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# MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Telling our Story, Sharing our Faith – Mark Green

As we wind up another program year, we will have a chance during the month of June to reflect a bit on our overarching theme of “Telling our Story, Sharing our Faith”. This past Sunday (Pentecost) the sanctuary was filled to overflowing with energy, stories, new members, sacraments and followed by cake. Folks in groups of 3 shared with one another a little bit of their own stories just as those who had shared in testimony did this year. In a small sampling survey done by some members of the board last November, one of the highlight mentioned was the Testimony process we had begun this year. **It has indeed been a blessing and a privilege to hear parts of each person's story. While we aren't** likely to continue testimony every week in the new year, it will be a regular part of our church life as we move forward. Thank you to all who shared their stories this year.



As you will read in the pages that follow, there is still lots happening around the church as we move into the summer. Please be sure to read the notices about amalgamation, the documents related to the ministry plan, the Town Hall and the congregational meeting. Take a few minutes to make sure you are clear about the upcoming steps so you can participate and share your voice.

You will also find within these pages updates on what is happening with the renovations, when staff are away, transition plans for leaving the Arbutus site and news about the final celebration service of the Cadboro Bay Sanctuary. There is also an update about the amalgamation proposal with First Met (FM) and the next steps for that process. I know you will have lots of questions over the next few weeks and we will do our best to answer many of them at the Town Hall meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>. More information about all these things is contained in these pages so please take a bit of time to read through.

As summer approaches, lots of things begin to wind down. Many of the groups and activities here at BVU will take a break as June ends for the summer. This year that break will be a bit longer as we will be out of the Arbutus site but not quite into our new site yet. At the time of writing this, the plan is still for us to have occupancy status at the end of Sept or first week of Oct. We will be looking at some ways of connecting with folks in informal ways through the months of August and September in addition to worship times Downtown at the First Met site. Share with us your ideas and this will be included in the summer newsletter.

**It's been a busy spring. Well done everyone for all your work at helping us get to the places we are at.** Hopefully the summer will provide opportunities for everyone to have some time of rest and renewal. **If you haven't got any time planned for that currently, then make sure you block some out.**

Blessings all.



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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.

Please note that Pat will be away for the summer months of July and August. Emily Anderson, who has **been working with the children's program since May, will be here to continue our Children's Conversations.**

## PARENT AND TOT

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 9:30-11:30. Bring your friends and neighbors.



Please Note - Our last Parent and Tot session for the summer is Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. We will resume again in September.

## 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 7pm-9pm in the hall at the Arbutus site. This month we will gather on Fridays, June 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bring your friends for an evening of fun and friendship.

Please Note that we do not meet during the summer months. We will resume Youth Group in September.

Senior Youth Group is for students in grades 9 – 12. We meet every second Sunday from 7:00 – 9:00 in the hall at the Arbutus site. There is always some lively discussions and lots of time for games and laughter. This month we meet on Sunday, June 11. Bring your friends!

Please Note that we do not meet during the summer months. We will resume Youth Group in September.

## YOUNG ADULTS

**Young Adults** is for all those aged 18 – 29. We meet for lunch on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month after the 10:00 am service. 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 11:15. Our dates for this month are June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 18.

Please note that we do not gather during the summer. We will resume Young Adult lunch gatherings in September.



# What's Happening

## Amalgamation and Congregational meeting - Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am (following worship)

A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am following worship. This meeting will be in person and streamed live so that people can attend remotely. The chat function will be enabled so that folks online will be able to ask questions and vote electronically. No proxy voting is allowed by United Church rules and tradition. The issue to be voted on is whether BVU would like to amalgamate with First Metropolitan as per the terms in the [Proposal To Amalgamate](#) document. This document is too large to print within the newsletter and thus needs to be downloaded separately([HERE](#)). If you have any challenges getting this document, please contact the church office and we can send it to you directly or print a copy out for you.

As you will note in the document and from past articles and conversation, this amalgamation is very different from the one that Cadboro Bay and St Aidan's did together 3 years ago. And while it will impact (and enhance) future and ministry options for us in the future, it will not have us moving, renovating or changing our name. First Met will also be having a congregational meeting at the same time to vote on the same question. A representative of the Pacific Mountain Region will also attend each congregational meeting.

## Town Hall Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm via Zoom

BVU will host a Town hall, focusing on the upcoming proposal to Amalgamate with First Metropolitan. This is an opportunity to ask clarification questions about the Proposal to Amalgamate document available [HERE](#) on our website.. This informal format encourages discussion and the exchange of ideas, providing the opportunity for folks to fill in any gaps they are wondering about in their knowledge. The document contains background information and a strategic plan outline for moving forward . Zoom link will be sent on Tuesday morning of the town hall. If you haven't received the email with the link, please call the church office and we will send it directly to you.

## Sale of Arbutus Site and Transition plan

Property Sale: When the congregation approved the budget for the renovation of the Cedar Hill Site, one of the income lines was proceeds from the sale of the Cadboro Bay Site on Arbutus Road. At the end of January, the property went up for bids from interested buyers. Upon the closing date of the bids, the board reviewed the options and decided which bid they would accept. A lot of thought went into the options and the implications for BVU. Initially the closing date was to be March 31<sup>st</sup> but an extension was then requested to May 31<sup>st</sup>. Through various negotiations with the buyer, trustees, board and the Region, we were able to secure increased deposits on the sale so that we could continue to meet our costs related to the renovation. Due to the confidential nature legal proceedings, we were unable inform the congregation about the sale until its completion. Now that the closing date has past we can share this information with you.

## Transition:

Starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, BVU is now the renter of the Arbutus Site as we await completion of the Cedar Hill site. We have short-term lease that ends on August 15<sup>th</sup> as a Charter School (ArtsCalibre) will be occupying this building for the fall onward. The developer will align their plans with the Saanich Community vision for **this area and site. Since the Cedar Hill site won't be ready by then, our plan is to worship with First Met for** worship starting August 1<sup>st</sup> until the end of September. Our ministry team will collaborate with their ministry team to plan and lead worship during the transition period and BVU members will have an opportunity to meet members of First Met and also gain an appreciation for the historical building where their community of faith has worshiped, as well as the upcoming transition and the sense of loss they will experience when they move out of this space in the fall.

## Moving out plan :

Two summer students have been hired to help with the sorting and packing up of the Arbutus site. While some of the sorting and purging was done when we went through this process at the Cedar Hill site, there is still much to do. Both students and staff will be working to identify what things we keep, what will get sold as surplus and what things need to be downsized. Some stuff will go to our thrift store and some to other churches in need. Some of the spaces at the new site will be ready to receive items as they are packed and can be moved directly into those spaces. Some items will need to go into moving canisters and unpacked in September/Oct. Our Technology team will use the first two weeks of August to dismantle and move the technology carefully from this space and prepare it for reinstallation in the Cedar Hill Site.

## Closing Celebration of Cadboro Bay Sanctuary :

The final service and a decommissioning ceremony for the sanctuary as a sacred space will happen on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. During this service, we will celebrate the ministry that has taken place in this space, cherish the sacred moments shared, and express our gratitude for how it has nurtured the neighborhood since 1964. We will also acknowledge the sadness and sense of loss for those who have found solace in this space during significant moments of their lives. Following this date, we will join the First Met congregation for worship at 11 am, located on the corner of Quadra and Balmoral.

A few other things:

- Staff will continue their jobs as they relate to BVU during this transition time. We are hoping that office space at the Cedar Hill site will be done toward the end of August and staff can work from there and/or remotely as needed. A call forward option will be installed for our phone numbers so staff can still be reached in emergencies.
- Friday Email will still come from BVU office to keep folks updated on changes and happenings
- Keys: If you have keys for any of the church buildings, we ask that you please turn them back to the church in July. While locks in both buildings are being modified, a fresh start will be a good thing
- Patience: Throughout all these transitions will be important for all involved. All these changes will come with different kinds of stress for each person. Let's show as much kindness and patience as we can with everyone along the way.



## Building Update – Renovations at Cedar Hill Site

The Cedar Hill site continues to be a hive of activity and if you drive by any time you will be able to see how much is underway. Here are some notable updates:

- All the new windows have been installed, allowing for an abundance of natural light to fill the building.
- The installation of the new metal roof is nearly complete. Metal shingles, crafted on-site, ensure an attractive and long-lasting roofing solution.
- Much of the essential wiring for the electrical work has been installed, and the process of drywalling has commenced. However, electrical connections still need to be finalized for full functionality.
- The millwork designs are mostly finalized, and shop drawings are in place to begin creating cabinets, shelving, and other fixtures.
- During inspections and signoffs by Saanich, a few deficiencies were noted, which we are actively addressing to bring the building up to code. We are navigating this process diligently.
- Two-thirds of the stained-glass window boxes have been completed.



Like any renovation project, surprises and decisions arise regularly. Our contractor, Story Construction, has been exceptional in finding affordable and timely solutions. Doug Koch and Mark Green hold bi-weekly meetings with our on-site supervisor, the project coordinator from Story, our two architects, and various electrical, mechanical, and structural engineers. With the complexity of this project, which involves numerous moving parts, progress appears to be on track. Approximately 26 change orders have been issued thus far.



These updates reflect the ongoing efforts to transform the Cedar Hill site into a functional and inspiring space for our community.



## Summer Students

We are delighted to announce that we have hired two students to assist us during this summer transition.

Josh Hotchin, who has been a student with us for the past few years and grew up in this congregation, will be returning as one of our summer students. Josh brings valuable knowledge of both buildings and familiarity with the contents of the containers at the Cedar Hill site. His previous experience with the transition two years ago will be a significant asset to our team. Joining us as our second summer student is Emily Anderson.

Emily is a new member of BVU, having started attending last fall. She is currently a third-year education student at UVic. Emily hails from Vancouver, where she grew up and actively participated in Highlands United Church. Additionally, Emily will be leading our children's program on Sundays in July. We are excited to have Josh and Emily on board to contribute their skills and support during this transitional period.

## Staffing Updates:

- Sarah Schoeck, who has so capably been the temporary admin assistant during Charlottes medical leave and through the transition time between Meghan and Kanika will be ending her time with us June 16<sup>th</sup>. We could not have navigated all that has happened without her tireless work and ability to juggle many things. Thank you does not begin to cover our gratitude.
- Charlotte continues to be on medical leave and we hope to have news of whether she will be returning at the 6 month mark of the beginning of her medical leave which will be in early July.
- Staff holiday schedule:
  - Ha Na and Min-Goo will be away July 1-31
  - Margaret will be away Aug 1-17
  - Pat will be on leave from July 1 – August 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Mark will be away August 13-27
  - Kanika will be away August 3-9

## Summer Worship: 10 am for June and July

Our summer worship schedule began on Pentecost Sunday when we moved to one service at 10am on Sundays. This will be our pattern until the last Sunday at the Arbutus/Cadboro Bay site on July 30<sup>th</sup>. After that time we will join folks at First Metropolitan at 11 am on Sundays. Staff from BVU together with staff from FM will together plan and lead worship for August and September. First Met is located at 932 Balmoral Ave (corner of Quadra and Balmoral). Some special things we will celebrate during worship this summer:

June 11<sup>th</sup> - congregational meeting followed by BBQ church picnic lunch

June 18<sup>th</sup> - Residential School Survivor Quilts - smudging and blessings

June 25<sup>th</sup> - Celebration of Gr 12 Graduates from BVU

July 9<sup>th</sup> - Pride Sunday

July 30<sup>th</sup> - Final Celebration and closing ritual for the Cadboro Bay Sanctuary

Aug 6<sup>th</sup> - First Sunday with First Met for worship at 11 am



## Pride Sunday and Parade — July 9<sup>th</sup> 2023

This year's Victoria Pride Celebrations are scheduled to take place from June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 9<sup>th</sup>, with the Parade happening on the final day of the Festival. We are currently assembling a team of individuals to carry our BVU banner and participate in the parade. If you are interested in getting involved, please send an email to Mark or the church office, and we will provide you with further details regarding the meeting location and other arrangements. The parade is set to begin at 11 am, and we will gather with other churches from Southern Vancouver Island before that time.



For those who may find the length of the walk challenging, we will still be commemorating Pride Sunday during our regular worship service at 10 am

## Inter-View - June 14 @ 7 pm via Zoom (Meeting ID: 941 532 2272)

Inter-View is a monthly Zoom conversation that brings together the Inter-spiritual approach and Queering perspectives. We seek to be a welcoming space where everyone can express their complete self, embracing faith, culture, and identity.

In June, we invite you to join us for an engaging evening of conversation. It's an opportunity to take a break from the challenges and busyness of your everyday life and experience the joy of connecting with others. Each of us has authentic life experiences and valuable insights to share and learn from one another. This month, we'll explore the question posed by Kath: "What is a story/novel that you wish you could have read earlier in your life?" We're excited to hear your stories and thoughts.



Don't miss out on this chance to connect and engage! Mark your calendar and join us for Inter-View on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm via Zoom.

## Special announcement

### Wedding Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm

Becca Friend and Karl Hiscock announce their upcoming wedding ceremony on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the Arbutus site. All friends of the Bride and Groom are welcome to attend the service.

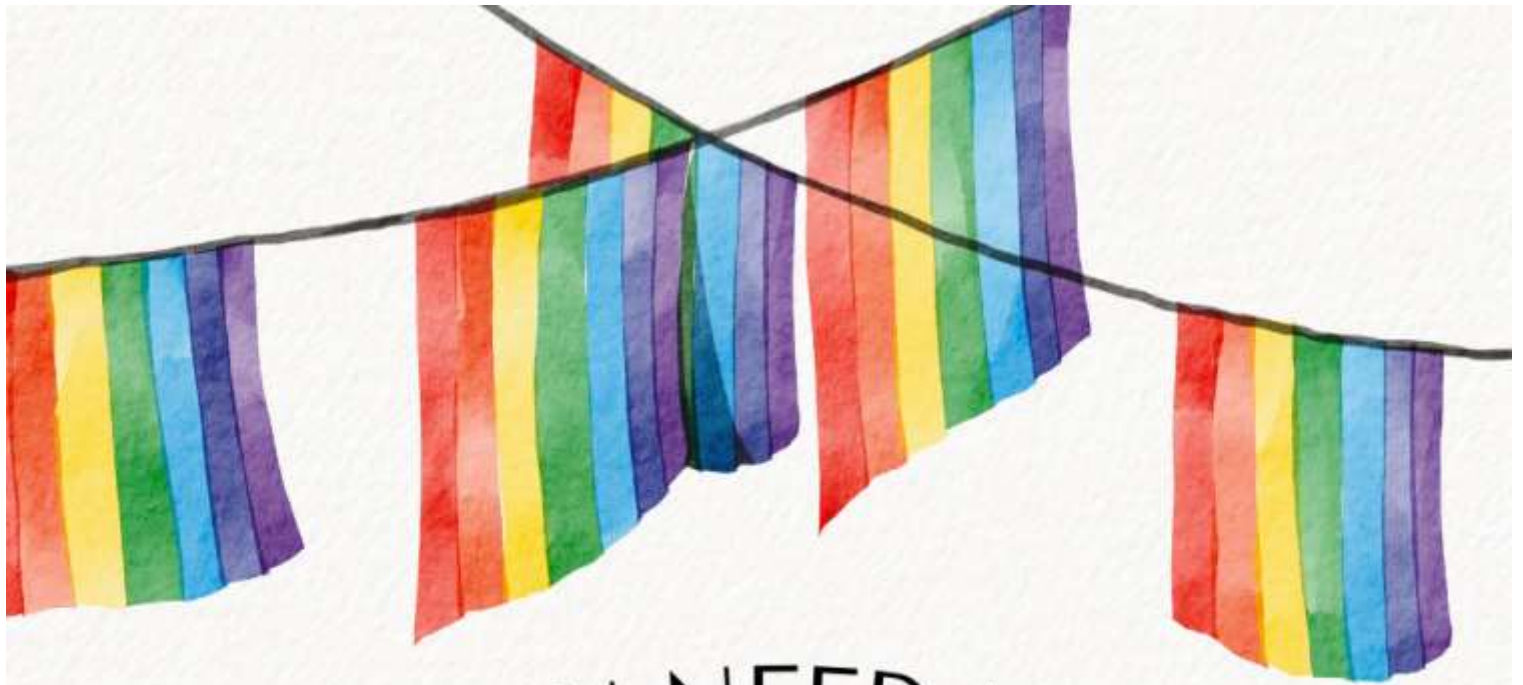


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# Outreach

## Broad View is Quilting; Come join the fun!

At Broad View United we are making quilts and gifting them to Survivors of the Residential School System through the QUILTS FOR SURVIVORS Project. <https://www.quiltsforsurvivors.ca>

**Sunday June 18 Smudging Ceremony** Shirley Alphonse from Sooke will perform a smudging Ceremony to bless our completed quilts during our worship service on June 18. Shirley will stay for coffee after church to meet people and answer any questions .



*All are welcome -  
no experience  
necessary!  
  
We all learn  
together as we  
have fun creating!*



Drop-in workshops are held in the Lounge on:

Mondays - 10am - 1pm

Fridays - 12pm - 3pm

The Monthly Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday June 24 from 9:30am – 12:30pm

- ◇ This will be a short meeting followed by a time to check out the dozen or more quilts that have been completed.
- ◇ There will be time to show others the projects you are currently working on.
- ◇ All the donated fabric will be available for you to select from for your next project and there will be time to meet with others and share ideas.

## Mt. Tolmie Shelter and Thrift Store Updates:

As the weather warms up and the sun shines, more people are joining us! Our regular barbecues continue to create a caring and engaging atmosphere. Seeing familiar faces brings even warmer greetings. BVU leaders, neighbors, Mt. Tolmie Shelter staff, and residents share information and connect. Due to occupancy permit delays, we've been asking every month: "Is the move happening now? Is it scheduled for this month?" These delays can be tiring for everyone involved. We've wondered if this would be the "last" barbecue, only to think, "Will next month be the 'last' one?" Chris exclaims, "Well, we'll have to have more 'last ever' BBQs!" We agree, Chris! (Note: Mt. Tolmie Shelter residents will have their permanent housing when the building is ready for occupancy on Yates Street.)



## Broad View United Thrift Store Updates:

1. Name Change: The Broad View United Thrift Store community has decided to change the store's name for consistency and clarity. The store will now be known as the Broad View United Thrift Store (formerly Broad View Thrift Store). This change will be reflected on the websites and outside signs.
2. Final Tea Gathering: We invite all volunteers to join us for our last "Tea Gathering" on Tuesday, June 13th, at 10:30 am. The gathering, titled "All About Vintage," will feature Noreen and Curt discussing vintage items, including pricing and collectability. Gail and Janis will also showcase the summer jewelry available from the Thrift Store. These items will be for sale, so please bring cash if you're interested. We will also discuss re-opening plans and provide updates on the church renovations and the setup of the Thrift Store. We hope to see you there.

## BVU Activities and Classes That Will continue through the Summer

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
• Tai Chi Chih	Tuesday 9:30am-10:15am	Arbutus Sanctuary or TBD
• Lectio	Thursdays 8:30am-9:30am	Zoom

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Last Meeting</u>
♦ Parent and Tot Playgroup	June 28 <sup>th</sup>
♦ Jr Youth	June 23 <sup>rd</sup>
♦ Sr Youth	June 11 <sup>th</sup>
♦ Young Adults	June 18 <sup>th</sup>
♦ Ping Pong and Games Night	June 24 <sup>th</sup>
♦ Thrift Store Volunteer Meetings	June 13 <sup>th</sup>
♦ Labyrinth Walking with Virtues	July 31 <sup>st</sup>

## BVU Activities That Will Take A Break, And Be Back Later In The Summer

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Last Meeting</u>	<u>Returning on</u>
• English Conversation Circle Thurs. 2:30-4pm Zoom	June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>
• Interview – Interspiritual & Queering Wed. 7-8pm Zoom	June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Aug 13 <sup>th</sup>

# Congregational Care

## Pastoral Care Update

PASSAGES: We offer our love, condolences and support to Helen Pinel and the family of Dean Goard. Dean died on May 6, 2023. A Celebration of Life service will be held at BVU on June 3.

Thank you to all who uphold the BVU community in these important times of honoring the lives of those who have gone before us. Thanks especially to Gloria Gillingham and her crew who do such a fabulous job of memorial receptions.

Circle CHAT: Has wrapped up for the summer months. It has been a good year as we have shared stories from our lives and connected with old and new friends. We look forward to re-convening in the Fall of 2023.

## Confidential Prayer Ministry

The intentional prayer ministry is here for you in your time of anxiety, apprehension, grief, or for any concern or circumstance that is heavy on your heart. We will also gladly accept your prayers of joy and deep gratitude. We will pray for you in any way you wish. We will also uphold your prayers for this world in which we live. Your name and story will be kept confidential known only to those who are members of the BVU prayer ministry.

Prayer can give solace knowing that you are not alone, and that others care about you.

Members of the prayer ministry team include: Jean Margison (Prayer Ministry Lead), Val Bauld, Don Evans, Barbara Huston, Lynne Wildfong, Margaret Harper (Staff)

Prayer requests can be submitted in the following ways:

- For the Month of JUNE to Margaret Harper [margaret@broadviewunited.com](mailto:margaret@broadviewunited.com) or 250-477-2715
- Through the BVU website, located on the home page.

As always, if there is anyone who might benefit from a visit, phone call or card, please do not hesitate to let one of the team know, so we can reach out.

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# Intercultural Ministry

“To walk in nature is to witness a thousand miracles.” – Mary Davis

I'm excited to announce an upcoming outdoor activity. Join us for a hike at Francis/King Regional Park on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. We will meet at the parking lot, and the hike will take approximately 1.5 to 2 hours. Sharon Strong, our hiking enthusiast, will be happy to guide us so no one gets lost. Please let me know as soon as possible so I can arrange carpools. Interested? Email me at [min-goo@broadviewunited.com](mailto:min-goo@broadviewunited.com). Please indicate whether you need a ride or can offer one. **You're welcome to bring any snacks or beverages for yourself or to share with others.** I look forward to witnessing a thousand miracles with you!



We will wrap up our popular weekly programs – English Conversation Circle and Ping Pong & Games Night. The last day of English Conversation Circle will be June 29<sup>th</sup>, and we will resume on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

The last day of Ping Pong & Games Night will be June 24<sup>th</sup>, and we will NOT be returning to the Arbutus site. Instead, this fun and community-building program will be focused on outdoor activities in August and September. We can play games at the beach, visit some interesting places in Victoria, and explore and experience the wonder, appreciation, and oneness of everything while walking together. Please stay tuned for more details later.

I understand that many of you will miss the Hall on the Arbutus site. We all love the space, and so does the community! It has been a wonderful venue for various events, fellowship after church, and numerous meaningful interactions. **Certainly, our Saturday ping pong group will miss the space! That's why I want us to acknowledge this transition by sharing food and stories. You're invited to join us for a potluck in the Hall on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.** Please let me know if you plan to attend and what food you will bring, if possible. After sharing food and stories, we will have our final Ping Pong & Games Night at the Arbutus site.







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# Church Picnic

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June 11th, 12:00pm (after Cong. Meeting)

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Fun, games, conversation, and good food!