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A Conversation that Led to the 2024-25 Program Year's New Theme: To Be a Compassionate and Engaged Community of Faith!

On a May day, our staff team—Mark, Margaret, Micia, Min-Goo, and myself—gathered for the theme planning meeting in the Chapel. As you can see, there are quite a few of us with names that start with 'M' at Broad View! (Shelagh was on sabbatical leave, and she received full updates when she returned.)

Here, I've creatively adapted our 6-hour discussion into a conversation among 6 people. Please take a moment to read it!

m1 started the conversation in earnest, asking,
"What is important to us right now? What voices have we been hearing?"

m2 "What did we understand from the Visioning Process we undertook with Allison Rennie and the entire congregation last spring?"

m3 "Many groups and individuals have shown a lot of interest in what 'progressiveness' means as one of BVU's core values."

m4 "Progressiveness can mean a lot of things, but it might not be entirely clear what exactly it entails. While we embrace progressive ideals like moving away from a literal interpretation of the Bible and celebrating diversity and radical love of God in theology, there's also a risk that claiming to be progressive could create an 'us vs. them' dynamic, implying 'they are not.'"

m5 "That's right. I'd like to share a surprising experience I had while in the Millennials and Gen-X generations group. After discussing what progressiveness really means and what kind of journey we at BVU genuinely want and need to experience, Allison asked us to choose just one word or phrase from the current vision statement that resonated with us, and write it on a post-it note. Like the others, I spent 2-3 minutes looking over the visioning statement, and my heart kept going to 'Compassion.' I felt a bit silly and even wondered if I was the only one choosing that word, but I wrote 'compassion' on my post-it. Do you know what happened next? Out of the roughly 15 people there, almost all of them wrote down 'compassion,' a word that hadn't even been mentioned during the discussion."

m6 "The fact that we are currently drawn to the warmth and gentleness of compassion suggests that we yearn for a society and community built on compassion."

m2 "This expresses our desire to continue growing as a brave congregation that, based on compassion, can understand and embrace differences without becoming detached, but rather engaging with them. Even with difficult social issues, we want to create room for conversation."

m3 "Wait, our current Visioning Statement has an excellent phrase: 'To be a Compassionate and Engaged Community of Faith.'"

Just as our hearts planted seeds in the spring that now bear fruit in the fall, we introduce to you the new theme: **To Be a Compassionate and Engaged Community of Faith**. We hope this theme guides us through a year of becoming a gentler, more compassionate, yet brave and bold congregation—one that does not shy away from difficult conversations and grows closer to one another.



Ha Na Park Co-Lead Minister

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP AT BVU

As summer recedes and fall emerges, BVU will return to its regular two sanctuary service model on Sunday morning beginning Sept 8th. The Bridge Service is at 9:30 am and its style reflects a “ bridge” between contemporary and traditional worship. The ConXion service is at 11 am and its style reflects a connection between contemporary and secular world. Both services have a progressive Christian theological lens. The theme for the month of September is “ What is Compassion” using the story of the Good Samaritan as the lens to explore this theme.

In addition, we offer a chapel communion service at 9 am . This is a 45 min casual yet intimate service which includes communion each week.

September Worship Schedule

Chapel Communion Service: 9 AM, except for the long weekend

Bridge Service: 9:30 AM (Sanctuary)

ConXion Service: 11 AM (Sanctuary)

Date	Scripture	Leadership	What's Happening
September 2nd	Matthew 5:1-15 (Beatitudes)	Mark Green	The 1st Sunday of the New Program Year Kick-off: "To be a Compassionate and Engaged Community of Faith" and Blessing of the Backpacks
September 8th	Luke 10:25-37 (The Parable of the Good Samaritan)	Mark Green	September Theme: What is Compassion?
September 15th		Ha Na Park	Sermon: "All Successful Life"
September 22nd		Mark Green	Broad View United is invited to the Friends of Bowker Creek event at Horner Park following the ConXion Service
September 29th		Ha Na Park, Kathy McMillan	Invitation to PowWow
September 30th 10 AM	TBD	TBD	National Truth and Reconciliation Day Vigil (for more information on the day, see page 10)



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Sunday, September 29 at 2 PM via Zoom

A congregational meeting has been called for the purpose of transitioning the half time appointment of Rev Min-Goo Kang to a half time Call. This process is one outlined by the United Church of Canada and we will be following it as prescribed. The congregation will need to vote on the updated profile for BVU (which the board has updated over the summer), the job description and the terms of the call.

The updated profile and Job description will be circulated to the congregation via the Friday email two weeks prior to the meeting. The terms of the call will be shared at the meeting itself. If you have any questions or need further clarification you can speak with the BVU board Chair, Barry Cameron either in person or via email (bjcameron82@gmail.com).

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY INFORMATION AND SIGN-UP SESSIONS

What's the BUZZ about Small Groups?



Psssst! Mark your calendars to attend a drop-in session where you can learn about BVU'S Small Group Ministry. Grab a cup of coffee, and come meet some of BVU'S small group leaders and members.

1. What are small groups?
2. How do I join a group?
3. What goes on in a small group?
4. Can I join with a friend or family member?
5. Is there a secret handshake? (wink, wink)

Four drop in sessions to choose from!

When: Sunday, Sept. 8 10:30-11:00 am & 12:15-12:45 pm
 Sunday Sept. 15 10:30-11:00 am & 12:15-12:45 pm

Location: Cedar Room off the Commons

Here are some testimonials about our small group program!

"I appreciate the support our group gives to each other in good times and bad."

"I like getting to know people in the congregation so I feel more connected to the community when I come to church Sunday morning."

"I appreciate the depth of sharing in our group. It is a place where I can be authentic and know I will be accepted and heard without judgement."

"One attractive aspect of small groups is that each decides its own destiny! If you want a focus you select one. If you don't, you don't. It is where deep friendships are formed, meaningful conversations occur, respectfulness is honoured and pastoral care happens naturally."



Curious? Come find out more about us!

Also, see the Small Group Descriptor in the new Program Guide

Feel free to reach out to any of the following if you have questions, or want further conversation:

Margaret: margaret@broadviewunited.com;

Betty: bdoherty1@telus.net;

Val: valbauld5@gmail.com;

Adele: aheise@live.ca

STAFF UPDATES

Youth Ministry



We are pleased to announce the newest addition to our BVU staff. Jake Highfield (they/them) will be joining us in the capacity of Youth Ministry Coordinator beginning Sept 1st. Jake will be heading up the leadership for both the Friday night youth groups (Jr and Sr) as well as a Sunday morning group during the ConXion service at 11. Jake has been working in first third ministry in one capacity or another since 2008. They are very excited to bring their experience and joy to the BVU community.

They hope to inspire young folks at BVU to actively participate in building community, inspired by the values in their hearts and minds. Their experience in the United Church has been formed by the nurturing and care given by elders and they are very much looking forward to opportunities to create intergenerational connection within Broad View United.

Jake loves riding their bike, reading books, collecting sea glass, woodworking, and gardening. They are also a Red Seal Electrician.

Music Ministry

Many of you have been asking about Louise. As she continues to grapple with some health issues, she will be taking a break from music leadership for the next 2 months. We are in the process negotiating of some additional musicians to add to the wonderful talent of Jeff Poynter and Cheryl Dennett on Sunday mornings at ConXion. We will keep you updated as we progress.

We offer our prayers of healing to Louise.

BVU COMMUNITY MEAL - Wednesday, September 25 at 6 PM



We will be continuing with our monthly community meals on Wednesday as we did throughout the summer with the BBQs. Thank you to everyone involved in the BBQ food prep, set up and clean up. We had about 110 folks each time with lots of conversation and laughter.

Our menu as we move into the fall will shift to a simple meal of Soup and a bun. 2 soup choices will be available and GF and Vegan will be included in the options available. Come for conversation and the chance to get to know some new folks at BVU.

This month, following the meal there will be a special film showing of Fracking the Peace at 7pm. You can read about it also in this newsletter for further details. You are welcome to come to either or both events.

LEGACY CIRCLE

One of the marvelous gifts that we have inherited from the First Met folks is the Legacy Circle Program. This is a group of folks who want to leave a Legacy gift to the church in their Wills as part of their ongoing commitment to the mission and ministry of the church. Each year this group gathers for a catered lunch and speaker to embolden their ongoing commitment to the church.

We will be once again hosting the Legacy Lunch in October and if you'd like to become a part of this Legacy Group, please chat with Paul Malnarich (treasurer), Mark Green or Shelagh MacKinnon and we would be happy to help you discern next steps.

100th ANNIVERSARY PLANNING TEAM



2025 will mark the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada. We have much to celebrate as we look back over the past 100 years and the changes and landmark decisions and influences we've had.

The date of Union was June 10th, 1925 and so we will be celebrating together in June of 2025 and we want to pull together a group of folks who might like to help plan what that celebration might look like. We've had a few

volunteers but are looking for a few more to round out the group. Let the office know if you'd like to be a part of this planning group.



FROM THE CONVERSATIONS AFTER THE SERVICE ON AUGUST 17 AND AUGUST 25



Thank you to everyone who showed interest and attended the conversations after the service with Julian Daly (CEO of Our Place Society) and Matty Cervantes (founder of Global Pax Collective). Over 100 people stayed after worship with Julian to talk about ending street homelessness and received updates on the 900 Block Pandora. Some of you expressed interest in touring Our Place's Community Centre on Pandora. Please stay tuned for future tour plans with Julian.

Matty's PhD thesis presentation, following *Journey, an Intercultural Worship* (Aug. 25), "Communities of the Pacific West Coast (Mexico/Canada) for Climate Justice: Creating a Shared Agenda for Planetary Health and Climate Action," was well-received. This project will feature contributions from Rande Cook and other Indigenous and Black People of Colour (BIPOC) artists and scientists. If you'd like to stay in touch with Matty or support this cross-cultural, cross-continental Planetary Health project, please email: mcervantes@uvic.ca. BVU will continue engaging with BIPOC artists and bringing community voices to develop our spiritual impact.



Greetings from Broad View United's intercultural space! Here, we embrace a sense of belonging, foster friendships, and encourage mutual 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.

The intercultural vision calls us to be aware of who is at the centre and who is at the margins, and to empower those at the margins to lead us into change.

– from the United Church of Canada's vision to become an intercultural church

MID-AUTUMN DUMPLING FESTIVAL 中秋節, 추석, Chŭ Nôm, 月見

When: Saturday, September 14 at 2 PM

Where: Commons

The Mid-Autumn Festival is celebrated across Asia. Let us celebrate this beautiful tradition by **making dumplings together on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 2 PM.**

I don't know about you, but I can never have enough dumplings! We don't want anyone to go hungry, so we'll be making at least a thousand dumplings.

We need lots of volunteers to make this event possible and successful! Please let me know if you can help. Please register through here: <https://www.jotform.com/242326679767270>



ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE ON ZOOM

When: every Thursday from 3:30 PM to 5 PM



We will resume our English Conversation Circle on Zoom on Thursday, September 12. We provide a welcoming space where individuals from various backgrounds unite to enhance their English skills while learning about cultural differences. With the company of a vibrant community mastering English becomes an enjoyable journey. Embrace the chance to cultivate not only language proficiency but also lasting friendships. No registration is required, but you need a Zoom link (the same link for every session) to connect. Please contact Min-Goo for the link.

SATURDAY SOCIAL

When: every Saturday from 6:30 PM to 8:30

PM

Where: Commons

Join us for a vibrant Saturday evening filled with interactions through ping pong, games, singing, dancing and sharing food. We create a space where everyone, regardless of their cultural backgrounds or languages, can find a sense of home – not as a location but as a feeling. The intercultural space at BVU strives to be a place of belonging for anyone who is open to new friendship, experiences, and learning from other cultures. Anything is possible when we come together with open minds and hearts. Embrace the intercultural spirit and make your Saturday night truly remarkable!

NEW! A Free YOGA for EVERYBODY!

We offer a free monthly yoga class as part of intercultural programs at BVU! This monthly class will take place **on the first Saturday of the month 6:30-7:30 PM in Narthex.**

Mahbube Shafiee, a certified yoga instructor from Iran, is passionate about introducing yoga to everyone, regardless of their levels or backgrounds! We encourage members from the BIPOC communities to attend.



Registration is required as the space is limited. To register please send an email to mahbub.yoga@gmail.com.

INTERCULTURAL BIBLE STUDY

When: the first Wednesday of the month (except November; will happen on November 13)

Time: from 7 PM to 8:30 PM

Where: Chapel

Leadership: Min-Goo Kang

Our Intercultural Bible Study will return on **Wednesday September 4**. This Bible study is based on the belief that our lived experiences are the primary resources for us to interpret the Word.

Sitting in a circle, we will create a respectful and sacred space where every voice is heard and honoured. We will use the same Scripture passage that you will hear on Sundays during each month. Our methods include, but are not limited to: Mutual Invitation & Kaleidoscope Bible Study Process by Eric Law. (www.kscopeinstitute.org/free-resources).

Come and join in feasting on the Word. All are welcome.

As part of our ongoing commitment to the reconciliation process there are a number of initiatives leading up to the TRC day that the BVU Reconciliation team would like to bring you up to date on.

ORANGE SHIRTS

We would encourage the congregation to wear their orange shirts to worship on Sunday, September 29th and in your daily life and activities on September 30th. We have updated our stock of them and they are available at the BVU Thrift Store (open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 AM to 5 PM). Encourage your family and friends to also purchase these.

VIGIL - September 30 at 10 AM

A short 20 min Vigil to help us mark the beginning of Truth and Reconciliation day to remember the genocide and loss related to Residential Schools and the overall effects of Colonialization. This service will be a time of lamenting, remembering, honouring and re-committing ourselves to the path of Reconciliation.

POWWOW

It's also known as Orange Shirt Day and was created to commemorate the Canadian residential school experience and to honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families. On Monday, September 30, a POW WOW will be held at Royal Athletic Park from 10AM, with grand entries at noon and 6PM. Entry is free and everyone is welcome. Come and go as convenient for you.

At BVU, on September 30, there will be a 20 minute vigil held at 10 AM to remember the children who did not make it out of the residential schools and those who did but were deeply scarred.

On Sunday, the 29th and on Monday, September 30th, we are encouraged to wear an orange shirt if we have one. There are orange shirts for sale in the BVU Thrift Store.



VILLAGE AND BLANKET EXERCISE

If you've never done a Kiaros Blanket exercise we would invite you to engage in this 3 hour experiential educational process where participants learn about the effects of colonialism and the residential school experience. We will be hosting such in October with the date TBA.

If you've done the Blanket exercise, we invite you to register for the more comprehensive experience of the Villages workshop which will be held here Sat Nov 16th . Registration and more information is in the Program Guide. If you were registered previously for the Reconciliation learning event in Spring of 2023 that had to be cancelled, your registration fees will be credited to this event. You will receive a letter with more information soon.

FRACKING THE PEACE DOCUMENTARY

When: Wednesday, September 25 at 7 PM

Where: Sanctuary

Despite what the fossil fuel industry and our governments would have you believe – LNG (liquefied natural gas) and fracking are two of the fastest growing threats to our climate. 80% of gas extracted in BC is done through fracking. When industry liquefies this gas for export, it creates ‘LNG’ or liquefied fracked gas. So more LNG = more fracking, creating an ecological disaster for communities in northeastern BC, on Treaty 8 territory, by covering the land with poisonous fracking waste and abandoned wells. Every year, fracking in British Columbia produces around 390,000 swimming pools worth of contaminated waste water.

Clearly, this needs to change. Sacrificing watersheds for the sake of fossil fuels is no longer an option if Earth is sacred and not just a commodity to be exploited.

Join us for a community screening of Fracking the Peace, a powerful documentary telling the story of fracking in Northeastern B.C., where residents' daily lives, homes, environment and health have been changed forever by fracking. The film challenges us all, wherever we live, to consider how we can take action to tackle B.C.'s biggest climate problem: fracked gas.

Whether this issue is new to you or you've been following the story of fracking with a growing sense of horror for decades, join us for this free public event at BVU on **September 25 at 7 PM**.



31000 wells already drilled

18000 new wells proposed with LNG expansion

Join us for a special screening of a short documentary about fracking, followed by a conversation with a guest speaker from Dogwood and a Q&A.

WHERE: BROAD VIEW UNITED, 3703 SAINT AIDANS STREET, IN THE SANCTUARY
WHEN: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 7-8:15
THIS IS A FREE EVENT, OPEN TO ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED.

Sponsors:
Caring For Creation Ministry, Broad View United
Environmental and Climate Action Committee, First Unitarian Church
"Dogwood"

Need more info?
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*Founded in 1999, Dogwood harnesses the power of community organizing to defend our home and counter corporate greed. Driven by a deep love for our neighbours and the places we live, we campaign for climate justice, Indigenous rights and a healthy democracy.

HOLY LAND: UNHOLY CONFLICT

When: Wednesday, September 18 from 7 PM to 9 PM

Where: Sanctuary

Join Rev. Larry Scott for a ninety minute slide presentation on Palestine/Israel along with an in-depth commentary. For those interested in a historical overview of Palestine-Israel from biblical times to now, this presentation gives background on the present geopolitics of the region, and why a peaceful resolution of competing justice claims is complex. 30 min Q&A time to follow.

Larry has travelled to Palestine/Israel and was a history major, before studying for ministry.

SENIORS FOR CLIMATE VICTORIA

Join the **National Senior's Day Rally for Climate Action** at the BC Legislature on Tuesday, October 1st, between 2 PM - 4PM.



For more information, please visit
<https://s4cvictoria.weebly.com/>

PALESTINE SOLIDARITY FILM SERIES

Broad View United is hosting a Palestine Solidarity Film Series.

Time: 7 PM. Doors open at 6:30 PM
Free Admission. Donations are welcome.
Discussion to follow after each screening.

September 15: The Great Book Robbery

This film tells the story of a cultural destruction – the looting of 70,000 Palestinian carried out by the newly formed state of Israel in 1948.

October 20: Israelism

(co-sponsored with Independent Jewish Voices)

When two young American Jews, raised to unconditionally love Israel, witness the way Israel treats Palestinians, their lives take sharp left turns. Their stories reveal a deepening generational divide over modern Jewish identity.

November 17: Reel Bad Arabs

This groundbreaking documentary dissects a slanderous aspect of cinematic history that has run virtually unchallenged from the earliest days of silent film to today's biggest Hollywood blockbusters.



PALESTINIAN DINNER



On Sunday evening August 18, Broad View United provided space for a Palestinian dinner, sponsored by the Pal Sol Collective, to raise funds for the Bolbol family in Gaza. Amal Alhaddad, a resident of Victoria, is the eldest child in this family and was the heart of the meal. Along with her children and friends, Amal prepared food for 150 people for a sit-down meal and more food for take away meals. The fundraiser was a great success! The multicultural group of all ages expressed appreciation for the hospitality provided by BVU and the opportunity to support and stand in solidarity with Amal.

We wish to extend gratitude for the space and hospitality provided by BVU. A big thank you to all the many people that bought, prepared, and served food, those who shared in the meal and those cleaned up after this wonderful gathering. Special thanks also to BVU staff Oscar, Janiena, Edgardo and clergy for their active support.

GREATER VICTORIA ACTING TOGETHER (GVAT)

Why are people talking about Vacancy Control?

First United Church in Vancouver and Greater Victoria Acting Together (GVAT) both ask Broad View members to write a letter to their MLA or talk to a provincial election candidate about Vacancy Control. Why?

Vacancy control is sometimes referred to as “real rent control”, because it limits how much a landlord can increase rent on a unit when the tenant moves out. Currently in British Columbia, rent increases are regulated only as long as a tenant remains in the same unit. With limited supply and rapid rent increases in recent years landlords now have significant financial incentive to evict their long-term tenants in order to increase rents. Vacancy control would end evictions for profit, increase housing stability for tenants, and preserve affordable older housing stock. The most affordable housing is the housing we already have, **BUT ONLY IF we can control rent increases.**



Watch for the GVAT table at the upcoming Justice Fair in the Commons after church on Sept 8. We will also plan an online workshop later in September – stay tuned for more info! And look for the First United postcards available at the church to send to your MLA, or share with a provincial election candidate.

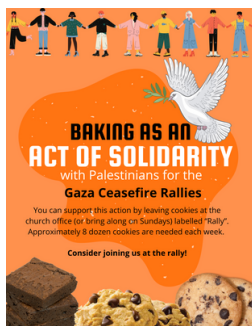
For more information, contact Stephen Tyler at stephen@adaptiverm.ca.

JUSTICE FAIR

Resumes September 8. With:

- Gayle’s cards for Moosehide Campaign for sale
- Orange shirts for National Truth and Reconciliation Day (Every Child Matters) for sale
- Reconciliation Quilts for display
- Muddy Water: Stories from the Street by Al Tysick for sale
- Palestinian Olive Oil and Trees for Life for sale and Palestinian Film handout

COOKIES



The Baking as an Act of Solidarity Action is ongoing as Broad View United folks continue to attend the weekly Gaza Ceasefire Rallies at the Legislature and provide hospitality and Christian support. Thanks as always to our faithful bakers and we encourage more folks to join us at the rallies on Saturdays at 2 pm.

IN MEMORIAM

- James (Jim) Pearce** - Died July 11, 2024
A service was held Wednesday, August 28, 2024
- Mona McGill** - Died July 20, 2024
No Service at Family Request
- Elske (Ellie) Jansen** - Died August 3, 2024
A service was held Tuesday, August 13, 2024
- Lorne McLean** - Died August 16, 2024
No Service at Family Request



We give thanks for the lives of Mona, Jim, Elske, and Lorne. We acknowledge and lift up the magnitude of gifts they shared with us during their lives. Our love and prayers remain with their families and loved ones.

We also uphold **Shelagh MacKinnon and Cheryl Black** in the recent death of their son-in-law, **Gus Saucedo**. Our prayers and love remain with Marina and the entire family in this sad time.

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays: September 26th --- Barbara Johnstone --- 94 years old

NEW INITIATIVE: PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Interest has been expressed in starting a group at BVU for folks who live with Parkinsons disease, and their family members/friends. Once started, we anticipate the group will meet monthly for support, encouragement and conversation.

Please be in touch with either Louise Booth: louisebooth2@gmail.com or Margaret Harper: margaret@broadviewunited.com.

PRAYER CONNECTION

Did you know that Broad View United has a dedicated group 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.

Confidential requests can be sent to team lead Jean Margison at Jean@jampot.ca;; via prayer@broadviewunited.com, and also from the Broad View United web site.

Requests can also be passed along to staff members Shelagh MacKinnon and Margaret Harper.



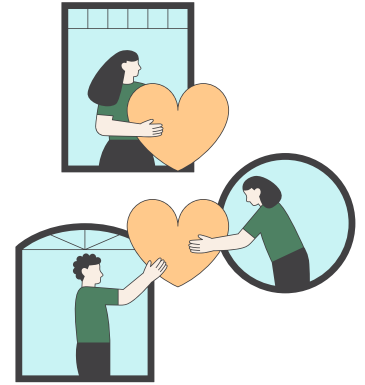
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FINANCIAL DONATIONS TO ASSIST THE JASPER UNITED CHURCH AND KAMLOOPS UNITED CHURCH

Many congregants have asked where they can direct funds to assist with the devastation caused in the wake of the horrific wildfire that completely destroyed the United Church in Jasper (July) as well as the fire that destroyed a large part of the downtown Kamloops United (August).



To support the wildfire relief in Jasper:

- If you wish to donate directly to Jasper United, an etransfer can be sent to: jasperunitedchurch@hotmail.com. A charitable tax receipt will be issued.

To support the United Church (Fire Recovery Fund) in Kamloops:

<https://kuc.breezechms.com/give/online>

Please continue to offer your prayerful support for Jasper United, served by Rev. Linda McLaren and Kamloops United, where Rev. Michael Caveney is in leadership, as well as their congregations and broader communities. Thank you for your generosity as we stand beside our siblings in faith.

MARGARET CAMERON TRUST FUND DONATIONS (MCTF) - JULY 2024



Rainbow Kitchen Society - \$4,000 to family lunch programs
The Cridge Centre for the Family - \$4,000- Cridge Transition House
Threshold Housing Society - \$4,000 - programs for youth ages 15-21 yrs.
Saanich Volunteer Society new lunch program - September, 2024

MCTF Committee - Shelagh MacKinnon, Sharron Higgins, Alva Jenson & Lois Heppell

Weekly Friday e-mail

BVU Bits & Bytes

SIGN UP!



After signing up, confirm your subscription by clicking the link on the email sent to your registered email address.

THRIFT STORE UPDATES

Hello Community!

I hope you all had a spectacular summer! It has been a fantastic season for the Broad View United Thrift Store, with lots of planning to enhance our store and its benefits to the community.

We want to extend our thanks to everyone who has collaborated with us in various ways. With the increase in donations and the growth of the store, we are in need of more volunteers to join us.

We offer a variety of interesting roles that can be tailored to your needs, including product selection, cleaning, pricing, and more. We need salespeople for our open days to assist our customers, as well as people to welcome and receive donations, among other tasks.

Currently, we have around 80 volunteers, ranging from those who help us check if puzzles are complete to those who come to the store every Wednesday and Saturday to assist our clients. It's a unique space in Victoria where fantastic people come together to build a more hopeful future—and, of course, to make friends.

If you need more information, feel free to email us at broadviewts@gmail.com, or visit us any Wednesday or Saturday to speak with Macarena, our Manager.

We are also hosting a Thrift Store Volunteer Fair where you can learn more about our work and discover which area might be the best fit for you.



Join us on Sunday, September 15, 2024, in the Commons of Broad View United for our Thrift Store Volunteer Fair. We will have two sessions:

- **Between the 10:00 and 11:00 am services**
- **Following the 11:00 am service**

Come learn about our volunteer opportunities and how you can get involved!

**WHAT'S
NEW!**

THRIFT STORE FALL SCHEDULE

RETAIL STORE OPEN

Wednesdays and Saturdays:
10 AM to 5 PM

Thursdays, starting September 26:
3 PM to 8PM

DONATION DROP OFF

Wednesdays and Saturdays:
10 AM to 5 PM

Monday to Saturday:
9 AM to 3 PM



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VOLUNTEER

2-3 hours per week
Monday through
Saturday

OPPORTUNITIES

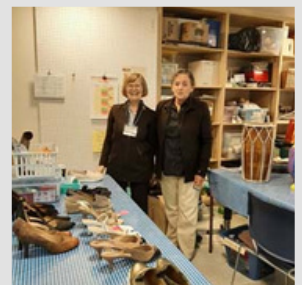
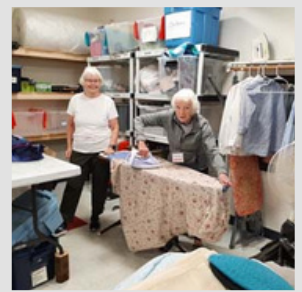
Fun and fellowship while supporting the Outreach programs of Broad View United and the community at large.

DEPARTMENTS

- * sorters
- * clothing
- * vintage
- * linens
- * shoes
- * hardware
- * stationery
- * children's clothing
- * toys
- * housewares
- * books
- * art
- * garden
- * accessories
- * greeters
- * customer service



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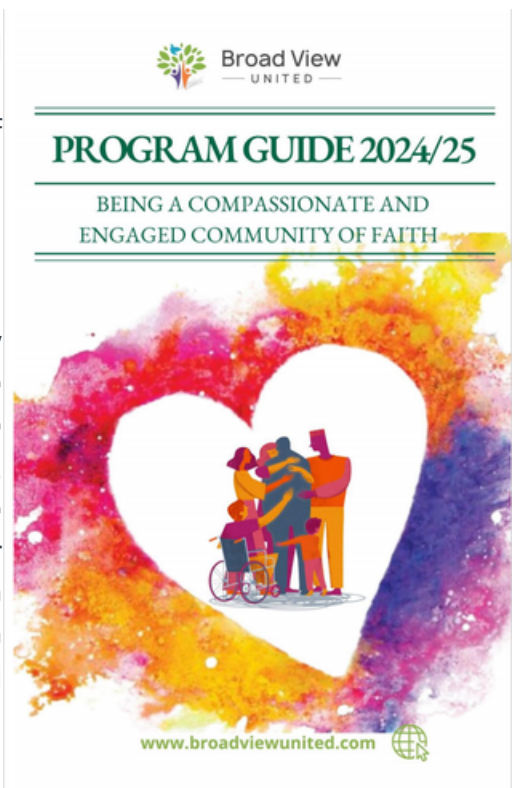


Become a part of our Broad View United family by volunteering! Your time and dedication as a volunteer are invaluable to us. Help us sort, price, and assist in the store, forming meaningful connections while contributing to our mission of community service. Whether you can spare a few hours a week or more, your efforts will help strengthen the bonds within our Victoria community.

PROGRAM GUIDE 2024/25

Every Fall, BVU publishes a comprehensive program guide that outlines both the regular groups and activities one can be involved in as well as the special events and programs offered related to the theme of the year. Based on the feedback from the Visioning process in the spring, the theme chosen for this year is *'Being a compassionate and engaged community of Faith.'*

A program guide for the various programs is now available online on our website and paper copies are also available. This guide contains a comprehensive outline of program offerings from September to June. There will of course still be emerging programs that we will offer from time to time but the majority of our offerings are well laid out in the program guide to help us spread out the kinds of programs and leadership needed to nurture both BVU folks and those beyond our walls. Check it out and mark up your own personal calendars.



BROAD VIEW UCW

Broad View UCW will hold its September meeting on September 3, 2024, from 11 AM to 2 PM in the Narthex. Bring a bag lunch. Shelagh MacKinnon will talk about her recent Sabbatical.

All are welcome.

Mark your calendar for the **Least Coin Service on October 1.**



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FLATLANDERS WALK



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The Flatlanders walk will be on Saturday, September 7th, 2024. We will meet at the Songhees Park parking lot besides the Delta Ocean Pointe hotel at 1 pm. We'll walk along the paved Songhees walkway returning the same way for about an hour. Our café stop will be at Boom + Batten on the way back. Contact Liane Clark or info@broadviewunited.com for further information.

As you can see by the following picture from our August walk in Beacon Hill Park, we always enjoy ourselves!

FOOD SAFE LEVEL 1 TRAINING COURSE

FOOD SAFE LEVEL I TRAINING COURSE
at Broad View United

Saturday, September 21
8:30AM - 4PM
*bring a bag lunch

\$65/person
fee includes training manual and a certificate (valid for 5 years)

Join us for an 8-hr food handling, sanitation, and safety course designed for workers and volunteers who cook; serve; wash dishes and clean up.

The course covers safety information including storing food; preparing food; serving food; cleaning; and sanitizing.

TO REGISTER:

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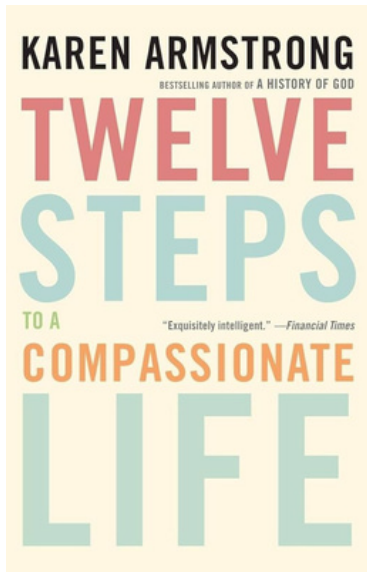
When: Saturday, September 21

Time: 8:30 AM - 4 PM (bring a bag lunch)

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Click [HERE](#) to register.

12 STEPS TO A COMPASSIONATE LIFE BOOK STUDY

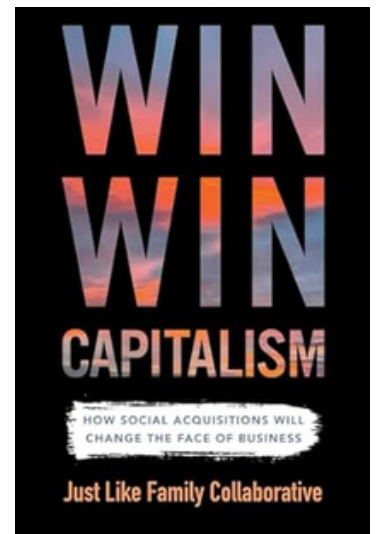


As a jumping-off point for our theme this year, September will focus on the meaning of Compassion. And to deepen this exploration, Shelagh and Mark will be leading a book study on Karen Armstrong's book "12 Steps to a Compassionate Life."

This study will take place in person in the Commons on Tuesday evenings from 7 PM - 9 PM, Sept 10 to Oct 15th. You can register online [HERE](#) or by phoning the office. Please purchase a copy of the book and read the first 4 chapters in advance of the first class. The book can be found at many used books stores as well as you favourite local one.

WIN WIN CAPITALISM: HOW SOCIAL ACQUISITIONS WILL CHANGE THE FACE OF BUSINESS

In May Carla Leon, CEO of Just like Family, spoke during worship to share some of the story of BVU in the world of social enterprise and social acquisition and the group breaking work that we were a part of from the beginning. BVU continue to be a partner and investor thought we no longer operate any local franchise. For many who attended that Sunday, they were awed by the presentation and had no idea the impact BVU has had in being a part of transforming the traditional model of Capitalism. We now have in our possession a stack of these books that tell this fascinating story and are making them available to the congregation as a bargain price of \$10 each. They will be available in the Narthex and at the front desk throughout the month of September.



"This in-depth exploration of Canada's first social acquisition of a private business will open your eyes to what is possible when a group of values-aligned investors join forces to create a successful business with a mission: to put people first, make a difference in the lives of everyone it touches, and create a ripple effect of giving back to the community. Follow the amazing story of how 3 charities and 9 individual impact investors came together to turn a company into a multi-million dollar business that is unlike anything the industry has seen." (from Amazon review)



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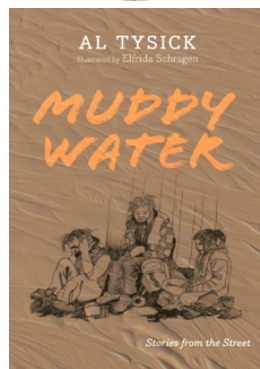
PROGRAM UPDATES

AN EVENING WITH REV. AL - Wednesday, October 9 at 7 PM

Al Tysick's book "Muddy Water: Stories from the Street", is about his 30 years working on the streets of Victoria with the homeless. He tells it like it is, with all the naked reality, challenges to his faith and his wonderful sense of humour. Launched as a personal project, with the help of some dedicated volunteers, it has received some wonderful reviews:



- *Your words are profound, honest, and powerful. Thank you for bringing life on the street to the forefront so that everyone can see and hopefully understand that they are people who deserve love and compassion as much as anyone else.*
- *This book should be a must-read for a grade nine student class. Muddy Water is full of wisdom and leaves one with a deep understanding of the less fortunate. I could not put the book down.*



Our Place Society is supporting the project by organizing an "Evening with Rev. Al" at Broad View United Church on Wed, October 9 at 7 PM. Al will be interviewed by a local media personality, followed by a book signing. Everyone is welcome. Books will be available at the discounted price of \$25. Please pay by cash or cheque made out to Our Place Society.

The evening will be live streamed. Check the church website for the link if you can't make it in person.

BROAD VIEW KNITTERS

Welcome to Broad View Knitters second knitting café which will be held on September 10, 2024, from 1 PM to 3 PM in the Cedar room! We welcome beginners, knitters stuck halfway through a project and experienced individuals. We knit for charity and for ourselves. A selection of yarn, knitting needles and advice will be available to you. Coffee, tea and treats will be served.



For those of you with finished projects for donation, please bring them on September 10 so that they can be organized and taken to the charities that want them. For more information, please contact Liane Clark at 250-590-3677.

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICE

A training event for new and experienced Christian contemplatives, to support and grow skills in Letting Go and Opening the Heart to the Presence of God within.

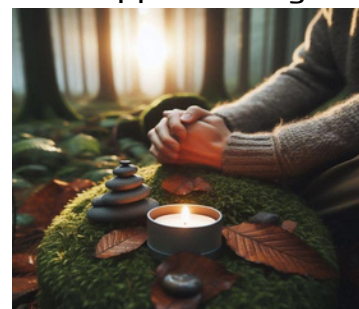
Facilitators: Linda Mulhall and Henri Lock

When: October 6, 2024 from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Where: Esquimalt United Church 500 Admirals Rd., Esquimalt, BC

Pay from the heart \$0 - \$25

To register, contact Henri Lock at henrilock@gmail.com



BOWKER CREEK BIODIVERSITY DAY - SEPTEMBER 22ND, 1 PM - 4 PM



BVU community is invited to take part in a celebration of Bowker Creek and its lively ecosystems. Come and join in the all-ages event to celebrate abundant nature returning to Bowker Creek as the stream is restored and new visions for the creek corridor, brimming with life and serving neighbourhoods. Learn more at [The Friends of Bowker Creek Biodiversity Day](#) website.

BVU is also invited in a **Memory of Water Walk** as it follows the course of Bowker Creek down Shelbourne Street to the Biodiversity Event. For most of our walk, the creek will flow in culvert beneath our feet. Our walk will join in the creek's memory of thousand of years as a trout stream, amid wetlands. The intention will be for the stream restored to health. Contact geraldh@pacificcoast.net to join.

HEALING PATHWAYS

The treatment sessions will be held on Mondays again, **starting on September 9.**

The date and times for the treatment will be as follows:

- September 9 at 7 PM
- September 15, September 23, and September 23 at 1 PM

All treatments will again be **in the Chapel at Broad View United.**

If you would like to sign up for the September healing sessions or have any questions about Healing Pathways, contact Eileen Campbell at ecchome@shaw.ca.

From Age-ing to Sage-ing (Introductory Level)

THURSDAYS, OCT. 10 - NOV. 14 ON ZOOM

Come and find a new way of growing older, aging well and living your life more consciously, more joyfully and more compassionately! Introductory Level is required for participating in the next levels.

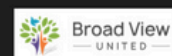
Topics include:

- Life Review,
- Harvesting Wisdom,
- Mentoring,
- Life Completion,
- Leaving a Legacy

Led by Annie Klein



Scan to register:



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MOVIE NIGHT

When: Saturday, September 28 at 7 PM

Where: Sanctuary



This month's movie is CABRINI based on the true story of Arriving in New York City in 1889, Italian immigrant Francesca Cabrini is greeted by disease, crime and impoverished children. She soon sets off on a daring mission to convince the mayor to secure housing and health care for society's most vulnerable. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini uses her entrepreneurial mind to build an empire of hope unlike anything the world has ever seen. Starring Cristiana Dell'Anna and John Lithgow. Snacks and beverages provided. Discussion to follow.

WEST MY FRIEND - Monday, September 2 from 4 PM - 8 PM

Jeff and Eden's band "West My Friend" is celebrating their **15th anniversary** as a band by hosting an Empress Avenue Block Party, and are inviting the BVU community to this free family-friendly musical event. On Monday September 2nd from 4:00pm - 8:00pm, the 1100-block of Empress Avenue (near Bay Street @ Cook Street) will be closed to traffic for an afternoon of music, games, ice cream, and more...

Hope to see you there!



WEST MY FRIEND
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SPECIAL MUSICAL GUESTS.
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MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND
FROM 4-8PM AND HERE IS THE SCHEDULE:
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DIXIE DREAMBOAT - 4 PM
OLIVER SWAIN'S BIG MACHINE - 5 PM
WEST MY FRIEND - 6 PM
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THERE WILL BE OTHER FUN THINGS LIKE:
LAWN GAMES! SIDEWALK CHALK!
HENNA! COLD COMFORT ICE CREAM!
YOU BRINGING A CHAIR AND PICNIC!

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THE VILLAGE WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 16**

**9 AM - 4 PM
BVU SANCTUARY**



COST: \$50 (LUNCH INCLUDED)

\$25 FOR LOW INCOME/STUDENTS

FACILITATED BY: KATHI CAMILLERI
KATHI IS AN INDIGENOUS AND CULTURAL
SAFETY PRACTITIONER, WORKSHOP
FACILITATOR, KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST.

BUILDING BRIDGES THROUGH UNDERSTANDING THE VILLAGE

DURING THIS EXPERIENTIAL WORKSHOP WE WILL EXPLORE OUR PERSONAL ROLE IN SUPPORTING THE REVIVAL OF THE VALUES THAT WORKED SO BEAUTIFULLY IN INDIGENOUS VILLAGES FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS.

THE WORKSHOP IS DONE FROM A NON-BLAME AND NON-SHAME PERSPECTIVE AND INVITES ALL PARTICIPANTS TO BECOME PART OF THE HEALING THAT IS ALREADY HAPPENING.



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The Village
workshop series



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*It is recommended that participants have completed a blanket exercise in the past if possible

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