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Minister's Message

There is a Time: - Mark Green

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: Eccl 3:1

In the well known third chapter of Ecclesiastes, the author speaks of there being a time or a season for everything and **then goes about sharing the various contrasts... 'A time for mourn, a time to dance, a time to seek, a time to lose'.** This book is often placed in the category of "wisdom literature" as a source of mature reflection on the cycles of life. As we move through the month of May we will be encountering a lot of these contrasts. We will be letting go and saying goodbye to Cheryl and at the same time preparing ourselves for new ministry staff to be joining us in the coming months. We will be winding up the program cycle and taking some time for rest in the summer and at the same time we will be imagining and preparing for the fall program cycle. Many of us will shift into summer mode with holidays and company visiting. We will plant seeds in our vegetable gardens and prepare for harvest in the fall. The cycles of life and change will be very evident for us this year.



Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher, is quoted as saying "change is the only constant in life." Sometimes change happens slowly and we don't realize all the changes we've adapted to until we look back and see where we have been. Other changes happen to us in an instant, sometimes welcomed, sometimes not. Regardless, we are called upon to adapt and change. Resilience becomes a key marker for us as individuals and as **organizations in regards to our health in the face of such changes. What we've learned about change is that** each person experiences and adapts to it in different ways and at different rates. We must be aware and patient with both ourselves and others as we navigate these changes in the coming weeks and months.

Healthy patterns of adapting are encouraged in some shape or form. Curiosity can be a real gift while in the middle of change. Anxiety can be a normal response at times as well. But withdrawal is often a sign of danger and we must watch for that in ourselves and others as we move forward through the coming changes and seek to be a companion to those who are struggling. Letting go is hard. Making room for something new can be both exciting and challenging.

May we be reminded that "we are all in this together" as we move forward in the coming days and weeks. When we say goodbye to Cheryl, may we remember that the this word is actually a contraction of an old English phrase "God be with ye". For each goodbye we engage with this season, may this blessing be at the core each time we say these words.



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Programing & Worship Updates

MAY TOWN HALL

On Monday, May 2, 2022 @ 7:00pm the Search Team for the New Minister will be the guests of the May Town Hall. They will explain the new process for seeking a minister and give us an update on where they are in the process. **They'll have a Q&A.** Also, if time permits, there will be an opportunity to ask more general questions on matters of common interest to BVU. Hope to see everyone at the Townhall. The May Townhall will be the last one before the summer break. The zoom link will be sent out in the Friday Bits and Bytes as well as early Monday morning.



COMMUNITY MEAL

For the month of May there will be no community meal due to the number of food events we had in April and **with the Tea planned for the end of May in celebration of Cheryl's retirement. Watch for June wrap up BBQ event.**

PENTECOST JUNE 5TH 2022.

Join us for a lively Service of the Spirit, filled with some surprises as we celebrate Pentecost and the anniversary of BVU for the first time in-person. At both the Bridge and ConXion services we will find ourselves touched by the Spirit and captured by the Vision as we seek to live out the final Sundays in our theme of Becoming a Brave Community. We hope you will join us.



VICTORIA PRIDE CELEBRATIONS JUNE 26TH – JULY 3RD.

As a part of our commitment to being an Affirming Congregation we are once again participating in the Pride parade happening on Sunday, June 26th at the beginning of Pride week. We are working together with the other churches of Southern Vancouver Island to have a strong United Church presence in the parade. Each congregation will be represented in the parade and you are invited to be a part of the BVU contingent. Our Young Adult group is helping to coordinate our part, and more details about how you can be involved will be in the June Newsletter.



In addition, this year we are hoping to add a second component by offering a Queer Film Festival. A planning team headed by Ron Fisher is in the midst of forming and if you would like to be involved, please contact Charlotte at the front desk and she will pass your name along. Again, more details about films, format and showtimes will be in the June Newsletter.

ART FOR EVERYONE - [Date Change](#)

Unfortunately we have had to make a date change for this workshop. It will now be held May 21, 28 and June 4th, instead of every Saturday in May. Registration is required prior to the workshop. Cost is still \$20/per person/session and can be paid at the door. Come and learn some watercolour skills!



KID'S SUMMER CAMP

This summer BVU will be hosting summer camp for 2 weeks, July 18-22 and Aug 8-12.* from 9am-3:30pm with 30mins of supervision provided before and after camp. Our theme is "Finding Our Way" and will include lots of fun and creative activities and excursions in the neighbourhood as we "find our way". The camp is for children in grades 1-5 with leadership opportunities for youth in grades 6&7. Cost is \$150/child and includes all activities and snacks (pls pack a lunch). Registration is required and can be done on our website www.broadviewunited.com.

*Please note you are welcome to register for one week or both but the camp will be repeated during the second week



CHERYL BLACK'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION - MAY 29TH @ 2PM

Rev. Cheryl's retirement celebration will be held on **SUNDAY, MAY 29TH @ 2 PM** in the Arbutus Sanctuary and the celebration will be livestreamed for those not able to attend in-person. E-VITE invitations have already been sent out via the church email lists. If you have not yet received one, please contact Charlotte in the office (charlotte@broadviewunited.com). There will be a reception in the Arbutus Hall after the celebration. As part of our goodbye, we will be collecting, in true United Church fashion, a 'purse' for Cheryl. Contributions of cash can be dropped off at the church office(s) to either Meghan or Charlotte on weekdays. E-transfers clearly marked 'Cheryl's Purse' can be made to BVU by email at office@broadviewunited.com (pls put Cheryl's purse in the memo) We look forward to seeing you there!



Shalom,
Celebration Committee

SUNSHINE KIDS CHOIR

Since the beginning of February, Sunshine Kids Choir has been back meeting in-person. It has been so wonderful to see the children able to once again interact with their friends from 'Zoom Land!' The choir is hard at work learning the Cantata "100% Chance of Rain," which tells the story of Noah and the Ark in song. They will finish the spring 2022 semester with a CONCERT on **SUNDAY, MAY 8 @ 2 pm** in the Arbutus Sanctuary. All are invited.



SUMMER STUDENTS

We have been approved for the 5 summer student employment grants that we requested from the federal government. The students will help support the work of the Thrift Store throughout the summer and coordinate and run our summer camp programs. We will introduce you to them, after they are hired, in the summer newsletter.

Kid's Summer Camp

\$150

Per Child
incl snacks
pls pack a lunch

GRADES

1-5

18-22
JULY

OR

8-12
AUGUST

FINDING OUR WAY



FUN & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

Games, Crafts, Themed Activities & Outdoor Excursions

JR. LEADERS
SPOTS FOR
GR 6&7

FOR MORE INFORMATION

250-477-2715

2625 Arbutus Rd, Victoria BC

9AM - 3:30PM

Supervision 30 mins before
and after camp available

REGISTER: www.broadviewunited.com

Children, Youth & Young Adults

KIDS' ZONE

We gather together in the Sanctuary and have children's time during the service before we move to our groups in the hall and upstairs in the youth room. 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 7:00pm til 9:00pm in the hall and the youth room upstairs at the Arbutus Site. Our gatherings of fun, food and friendship for this month are on Friday, May 6th then again on May 20th. 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. Bring your friends. We will be gathering on Sunday, May 8th and again on May 22nd.



PARENTS & TOTS PLAYGROUP

Welcome parents/caregivers and children aged infant to 4 years old! We play 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! 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!



YOUNG ADULTS

For all those aged 18 – 29 we meet for lunch on 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. Come for the service then stay for lunch or just join us in the hall around 12:15pm. All are welcome! We will be gathering on Sunday, May 1st and again on May 15th.



Building Update

SOLAR PANELS

Over the last few months, those of you who have been observant have probably noticed a change to the roof on the South East corner of the church building at Cedar Hill Cross Rd. As you may remember, as part of our renovation plan and our **commitment to “greening” the building and lessening our environmental footprint, the** congregation voted to install solar panels. These have been installed over the last two months and we connect into the BC Hydro system at the end of April. This means that going forward, we will collect solar energy to power our needs; and any excess will be fed it into the provincial system and used as a credit for us for our future power needs. It is expected that we will recoup between 50-70% of our power usage this way. An exciting step along our renovation journey.



RENOVATION UPDATE

All our professionals have been working hard to meet deadlines and the plans will be submitted to District of Saanich at the end of April. Our Architects at Stellar Architecture have been working hard to finalize drawings, meet code requirements and make sure that the various elements in our vision are included. They have also been coordinating the work of the structural, electrical, and mechanical engineers and each company has submitted their final drawings as well. In addition, our interior designer has also been working hard to coordinate the kitchen consultant, keep the flow flexible and consistent and attend to the many little details as we move forward. Bi weekly, our BVU team has met with all these professionals for consultation and updates. The most up to date floor plans that were shared at the town hall in March, have been updated on the website if you missed seeing them.

The next steps are as follows:

- Saanich reviews the plans, makes recommendations and gives approval. Building permits are issued. This can take 6-12 weeks.
- At the same time, these plans will also go to the contractor for him to review and collect bids from subcontractors and trades for completion of the project and bring to us a budget for the anticipated costs of the design and a timeline for completion. We know there will be significant changes due to COVID and its effect on supply and costs.
- The new budget will be reviewed by the board and a plan will be made for moving forward that will be recommended to the congregation.
- The congregation will meet to approve the budget and timeline and instruct the trustees to seek the approval of the Pacific Mountain Region.
- The PMR working group will meet to review the design and budget and give its approval.
- By the end of the process we are hopeful that Saanich will be ready to issue the building permits and construction can begin.
- We will continue to keep everyone in the loop as we have new information to share. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact Doug Koch our congregational liaison for the renovation project.

Outreach

FROM THE PARKING LOT:

The Safe Parking Project continues with Donna being the only person parking in the CHX parking lot at present. Daniel is happily living in a one bedroom apartment in the area of Fort St. He continues to seek gardening and landscaping work at a rate of \$25.00/hour.

FROM THE SUNDAY GATHERING: We continue to meet at 2:00pm on Sundays for the month of May and to engage in conversation with folks from the shelter, the wider community, the church and the Mt Tolmie Community Association. During this month we will also be discussing when to break for summer. There will also be a May BBQ held at the Mt. Tolmie Shelter as a way of building bridges and being good neighbours.

THRIFT STORE UPDATE

The thrift store held its no sort bottle drive on Saturday, April 9th from 9-1pm. at CHX. We couldn't be happier with how it went. After collecting 17 pallets of refundable cans, bottles, and plant-based containers, we raised \$1332.08 for the Canadian Red Cross Humanitarian Crisis Appeal!

It was so uplifting to see so many community members come together for a common purpose. It was actually quite a bit of fun and the weather mostly held out... until it hailed on us in the afternoon that is! All in all it was a rewarding experience and one that our volunteers and supporters should be proud of. Thank you!



Intercultural Ministry

ICAB-BE (INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS AT BVU - BASIC ENGLISH) - EVERY THURS @ 2:30-4PM 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 practicing English. Please [register](#) on the BVU [website](#) to get the Zoom link.



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WALKIN' ON *sunshine*



Join Voices in Motion for their Spring Gala Concert with invited guest artists West my Friend and Juno award-winning Kathryn Calder.



MAY 15, 2022, 3:00 PM
Allx Gooden Performance Hall
907 Pandora Ave
Victoria BC



A musical event that is sure to get you humming and leave you with a song in your heart with conductor, Erica Phare-Bergh and pianist, Jeff Poynter.

Voices in Motion is a choir for adults with dementia, their caregivers, students and friends.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:

VOICESINMOTIONCHOIRS.ORG/EVENTS OR
VIA EMAIL: INFO@VOICESINMOTIONCHOIRS.ORG

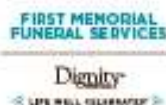
ADULTS \$25 | STUDENTS & CHILDREN \$20



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Opportunities in the Community

WALKING ON SUNSHINE!

Join Voices in Motion (ViM) for their spring gala concert on SUNDAY, MAY 15TH @ 3pm in the Alix Goolden Performance Hall. ViM is a choir for adults with dementia, their caregivers, students, and friends and has been sponsored by our church since its inception 5 years ago, in particular, the former St. Aidan's, where the concerts took place until the Covid lockdown. Special guests at this concert are *West my Friend* and *Kathryn Calder*. For tickets, please go to voicesinmotionchoirs.org/events



CAMP PRINGLE—SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

For children ages 8-16. There is something for everyone at Camp Pringle! Campers can enjoy archery, arts & crafts, campfire songs & skits, canoeing, faith exploration, kayaking, leadership development, orienteering, paddle boarding, rock climbing, swimming and so much more! 2022 Summer camp dates are as followed: July 4-8, July 11-15, July 18-22, Aug 2-5, Aug 22-Sept 2, Aug 22-26, Aug 29-Sept 2. For more information: <https://www.camppringle.com/summercamp>



Foundation News

CELEBRATING OUR CHAMPIONS: BUILDING OUR FOUNDATION

Thank you everyone who has contributed to the Celebrating our Champions and Building Our Foundation. As it turned out, you had more champions you wanted to celebrate than the three we mentioned, George Morfitt, Colin Booth, and Roger Davidson. In addition we have received \$100 gifts to celebrate the following people: Sylvia Campbell, Andrea Hubbard, Doug and Maureen Koch, Tony and Marilyn Smith, Val Bauld, Roger and Shirley Hannaford, Gwen Armstrong, Fran Stocks, Betty Doherty, Julie Ng, Don Craigmyle, Paul Malnarich, Jim Sparks, Kelly Orr, Sarah Bowder, Louise Rose and Mark Green.



You may continue making donations in the names of those you wish to celebrate until May 20 at which time we will end this opportunity. Currently we are more than half way (\$6100.) towards our goal of adding \$10,000. to the BVU Foundation. Please take this opportunity to donate via cheque made out to Broad View United Foundation or via e-transfer to treasurer@broadviewunited.com



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Spring PLANT SALE

**St. George's Church
Cadboro Bay!**

Saturday, May 7th
from 10am-2pm



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