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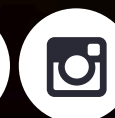


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Letting the Light In

*“Ring the bells that still can ring, forget your perfect offering
There is a crack, a crack in everything, that’s how the light gets in”
- Leonard Cohen, Anthem*

As we begin a new year and look back at the year behind us, there is much that happened for each of us that we could not have predicted. The only thing for certain we can say is that what lies ahead for us in 2025 is mostly unknown. While there are trends and there are things that happen for us each year, there is still much that happens in a year that we cannot control or predict. All we can do is navigate it to the best of our ability and with as much grace as possible.

When we think about the year ahead, we have a few choices: trepidation, anticipation, dread and curiosity. While these four choices are not exhaustive, they do represent a range of possibilities. What tends to happen for us in today’s binary world is we are often asked to believe that we have to choose which of these perspectives we might have rather than realizing that they are not mutually exclusive and it is possible to hold all these perspectives in tension and embrace each of them in some way. In fact, I’d like to suggest that doing so is probably the healthiest place we can be emotionally and spiritually.

To not have some trepidation or dread would be naive, but to have no anticipation or curiosity would severely limit one’s capacity to be open to both the little and big joys that do happen for each of us. If we set the expectation that there is nothing for us to look forward to or that 2025 will end with us feeling disappointed, then we are missing the opportunity to see the many, many instances of the Spirit breaking in on our world.

Perhaps that’s why Epiphany is at the start of our Christian year: A reminder that the light shines in and around us, in spite of the cursing and violence. The story of the star and the Magi, reminds us that while the context of the world around us may be filled with human misery and the attempt to flee from danger, that the inbreaking of light and hope and possibility are also present. And that the presence of God does not leave us or abandon us but rather travels with us, accompanies us and shines a light on the pathway forward.

So, let us go into 2025 with this same reminder. In spite of the very difficult and tragic events of the world around us, we continue to look for ways to amplify the light that does shine. Through our own actions and the recognition of the actions of others, we will find our way through the darkness. We will open ourselves to moments of joy and surprise. And we will with curiosity, look for what new things have been birthed anew.



Mark Green
Co-Lead Minister

JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE & TIME	SCRIPTURE	MESSAGE	LEADERSHIP	OTHER
Jan 5th 9:30 am & 11 am	Matthew 2:1-12	Finding Glimpses of the Star	Mark Green	Epiphany Sunday and Communion
Jan 12th 9:30 am & 11 am	1 Kings 17:7-16	Finding Courage	Mark Green	
Jan 19th 9:30 am & 11 am		Transcendence (1)	Ha Na Park	
Jan 26th 9:30 am & 11 am		Hospitality and Partnership taken to a Radical Level	Shelagh MacKinnon	Chancel Choir

CELEBRATION OF 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

- Save the date Saturday June 14th from 3 - 7pm

June 10, 2025 is the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada. In that time, there have been many changes to both the church and the world in which we find ourselves in. At times the church has been at the forefront of the change and at times we have been left to catch up with the changes happening around us. There are things we are proud of and things we need to repent for. Our colonial legacy and residential schools' history are part of what we need to continue to repent and change. At the



100 years in 2025

same time, seeds that we have sown over the decades of new ways of being church are now beginning to take root. There is much for us to reflect on and to celebrate.

And so, our BVU Anniversary team has been hard at work creating a variety of experiences for us in the month of June. The Central event will be carnival like in its structure with interactive stations to explore our history, milestones, trivia and name hopes and dreams for the church in the future. There will be international food vendors for you to choose food from and displays and conversation starters throughout the afternoon. We are making connections with other United Churches in Victoria and inviting them to share in the celebration and some of their history as a congregation as well. More information to come and opportunities to be involved will be shared in February newsletter. In the meantime, **Save the Date!! Saturday June 14th from 3-7pm.**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: WORSHIP CANDLE STATIONS

Many find solace and comfort at Broad View United candle stations during Sunday Worship and other events held in the sanctuary.

It has become clear that a team is needed to share the responsibility of preparing and keeping the stations ready for two Sunday services each week as well as those other events. Ideally, it would be great to have enough people in the team so each of us would only be responsible for a single service or event each month.

Our first meeting would be to share what is involved. If you are even just a bit curious, please contact Margaret: margaret@broadviewunited.com

Thank you very much!

EXTREME WEATHER EMERGENCY SHELTER

Broad View United and the City of Saanich are working together to put in place a plan for BVU to provide emergency shelter for those who are unhoused or living on the margins during extreme weather events. We anticipate that there won't be more than 5 or so days of such a need. Saanich will provide the Sleeping Mats, and some personnel trained in Mental Health support for supervision during the night. BVU will provide the hospitality and the space.



We are currently pulling together a small team of those who might be able to offer support should there be an extreme weather event. We will be looking for volunteers willing to supply cookies and muffins, preparing a hot breakfast and offering a friendly face or ear for a 4-hour shift. If you can help in any of the areas named above, please go to **Jotform** and indicate where you are open to volunteers as the need arises. Training and orientation will be provided as well.

HEARING SYSTEM IN SANCTUARY AT BVU

When we did the renovation of the sanctuary, we did install a loop antenna in the floor and an amplifier in the pedestal rack at the booth. It covers the main area of the main church except close to the platform where acoustic energy usually fills in and the main speakers are loudest.

For hearing aid identification, any hearing aid with **T-coil reception** will automatically work with this system and the hearing aid is set to T-coil. We also have two body pack loop receivers for someone who doesn't have T-coil reception or is simply hard of hearing with no hearing aids. If you inquire at the sound both they can provide you with the body pack. We are eager to hear how this system is working for folks and your feedback would be appreciated as we make ongoing adjustments to enable everyone access to the sound in the best ways we can.

THIS IS AN EXCITING TIME OF SPIRIT-LED QUESTIONING,
EXPERIMENTING, AND MUTUAL LEARNING.

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

English
Conversation
Circle



Wrap-Up Party

On November 30, 2024, 19 people—volunteers and participants from both past and present—gathered at Jade Fountain Restaurant to celebrate the wonderful connections we’ve built over the years. How fitting it was to celebrate with dim sum, which literally means “touching the heart.” Indeed, our hearts have been touched by the friendships and generosity shared through stories and time together.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible volunteers, whose dedication has made a profound difference in the lives of countless participants from all over the world. And special thanks to our amazing participants, whose openness and courage to engage in conversations have turned our program into a space of mutual learning.



Weekly Friday e-mail

Bits & Bytes

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Saturday Social – A Place That Feels Like Home

When: Every Saturday, 6:30–8:30 PM
(resumes January 11, 2025)

Where: Both in the Hub & Commons



Spend your Saturday evenings connecting with others through ping pong, games, singing, dancing, and sharing food. Our Saturday Socials are a space where everyone—regardless of cultural background or language—can feel at home. At BVU, “home” is not just a location; it’s a feeling.

We are committed to building an intercultural space that fosters belonging, friendship, and learning from one another. When we come together with open minds and hearts, anything is possible!



We look forward to creating another year of memorable moments with all of you in 2025!

COMING UP IN THE NEW YEAR

Exciting events await us in 2025! Stay up to date by signing up for our intercultural weekly newsletter.

To subscribe, simply email Min-Goo at min-goo@broadviewunited.com. Here’s a glimpse of what’s ahead:

- **NEW POSITION:** Intercultural Community Animator (6 hours per week), starting January 6.
 - Focused on social media and art-based program initiatives.
- **LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION:** February.
- **TASTE OF HOME:** Season 3 begins in March.
- **NEW WORKSHOP SERIES:** Learn to make beeswax candles.
- **INTERCULTURAL FAMILY RETREAT:** May long weekend, in partnership with First Third Ministry.
- **INTERCULTURAL SUMMER CAMP:** This summer, in partnership with Camp Spirit.

In Memoriam

Arlene Galloway Ford Died December 6, 2024
Celebration of Life January 30, 2025, 2 pm BVU

Shirley Mae Collis Died December 9, 2024
Service to be held at a later date



We express our gratitude for the life of Arlene, recognizing the profound impact of the gifts she shared with us throughout her journey. Arlene was a dedicated member of three of the founding BVU congregations, making meaningful contributions to each. Our thoughts and prayers are with Blake during this difficult period.

We also give thanks for the life of Shirley, acknowledging the numerous gifts she brought to us and to the world. As a member of the First-Metropolitan congregation, her legacy lives on. Our love and prayers extend to her family and dear friends at this time.

Communion

Communion has been celebrated with the residents of Berwick Lodge (Shelbourne) on Nov. 13; The Kensington on Dec. 13 and The Victorian @ Feltham on Dec. 17. It has been a joy for us to interact with BVU members during the Advent/Christmas Season.

Christmas Cards

The Spiritual Care Team gathered in late November and wrote Christmas cards to nearly 100 members of our BVU community. Some have been hand delivered, and the rest will go out now that the postal strike is over.

Advance Notice — 2025 Grief Group

Are you grieving the death of a loved one, or grieving any other number of losses in your life? Would you like some support as you navigate the feelings and new reality in the wake of your losses? Please reach out to Margaret (margaret@broadviewunited.com) Group to begin sometime in mid-January, 2025.

BVU Parkinson Support Group

BVU Parkinson Support Group will reconvene Sunday, January 26th at 12:15. Please reach out to Margaret, margaret@broadviewunited.com; or Louise Booth, louisebooth2@gmail.com for more information, or to attend.

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 Jean@jampot.ca; via prayer@broadviewunited.com, or from the Broad View United website.

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

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR FUNDRAISER

The Coldest Night of the Year is a family-friendly walk on Saturday, February 22 that is an important fundraiser to provide support to the many in our neighbourhoods who are experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. In Victoria, the Coldest Night of the Year supports Our Place Society.

Last year the Broad View United team raised over \$10,000 for this worthy cause. For 2025, Broad View United has set a goal to raise \$11,000.

Please support the Coldest Night of the Year by donating or joining our walkers.

To donate, please go to www.cnoy.org, then click on the donate box. That will bring up a search box where you type Broad View United and then click “go”! You will then see the Broad View United team listed at the top of a list of teams. Click on “Broad View United” and then click on the “donate to team” box on the next screen. Then, you will have an option to associate your donation with a particular team member or to the team in general.

Our team will be walking a 5-km or 2-km route on February 22 that starts and ends on Pandora. Also, many of our walkers decide to participate by self-organizing with friends or individually to walk on their chosen path any time in February. Regardless of where or when you walk, we ask all our walkers to register with the Broad View United team at www.cnoy.org so your fundraising adds to our Church’s total donation.

For more information, please contact Brian McConkey or Adele Heise by phone at 250 883-0033 or by email at brianmcc306@gmail.com



BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS - Jan 5th

We support the work of Saanich Neighbourhood Place (SNP) to help young parents (ages 13–28) who often struggle to make ends meet after Christmas. Many of these families, living on low-income assistance, have to prioritize rent, leaving little for food and essentials. Your donations of supplemental items make a big difference for children and families at risk. We appreciate your generous contributions to the Baby Shower for Jesus. You can still drop off items at the office until Wednesday, January 8th.

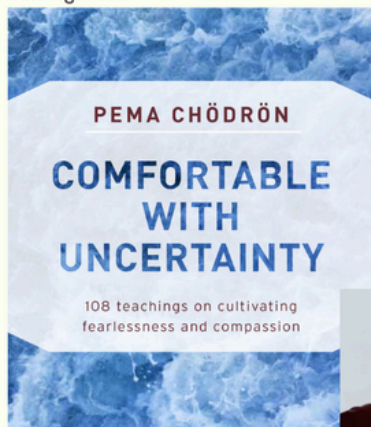
- **diapers**
(sizes 4, 5 and 6 (little ones stay in the large sizes longer so therefore higher demand!))
- **pull ups**
- **infant formula**
- **wipes**
- **baby food**
- **infant cereal**
- **toilet paper**
- **feminine hygiene products**



LIVING FAITH MINDFULLY AND FABULOUSLY

LEARN TOGETHER ABOUT RESILIENCE, FEARLESSNESS, AND COMPASSION THROUGH BUDDHIST AND CHRISTIAN TEACHINGS

Guiding Pillar:



For those whose life circumstances are just like a rainbow - where "The Celebration of Pride happens, despite rain or storm" - nurturing resilience can make a meaningful difference in our lives.

Saturdays | 2 - 4 PM
January 11, 18, 25
February 1, 8

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HAVE REGISTERED!
REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED.
PLEASE EMAIL
HANA@BROADVIEWUNITED.COM FOR ANY
INQUIRIES

Broad View United
3703 St. Aidan's St.



FIRST METROPOLITAN UNITED'S LEGACY GIFT TO OUR PLACE

First Metropolitan and the other founding congregations of Broad View United share a vital commitment to Our Place. The Angel Gift program is strongly supported, and so many folks walk on the Coldest Night Trek. People volunteer and contribute to help. We know you can be counted on.



It is hard to believe that it has been over a year since we left our historical building in North Park to move to our new church amalgamation at Broad View United. But, even months before we moved, we knew we wanted to establish a Legacy Gift to Our Place. A congregational meeting was unanimous in that desire! It is a true covenant promise to share our blessings with Our Place. **On March 2nd**, we will have guests from Our Place at both services as we formalize that Legacy Gift.

Please save the date! Also, can I ask you to share this exciting news with your own circle of friends? The people who were at First Met years ago, or more recently, and others who are interested in this on-going legacy.

ANGEL GIFTS

A huge thank you to all those who participated in Angel Gifts. BVU gave 150 personalized presents to this important Our Place project. Wow! BVU is the largest single donor.

You shopped for that one personal gift, and returned it, beautifully wrapped, with messages of support and love inside. This meant so much to 'your person.'

These gifts were loaded into cars and delivered downtown where they were distributed at a festive party.

We are so grateful to Mary Jane, who helped at the desk, Gordon, Ross, and Doug who hauled the gifts into cars, Janiena and Oscar who collected gifts at the office during the week, and Liane who kept track of donations.

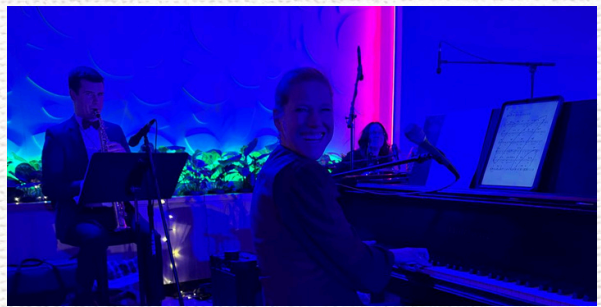
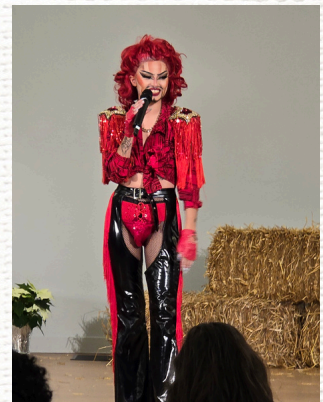
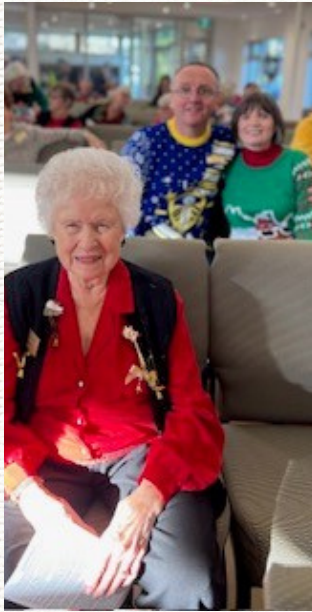
Your help made the job easy.

**THANK YOU
SO MUCH**

from June, Robin, and Maureen



A LOOK BACK AT ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS







TAI CHI CHIH

Tai Chi will resume classes on January 7th at 9:30 in the Commons. Everyone is welcome to come and join us whether they have practiced Tai Chi or not. The type of Tai Chi we do is Tai Chi Chih, a gentle, health focused form, which is only 20 moves performed on both left and right sides. It is free and no special type of athletic wear is needed. Contact Eileen Campbell, ecchome@shaw.ca, for more information.



LECTIO

- Every Thursday morning on Zoom

The lectio group will resume this spiritual practice on January 9th at 8:30 on Zoom. If you are interested in learning more about the group or in joining the group, contact Eileen Campbell, ecchome@shaw.ca, for more information.



THE HEALING PATHWAY

The Healing Pathways group will resume their outreach in January on Monday, January 6 at 7:00pm, Monday, January 13:1:00 pm., Monday, January 20: 1:00pm, Monday, January 27: 1:00pm. The practice session for the healers will be Saturday, January 25 from 9:00 – 11:00 in the Chapel. Book an appointment for a healing treatment through Eileen at ecchome@shaw.ca.

BVU - UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

- Tuesday, January 7 at 11 am

BVU - UCW meeting scheduled for January 7, 2025, in the Narthex. Please bring a bag lunch. Sarah McConnell, the Thrift Store Manager, will share insights about her work. We hope to see you there at 11 a.m.

During our December meeting, we gathered Personal Care items for the Victoria Women's Transition House, and the staff expressed their gratitude for the box filled with a delightful assortment of personal care products.

We also want to thank everyone who bought United Church 2025 calendars and supported this UCW initiative. A limited number of calendars are still available at the Office.

Wishing you all the best for 2025!



FLATLANDERS WALK

**- Saturday, January 4 at 1 pm,
meet at the Breakwater Bistro entrance**

The Flatlanders Walk for January 4th will be at the Breakwater - weather and winds permitting! If too windy and/or wavey, a walk around the cruise ship docks at Ogden Point to note pilot and tug boat moorings, the previous Victoria rail station roof shelter, the gift store, the depot where the touring carriage horses are dropped off before they head to their positions on Menzies St., the various storage facilities for cars and touring vehicles, plus the helijet terminal. Time permitting, a stroll along one of the residential streets noting some of the original residences, ending up at the Breakwater Bistro for a warming up coffee/tea, hot chocolate or apple cider!

Meet: at the Breakwater Bistro entrance

Time: 1 pm

Parking: nearby on Dallas or side streets

Attire: weather appropriate

Contact: Vicky Attwell via email at vicky.attwell@outlook.com or on mobile at 778-350-1029. Confirmation of attendance would be appreciated.



GUYS' "WATER INTO WINE" PUB NIGHT

**- Tuesday, January 14 at 7pm,
The Monkey Tree, 4025 Borden St. (near McKenzie and Quadra)**



Join with men of all ages who simply want a chance to connect with other men in the congregation for a time for conversation, sharing of life stories and an exchange of ideas. Order a beverage of your choice (and a bite to eat if you wish), pull up a chair and enjoy a time of fellowship and camaraderie.

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BVU QUILTS FOR SURVIVORS

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>).

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

The Monthly Sew and Social is held at Broad View United on the second Saturday of each month from 10 am to 4 pm.

For more information, contact:
Jacquelin Green (jacgreen@telus.net)
Vivian Skinner (vivianskinner@shaw.ca)



Drop-in workshops are held in the Cedar Room on:

Mondays - 9 am to 12 pm (drop-in to pick-up fabric; cut; sew and share ideas)

Fridays - 11 am to 2 pm (drop-in to pick-up fabric; cut; sew and share ideas)

BROAD VIEW KNITTERS

Broad View Knitters would like to remind everyone that prayer shawls are not just for congregants. If you know anyone who would benefit from the warm caring hug that a prayer shawl provides, please contact Margaret Harper. Please note that Broad View Knitters will not be meeting in January 2025 but will start up again in February 2025 for the remainder of 2025 on the second Tuesday of the month at 1 pm.



MOVIE NIGHT

- Saturday, January 25 at 7 PM

January Film: A Beautiful Mind (2001). Showing January 25th. Shelagh will host the movie night and chose this particular movie for its invitation into conversation about January's theme of Self-Compassion. It was a wildly popular film, as the included Wiki Article shares, but it was also controversial! Let's watch and chat together: popcorn and treats will be served.



"A Beautiful Mind" is a 2001 biographical drama about mathematician John Nash, played by Russell Crowe. Directed by Ron Howard and based on Sylvia Nasar's biography, it features a cast including Ed Harris and Jennifer Connelly. The story follows Nash, a brilliant but asocial student at Princeton, as he becomes involved in cryptography and questions his reality amid a conspiracy. The film won four Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Director, and received several additional nominations.

YOUNG ADULTS EVENTS IN JANUARY



Young adults aged 18 – 30ish meet on the first and third Sunday of the month for lunch and activities and at other times throughout the month as the group discerns. Watch newsletter for upcoming activities or have your name added to the email distribution list by contacting info@broadviewunited.com.

Jan 5th - Epiphany Sunday. No meeting this week.

Jan 19th 12:15 pm - Campfire, hot dogs and Marshmallow roast at Goldstream Park. Meeting in commons following the ConXion service and carpooling together out to Goldstream.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry in December has been lovely. Advent brings out lots of deep feelings and emotion as we prepare our minds and spirits for Christmas. We have been gathering on Sunday Mornings at the ConXion service, and on Friday evenings for youth group. We've baked cookies, eaten great snacks, played some games, painted some beautiful advent-themed paintings, and had some deep conversations.



In the new year we will be meeting on the same schedule as the fall. Junior Youth meets on the first and third Fridays of each month from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, and Senior Youth meet on the second and fourth Fridays of each month from 7 pm - 9 pm. In January there will be physical copies of a youth group events calendar to take home and put on your fridge or give to a friend. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!

CIRCLE CHAT



Circle CHAT will reconvene on Wednesday, January 8 at 1:30 pm. This is a drop-in group for women elders whose sole purpose in gathering is to share stories & connect with one another. Refreshments and fun are an added bonus.

***Connect Cards are available at the Commons and the Narthex**

NEW TO BVU?

FILL UP THE CONNECT CARD

Connect Card	Name: _____
 Broad View — UNITED —	Cell Phone: _____
Welcome to BVU!	Home Phone: _____
	Email: _____
	Kids Names & Ages: _____

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICE

BROAD VIEW UNITED IS PROUD TO SPONSOR THE

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICE

Facilitators: Linda Mulhall and Henri Lock

Sunday, February 23 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Broad View United

3703 St. Aidan's St., Victoria, BC V8P 2V7

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.



Christian Contemplative Practice:

- Allows us to rest in God in the present moment
- Teaches us to Let Go of regrets and worry
- Helps us to live out of the fullness of who truly are

In this event, you will learn and practice:

- The prayer of silent meditation (Centering Prayer)
- Lectio Divina (contemplative reading of scripture)
- Practicing mindfulness in daily life (letting go of regrets and worry and being fully present)

Scan to register:



*This event is offered by the
Contemplative Practice
Network of Greater Victoria
in association with BVU*

To register, please scan the QR code above or email name to contemplativenetwork@gmail.com. For the fee, you can pay from the Heart, as you are able (\$0 - \$25). For more information, email henrilock@gmail.com or l.mulhall@shaw.ca. All are welcome, regardless of experience.

BIBLE STUDY INVITATION



There has been an expression of interest by a few people to have a semi regular bible study on either Sunday morning at 9:30 (like an adult Sunday School class) or on a Wednesday evening. The purpose of this class would be to engage with others in conversation and study to deepen our knowledge, one book of the bible at a time. No previous knowledge or experience is necessary. Leadership to be provided by Mark Green and Shelagh MacKinnon.

Please register **HERE** if you are interested and indicate which times would suit you best.

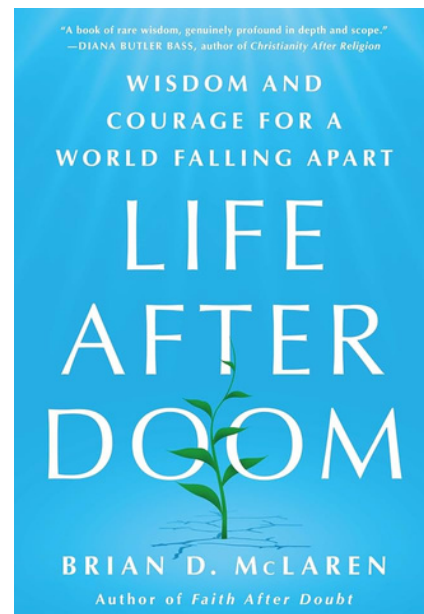
BOOK STUDY - LIFE AFTER DOOM:
WISDOM AND COURAGE FOR A WORLD FALLING APART

- BY BRIAN MCLAREN.

6 sessions Tuesdays evening 7 – 9 pm Mar 4 - Apr 8, 2025
Led by Mark Green

Blending insights from philosophers, scientist and theologians, this book explores the complexity of hope, the necessity of grief and the need for new ways of thinking, becoming and belonging in these turbulent times. If you are looking for ways to engage with others and think through ways to effect change within and around you, this study group is for you. An opportunity to find courage and resilience for the deeply challenging time that are upon us.

This book comes at a critical juncture in our lives and is aimed at those who not only live with trepidation for the future ahead but also those who worry about children and grandchildren and the world that we are leaving behind. It is important to have read a significant part of this book in advance of the class so please pick up the book now and begin reading. To register, email info@broadviewunited.com or click **HERE**.



BVU FAMILY DINNER

- Friday Jan 10th at 5:30 to 7:30pm



Opportunity for families with children up to 11 years of age to come for a Friday evening time of activities and conversation shared over a kid friendly meal that is provided. This event happens every second Friday of the month. Family activities to start, dinner shared together and then some time following supper for the children to engage in activities while parents have a chance to connect and share about their lives. At 7:15 we gather for story time and a few songs as we wind up our time together. Click [HERE](#) to register.

TRANS FAMILY DINNER

- Wednesday Jan 15th at 5:30 pm

After two successful Trans family dinners hosted together with SNP (Saanich Neighbourhood place) and Transcare BC, it is clear that there is a definite need for this kind of gathering in a safe and nurturing place. Over 75 folks of different family configurations have found a time and place to engage in conversation, share struggles and strategies for being true to themselves and supportive of one another. This will be a monthly event on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Pre-registration is necessary, and you can find the link [HERE](#). The next event is Jan 15th at 5:30 pm. If you would like to be a volunteer host for helping with setup and clean up, let Mark know.



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Hello Community!

Happy New year! Thank you to those who donated, shopped, and offered to volunteer during our busy holiday season. Your contributions keep us going strong. We are looking for someone to donate our left-over Christmas stock to. Please pop in the shop if you are interested in offloading a large supply of Christmas products. 2025 is upon us. We would love to get our store open on Thursday evenings and we need your help to do this. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer for a Thursday evening with us. Applications are being accepted for a cashier position. This would be a 4.5-hour shift to start once a week with the possibility to pick up shifts. If you love to thrift and have cashier experience, please drop off a detailed resume to our church reception or thrift shop office.



Sales continue in January! 50% off selected items as well as red tagged items. Come in and load up on these deals! We have something for everyone. Our social justice section has coffee, tea, chocolate & cooking oil. These products help to support various charities outside of our church.

Please come and take at our Level Ground tea & coffee. Organic fair trade Olive oil from Palestine. Hearts & Hands pins and much more. We are always accepting new volunteers, donations, and patrons alike.

- **Sarah McConnell, Thrift Store Manager**



Retail Hours

Back on regular operation hours starting January 4

- Wednesdays 10 am - 5 pm
- Saturdays 10 am - 5 pm



Donation Hours

Back on regular donation hours starting January 2

- Mondays to Fridays 9 am - 3 pm
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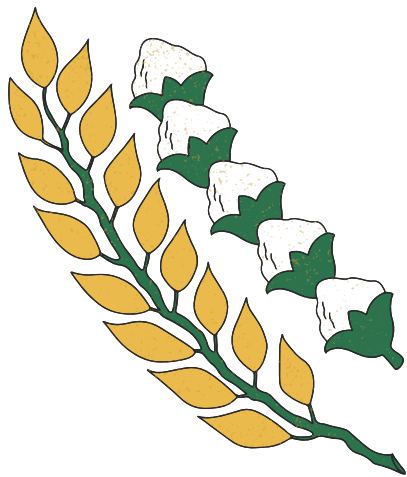


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Entrance off of Palo Alto Street

JUSTICE FAIR - Sunday, January 12



With our January Justice Fair, we begin 2025 learning more about the diversity of ways in which people of Broad View United live out our call to seek justice for all.

Our tables will include **Saanich Neighbourhood Place**, the recipient organization of the Baby Shower for Jusus gifts. Look forward to conversations about **'Caring for Creation'**, how we as a congregation work for our community through **GVAT** (Greater Victoria Acting Together); the UCW's project **'Reach One, Touch One'** in support of African elders; offering support to the **Shelbourne Community Kitchen** by ordering gluten-free baking; supporting the people of **Palestine** by

purchasing the excellent olive oil and olive trees saplings to support their future; **Baking by Brenda** that benefits BVU's justice work.

We are ready to greet you conversation following both services with warm smiles!

SOLIDARITY IS THE POLITICAL VERSION OF LOVE

Book Launch and Panel Discussion

Join us for a stimulating and informative evening and learn more about organizing effectively for Palestinian Solidarity.

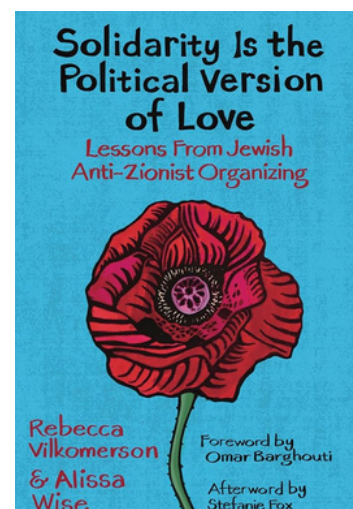
When: Monday, January 27, 2025

Time: 7 PM (doors open at 6:30)

Where: Broadview United Church

Who: Co-Sponsored by Independent Jewish Voices and Broad View United Church

What: Solidarity is the Political Version of Love by Rebecca Vilkomerson and Rabbi Alissa Wise



Against the backdrop of rapid and often devastating developments, Solidarity is the Political Version of Love, explores how Jewish Voice for Peace grew larger as the organization shifted to the left and helped to alter the public narrative about Palestinian liberation, while also navigating the tensions of organization-building and creating a space for Judaism liberated from Zionism. Their insights help contextualize the intense suppression of activism for Palestinian freedom, while illuminating the roots of today's flourishing Jewish solidarity with Palestinians worldwide.

COMING SOON - WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND? from GVAT

In January, Greater Victoria Acting Together will be reaching out to all of its member organizations including Broad View to find out what folks are most concerned about. GVAT mobilizes its members, including tens of thousands of folks across Greater Victoria, to support local or provincial government action that would deliver meaningful and positive change in your lives. But to do that, we need to understand what those changes might be. We want to sit down with small groups in BVU to listen to what you have to say. The first sessions will probably start in mid-January, so please stay tuned! *Stephen Tyler, GVAT rep*

CARING FOR CREATION

A growing number of local governments around the world recognize that it's unfair for our communities to bear the rising costs of mitigating and adapting to climate change alone. In fact, over 40 US cities and states have launched climate change lawsuits against fossil fuel companies, and 28 Canadian law professors have said that we can do the same here in BC. By working with other BC local governments on a class action lawsuit, we can keep the costs manageable and avoid risks, while protecting citizens from having to pay 100% of the growing costs of climate change. It's just good economics.

INTERESTED?

Join us for a community conversation with the **CRD Sue Big Oil Group on February 2 at 2pm.**

Caring for Creation will co-host this discussion in our Sanctuary: we'd love to hear your ideas about how we can use this legal tool to create better municipal infrastructure for a warming planet.

VIDEOS, DISCUSSION, ACTION

Stay tune for more information about this event in the New Year.



Events Registration

Looking for more ways to Gift your Spirit in 2025?
Registration and more information about any of these programs can be found at <https://broadviewunited.org/registration/>



Are you looking for a **memorable** experience – being a church with **meaningful** conversation, live **music** and a **multicultural** dinner?

DINNER CHURCH

January Theme:

“Be comfortable with the darkness and cherish the light”

Scan to register:

Dinner Church is all about invitation.

Come with your folks. Let's be together. **You are not alone.**



JANUARY 22 AT 6PM



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