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Minister's Message



February is an excellent month for BVU to focus on the theme of Celebrating Diversity in the human community. There are so many days in February that draw us to think wider and more inclusively than we might otherwise.

In 1976 U.S. President Gerald Ford officially recognized February to be Black History Month. This acknowledged an informal tradition that had been growing **in the decades since the late 1800's** in which Black communities had celebrated the birthdays of abolitionists Frederick Douglass (Feb. 14) and Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12). Canada followed suit in December 1995 and annually recognize the contributions made to Canada by Black people.

This year, on February 1st, the celebration of Lunar New Year began. This colourful celebration of family, gift giving and culture is observed at this time by people in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Vietnam and Mongolia. Here on the west coast of Canada, the Lunar New Year celebrations are recognized as an important time for those of Asian Heritage. The festivities spill over into other cultural groups and many wear red, give greetings, know their animal horoscopes and acknowledge this as a significant week. The Asian Lantern festival that honours deceased ancestors and aims to promote reconciliation, peace, and forgiveness is held on Feb. 15th, and has also become a familiar part of west coast culture.

February 2nd offers us an illustration of how religions have evolved over the centuries. At this time in history people recognize Groundhog Day and revere Phil, the Punxsutawney groundhog, as the signaler of how much winter is still to come. This day grew out of the Christian tradition of Candlemas when clergy would bless and distribute candles needed for winter. The candles represented the best guess on how long and cold the remaining winter would be. Candlemas has its roots in a Celtic celebration calling forth the spring. This day has become significant throughout the ages because it is the half way point between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. Daylight has moved from little more than 8.5 hours at the solstice to 12 hours at the equinox.

February 15th is Nirvana Day, the commemoration of Buddha's death at the age of 80. And the next day is Maghi Purnima, a Hindu festival where devotees carry out charity work and ritual baths.

February 25th to 26th, Purim, one of the most joyous and fun holidays on the Jewish calendar recalls the story of Esther saving her people from a ruthless adversary.

With all this richness we are excited to explore the theme of Celebrating Diversity and to do that as bravely and respectfully as we possibly can.

In keeping with this intention we are also very honoured to be invited by Saanich Neighbourhood Place to join in the Anti-Racism Bystander Intervention Training that will be led by ICA (InterCultural Association of Victoria). This will equip us all to find ways to be allies with diverse people and communities. It will prepare us to be smart and brave when we are confronted by situations of intolerance. **Please register and you'll find the details in this newsletter and in the Friday emails.**

Please read through this newsletter. Activities are beginning again in ways that are safe and measured for public health concerns. We can hardly wait to be together again and as you feel able come back in person. **Till then, we'll connect virtually with all the warmth we can pass through the streaming services.**

Cheryl Black—Co-Lead Minister

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Broad View United COVID Update for Worship & Programs—Feb 2022



The following Covid Protocols will be in place for worship and groups meeting at Broad View United beginning February 1st, 2022:

- In-person attendance at either the 9:30am Bridge service or the 11:00am ConXion service will be allowed for anyone who is double vaccinated and has either the BVU pass card or is able to show proof at the door. Booster vaccination is encouraged for all those eligible.
- Online streaming of worship is now a permanent addition to what we offer and will continue to be an option for those not yet comfortable to meet in-person, who are away or travelling or who decide it is their preferred way of worshiping with us. In addition, the recorded version of the Sunday worship services will be available within an hour of the livestream ending. These can be accessed on our website.
- **Our Sunday morning children's program will resume but instead of coming into worship, children will go** directly to the Hall where their program leaders will be ready to welcome them back. Children ages 5-12 must have at least their first vaccine to participate.
- Youth and Young Adult groups will resume but participants must all be double vaccinated
- All small group/study groups can resume in-person if they are 10 people and under in size and participants are masked and double vaccinated. Each group will make its own decision about comfort levels within the group itself.
- Caregiver and Tots drop-in will resume for all those adults who are double vaccinated and masks must be worn at all times.
- Choirs will continue to discern what they are comfortable with and members will be notified by their director as to shifts in status from online participation as comfort grows.
- Monthly Community Meal will not resume at this time. Hopefully in March.
- Most meetings will continue to happen online unless meeting in-person will allow for greater decision making.

For all in-person gatherings, you will be required to wear a mask, practice appropriate distancing and not attend if you have any symptoms of Covid or have been exposed to a person with a confirmed case of COVID in the last 5 days. Hand washing/sanitizing is encouraged on a regular basis. No beverages will be served or consumed during worship at this time. Proof of vaccination will be required. Two air purifiers will continue to run in the sanctuary space 24/7 as well as fresh air let in through windows.

Programing Updates

2022 WINTER/SPRING PROGRAM GUIDE

Our new program available online by Feb 13th with some paper copies being available around the church and at the front reception desk with Charlotte. You will find in it updates for most of the ongoing programs as well as a few additional programs for the spring.

Some of the new programs include: Anti-racism bystander training, Re-encountering God in the Natural World, ping-pong and games night, Massey Lecture Lenten Study and a Queer Film Festival. Watch the Friday email for a link to the program guide or check out the website.



FEBRUARY TOWN HALL - FEB 7 @ 7PM

Our architect, Eddie Williams and design consultant Marilyn Poutenan will be our guests for the February townhall as we get an update on the building renovation. We will review the plans and highlight the changes in the design and layout since our last update as well as a newly created virtual tour. The format of the townhall will be familiar with the presentation lasting 25-30 minutes followed by Q&A. The townhall will be on zoom on Monday, February 7th, at 7:00 p.m. A link will be sent out early on the morning of the townhall.



Anti-Racism Bystander Intervention Training

As a part of our commitment to becoming an intercultural church, we are seeking ways to understand and be involved in the work of becoming Anti-racist. We have a unique opportunity offered through our new partnership with Saanich Neighbourhood place to join in 2 sessions of online Bystander Intervention training. Produced by the Inter-Cultural Association of Victoria, you are invited to register for the two a Bystander Training sessions on Wednesday, Feb 16, 5:30 - 8pm, and Wednesday, Feb 23, 5:30-8pm. Click [HERE](#) to go to the registration form.



This is a two session series. Bystander 1 will cover foundational learning on the history of bystander intervention, an overview of racism and its various forms, and an introduction to various constructive ways to intervene during instances of racism. Bystander 2 progresses to focused practice using the 5D strategies, de-escalation tools, and how to safely engage with perpetrators. Participants will build on their knowledge of various forms of racism, and how to recognize racist acts through practical, scenario-based training. A manual will be sent to you **electronically when you register. This is a unique opportunity that shouldn't be missed.** Register Soon!

YOUNG ADULTS : For all those aged 18 – 29 we meet for lunch on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month after the 11:00 am service in the hall. Lunch is provided. You do not need to pre-register. Just show up and enjoy this supportive and welcoming community. Come for the service then stay for lunch or just join us in the hall around 12:10. Bring your friends. All are welcome! We will be gathering again on Sunday, February 6th and February 20th.



TAI CHI

Begins again on Tuesday, February 1st in the Sanctuary. Because of the church's protocol stipulations there will now be two classes each with 9 participants plus the instructor: one from 9:30 – 10:15 and the second from 10:30 – 11:15. The 9:30 class is full but the 10:30 class has room for a few more people. New members are



LECTIO

Will continue on Zoom for the month of February and March at 8:30am. If you are interested in joining this meditation group please contact Eileen Campbell at ecchom@shaw.ca.

LABYRINTH WALKING

We will resume our in-person Monday Morning Labyrinth walking Feb 7th, beginning at 9:30 am. You are invited to come join others for an individual time of meditation and reflection as you walk the labyrinth. Guidance and instruction is available for those who have never walked the labyrinth before and there is a time of preparation and post reflection for those wishing to participate. Contact Margaret Harper (margaret@broadviewunited.com) for more information



MOVIE NIGHT—SATURDAY FEB 26th @7pm

Our movie for February will be *Journey to Justice* as part of our focus for Black History Month. This documentary pays tribute to a group of Canadians who took racism to court. They are Canada's unsung heroes in the fight for Black civil rights. Focusing on the 1930s to the 1950s, this film documents the struggle of 6 people who refused to accept inequality. Covid safe snacks will be provided and discussion follows.



Intercultural Ministry

IPAB (INTERCULTURAL PROGRAM AT BROAD VIEW UNITED):

The Intercultural Community at Broad View United welcomes all of you to join any one or all our activities. IPaB offers a safe space connecting people of diversity in our community. Those who consider themselves a global citizen will particularly enjoy our program and activities connecting to people of different backgrounds and cultures.



ICAB-BE (INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS AT BVU - BASIC ENGLISH)

– Every Thursday@2:30-4:00pm on Zoom

We welcome both English speakers and learners to these conversations. We connect a variety of English learners coming from diverse backgrounds and cultures to members and adherents of our congregation who are willing to support the newcomers on a weekly themed conversation. It is a safe space for everyone to ask questions and exchange cultural information while practising English. Click [HERE](#) to register and receive the link!

PING PONG & GAMES NIGHTS—SATURDAY @6:30-8:30pm, Mar 5-Apr 9

Ping Pong Nights will resume in March for 6 Saturdays. We have got two tables in place at the Arbutus site, so if you are a beginner, you know you will have a table to practice your skill. We will be limiting the number of participants due to COVID restrictions, so registration is a must on the Thursday prior. An email reply will confirm your registration. Please register [HERE](#) or at the BVU website starting Feb 15th.



ART FOR EVERYONE

Building on the success of our painting workshop last fall, we are investigating our next option. If you are interested please register [HERE](#) to show your interest and watch future newsletters for updates.

Children & Youth

KIDS' ZONE

Our Sunday morning program for kids will again be running every Sunday during worship time at 9:30 and 11:00. Typically, we would start with a Children's Time during the service then move to the hall and the upstairs youth room for small group activities based on the bible story. As we ease back into in-person gathering, the children aged 3 – 14 will not go into the Sanctuary but will come immediately into the hall. There will be stations set up as the children gather and then we will split them into age-appropriate groups for activities based on the bible story/theme. 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 how it relates to their own 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 till 9:00 in the hall and the youth room upstairs at the Arbutus Site. Our gathering of fun, food and friendship will begin again on Friday, February 4th, then on Feb. 18th and March 4th. Bring your friends!



Senior Youth Group Is for students in grades 9 – 12. We meet every second Sunday from 7:00 till 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. We will begin gathering again on Sunday, February 6th then again on February 20th and March 6th. Bring your friends.

PARENTS & TOTS PLAYGROUP Welcome to parents/caregivers and children aged infant to 4 years old! We will again 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!



SPRING BREAK MUSICAL CAMP - CANCELLED

Due to ongoing Covid restrictions our capacity to mount a children's musical is severely compromised. We have therefore made the difficult decision to cancel launching a production until we can do so in a way that is engaging and enlivening for the children. Thank you for your understanding, we apologize for any disappointment. We look forward to the opportunity in future years.



News and Updates

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SUNDAY MARCH 13 AT 2PM

Our Broad View United Annual meeting will take place on Sunday March 13th at 2pm via ZOOM. A link will be provided in the Friday email as well as in a separate email on that Sunday. The annual report will come out approximately two weeks prior to the meeting at the end of February. All those who are both adherents and members are invited to attend.



COMMUNITY MEAL

Our February community meal will have to be cancelled due to the ongoing covid restrictions and protocols. However, we are hoping that there will be a change to provincial health orders after the 16th of February and that we will be able to host one in March. It just so happens that the first Wednesday of March is Ash Wednesday, and so we are hoping to combine it with the traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake tradition. Watch the Friday email for updates, ticket information, and for how you can be involved.

REV. CHERYL'S FAREWELL

As you are no doubt aware by now, Cheryl Black announced her intention to retire from active ministry and her call with Broad View United effective May 31st 2022. We are in the process of pulling together a small organizing group to plan both a celebration of her life in ministry and a farewell from Broad View. The Board has appointed Kelly Orr and Kathryn Clinton to be the coordinators of this group and if you would like to be involved in the planning you can email kathryn.clinton@me.com to volunteer. Details about when and what form the celebration will take will be forthcoming in future newsletters as well as opportunities to be involved and contribute in other ways.



LANDSCAPING UPDATE FOR BUILDING RENOVATION PROGRAM

We have had several consultations with the landscape design company who will be helping us redevelop the gardens at the Cedar Hill Cross site. Any of the plants that can be safely moved and used in the new design we be utilized. However, a number of plants will not survive the move, are too big to shift, or would be too costly to do so. Those that we will be moving and keeping have been marked by the landscaper. Any other plants not marked can be removed by members of Broad View for their own personal use in their home gardens. Feel free after Feb 15th to come the sunken garden to retrieve or move a plant or two that might be of interest to you. **While we can't** guarantee that they will survive being transplanted, there is a 50/50 chance they will. We would be happy to see the plants find a new home.



TECHNOLOGY UPDATE:

We have been blessed to be able to borrow from Lumera Productions a significant amount of equipment while we have been waiting for the cameras and digital sound boards that will be used in the new building to arrive. We are putting to use those items that will help us deliver a quality worship now and then they will be moved to the CHX site when we move into that space. Thank you to Shane Archer, our technology contractor for his generous loan while we are waiting for ours to arrive. In the last 3 weeks the three cameras, their mounting hardware and the new digital soundboard have arrived. These will all make a difference to the quality of what we can record and lives stream. Its exciting to see these things coming together.

Congregational Care

PASTORAL CARE UPDATE

We are saddened to announce the death of Al Mitchell, a devoted original member of the Ted Boulden Singers where his leadership, gift of music and talent on his guitar will be sorely missed. We express our sincerest sympathy to his wife, Bobbie and family.

As we continue to find our way through this latest manifestation of the pandemic, we are ever more conscious of the emotional and spiritual toll that folks have had to endure. THANKS for the variety of **ways that you reach out to one another through phone chats and email to say, "I care about you" and "You are not alone". If you have ever wondered the difference that one** caring heart can make, know that no act of compassion is ever wasted! If you are aware of anyone who could use a visit, phone call or some TLC, please be in touch with either Margaret Harper (Pastoral Care Minister), Rosita Dworschak, or Edna Hamilton.

NEW SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITY: ONLINE GROUP

We are in process of starting up a Small Group who would exclusively use the online platform (ZOOM) as their sole medium for gathering.



- Who might find this new format of small group appealing? Anyone who for a variety of reasons (geographical, health, mobility, personal) wants to participate in a small group, however the process of meeting in person is neither feasible, nor perhaps desirable.
- Justine Etzkorn has come forward and is keen to be involved in the formation and launching of this new Small Group. Justine is a member of the BVU community who lives and works at the Carmanah Point Light Station on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. As our online community grows, this new venture is a way to consciously ensure that all who wish to deepen and maintain their relationships with others at BVU have a place and means to do so.
- If this prompts some interest for you, and you would like to more, please feel free to contact Justine or Margaret, and we would be happy to explore this option with you! **Justine's email: justineje@gmail.com**

The philosophy behind all of our small groups is to provide a place where folks can connect in, develop relationships of support, care and nurture all within the context of spiritual learning and friendship.

Are you looking for a place to get to know others---a place of spirituality and nurture?

A place of support and care?

A place where friendships can grow and deepen?

We are poised to begin a number of new groups in 2022. We would love to help you connect in with one! 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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HEALING PATHWAY

Healing Pathway treatments will continue to be distance healing offered on Mondays at 7:00 except for the 2nd Monday of the week which is at 1:00. Please phone the office to book an appointment.

Practice sessions for the group will continue on Zoom until April on the last Saturday of the month at 9.

Justice & Outreach

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR WALK

When - Saturday, February 26th (probably 5pm)

Where - Our Place/Pandora

Our Team - Walk the Talk with BVU & Friends

Join our team and help raise funds for Our Place. The walk is in-person

(Covid permitting) or virtual (a date and route of your choosing). Register with the

team at www.cnoy.org. No fee for registration. Ask your friends to sponsor your walk - they can donate

online. If you are not a walker, support our walk by making a donation! No amount is too small, but

\$20+ you will get you a tax receipt. Big Wheel Burger will again provide \$10 online gift cards to

everyone who registers and fundraised. Those who fundraise \$150 or more (\$75+ for youth 17 and

under) will receive an official CNOY toque. Already our team has raised over \$2000!!

Well done, Walkers.

Questions? Contact Maureen Koch (maureenfkoch76@gmail.com)



THE A ROOF FOR EVERYONE: GVAT* MINI-WORKSHOP ON HOUSING CRISIS IN SAANICH

Sat. Feb. 26, 2022, 1-3:30 pm at The Holy Cross Parish Hall, Holy Cross Parish Hall 4049 Gordon Head Rd)

Dear Members of Broadview United:

Do you struggle to follow the debates about housing in Saanich or wish you were better equipped to speak about housing issues to your friends and neighbors? GVAT (Greater Victoria Acting Together) is offering a mini-**workshop on housing in Saanich, organized by Holy Cross, St. Patrick's, Broad View United and First Unitarian Churches** (all member associations of GVAT), on Feb. 26.

The workshop is mainly for residents of Saanich and is intended to: inform participants of the gap between current and projected housing needs in Saanich, and the available housing supply; dispel biases and misconceptions against renters and residents of social housing; invite participants to imagine truly inclusive communities (sharing space with others); create understanding of different Housing terms (market, affordable, social, supportive, emergency).

Saanich Councillor Zac de Vries will give a presentation on Saanich housing needs and how Saanich Council plans to address these needs. A Q&A period will follow, after which participants will divide into small groups to discuss different questions related to housing and inclusive neighborhoods. The workshop will conclude with suggestions for follow-up actions.

Refreshments will be served if allowable under prevailing public health rules. Due to Covid 19 restrictions and the interactive nature of the workshop, the number of participants is limited to 40. We will be checking for proof of vaccination at the door. To sign up, please contact Yvonne Hsieh (email: yhsieh@uvic.ca).

*Greater Victoria Acting Together (GVAT) is a coalition of diverse member organizations(Broad View is one) from across Greater Victoria that work together to advocate for issues of common concern together.

OUTREACH UPDATE

We received notes of Gratitude and Thanks from Shelbourne Community Kitchen (SCK) for the \$6300 donation that went toward their matching donor program which then doubled the amount they received. They were also very grateful for the food donations collected for their participants

- We received a phone call of thanks from Julie at Our Place thanking BVU for the \$5500 donation at the end of 2021.
- We had a very positive response to the Baby Shower for Jesus and received a note of gratitude from Saanich Neighbourhood Place (SNP) for the tremendous support and help these items provide for the participants in their programs throughout the year.
- Also, we ended the year exceeding our Mission and Service goal by 3K and forwarded \$38,000 to the National Church Fund.

These are just a few of the many initiatives and partnerships that BVU engages in throughout the year. Thank you all for your ongoing commitment to Outreach, Justice and Partnerships.



SAY YES TO THE STAMPS AND EARN COOKWARE FOR THE SHELBOURNE COMMUNITY KITCHEN! UPDATE

BVU has contributed 13 pots to Shelbourne Community Kitchen so far! That's over 1850 stamps, good work! When you shop at Thrifty's, collect your stamps at the checkout and pop them in the box on Charlotte's desk at BVU. We will process them and redeem the stamps for VIVO Cookware to donate to the Shelbourne Community Kitchen. This is a collaborative effort with the Lutheran Church of the Cross and St. Luke's Church who are also collecting stamps for cookware!

If anyone would like to donate money towards the cash component of the promotion then feel free to pop a The promotion runs until the end of February 2022 so start collecting now!

For further information contact: Arlene Galloway Ford 250 384-5403 or Vivian Skinner 250 595-0543



PEACE BY CHOCOLATE— VALENTINES DAY SALE

Looking for a Valentines day gift that's both yummy AND supports a good cause?

Well look no further! The Thrift Store has stocked up on Peace By Chocolate just in time for Feb. 14th. Come and grab a box (or two) Tuesday 4-8, Wednesday 10-6, and Saturday 10-4.



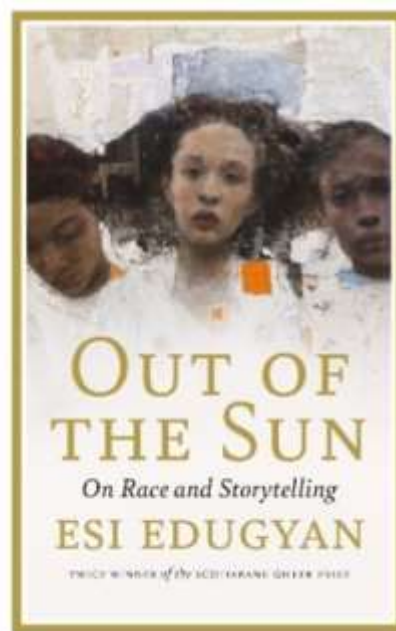
COMING SOON!

LENTEN IN PERSON STUDY GROUP - 2022 MASSEY LECTURES

6 week series starting Thursday March 3rd from 1-3pm

Together we will listen to the lecture in the first half and then discuss in the second.

Registration coming by Mid February.



Through storytelling with analyses of contemporary events and her own personal story, Giller Prize-winning Canadian author Esi Edugyan's six-part Massey Lectures examines Black histories in art, offering new perspectives to challenge us. (Tamara Poppitt, Alysia Shewchuk/House of Anansi Press)

**“Black history is not just for
Black people – Black history
is Canadian history.”**

- JEAN AUGUSTINE

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