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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Do you have a favourite 'visiting' story?

In my second year of university, in a Religious Studies class, I was introduced to Rumi's* poem about 'visiting'. Like an angel's greeting, this poem revisited me, unexpectedly, in this week before the first Advent. When I was younger, I understood less than the 1/3 of the meaning of what this poem could offer. Now, I can do a little better, I thought. I invite you to read this poem about a visit.

One went to the door of the Beloved and knocked.

*A voice asked: "Who is there?" He** answered: "It is I."*

The voice said: "There is no room here for me and thee."

The door was shut.

After a year of solitude and deprivation

this man returned to the door of the Beloved.

He knocked.

A voice from within asked: "Who is there?"

The man said: "It is Thou."

The door was opened for him.



Traditionally, we encounter two 'visit' stories in Advent. The angel Gabriel's visit to young Mary, that leads to the journey Mary makes to visit her older cousin Elizabeth. These two stories are not pastel blues and pinks and purples, wrapped in an angel's shimmering wings. The angel tells Mary, "Do not be afraid". Mary's head tilts toward the angel as the angel's head tilts towards hers. Mary, in trembling acceptance of the embodied God in her body and soul, her yes being more powerful than fear, accepts her call to go above and beyond to do the birthing of the Beloved into the world. Months later, Mary "Walks in the Summer (Voices United 12)" through the heat on the hill, and visits Elizabeth, in unsurpassable confidence and joy. Mary proclaims the Magnificat, which will be BVU's theme Gospel story this Advent season. "My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you, my Saviour!" Then, Mary describes what God has done and will do, a list that does not appear in Christmas cards. God has "scattered the proud..., brought down the powerful from their thrones..., filled the hungry..., and sent the rich away empty". Indeed, there are places in the world where the Magnificat is not translated from Latin because of its troublesome political and economic ideas.

The angels visit us every day, if we could only recognize it, and tell us "Do not be afraid."

The Mary's in our lives and in the world have something important to tell us. They have songs! Magnificat! "Could the world be about to turn?" (More Voices 120, Canticale of the Turning)

BVU, Let's continue to tell each other our Advent stories and share our faith.

Knock, visit and greet. Listen. Give. Act. The 365-day-a-year work of birthing the Beloveds into the world is the true colour of Advent and Christmas spirit.

Ha Na & Mark

* *Jalal al-Din Muhammad Rumi* was a 13th century Islamic scholar and Sufi mystic, originally from the region in Greater Iran.

** Please use the pronoun that works right for you.

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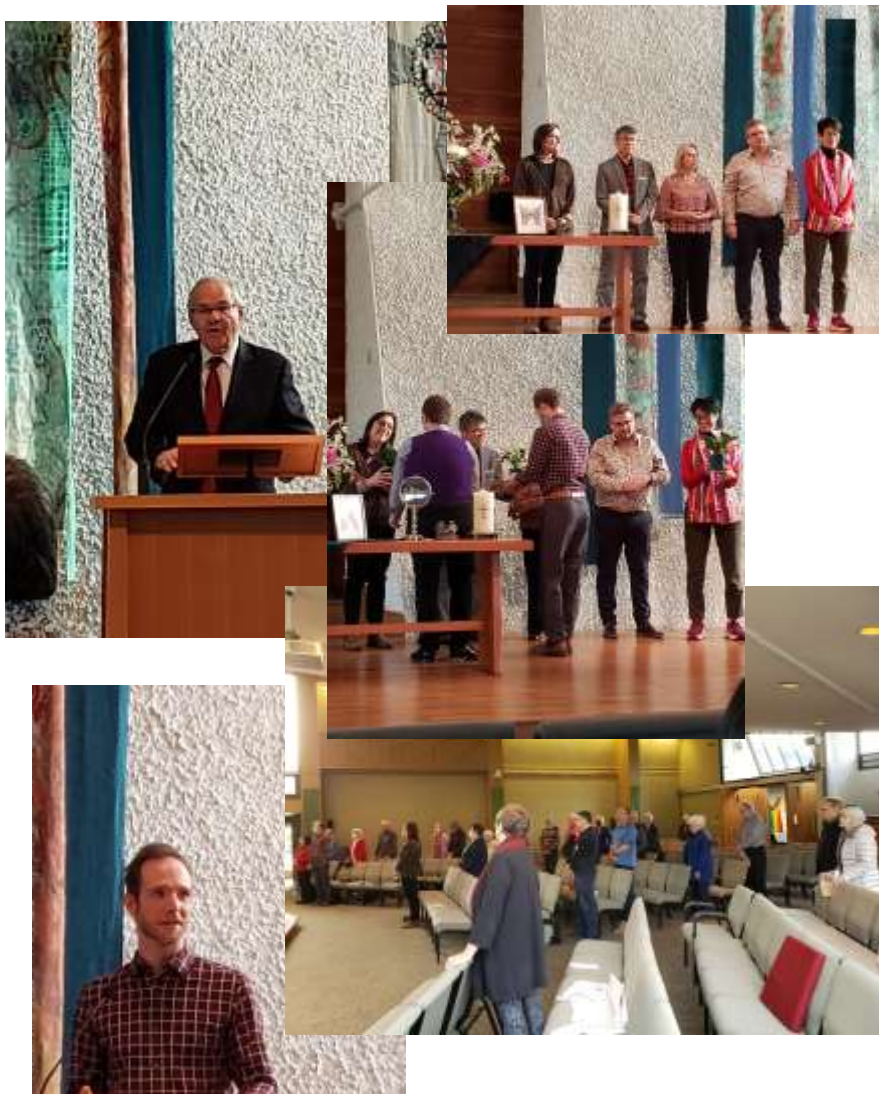
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Children, Youth & Young Adults

KIDS' ZONE

This is our regular Sunday morning programming for kids aged pre-K to Grade 8.

There is a children's conversation during the service after which we will move to the hall and the upstairs youth room. The kids will be broken up into smaller groups by age where we will discuss the story and engage in activities that guide us toward understanding the bible story and connecting it with our own lives.



YOUTH GROUPS

Junior Youth Group is a chance for kids in grades 6, 7, or 8 to gather together in a safe space to build community and explore a new way of being with their peers. We meet every second Friday from 7-9pm in the hall at the Arbutus site. This month we meet on December 9th and 16th. We will not meet during the Christmas break but will start up again on January 13th. Bring your friends for an evening of fun and friendship.

Senior Youth Group is for students in grades 9 – 12. We meet every second Sunday from 7 – 9pm in the hall at the Arbutus site. There is always some lively discussions and lots of time for games and laughter. This month we will get together on December 11th. Bring your friends! We will not meet during the Christmas break. We will start up again on January 15th.



PARENTS & TOTS PLAYGROUP

This Wednesday morning program is for kids aged up to 4 years old and their caregivers. The kids have lots of toys and lots of space to play and explore and the adults have a chance to interact with their kids in a new space and build community with other caregivers. Snack for the kids and coffee/tea for the adults is provided. No need to pre-register. Just show up! We gather every Wednesday from 9:30-11:30am. Bring your friends and neighbours. PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 21ST AND 28TH. We will start up again on Wednesday, January 4th.



YOUNG ADULTS

This group is for all those aged 18 – 29. We meet for lunch on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 12:15pm. 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. Our dates for this month are December 4th and 18th.



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Advent Services 2022

Throughout the season of Advent we will be focusing on **Mary's Magnificat found in the Gospel of Luke**. Each Sunday we will light the advent candles, focus on the passage through the theme of the candle of the day (Hope, Peace, Love, Joy). Each of our four clergy will share their **reflections on this passage**. Our children's program will help our young ones learn the Christmas story and make connections to their lives as well.



- ⇒ Advent 1 - Hope (Nov 27th) Ha Na Park will be preaching and we will also be celebrating Communion at both services.
- ⇒ Advent 2 - Peace (Dec 4th) Min-Goo Kang will be our preacher.
- ⇒ Advent 3 - Joy (Dec 11th) Margaret Harper will be our preacher and it is also *Tacky Christmas Sweater Day*. **You are invited if you wish, to join with others in some fun on "Joy" Sunday. We are encouraging** folks to wear either a tacky Christmas sweater, or some tacky Christmas bling or something bright and festive. Either way, our plan is to simply have some fun on this day.
- ⇒ Advent 4- Love (Dec 18th) Mark Green will be our preacher.

Blue Christmas - A Service of Solace - Sunday December 18th, 7pm

Christmas is not a joyful occasion for everyone. There are many reasons why this season can be difficult: loss of a loved one, broken relationships, loss of health, loneliness, painful memories, feeling overwhelmed by the preparations for and busyness of the season, expectations of others, seasonal affective disorder (SAD), etc. This service features gentle readings and reflections, music and candle lighting, giving the opportunity to acknowledge and live into some of these feelings and make room for hope and new life to enter. Through the power of ritual, we will have the chance to grieve and let go, and enter gently into a new place ready to experience Christmas anew. All are welcome to attend and you may wish to invite a friend or neighbour who you think might benefit from this experience.



Following the service there will be hot apple cider, Christmas treats, and a time for meeting with others and sharing in conversation.



Christmas Eve Services at BVU - Dec 24th

As has been our tradition, we will again be offering 3 different Christmas Eve Services to meet the variety of needs of our congregation and community. We invite you to attend one of them as a way of **connecting our faith story with your family's traditions.**

- * 4 pm Family Celebration of the Nativity: This service features an active way of retelling and entering into the Christmas story that will engage children of all ages. A gathered pageant, carols and candles help the story touch our hearts and leave you ready to return to your home in time for supper.
- * 7pm Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: This service is also geared to families of all configurations and will feature a drama that will connect our everyday lives to the Christmas story. Lots of carol singing and the lighting of candles whilst singing Silent Night bring a gentleness and magical ending to Christmas Eve.
- * 8pm Evening Candle Light Labyrinth Walk: more info within the newsletter
- * 9pm Candlelight Communion Service: A gentle service of reflection with a smooth jazz feel brings Christmas Eve celebrations to an end. Through singing, readings, reflections and the sharing of communion, this service seeks to deepen our understanding of the Christmas story and bring a sense of mystery into being.

Christmas Day – Sunday Dec 25th @ 10:30am: We will host only one service on this Sunday. Come Join Ha Na and Min-Goo for a gentle service with candles and carols.

Christmas Intercultural Lunch: **You're invited to join us for Christmas Day for**

ChristmaSUSHI lunch and international old games! We will make Korean Sushi Roll (Kimbap) together! We will provide cooked rice, seaweeds, sushi rolling mats, and fillings (a variety of cooked vegetables, **and meat and eggs**). **You're welcome to bring your own ready-to-eat** filling if you want. Following the luncheon, we will play some traditional games from around the world. Questions? Contact Ha Na (hana@broadviewunited.com) or Min-Goo (min-goo@broadviewunited.com)

New Year's Day – Sunday Jan 1st 10:30am: We will host only one service this day as we start the new year with a time of reflection and worship. Come join Mark and others on this New Years Day. Hot apple cider and hot chocolate will be offered in addition to our regular beverages before and after the service that day.



Congregational Care

Passages: We offer our love, condolences and support to the families of Allan Dack and Betty Sinclair. Thank you to all who uphold the BVU community in these important times of honouring the lives of those who have gone before us.

Fall Grief and Loss Group has now wrapped up. We have been grateful for a safe, intimate space to gather and support one another as we journey with all the changes and challenges that grief brings. If there is enough interest, a new group will form in the New Year. To inquire or learn more, please be in touch with Margaret: margaret@broadviewunited.com

Circle CHAT: Wednesday, DECEMBER 14 @ 1:30-3:00pm

Circle CHAT is a new drop-in group designed especially for elders. Our December gathering will have a Christmas theme filled with shared conversation, laughter, visiting and refreshments. Come to connect with old friends, and make new ones! Sharing our stories enables us to form connections and feel a sense of belonging and shared camaraderie with our new BVU community. Circle CHAT meets on the Second Wednesday of the month. If you or someone you know needs a ride, please call the office (Charlotte) or Margaret at 250-477-2715.

Prayer Chain Ministry: The prayer chain is a confidential space where prayer requests regarding any personal, family or community/world situations or circumstances can be safely submitted and upheld in a sacred manner. Jean Margison and Margaret Harper (Pastoral Care Minister) will oversee this ministry, supported by a **small team of folks who are called to be God's channels of support and love. To submit your requests, please be** in touch with Jean (jean@jampot.ca) (250) 721-0585 or Margaret (margaret@broadviewunited.com) (250-477-2715).

Blue Christmas Service: Sunday, Dec. 18TH AT 7pm. A gentle service of music, reflections and candle lighting for any who are finding the holiday season tough. (Grief, loneliness, despair or simply needing a quiet place to escape the machinations of commercialism). Come be amongst others in a place of quiet and calm. The weeks leading up to Christmas can be difficult for many. If you know someone who would benefit from a card or phone call, please be in touch with Margaret (margaret@broadviewunited.com) or one of the following Congregational Care Resource Folks. May we be gentle and loving with each other, as we recognize the call and comfort of being together in community.

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Small Groups Ministry

Are you new to BVU? Are you longing to get to know others?
Maybe you have been associated with our congregation for a while, but still feel on the margins?

Mark's sermon on Nov. 20 highlighted some of the benefits of this program unique to Broad View United, the main ones being a place to share our stories, support each other and explore our spirituality with an intentional group who bond together in a myriad of ways. Each group develops their own flavour and ways of being together. Deep friendships are formed. Topics which matter are discussed in a Spirit of acceptance, openness and FUN! Several folks have expressed interest, so we are poised to begin some new groups in 2023! Please be in touch with Margaret or any of our CORE Team listed below!



PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP YOU CONNECT!

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BVU Seasonal Offerings & Updates

Candle Light LABYRINTH WALKS

BVU will offer two opportunities to walk our beautiful labyrinth in the hall over this holiday season in an environment of warm and gentle candle light.



- ♦ Christmas Eve: 8-9 pm. Join us at either the conclusion of the 7pm Christmas Eve service or before the 9pm contemplative/communion service. What a special way of preparing our hearts and spirits on this sacred Christmas Eve.
- ♦ Sunday, Jan. 8 at 7pm. We will walk and welcome the special light of the Epiphany Season. No experience is required. Walking the labyrinth within the glow of candle light will provide a gentle introduction to this ancient spiritual practice.

BVU Community Choir Concert - Sunday Dec 11 from 3-4pm

Come join the BVU Community Choir under the direction of Brian Tate for a holiday concert of choral music, some audience Christmas carol sing-along and a special instrumental excerpt from a Charlie Brown

Christmas. The choir has diverse musical selections they have been working on this fall to share with you and it promises to be a delightful afternoon. Admission is by donation and it will be livestreamed as well.



Community Meal December 7th @ 6pm

Join us for our final meal of 2022 for a time of sharing a simple meal and good conversation. Everyone is invited and Vegan and GF options are always available. This month's soups are butternut squash and chicken tortellini - Yum. Whether you are new to BVU or been attached for a long time, this is a great opportunity to meet others. There is no cost and you can skip the dishes.

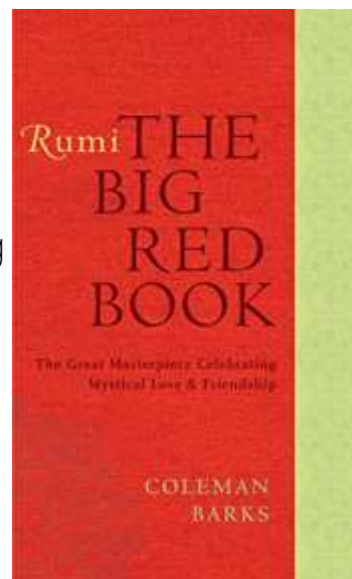


INTER-VIEW—Every 2nd Wednesday at 7pm on Zoom

Our next meeting is on Dec 14th at 7pm via Zoom. Meeting ID: 4173458045
We invite you to come and enjoy a bi-monthly Zoom conversation, INTER-VIEW interconnecting the two kinds of views - Inter-Spiritual and Queering.

We hope that INTER-VIEW will be a warm and supportive space where you can bring yourself, as the whole package: Your faith, spiritual interest, queerness, culture, race, ethnicity, migration journey, leaving no part of yourself in exile. Join us with an open heart and holy curiosity towards learning from each other.

In December, Rumi's poems in Coleman Bark's translation (The Big Red Book: The Great Masterpiece Celebrating Mystical Love & Friendship, 2010) will be shared.



2023 Giving Envelopes

If you currently use envelopes for your offering at BVU and you'd like to continue doing so in 2023, please sign up in the Narthex. We won't be automatically processing envelopes as we have done in the past so you will need to sign up if you would like to use them again in the new year. When you sign up you will have the option of receiving envelopes for weekly giving or envelopes for monthly giving. 2023 offering envelopes will be available for pick up in the Narthex starting January 1, 2023.



Holiday Office Hours and Pastoral Care Coverage

The church office will close at noon on Friday Dec 23rd and will re-open at 9am Dec 28th. It will then close again Thurs Dec 29 at noon until Tues Jan 3rd. Offerings dated on or before December 31st can be dropped off in the mail box when the office is closed or to the office directly on Dec 28/29. Those items will be credited to you for your 2022 tax receipt.

Ministry staff will not be in the office during the week for Dec 26- 30. Mark will be in Victoria during the holiday season and on call for any pastoral emergencies. He can be reached at 250-882-2715 (cell) and if he does not answer, please leave a voice mail and he will respond promptly. You are welcome to reach out to him at anytime should a pastoral emergency arise.



Intercultural Ministry

It's bigger than we can ever imagine....

It's been three months since I arrived at BVU, and I can say that the intercultural community at BVU is growing. About twenty people have recently joined us for English Conversation Circle or Ping Pong & Games Night, or both. **It's official that we now have 100 people, who signed up for our weekly intercultural programs.** Many of them are from the wider community!

Both programs are intended to reach out to people in the community - the demographics we may not see often in the church on Sunday morning. **I'm grateful that we have a core group of people, who deeply care about both the programs and the people who come. It's a real honour and privilege to witness meaningful connections** when a diverse group of people come together to share their stories and learn from each other.

I can also tell you how everything we do here at BVU works together. Some of the parents, who came to hear their children sing during the service, learned about our ping pong program, and spoke to me. **A week later they all came to join us! Did you know that we are now renting the hall to Chinese Senior's Association on Sunday afternoon?** Four of them have become regular participants to our Ping Pong



program!

The new additional programs – **Intercultural Bible Study and Kang's Convenience** – provide opportunities for us to create intercultural space within the church community. Using the same scripture passage we **hear on Sunday morning, this Bible study helps us to engage the Word in community. We use "Mutual Invitation" as a communication tool to ensure that everyone has an equal chance to speak. By doing so,** we honour the spirit who works in each of us. We will gather on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 7pm right after the community meal. We will deepen our understanding of Mary, the mother of Jesus by studying Luke 1:39-56 together.

Kang's Convenience opens up a space for intercultural conversations. So far, we have talked about accents, language barrier, personal boundary, and a bit of my family history as well as the complicated relationship between Korea and Japan. We also talked about some uniquely Korean concepts such as Jeong (정/情). It's the warm feeling of attachment felt between people who share a close relationship. I can tell you that we do share such affection with one another at Kang's Convenience. We will gather on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 7pm. We will watch Season 1 Finale: Family Singing Contest (it's my favorite episode!), followed by a lively discussion about family! I will bring some Korean desert to share my Jeong



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Christmas Giving and Outreach Opportunities

Giving Tuesday: Tuesday Nov 29th - UVIC Food Bank

As a part of a world wide trend to counter the commercialism and consumerism of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, a global day of generosity was named for the Tuesday that follows. Each year BVU has participated in this giving practice that many religious Canadians have embraced as a core practice. We also make the focus of this day, one of the outreach projects and partners we are connected to.

This year our focus is the Uvic Food Bank. Most of us are aware of the rising cost of groceries and students are also feeling the pinch. Without proper nutrition, its hard for students to study and be successful. Foodbanks are all experiencing a large increase in demand and the UVic food bank is no exception however many do not even know that it exists.

We are encouraging you to donate through the Giving Tuesday button on our website that will be live that day, or by cheque dropped off to the office. You can also make a food donation at the church that day if you like.



Angel Gifts

Thank you to all who are participating in Angel Gifts. There are cards still up for grabs, you can pick one up from Charlotte in the office.

Alternatively, you can donate to the programme, or volunteer to be a shopper, by going to the website main page and clicking on the Angel Gifts button. (under the blue PAR button). Please bring your wrapped gift in - with the Angel Gift Number clearly taped or written on the front of the parcel - before the services on December 4th and 11th. Questions? Phone June Robinson or Maureen Koch. We are in the Directory.



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** 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.**



Mt Tolmie Shelter Xmas Gifts

Similar to last year, we are working on providing a small gift of socks/treats for residents of the Mt Tolmie Shelter that we have been interfacing with this year.

If you'd like to help with this project, you can drop off a pair of new warm socks for any gender with Charlotte at the front desk.



Jesus' Baby Shower : Dec 25, Jan 1st and Jan 8th

One of the ways we work to make a practical impact for those living on the edges is to support the work of the Saanich Neighbourhood Place (SNP). 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. SNP serves young parents between the ages of 13 and 28. Because most live on income assistance, they often don't have enough for necessities because their shelter allowance is low, therefore some of their support money must go to rent. That leaves most families very short of money for food and other essentials. Christmas and the weeks that follow become an added strain. You can help by bringing one of the following items: diapers - sizes 4, 5 and 6 (little ones stay in the large sizes longer so therefore higher demand!), pull ups, infant formula, wipes, baby food, infant cereal, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products. These can also be dropped off during church office hours during the week. Bring these with you to the church anytime from Christmas day onward and place them under the tree. Thank you



Fairway Market & Pepper's Foods Fundraising Cards

To date we have had almost \$200 given back to us via the Fairway Market Cards. Pepper's Foods also does a program like this for BVU. This is a simple program that is similar to the previous Thrifty Foods program. Simply pick up a card from Charlotte at reception, load the card, do your grocery shopping, pay with the loaded card, and 5% of your total will come back to the church! Christmas is coming, and perhaps a pre-loaded Fairways Gift Card or Pepper's Foods Card would make a perfect gift for someone in your family??



Coldest Night Walk - Saturday Feb 25, 2023

The Coldest Night of the Year is a winterrific family-friendly walk to raise money for local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. BVU will once again host a team of walkers to support the work of OUR PLACE and their work with those marginalized and living on the streets of Victoria. Mark the date now on your calendar for 2023. More details in the January Newsletter on how you can either become a part of the walking team or sponsor a walker.



Shelbourne Community Kitchen

SCK has been so busy recently and have already registered 24 new participants this month. For the month of December they are focusing on healthy proteins and are once again asking each church to focus on one item. We would love it if you folks focused on cans of chickpeas and black beans. We are also looking for canning jars, new or good condition used.



Mt Tolmie Shelter Gatherings

BVU volunteers and neighbours continue to gather for BBQ and Coffee & Conversation with Mt. Tolmie Shelter residents and staff, bi-weekly. Last BBQ (Nov 6th) had a great turn out, enjoying lots of interactions among the Mt. Tolmie Shelter residents and volunteers. As the CHX is not available due to renovation at this time, we plan to have the Coffee & Conversation gathering at Tim Hortons (3749 Shelbourne St). Everyone is welcome. Please feel free to call/text Ha Na (204-218-3946) before you plan to join us.

Thrift Store Update

At the BVU Thrift Store, the volunteers once again did an amazing job of sorting, pricing, and displaying Christmas merchandise for our Christmas Extravaganza. Unlike the past two years, when we held a pop-up sale upstairs at CHX, this year, our store was turned into a Christmas wonderland. We sold our Christmas merchandise a lot quicker than we anticipated.

Now that our Christmas merchandise is dwindling, our focus is on selling the huge inventory of books that we have until Dec 7th. After that, the books will go to the Arbutus Site for ongoing sale on the bookshelves at the entrance.

Many volunteers gathered for a farewell party on Nov 17 to celebrate Katy's last day with the BVU Thrift Store. Katy and Sam served the store with bright smiles, insights, loving care and energy, together as managers, for the last two years. Sam will be ending her time on Dec 15th. Katy and Sam were saddened that there were so many volunteers missing from this picture, and expressed their deep appreciation and **gratitude for the work and support from all volunteers.** *"Sam and Katy will miss everyone. We have enjoyed the opportunity to manage the store. Thank you, everyone."*



Volunteers' Tea Gathering:

Dec 5 @ 10am

Ha Na and Sam would like to invite the BVU Thrift Store volunteers to gather for tea on Dec 5 at 10am at the Arbutus Site. It will be the first of the gatherings that will continue bi-weekly into the New Year.



QUILTS FOR SURVIVORS

WE ARE HOPING TO START A QUILTS FOR SURVIVORS GROUP AT BROADVIEW UNITED. WE ARE LOOKING FOR SEWISTS, QUILTERS AND NEW CRAFTERS WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JOINING US TO HELP CREATE QUILTS FOR SURVIVORS OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS.

THIS PROJECT WAS STARTED BY AN INDIGENOUS WOMAN IN ONTARIO, AND HAS SPREAD ACROSS THE COUNTRY - YOU CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT IT HERE:

[HTTPS://WWW.QUILTSFORSURVIVORS.CA/](https://www.quiltsforsurvivors.ca/)

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF GOOD QUALITY, 100% COTTON FABRIC

PLANNING
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JANUARY 21
9:30AM

ALL ARE WELCOME - NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! COME TO THE PLANNING MEETING AND HELP US GET STARTED!

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Building Reno Updates

Renovations continue to unfold quite rapidly in many ways. On the most part, they are on schedule though we are still waiting on a few directions from the City of Saanich. Some revisions to exiting out of the downstairs have had to be made to meet city interpretations of the fire exiting code and drawings are being submitted as this is being written. Bi-weekly meetings continue to occur to sort out details like fixtures, colours, millwork, landscaping etc. **It's an exciting but busy time.**

We are very blessed with the quality of work and positive attitude of our renovation company STORY Contracting. They have been helpful and kind on many occasions as we navigate changes and make adaptations. They even dismantled all the pews which was very generous. Here are a few pictures so you can see what is underway.



Covenanting Service

On Nov 20th, our BVU ministry staff team had a lovely and meaningful covenanting service, with the worship leadership of Thomas Dennett (The Search Committee co-chair) and Bill Cantelon (Pacific Mountain Region Rep). We were delighted to welcome our guest preacher, Megumi Matsuo Saunders, and she offered an insightful, spirit-filled intercultural sermon.

The Search Committee presented three symbols to lift up **BVU's core values:** Clay Candle Holder — to represent the Light among us with whom we connect with one another and promote interconnectedness. Butterfly — to reveal the process of transformation and change as we embrace



progressiveness in our lives and community of faith. Mirror — as it reflects the world and ourselves and help us move forward with integrity and truth. Let all these be signs of the ministry that is and that will be in our community. Thank you all who participated in this meaningful milestone.

Broad View United Year End Gift:

As we come into the final month of 2022, we are hopeful that we might bridge the deficit gap with the year end gifts offered. As you look through both this newsletter and past newsletters, you can see all the ways BVU is making a difference in the lives of individuals and in the community. As with many charities, a significant part of our donations come in the last month of the year. As we move into December we are running a deficit of about 10% of our overall budget. Your help in offering an additional gift to help us bridge that gap would be greatly appreciated.



You can make this gift by dropping a cheque in the mail or donation box, sending an e-transfer or visiting our website for other options. Thank you for considering such a gift and including Broad View in your holiday



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INTERCULTURAL CHRISTMAS

DEC. 25TH 10:30AM



You're invited to join us for Christmas Day service with candles and carols, followed by ChristmasUSHI lunch and international old games!

We will make Korean Sushi Roll(Kimbap) together! We will provide cooked rice, seaweeds, sushi rolling mats, and fillings (a variety of cooked vegetables, and meat and eggs).

You're welcome to bring your own ready-to-eat filling if you want. Following the luncheon, we will play some traditional games from around the world.



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10:30am Service, 11:30am Lunch

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