broadviewunited.com)*

**Lectio**

Thursdays @8:30am

*Register on our website*

[www.broadviewunited.com](http://www.broadviewunited.com)

 BVU PRESENTS

## RECONCILIATION LEARNING EVENT

Lead by  
**Patricia Watts**

**Saturday November 20th**

**9:00am - 12:30pm**

\$25/person includes lunch and snacks  
Bursaries available

Childcare Available

Proof of Vaccination Required

Register: [www.broadviewunited.com](http://www.broadviewunited.com)

