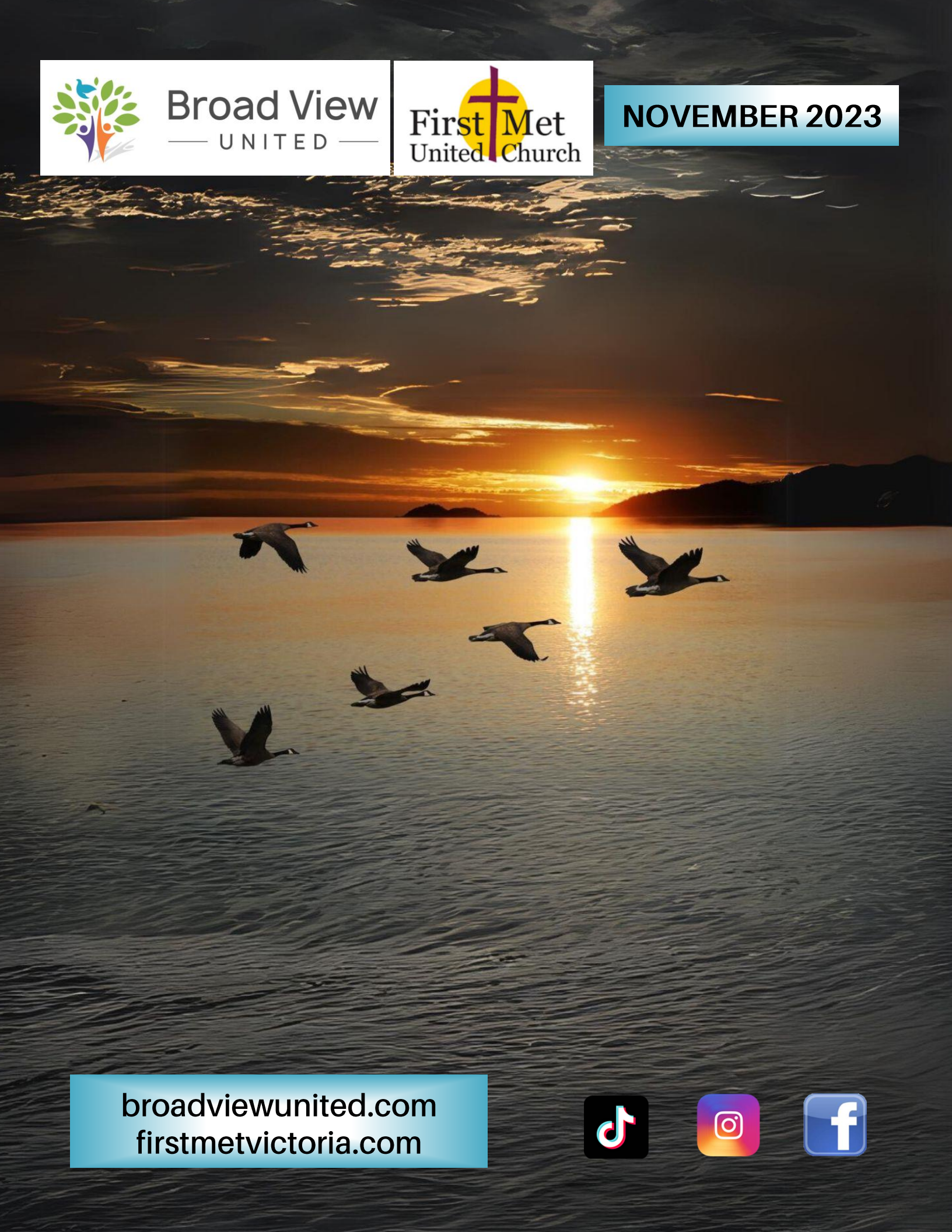




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Minister's Message

On April 16, 2014, the Sewol ferry, carrying 476 people including the dreams of 250 high school students on a trip, sank in waters not far from land without timely rescue, due to various societal issues. Nearly all of the students perished. Not only their families but the entire South Korean nation was engulfed in shock and deeply mourned. The extent and nature of this mourning were such that just seeing the students' photos, hearing stories about the sinking, their final moments, or their everyday lives, or just hearing their names would deeply move people and bring them to tears. Regardless of political or party differences, the entire nation was enveloped in an uncontrollable emotion of profound sadness and mourning.



Rev. Ha Na Park

Hamas' terrorism against Israel, and the current ground attack of Israel against Hamas: The war is currently blazing the holy land as reported in the media. But since all wars and peace involve life at stake, especially children in Gaza, whose entire life was imprisoned, surrounded by checkpoints, and now threatened by bombardments and death, the global citizens have every validated reason to mourn and grieve for all lives lost and vulnerable ... The faces of suffering children, parents endlessly kissing their child who was lifeless when pulled from beneath the rubble of a bombed building. All lives, lost, are immeasurably worth of mourning and grief. Shouldn't it be utterly natural for people around the world, regardless of their nationality and political differences, to be engulfed in profound sadness and mourning, even collectively?

Because we are all one, when we embrace each other as a "global nation" — Kin_dom of God — today's mourning and grief will remain like an indelible bruise on the hearts. "Blessed are those who mourn. They will be comforted." Our hearts yearn for a place and community where mourning and sorrow can be expressed, collectively, and shared with one another.

Safety is not the absence of threat... It is the presence of Connection. (Gabor Maté)

In November, we will hold our first service in our permanent home at 3703 St Aidan's St, continuing the pastoral journey of our BVU - Diverse, Inclusive and Intercultural. Let's remember that we are not just moving to a newly renovated building, but to a DreamSpace that allows us to deepen our sense that each of us is an integral part of a global community, connected through care, solidarity, compassion and hope for justice and peace.



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Amalgamation Updates

Transition Update: We are getting Close to moving day!!

Transitions to the new BVU site move into high gear this month. It's both an exciting and nerve-wracking time. Below are a variety of updates and while in some areas timelines are still a bit fluid, we will be pushing ahead with the anticipated changes below:

Moving Dates:

We are putting together a volunteer moving crew and organization teams for Monday Nov 13th. Our hope is to empty the 6 bins of items that have been stored from the Arbutus and Cedar Hill sites. Once these are moved in, we will arrange for the truck load of things from the FM site to be moved over toward the end of November and integrated into their new home.

Name Change:

Once we have moved into our new space, we will collectively become Broad View United. This is the second last step before the official amalgamation date of Dec 31st.

Address and Phone Number:

The new address for BVU will be **3703 St Aidan's St, Victoria BC V8P 2V7**. We will have multiple phone lines, but our published number will be **250-590-3677**. All staff will be under one roof by the end of November and can be reached at this number and each staff member will have a private voice mail box where you can leave messages.

Email:

All ministry and program staff will have a BVU email address with their first name @broadviewunited.com. Former FM emails will be forwarded to their new addresses over the next 8 months as people get the chance to update their contact lists and be informed of the change. Office@broadviewunited.com will be the main email contact for administration matters and Oscar will monitor this email address.

Website:

The current BVU will be maintained with up-to-date information and the FM website will stay active but will link into the BVU website. A team of folks are working hard on the redevelopment of our website, and it will go into production early in 2024. We will keep you updated.

Financial contributions:

Until Dec 31st, 2023, FM and BVU will continue to operate as distinct financial entities. Your financial offerings and contributions will continue to be directed to the designated congregation and budget. Tax receipts will be issued under each individual CRA charity number and sent to congregants by the end of February. As of Jan 1st, we have become one financial and legal entity with one budget and one CRA number. PAR contributions will automatically be redirected and a letter explaining this process will go to all those on PAR at FM. Those using envelopes will also receive a letter with information about how to contribute in 2024. Questions about this can be directed to either Liane Clark or Paul Malnarich

Worship:

Our first worship services in the new site will begin Nov 26th. At that time, we will return to multiple service offerings on Sunday morning. The Chapel communion service will continue at 9am in the BVU chapel. The Bridge service will begin at 9:30 am and the ConXion service will begin at 11 am and both will be held in the Sanctuary. Preservice Coffee/tea will be served in the Narthex and you are invited to grab a cup and bring it into worship. Post-service coffee gathering will be held in the Commons.

Accessibility:

The whole building at our new site is fully accessible. Gone are any impediments to the two main entry ways into the building and both are equipped with auto openers. Inside you will find wider hallways, auto opening doors, accessible washrooms and an elevator to transverse between the two floors. All washrooms on the main floor are gender neutral and in the lower level there is a mix of washroom designations.

Transportation:

Parking

Parking has always been a challenge at all three sites. We will navigate this in multiple ways just as we have while worshipping at First Met. Parking in the main lot will be reserved for those with mobility challenges. There are 45 parking spots that will adequately serve those who need level ground and short distances into the building. On the east side of the building there are 7 spots that we are suggesting be reserved for parents with young children. A slight incline up to the main level will still provide close access for lugging kids and their equipment. Additional parking for the rest of the congregation can be found in the parking lots surrounding the church and on the various streets that surround Horner park. Park the distance away that suits your mobility and enjoy a Sunday walk.

Carpooling

Carpooling is an excellent way to both save on gas and parking challenges and to encourage comradery to and from worship on Sundays. Many have found in the transition time new friends and companions to journey to worship.

Bus routes

Bus numbers 14, 15, 27 and 28 all come near the Broad View United building with a short walk from either Shelbourne / Cedar Hill Cross or Richmond / Cedar Hill Cross.

Need a ride?

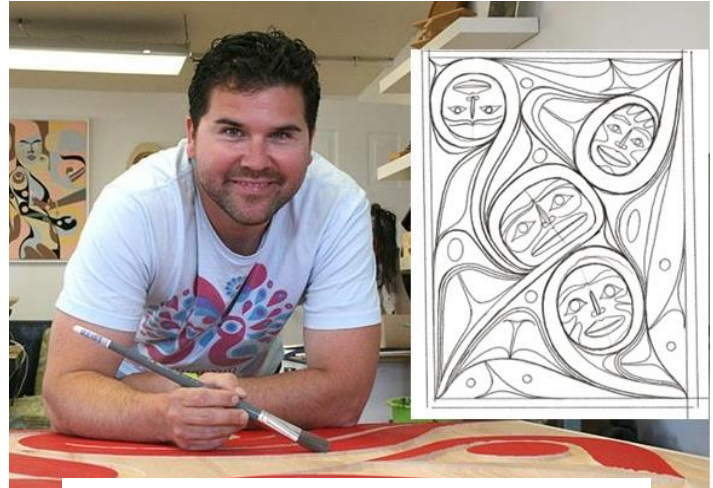
If transportation is a challenge for you to navigate the change in worship venue, please let us know and we will help find a solution for you. We are aware of folks who perhaps live nearby that would be willing to provide a ride to church. Other options are also being explored. **DO NOT LET TRANSPORTATION BE A BARRIER.** We can solve that with you.

Grand Opening:

Our arrival into the new building lead us on the Advent and an abundance of activities. It felt like too busy a time to have our grand opening celebration in December and so we will instead have a grand celebration on Sunday Jan 21st in the afternoon. This will be a time to thank the many professionals and volunteers involved, invited members of other churches that surround us and members of the community to join us in celebrating and dedicating this building to the mission and ministry of Broad View United. Stay tuned for more details in the January newsletter.

Indigenous Artwork – Fund Raising

Rande Cook continues to work on the Reconciliation Artwork. The carving and sandblasting process is near completion, and it will soon be into the painting part of the production. When it is completed, the piece will be about 5' x 7' and will hang in the main entrance way over the stairs. You can read about the history and thoughts Rande shared about the design in the October Newsletter.



Rande Cook and his design for the carving.

We have just surpassed the 25% mark of the \$45K we are hoping to raise in support of this project. Each donation is a commitment to the values and work of Reconciliation as symbolized in the artwork. We hope that

each member of the congregation will contribute in some way as our collective commitment to this core value. Donations can be made in payable to **Broad View United** with “reconciliation artwork” in the subject line of the cheque, on the envelope with cash or in the subject line of an e-transfer/Canada helps. Thank you for your contributions to date. Every donation is an important sign of our collective commitment. Information and an invitation to the sacred ceremony of installation will be shared as details emerge.

Broad View United Thrift Store Updates

On Oct 25th, Broad View United Thrift Store volunteers gathered for tea and updates on the Thrift Store's reopening! About 48 folks attended - that's slightly more than half of our total registered volunteers, who are eager to work together in the new, renovated BVU space. Both a soft opening and an official one are on the way. Great job, Board Chair, Transition Team, and all. The hiring process for a new manager is smooth and already underway. There's so much to anticipate for what's next!



Now, the Broad View United Thrift Store's social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram) are active. You can get the most updated information there and via BVU's Bits and Bytes (a.k.a. Friday Email).

We are tentatively planning to access the building and clean the physical space designated for the Thrift Store during the week of November 20th.

WHAT ROLES CAN FAITH COMMUNITIES PLAY IN A WORLD BEING CHANGED BY CLIMATE CHAOS?



Many religious traditions have a concept of stewardship that implies a **responsibility to care for the Earth as God's creation or a sacred gift**. They also have a notion of justice or compassion that demands respect for the rights and dignity of all living beings, especially the poor and marginalized who suffer most from the impacts of climate change.

What does the **future of religion** look like in a world with a vastly changing climate? Some believe that *action on climate change will soon be at the forefront of religious practice*.

We need to walk our talk- if we are stewards of Creation, how do we live in ways that reflect this responsibility? Personally, collectively, politically?

The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne urges us- Whether your motivation is social justice, faith, economic resiliency, or science – actions and choices now can make a difference for the future. Let's end the world as we know it, and allow a new world of creative, innovative and accountable breakthroughs to turn the thermometer down. **Are you in?**

Earth is our home but modernity is trashing it. It's hard for us to imagine a world without growth, capitalism or resource extraction. But our faiths offer alternative visions of well-being based on **simplicity, generosity, & spirituality**.

On Oct.4, **Pope Francis** released a follow-up to his Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*. And he is clear about what needs to change. Below are a few excerpts. If you'd like to read the whole document go here: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html

On the root issue: "The greater problem is...the obsession to increase human power beyond anything imaginable, before which nonhuman reality is a mere resource at its disposal. Everything that exists ceases to be a gift for which we should be thankful and instead becomes a slave."

On leadership at COP: "We must move beyond the mentality of appearing to be concerned but not having the courage needed to produce substantial changes. May those taking part in the Conference ... demonstrate the nobility of politics and not its shame."

On inequity: "There are those who would place responsibility on the poor, since they have many children. As usual, it would seem that everything is the fault of the poor. Yet the reality is that a low, richer percentage of the planet contaminates more than the poorest 50%."

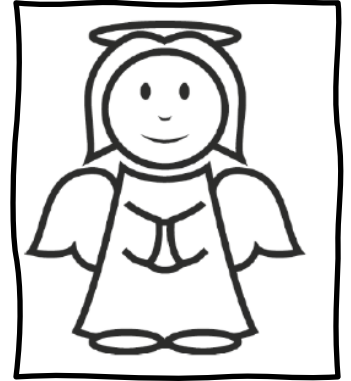
Be part of a 'Spiritual Wave' around our world, every day, at noon in your time zone, alone or along with others. Lift up the work of COP28 in Silent Prayer, Meditation or ?

COP 28 runs from Nov. 30 to Dec.12 in Dubai. One way of connecting in is to register for the virtual **Resilience Hub**. <https://cop-resilience-hub.org/> Open to all, it brings together a global community to share knowledge, co-create solutions and catalyze action.



Angel Gifts 2023

Once again, Broad View United together with First Metropolitan will continue their historic involvement with the Angel Gifts program run by Our Place and the Downtown Outreach Ministry of the United Church. Names of those receiving gifts will be available for congregational members to pick up before the worship services in mid-November (exact dates still to be determined). Each card contains the name and some basic information about the person you are buying for. In order for all the gifts to be equitable, the budget for the gift is between \$40-50. Typically, new clothing, gift cards, plus small treats are chosen to be gifted. You are also asked to write a short note expressing your thoughts and wishes for the recipient. For some this is the only gift they will receive during Christmas time. Gifts are then returned to the church by Sunday Dec 10th as indicated on the information card. After we have received all the gifts back, they are sorted by OUR PLACE volunteers and distributed at the Our Place Christmas party in mid-December.



If shopping for such a gift is not possible for you but you would like to be involved, you can make a cash donation of \$40-\$50 at the church office and a volunteer shopper will buy a gift on your behalf. If you wish to be a volunteer shopper, speak to Maureen maureenkoch76@gmail.com and/or June june.robinson@shaw.ca. Thank you for your support of this important outreach project.

Aloha First Met

Aloha First Metropolitan United Church of Canada Ohana,

What a blessing to receive a card with numerous signatures from your congregation. The quilt bought here to adorn the communion table is beautiful. We are happy to learn that many of you have worshipped with us and that one couple was married here 30 years ago.

As we begin to regroup and recognize the extent of the disaster from the wildfires on Maui, we would like to extend our appreciation for your part in the relief process. Our main focus has been on finding safe housing for those who have lost homes and belongings.

The devastation is significant, and the recovery process will be lengthy, but God will lead us as we rebuild lives and buildings.

Mahalo nui loa for your expressions of Aloha and your prayers for our church.

May God bless you richly,

Pastor John Crewe and Congregation
LAHAINA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



November Worship Timetable

Date	Time	Service	Preacher
Nov 5th	9 am	Chapel Service	Shelagh
	11 am	Sunday Service	Margaret
	1 pm	All Saints: Our Saints - "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled"	Shelagh and Margaret
Nov 12th <i>(No Chapel Service)</i>	11 am	Peace Sunday with Wreath Laying	Mark
Nov 19th <i>(Final Sunday at First Met)</i>	9 am	Chapel Service	Shelagh
	11 am	Service of Gratitude and Appreciation (Transgender Day of Remembrance will also be acknowledged in this service)	Ha Na and Shelagh
Nov 26th <i>(First Sunday in New BVU Space)</i>	9 am	Chapel Service	Shelagh
	9:30 am	Bridge Service	Mark and Ha Na
	11 am	ConXion Service	Mark and Ha Na

All Saints : Our Saints

“LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED”

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AT 1 PM
FIRST METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH
CORNER OF QUADRA AND BALMORAL

YOU ARE INVITED TO REMEMBER THE SAINTS IN YOUR LIFE
AND LIGHT A CANDLE IN REMEMBRANCE DURING THIS
POIGNANT SERVICE OF MUSIC AND READINGS.

MUSICIANS: JEFF POYNTER - PIANO & HANNE FAIR - FLUTE



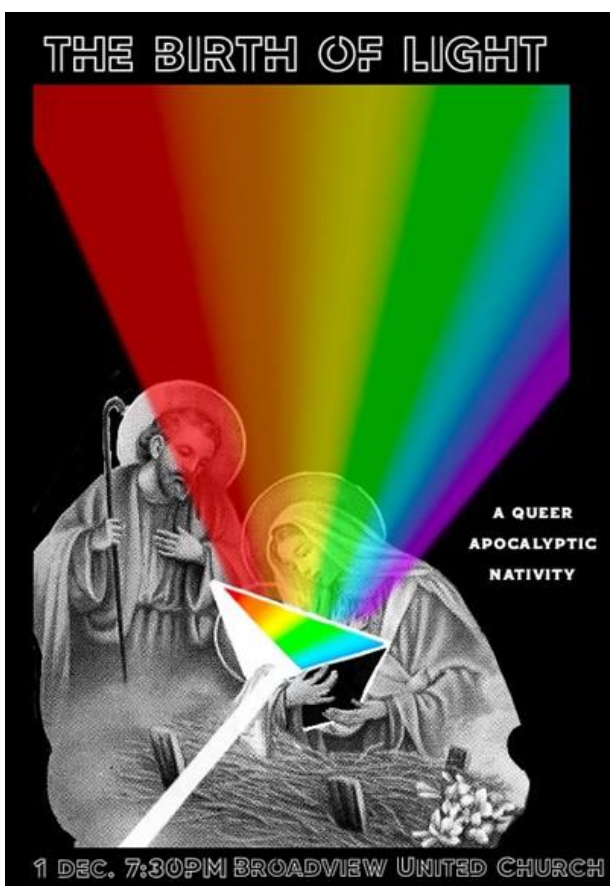
Advent and Christmas Celebration

This season of Advent we will be offering a number of special events to help you prepare for the celebration of Christmas. Each offering has its own unique contribution to bringing hope and joy to the weeks leading up to Christmas Eve.



Advent 1

Friday, Dec 1st, 7:30 pm: Play - The Birth of Light: A Queer Apocalyptic Nativity



Join us for a community performance of nativity, re-imagined for our apocalyptic age. The play follows Mary and Jo on their journey to Bethlehem as they work through their relationship issues, haunted by an angel and a religious studies professor. The play struggles with the question of faith in apocalyptic times and tries to understand what use the Christian story can have for people today.

Admission is by donation and all proceeds will go to the actors. Wine and other beverages will be available in advance of the performance.

The Birth of Light is written and directed by Sage Dunn-Krahn (he/they), an artist and student of medieval studies.

Saturday Dec 2nd, 11am-3pm: Reconstructing Christmas Retreat: Experimenting with Rest! (@ Aunty Collective, 2620 Rock Bay Ave.): BVU Affirm Team invites BVU and First Met queer individuals, families, and allies to come together for a Christmas Retreat to build a community through taking time for

ourselves and each other in acts of resting and queer imagination. You can find more information on the poster and the Affirm Team section in this Newsletter.

Saturday Dec 2nd & Sunday Dec 3rd, 1 - 5 pm: Engaging Nativity Weekend: come and wander around the Commons and connecting rooms to enjoy an abundant and assorted array of Nativity scenes from around the world. Unique and diverse representations of the nativity story will invite us to ask, “who is missing in this story?” and “where do I fit in?”. Hot chocolate, apple cider and Christmas cookies will be available and each day at 3pm there will be a 30-minute Christmas carol sing along as well.





Advent 2

Sunday, Dec 10th, 3 pm: BVU Community Choir Concert in the Sanctuary. Come enjoy the sounds of the 50+ voice choir as they share with you music from around the world. A few sing along carols and a couple of selections from our newly formed “Pringle Handbells Group” will round out the afternoons program.

Advent 3

Sunday, Dec 17th, 7:00 pm: Blue Christmas Service in the Sanctuary. For many, the Christmas season is a challenging time. Grief and loss can seem more acute for many at this time of year. This simple service of quiet reflection, gentle music and the opportunity to light a candle of memory or hope can help restore balance during the days leading to Christmas. Hot Apple cider and cookies to follow.

Advent 4

Sunday, December 24th, 9 am Chapel and 11 am Sanctuary. We will offer only two Sunday morning services as there will be 3 Christmas Eve services to follow in the afternoon and evening. Join us as we light all four of the advent candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Loves as we prepare ourselves for the coming birth of Christ.

Christmas Eve Dec 24th

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 that will connect our everyday lives to the Christmas story. Lots of Carol singing and the lighting of candles whilst singing Silent Night brings a gentleness and magic ending to Christmas Eve.

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 - Dec 25th

10:30 am Worship Service with Christmas Fiesta. Join us in celebrating the birth of Christ with the theme of "Fiesta" (a party in Spanish). The service will engage us in the creative process: a beloved Christmas story re-written to meet visual arts. We also cannot miss the joy of singing Christmas carols from around the world! Following the service, we will share a Fiesta-themed feast with a potluck. There will be music – singing and dancing ... Stay tuned for more updates.



EXPERIMENTING WITH REST

Reconstructing Christmas Retreat



Credit: Aunty Collective



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Date: Saturday, December 2

Time: 11am-3pm

Location: Aunty Collective

2620 Rock Bay Ave.

Vegetarian Lunch (Dahl and Paneer)

Free, registration required

Email: AffirmTeam@broadviewunited.com

Re-envision Christmas, and the season, as a restful and spacious time that allows us to connect with our personal truth while taking time for ourselves and each other in acts of radical resting.

We'll blend traditions within the rainbow community to re-story Christmas. This retreat is a space for LGBTQ+ Christians, queer people of faith, queer people of colour, allies, and newcomers to imagine a holiday season with hope, peace, joy, love, queer imagination and collective resting.



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Reconstructing Christmas Retreat is hosted by Broad View United, located in Ləkʷəŋən and WSÁNEĆ territory, BC





Engaging Nativity

As Advent 2023 welcomes us to a new church year
in the beautiful setting of BVU,
we will celebrate it with a Nativity Event
on Saturday Dec 2 & Sunday Dec 3
from 1 – 5 in the Commons at BVU.

With hot chocolate, apple cider
and Christmas cookies.

We will also have a time of
singing Christmas Carols!

We will attempt to display a wide variety of scenes,
from whimsical to deeply poignant;
for all ages to engage with.

We might ask ourselves:

Is this a scene that I would fit into?

Who is missing?

Does this engage my spiritual imagination?

Thanks for coming out!

BVU Affirm Team warmly invites you...

BVU Affirm Team wish to extend our heartfelt welcome and invitation to all Broad View United and First Met folks to come together for meaningful Affirming gatherings over the year, as we continue to grow into a Diverse, Inclusive, Intercultural and Intergenerational community of faith, as BVU. Affirm Team members are Kath Silversides, Greg Gordon and Laura Krakau.

Transgender Day of Remembrance Commemoration

Date: Sunday, Nov 19th, during Sunday worship with a “Twilight People’s Prayer” ritual

November 20 is International Transgender Day of Remembrance. It began in the late 1990s to commemorate the life of an African American trans woman named Rita Hester who was brutally murdered in Boston in 1998. Her death came just weeks after the murder of Matthew Shepard in Wyoming had roused a huge discussion on hate crimes against gay people, yet Rita’s murder gathered no such response. Her murder, and the lack of media attention to her death, led to a candlelight vigil begin in San Francisco the next year.



Join Affirm Team and all who gather for worship on the Sunday morning, Nov 19th, to honour the luminous lives and contributions of transgender individuals and mourn and reflect on the ongoing violence against them. If you have lost loved one(s) due to prejudice, hatred, violence and/or ignorance towards the transgender community, please let us know to remember them. Email: AffirmTeam@broadviewunited.com

Reconstructing Christmas Retreat (Experimenting with Rest!)

Date: Saturday, December 2

Time: 11am-3pm

Vegetarian lunch (Dahl and Paneer)

Location: Aunty Collective (auntycollective.com), 2620 Rock Bay Ave.

Registration required by Monday, Nov 13th. Free.

Email: AffirmTeam@broadviewunited.com

The Reconstructing Christmas Retreat is a time to come together and re-imagine this time of the year through a philosophy rooted in resting, introduced by the Nap Bishop, Tricia Hersey. We will re-envision Christmas and the season as a spacious time that allows us to connect with our personal truth, land-based practices, and emphasize the importance of taking time for oneself and one another in acts of radical resting.

In the theme of “resting”, away from the white supremacist, capitalist, and heteronormative ways of upholding traditions, we can blend traditions within the rainbow community to re-story Christmas. This retreat is a space for those for whom the winter holidays can be a difficult and lonely time, estranged from the family and faith traditions of their youth. A place for LGBTQ+ Christians, queer people of faith, queer people of colour, allies, and newcomers to imagine a holiday season with hope, peace, joy, and love, **queer imagination and collective resting**.



Inter-View: Inter-Spiritual and Queering

Zoom Meeting November 15th at 7pm Meeting ID: 941 532 2272

Every Second Wednesday

Inter-View: Inter-Spiritual and Queering is a monthly conversation that integrates two lenses: Inter-Spiritual & Queering.

We hope Inter-View becomes a safe space for Broad View United's queer and transgender members and allies, a community where you can experience a warm welcome, learn from each other, and provide mutual support.

November's Inter-View topic is Drag and Spirituality. Could drag be a new form of spirituality? Please come to discuss and get to know affirming folks at BVU and First Met. All are welcome.

Ha Na will be on air!

Nov 14th at 4pm - 5pm on CFUV 101.9FM

Queer Histories and Futures is a project facilitated by CFUV (UVic's campus and community radio station) that's all about facilitating intergenerational queer connections through live events, storytelling, and radio broadcasting. You can tune in at CFUV 101.9FM or listen to past broadcasts of QH & F [HERE](#). Ha Na will be on air, **Wed, Nov 14th, at 4-5 pm**, sharing about the Trinity of Faith, Queerness and Race/Culture with Matty Cervantes, our own BVU member, as the host.



Program Updates

United Church Women

First Met United Church has an Active and Vibrant UCW Women's Group, which we plan to continue as we transition to Broad View United. We welcome any women currently at Broad View who may have an interest in joining UCW to please contact either Marie McKee or Marg Zilkie, co-chairs. All are welcome to our events. We are planning a "Tour and Tea" in January, and a Valentine social in February. More news will follow in the coming weeks.

Time to Connect

Over the last two months, people from both BVU and First Met (as well as newcomers and visitors) spent prayerful time together to connect. We used various storytelling media, from pieces of art created by UVic students to photo-language, candles, a children's book and even spice. We have built a deep sense of community by engaging in meaningful conversations. As we anticipate the next chapter at the new site, we will wrap up Time to Connect. There will be no session on Sunday, Nov. 5. **Our last session will be on Nov. 12 from 10am to 10:45am in First Met Chapel.** All are welcome to join us for the last session.

Circle CHAT

Circle CHAT will not meet in November or December. We look forward to our gathering on January 10, 2024. Thanks everyone.

Intercultural Programs

*“God exists in community,
and we are invited to be in community together.”*

(Excerpt From the intercultural vision of the United Church of Canada.)

Greetings from Broad View United’s intercultural space! Here, we embrace a sense of belonging, foster friendships, and encourage transformation. We invite you to explore our intercultural programs as we continue to grow in community. Everyone is welcome, and all are encouraged to participate.

Saturday Social: Pickleball & Ping Pong on Saturdays (6:00 - 8:00 pm) until Nov. 25

At the UVic Centre for Athletics, Recreation and Special Abilities (CARSA)

Join us for a vibrant Saturday evening filled with excitement! Discover the joy of bonding through interactive games like pickleball and ping pong in a safe and inclusive environment for everybody regardless of age, ability or background. Step away from the screens and plug into an experience that fosters connections, laughter, and healthy fun for everyone.



Embrace the intercultural spirit and make your Saturday night truly remarkable! Equipment will be provided. Bring your own paddle if you have one.

Note: we offer this pilot program in collaboration with UVic Multifaith and CARSA. Members of BVU are welcome to attend this event for free, but registration is required through this link: <https://bit.ly/3QNblPn>

English Conversation Circle (via Zoom) on Thursdays (3:30 - 500 pm)

Our English Conversation Circle on Zoom goes beyond traditional ESL classes. It facilitates candid and profound dialogues about cultural differences, revealing hidden meanings, beliefs, and nuances often left unspoken. The Conversation Circle enhances language skills and fosters lasting friendships. We warmly invite you to join us! Please contact Min-Goo (min-goo@broadviewunited.com) for more information, including the Zoom link.



Intercultural Bible Study (1st Wed of the month at 7:00 pm)

Our Intercultural Bible Study is taking place at a member's home until the Cedar Hill X site is available. This Bible study is grounded in the belief that our lived experiences are primary resources for interpreting the Word. Each month, we will explore the same Scripture passage you hear on Sundays. Come and join in feasting on the Word!

Sacred Steps at Multifaith on Mondays from 3:00 to 4:00 pm (except Nov. 13 due to reading break)

Join us as we embark on a journey of self-discovery through walking meditation, barefoot walking, and nature walks. Immerse yourself in the beauty of Finnerty Gardens, Mystic Vale, and other enchanting locations around the campus. By cultivating mindfulness, fostering wonder, and deepening our connection to the natural world, we will rediscover the Mystery within ourselves and creation. These programs will take place outdoors, rain or shine, so please dress for the weather. All are welcome.

Facilitators: Min-Goo Kang (United Church Spiritual Care Provider), Ruth Dantzer (Anglican Spiritual Care Provider) & Adam Tran (Counsellor).

Children, Youth & Young Adults

Children's Program

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 upstairs youth room. Then we will discuss the bible story and engage in activities that guide us toward understanding the bible story and connecting it with our own lives.

Junior Youth Group

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. All friends welcome. We meet every second week to talk, play and laugh! Our gathering times for November are **Fridays November 10th and 24th from 6:30pm til 8:30pm.**



Senior Youth Group

For students in grades 9 – 12. There are always some lively discussions and lots of time for games and laughter. We will meet on the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 7:00 til 9:00 once we get settled in our new building.

Young Adults

For those aged 19 – 29 (ish). We meet on the first and third Sunday of each month after the service for lunch (around 12:15) which is provided. You do not need to pre-register. Just show up and enjoy this diverse, supportive and welcoming community. Our lunches together for November are **Sunday, Nov. 5th and 19th.**

Community Events

“Read Locally” Book Fair

Victoria Writers' Society is sponsoring a "Read Locally" Book Fair on **November 4 from 9am to 3pm** in the Fellowship Hall of First Met. Many local independent writers and publishers will be selling their books. There will be something for everyone, so come and do some Christmas shopping.

From Generation to Generation: Witnessing a Shattered World



The Victoria Shoah Project invites the public to the annual commemoration of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass. **Thursday, November 9, – beginning at 7 p.m. at Congregation Emanu-El, 1461 Blanshard Street, Victoria.** Kristallnacht marked the beginning of the tragic events of the Holocaust. This year's commemoration is made even more poignant in the face of the current alarming rise in antisemitism and the October 7, 2023 terrorist attack in Israel leading to the deaths of hundreds of Jews.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: victoriashoahproject@gmail.com

Fundraising Concert for Shelbourne Community Kitchen

Fundraising concert for Shelbourne Community Kitchen to build a much-needed commercial kitchen: An Afternoon with Stephanie Greaves and the Bob Watts Trio from 3-5 pm Sunday, November 26th at St. George's Anglican Church 3909 St. George's Ln. Admission \$20 Includes Refreshments. All proceeds and donations support kitchen programs and operations.

FOR MORE DETAILS, PLEASE VISIT: www.shelbournecommunitykitchen.ca

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FIRST MET HALL NOV 4
932 Balmoral Rd. Victoria, BC
10am to 3pm
www.victoriawriters.ca

Congregational Care

Thank-you, thank you, thank you for all your beautiful acts of care, kindness, love and connection that you offer to each other. As our two communities work towards bringing together the teams from BVU and FM, we remain heartened by the many ways you remain engaged in the healing, loving ministry of Jesus. If you know of anyone in need of support, please reach out to us.

In loving and faithful service,
Shelagh MacKinnon and Margaret Harper

Prayer Connection Ministry

Both First+Met and Broad View have an active, dedicated team of individuals who are committed to praying on behalf of you, someone you love, or any situation that is heavy on your heart. All requests are held in utmost confidence.

To send a request via the First Met team, please contact: prayer@firstmetvictoria.com

To send a request via Broad View, please contact Jean at: jean@jampot.ca or

Margaret at margaret@broadviewunited.com

Requests can also be passed along to a staff member.

A Note from Margaret

Thank you for the love, care and empathy that you have extended to me during the last few months. As many of you know, Mom died peacefully on October 10 in Regina. We had a wonderful Thanksgiving meal the evening before she died and are filled with gratitude for the many gifts that she shared with us during her life. I am trying to take the loving advice I normally pass along to others at such a time as this. Be attentive to the memories. Honour these days. Go gently. With deep gratitude, Margaret

Celebrations



Louise Hudson will be celebrating her 91st birthday on Tuesday November 10th.

Gloria Stott will be celebrating her 94th birthday on Sunday November 19th.



Wanda and Ed Walker are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Communion Service in the Chapel with Shelagh



9 AM, Sunday

November 5, 19, 26 and December 3, 10, 17, 24

“Reflect. Remember. Take Action.”

This important service is multi-faith and multi-cultural recognition marks the Anniversary of the 14 lives lost in Quebec at L'École Polytechnic de Montreal. The fourteen young students died because they were women.

We also lift up the thousands of women who continue to die from domestic abuse every year in Canada.

We remember the events of Dec 6th, 1989 and the continuing need for action, in a service of candle lighting and tribute.

We are honoured to welcome Bishop Anna Greenwood Lee as our guest speaker this year.

“First Mourn. Then work for Change.”

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE & ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

DECEMBER 6TH
AT 5:30 PM
AT BVU



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