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MARCH 2025 Newsletter

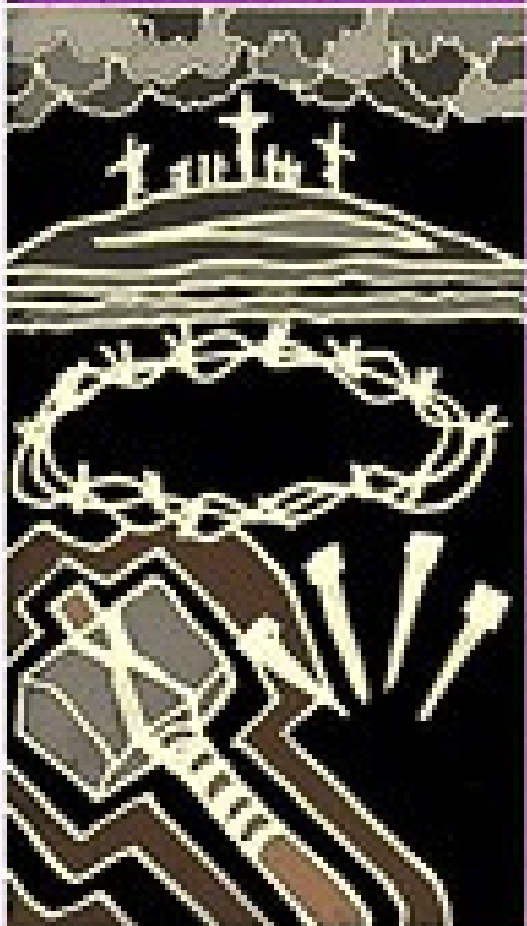


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FOLLOW US



Disappointment and Betrayal, Courage and Resilience - Our Lenten Journey

As we head into the Season of Lent, we do so through the lens of the experience of Jesus during his last week. The story of the Last Supper and the subsequent time in the Garden of Gethsemane, remind us that Jesus too experienced feelings of betrayal and disappointment and in spite of such, or perhaps because of such, he also shows courage and resilience. The same can be said of his followers through the events of the holy week and post-Easter.

None of us are strangers to these feelings either. On a personal level, each of us has at some point or another, experienced feeling disappointed or betrayed by those we love. The feeling of betrayal can be hard to overcome until we begin to see it as part of a larger picture. Forgiving ourselves when we've disappointed a loved one or betrayed a principal we hold dear in our life is simply a reality we must each face as part of what it means to be human. None of us get it right all the time. The key perhaps, is being able to see that we are growing and trying and to give others the same grace that we hope we might be given as we change and grow.

Jesus seems to be able to do that over and over again with those he encounters. Right up to the end, in some of his final words, he expresses forgiveness ... "forgive them Father, for they know not what they do." Jesus and the gospel writers seem to understand that sometimes in the heat of the moment, we don't see the big picture and react from our own hurt or fear. Yet forgiving others and ourselves is tied together as a wisdom that emerges in life as we come to see the bigger picture.

In the times that we are currently living, we need to call upon our wisdom of having traversed difficult relationships and issues in the past to find the courage and resilience to keep moving forward. While hiding away and hoping we wake up to a better world tomorrow is a natural response to the chaos around us, we know from experience that it is our collective voices that are needed for the tides to shift. This takes energy. And finding the balance of engaging the world and practicing self care is an important task ahead of us. To be effective we each need to be nurtured and encouraged as well. Jesus retreats frequently to be alone or with a small select few to rebalance himself for the trials and tribulations he faces. His resilience is nurtured by his spiritual practices and by his relationship to those he draws close to himself, even those who betray him. He is betrayed and yet rebuilds and trusts again.

As we move through Lent, may we too find courage and resilience. May we too learn to seek forgiveness for our betrayals and offer forgiveness to those we have been hurt by. Then, may we turn the page and move forward together to create momentum as followers of Jesus for this "Unfolding Realm of God" he so eloquently taught, dreamed, spoke of and died for.



Mark Green
Co-Lead Minister

LENTEN SERVICES 2025

DATE & TIME	THEME	SCRIPTURE	LEADERSHIP	OTHER
Wed March 5th (7pm)	Ash Wed ritual	Refiner's Fire (Malachi 3:1-6)	Rev. Ha Na Park	Shrove Pancake supper at 5:30 pm
Sun March 9th	Lent 1	Last Supper	Rev. Shelagh MacKinnon	Communion Sunday Justice Fair
Sun March 16th	Lent 2	Last Supper	Rev. Ha Na Park	P.I.E Sunday Young Adults-led Worship
Sun March 23rd	Lent 3	Gethsemane	Shadia Qubti - Palestinian Christian Speaker	1 PM • Gather for Conversation with Shadia (Olive & Zaatar: Dipping, Sharing, Connecting)
Sun March 30th	Lent 4	Gethsemane	Rev. Mark Green	
Sun April 6th	Lent 5	Gethsemane	Rev. Min-Goo Kang	BVU Choir Concert
Sun April 13th	Lent 6	Palm/Passion	Rev. Margaret Harper	
Thu April 17th	Maundy Thursday: Supper & Ritual	Decolonizing Communion	Rev. Ha Na Park, Rev. Min-Goo Kang BVU Youth	Foot/Hand Washing & Other Spiritual Practices
Fri April 18th (10:30 am)	Good Friday service	Stations of the Cross	Rev. Shelagh MacKinnon, Rev. Margaret Harper	
Fri April 18th (7 pm)	Good Friday Jazz service		Rev. Mark Green and Music Team	
Sun Apr 20th (7 am)	Sunrise Service on Mt Tolmie	Luke	Rev. Shelagh MacKinnon	Hot Breakfast to follow
Sun Apr 20th (9:30 am)	Easter Bridge		Rev. Ha Na Park	
Sun Apr 20th (11 am)	Easter ConXion		Rev. Ha Na Park	

SHROVE TUESDAY

Join us for Pancake Supper with a short Ash Wednesday ritual to follow

**Wednesday, March 5
Dinner at 5:30 pm**



Broad View United
3703 St. Aidan's St.

Broad View United Community Choir Spring Concert
Director: Brian Tate

We Shall Not Be Moved!

Songs of Resistance, Inspiration, and Hope

**Sunday, April 6 | 3 PM
3703 St. Aidan's St.**



admission by donation

UCC 100TH ANNIVERSARY: A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

The BVU 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada committee has been working hard imagining ways to be celebrating a long and deep history of the United Church. The Big event for people of all ages will be our afternoon celebration on JUNE 14th from 3pm – 7pm. This event will be a carnival like experience with different booths for folks to visit that are interactive and a giant international food fair where you can sample different dishes from around the world to highlight our multicultural emphasis as a congregation. As folks come to the event, they will be given a passport that they can use to interact with the various booths. We are needing folks who might be interested in creating these different booths to form small teams of 2-3 and take on the creation of such. Here are some examples of the different booths that we have imagined:



- Changing roles for men and women in the church
- Music changes through 100 years
- Children and youth programming
- Monumental decisions of the UCC
- Moderators of note
- Famous United Church people in Canadian society
- Map with Pins showing United Church folks have come from across Canada
- Booth for folks to share Stories and memories of being part of the United Church over the years
- Fashion changes for church wear over the decades
- Residential School legacy and apology
- 2SLGBTQA+ struggle and history in UCC and monumental decisions
- Outreach Agencies and Projects
- Outreach partners around the world
- UCC cookbooks across the century
- Church then vs Church now ... memories about transitions
- Vision for the Future... what might the church look like in 25 years
- Map of current and past United Churches in the southern Vancouver Island area
- Key Justice issues the United church has taken a stand or lead on over the century.



There may be other elements of our history that intrigue you that we have missed, and we welcome your suggestions for a booth you want to take on. Please email INFO@broadveiwunited.com to Volunteer to coordinate one of the booths. For more information, feel free to speak with Mark or Shelagh as staff resource or any of the members of the anniversary committee (Joan Wilkinson, Marg MacQuarrie, Marion Denton, Doug and Maureen Koch, Maureen Anderson)

COLDEST NIGHT UPDATE AND THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for your support for our 2025 Broad View Team to support the work of OUR PLACE for the coldest night walk. BVU placed first in money raised and exceeded our goal of 11K by raising a total of \$12, 477. Over 25 walkers represented our ongoing support and partnership with OUR Place.



A special Thank You to **Brian McConkey** and **Adele Heise** for co-ordinating our efforts as a team.

MARCH 2ND : CELEBRATION OF CONNECTION AND HOPE!

Its here! The Celebration of our life giving relationship with Our Place: As we present a legacy gift from the First-Metropolitan U.C. Foundation. Both The Bridge and Conxion Services will be followed by a cake social. The close ties to Our Place's mission are hope-filled chapters in the lives of all our founding congregations, and Together we rejoice for what has been and look forward to our future opportunities. Looking forward to seeing you then!



INVITATION TO BAKE A PIE TO SHARE WITH OTHERS! : P.I.E SUNDAY MARCH 16TH

Do you have a pie or tart recipe you just love? Well, you are invited to make up that recipe and share it with the BVU community of Faith on Sunday March 16!



PIE = Public. Intentional. Explicit. These are the standards we hold ourselves and our welcome to when we become affirming, welcoming, or inclusive communities. March 16 is a chance to serve some pie and roll out the PIE by celebrating the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit people in faith communities and beyond across Canada. Pie Day itself is, of course, 3.14, but we're moving the celebration to 3.16 😊

Thank you, and can you let me know if this is something you can do?
Blessings Shelagh



TIME CHANGE SUNDAY MARCH 9TH

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward an hour before you go to bed on Saturday evening. Coffee will be on for those who come sleepy from one less hour and if you're late, don't worry... just slip in anyways... we will be glad to see you.

GETHSEMANE’S CRY: A LENTEN REFLECTION WITH SHADIA QUBTI

Sunday, March 23 | Bridge & ConXion Services | 1 PM Interactive Gathering



Shadia is a Palestinian Christian from Nazareth who has worked in faith-based peacebuilding in Palestine/Israel for 15 years, focusing on amplifying women’s voices through initiatives like the Women Behind the Wall podcast. Her MA studies at the Vancouver School of Theology explored Palestinian and North American Indigenous understandings of land. She currently serves as Community Animator at Trinity Grace United Church in Vancouver.

During both Bridge and ConXion services on March 23, Shadia will share with us “Let This Cup Pass: Gethsemane’s Cry through a Palestinian Christian Perspective.” This reflection will offer a Palestinian land-based reading of Jesus’ anguish in Gethsemane, a name that means “olive press” in Aramaic.

After the service, all are invited to stay for a simple lunch with Shadia, followed by an interactive gathering at 1 PM in the sanctuary. We’ve named this time “Olive & Zaatar”, inspired by the Palestinian practice of hospitality—“Sitting and Dipping Food Together”—as a way to foster conversation and engagement and through deeper discussion, a presentation, and Q&A.

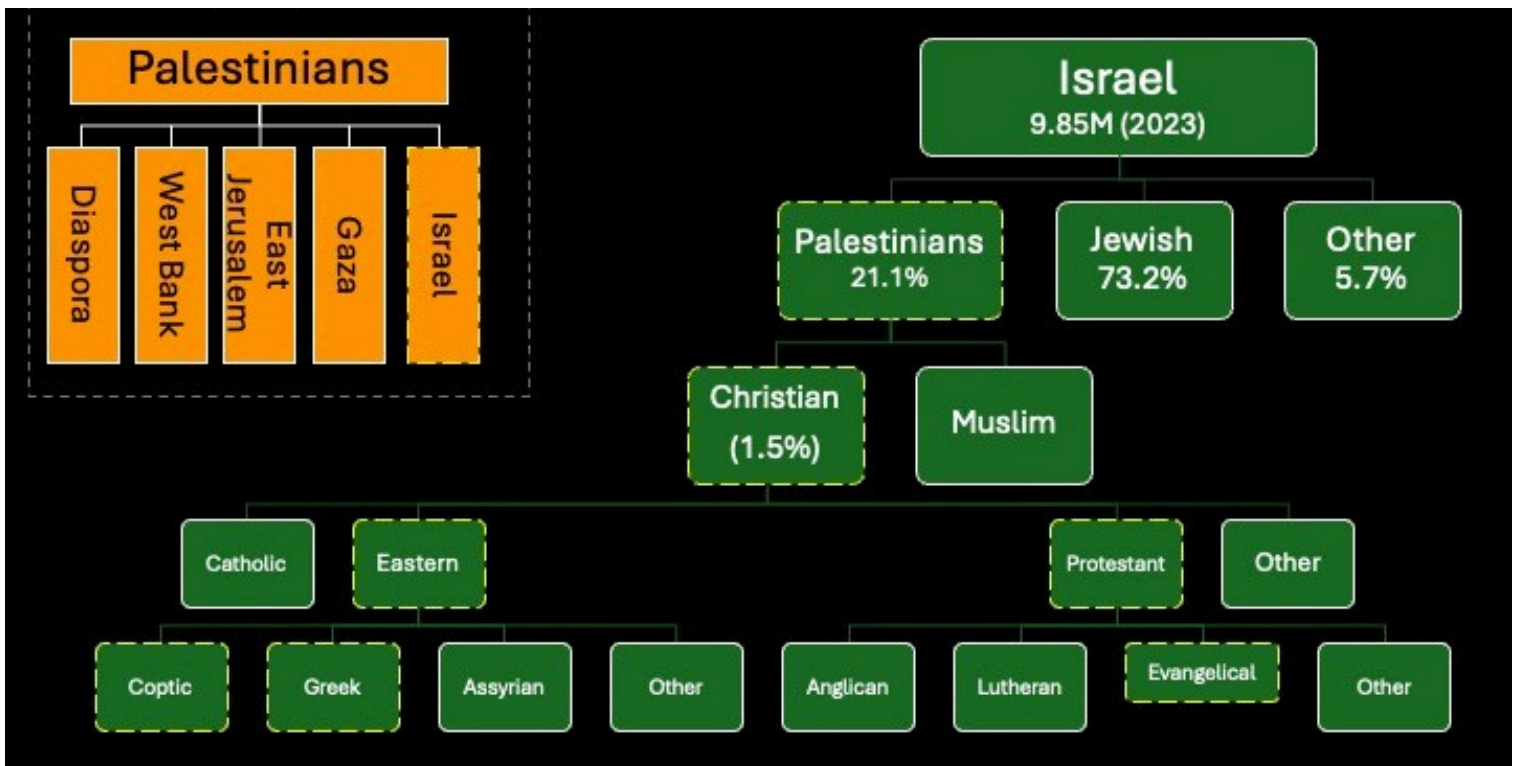


Illustration — “Identity Tree”, which Shadia will use to place herself within the larger Palestinian community

YOUNG ADULTS-LED WORSHIP: ROUND 2!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined or showed interest in our first Young Adults-Led Worship! It was a refreshing experience, and with the insights and feedback we gained, we're excited to announce our second gathering on March 16, starting with lunch in the Narthex.

Building on our last open-mic format and stations, this time we're creating space for both intentional rest and conversation—meaning silence is not expected or mandatory. Together, we'll directly engage with scripture and interpret it through conversation.

We invite you to bring your gifts for worship—poems, music, or anything that inspires you to share!



WORSHIP IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE

***“Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
You alone, O God are holy...”***

Broad View church will be hosting the monthly Prayer and Music in the Style of Taize this spring: **Fridays at 6 pm, April 25, May 16 and June 20th.** This is a great opportunity to check out Taize style prayer services and what the appeal has been for young and old alike for over 7 decades.

In Victoria there has been an ecumenical group of people who for 30+ years have welcomed and supported Taize style services in their churches as part of a 3-month rotation before it moves on to another church community. Broad View welcomes all those who would like to experience the Taize services while they are at our church.

A Taize style service has an unhurried, peaceful pace. Candles and periods of silence create a meditative space, and repetitious chant-like songs offer one the opportunity to calm and centre our souls.

The prayer and music in the style of Taize has spread enthusiastically around the globe from its centre in France. Each year, tens of thousands of pilgrims of all ages are welcomed at the Taize community in France, from Europe and other continents. For more history and context visit www.taize.fr



BVU MEMBERSHIP AND INTERCULTURAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION SUNDAY, MAY 4TH, 2025 – THROUGH TRANSFER, PROFESSION OF FAITH, OR BAPTISM

"Traditionally, church membership has required baptism, and for some, this concept might feel outdated. In the past, membership often implied exclusive belonging to a single congregation, which sometimes contributed to a growth-driven denominational mindset or even reflected colonial influences. However, especially for those from marginalized groups, the ability to belong to multiple faith communities that offer genuine welcome and spiritual nourishment is crucial. True belonging is not about exclusivity but about finding spaces where we can live out our faith together.

Broad View United invites you to a Membership and Intercultural Community Celebration on Sunday, May 4th!

On this special day, we will celebrate the joy of being a community with our intercultural community, as us. There's no separation as we share in the spirit of friendship and belonging.

If you would like to become a member of Broad View United—whether through baptism, profession of faith, or a simple transfer from another United Church congregation—or if you have become a member through transfer since the last 2024 AGM, you are warmly invited to celebrate this moment on Sunday, May 4th. If you are interested, please fill out the **JotForm**, and our staff will reach out once we receive your expression of interest.

Our understanding of belonging continues to evolve.

Membership is a covenantal commitment—a promise and a blessing that reflects God's inclusive love. It signifies choosing this faith community as your spiritual home and, through that participation, joining in God's ongoing work in the world. That is why your decision to become a member—whether through transfer or profession of faith—means so much to us. It truly makes a difference." ~ Ha Na



**BROAD VIEW UNITED INVITES YOU TO THE
GOLDSTREAM
CONGREGATIONAL CAMP**

**AUGUST
13 - 18** **FREE
EVENT** **ALL AGES
WELCOME**

RSVP TO: jake@broadviewunited.com

IFTAR DINNER - SUNDAY MARCH 16TH @ 6PM.

Hosted by Center Canada, a Turkish Islamic organization is partnering with BVU for in interfaith Dialogue event. We will share in a fast-breaking feast, share in prayers and ritual, conversation and short presentations about the roots of Peace in each of our two religious traditions: Islam and Christianity. In order to keep a balance of participants from each group, we are asking BVU folks to apply to attend if you are interested by Wednesday March 12th and we will create a representative group and let all applicants know about your status. Click [**HERE**](#) to apply.



VOLUNTEER NEEDS / OPPORTUNITIES

Intercultural Programs (Saturdays, times vary)

- ✓ Helping with conversation
- ✓ Welcoming participants
- ✓ Cleaning up
- ✓ Childminding

Sunday School (for ages 3-10)

- ✓ Reading a picture book
- ✓ Leading a special craft/activity
- ✓ Playing guitar/leading singing

Administration Team Support

- ✓ Answering phone calls
- ✓ Organizing the copy room
- ✓ Folding bulletins/newsletters

If you're interested in any of these opportunities, please let us know by filling out the very simple JotForm via the link [**HERE**](#). A staff member will reach out to you.

Whether you'd like to help just once or on an ongoing basis, we'd love to hear from you!

"I HAVE NEVER LEFT HERE WITHOUT FEELING HAPPY. I JUST THINK IT'S A WONDERFUL PLACE TO BE."

– Rosita



Welcome to the Intercultural Space at BVU!

A place to belong, build friendships, and grow together. Explore our programs and be part of our diverse, welcoming community!

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TASTE OF HOME SEASON 3

Storytelling Through Food

"Everyone has a story, and so does every dish."

Saturdays | March 15 and 29, April 12 and 26 | 3 PM - 6 PM

Are you a newcomer to Canada (within the last 5 years)?

Do you miss the flavors of home and want to connect with others through food?

What to expect:

- Cook and share meaningful dishes
- Hear stories from guest chefs (newcomers)
- Build friendships through food and storytelling

Childcare available upon request

Limited spots (12 participants)
Registration by invitation only - informal interview required

Join us as we cook, share, and celebrate the tastes of home!


Interested?
Email: min-goo@broadviewunited.com




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TASTE OF HOME - SEASON 3

Are you a newcomer to Canada (within five years) missing the flavors of home? Join us in cooking and sharing culturally meaningful dishes while building friendships across cultures.

 Dates: March 15, 29, April 12, 26 (Saturdays, 3–6 PM)

 Location: The Kitchen & Commons (Upper Hall), Broad View United (3703 St. Aidan's St.)

 Childcare available upon request.

Registration by Invitation Only: Space is limited, and we ask for full commitment to all four sessions + potluck (May 10th). An informal interview is required.

Email: min-goo@broadviewunited.com to apply!



FREE HAIRCUTS FOR MEN!


Our talented volunteer Linda Zou is offering free haircuts for two people every Saturday at 7 PM. Say hi to Linda at Saturday Social to book your spot!



SATURDAY SOCIAL

 **Saturday Social – A Place That Feels Like Home**


 **Every Saturday, 6:30–8:30 PM**

 **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 place; it’s a feeling.




FOLLOW US & WATCH OUR STORIES

 **NEW!** Check out storytelling videos from our members about why they love BVU’s Saturday Socials—created by our Intercultural Community Animator, Saule!

 [Instagram](#)

 [Facebook](#)

Not on social media? Watch our latest videos, including the X-mas Fiesta recap, on  [YouTube](#)

In Memoriam

- Irene Baddeley** Died Feb. 7, 2025
A Celebration of Life Service was held Feb. 24, 2025
- Patty Jeffs** Died Jan. 19, 2025
A Celebration of Life will be held March 8 @ 1:30 BVU
- Roger Hannaford** Died Feb. 16, 2025
A Celebration of Life will be held April 5 @ 11:00 BVU
- Audrey McLennan** Died Nov. 16, 2024
A Celebration of Life will be held May 24 @2:00 pm BVU



We give thanks for the lives of Irene, Patty, Roger and Audrey. 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 closest friends.

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.

Up until March 20. Confidential requests can be sent to **Anne Sikstrom** anne.sikstrom@gmail.com.
After March 20th, requests can be sent to **Jean Margision** jean@jampot.ca, via prayer@broadviewunited.com, or from the Broad View United web site.

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

CONNECT CARDS Are you recently new to the BVU Community? We'd love to be able to welcome you. Please fill out a connect card which are found in the area beside the coat rack as you come in the Sanctuary Doors, or speak to any of the greeters on a Sunday Morning. Thank you.

NEW TO BVU?

**FILL OUT THE
CONNECT CARD**

Connect Card

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**Welcome to
BVU!**

Name: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Home Phone: _____
Email: _____
Kids Names & Ages: _____

* Connect Cards are available at the Bulletin Board by the Commons and Narthex

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY: Two small groups are open to receiving new members

1 We are a small group of three open to at least two new members. We meet on the second Monday of most months in each other's homes. Time: 1:30 -3:30 pm. Purpose: Friendship and conversation of our choice. If interested or would like more information, please contact: Val Bauld 250-721-5962 or valbauld5@gmail.com

2 A new group which started this Fall also has an opening for 2-3 new folks. They are currently meeting the Second Monday of the Month. If you are interested, please reach out to Small Group Minister, Margaret: margaret@broadviewunited.com

Here is an overview of BVU'S SMALL GROUP MINISTRY:

- Are you looking for a place to get to know others-a place of spirituality and nurture?
- Are you new to Broad View United and want a place to meet and connect with others?
- A place where friendships can deepen, and support can be given and received?
- A place where you can be known, valued and loved?



It can be difficult to get to know one another in a big community such as BVU. Being in a Small Group gives you the opportunity to get to know others in a way that is not possible in a larger gathering.

Small Groups consist of 5-10 people who meet regularly (usually once/month) either in-person, (church or participant homes) or online. Small groups provide a place to develop relationships of caring based on authentic communication, learning together and deepening one's commitment to living with passion and integrity. New groups launch once we have enough who express interest, as well as each September when we engage in a yearly promotion.

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

Hello reader!

The thrift shop is **now open Thursday evenings** for sales! We will be opening our doors between 4 and 8 pm. Please come and join us for an evening of treasure hunting. There are so many great things to find. Interested in volunteering with us? We are looking for volunteers to add to our cadre. There are many positions available as a volunteer. please come in to hear all about the opportunity. We have a great group here sorting through our wonderful donations six days a week. Donations are being accepted six days a week. Please think of us when you are considering downsizing items.



Last week our volunteers participated in a first aid course. We had a great time learning and practicing emergency preparedness skills. We love to celebrate holidays and our volunteers. Through the generosity of the church and with funds made from the store we are able to show appreciation. These are some of the benefits of coming on board to help in the thrift store.

March 20th marks the first day of spring so we will be clearing out the old by way of discounts and bringing in the new. Yellow tags will be on sale for 50% off! We are continuing art sales, CDs, active wear & plastic wear will also be 50% off for March. Saint Patricks Day is on the 17th and we have many cute themed things on display. We look forward to seeing patrons, donations and future volunteers alike.

Thank you for your contributions to our thrift store. We love to add to the success of our church and our community.

Sarah McConnell - Store manager

RETAIL HOURS

- **Wednesdays** 10 am - 5 pm
- **Thursdays** 4 pm - 8 pm
- **Saturdays** 10 am - 5 pm

DONATION HOURS

- **Mondays to Fridays** 9 am - 3 pm
- **Wednesdays to Saturdays** 10 am - 5 pm



Contact Us
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Website
www.broadviethriftstore.com



3703 St Aidan's St., Victoria, BC
Entrance off of Palo Alto Street

SHELBOURNE COMMUNITY KITCHEN - TOGETHER, WE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN 2024!

Thanks to your support, in 2024, The Kitchen's wonderful volunteers packed and filled over 3,800 grocery support requests and made 584 home deliveries for our most vulnerable members. We distributed an incredible 70,675 lbs. of healthy food to over 1,603 adults and 689 children facing food insecurity in our community and kept fridges and cupboards stocked through our Pantry Program.



In our two beautiful gardens at Omnivore Acres and across the street at St. Luke's Anglican Church, we grew 10,874 lbs. of fresh produce to support programs. 332 nutritious and creative meal kits were shared which made 1,896 meals possible through our Food Skills Programs—all fostering connection and resilience.

Exciting news—construction of our newly renovated space is almost complete. We look forward to celebrating with you at the Grand Opening of our newly renovated facility this spring. Stay tuned for updates!

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you BVU for continued partnership, support, and generosity. We couldn't do it without you!



Broad View is Quilting
COME JOIN THE FUN!



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

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

Join us for quilting workshops at **Broad View United:**
Drop in: **Mondays** anytime between **9am - 12pm**
Drop in: **Fridays** anytime between **11am - 2pm**
Drop in: on the **second Saturday** of the month between **10am - 4pm**
For information contact: Jacquelin Green jacgreen@telus.net
Vivian Skinner vivianskinner@shaw.ca

BVU - UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

BVU United Church Women invite you to our World Day of Prayer service in the **Sanctuary at 11am on Tuesday, March 4**. The service will be followed by a light lunch and a time of Fellowship in the Commons.

World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian initiative sponsored by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. The 2025 service was prepared by the Christian women of the Cook Islands. The theme is **I MADE YOU WONDERFUL**, based on Psalm 139:1 - 18.



MARCH 4, 2025 | 11 AM

THE HEALING PATHWAY

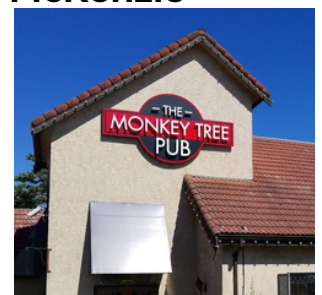
The Healing Pathway Group is offering treatment sessions in the Chapel on Mondays at the following times. **Monday, March 3rd: 7:00; Monday, March 10th at 1:00; Monday, March 17th at 1:00; Monday, March 24th at 1:00 and Monday, March 31st at 1:00**. If you would like to book an appointment, please contact Eileen Campbell at eileen.c.campbell@outlook.com. Please note her new email address. Our practice session is on **March 1st in the Chapel from 9:00 – 11:00 am**.



GUYS' "WATER INTO WINE" PUB NIGHT

Tuesday, March 11, 7 pm: 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.



BROAD VIEW KNITTERS

Broad View Knitters will be meeting on **March 11th from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Cedar room**. A selection of knitting needles, yarn and advice are available. Everyone is welcome.



Weekly
Friday
e-mail

**Bits
&
Bytes**

SIGN UP!



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

SAFER

Saanich Neighbourhood Place

MARCH
TRANS
FAMILY DINNER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19TH
STARTING @ 6:00 P.M.
BROAD VIEW UNITED
3703 ST AIDANS ST.

OK

SCAN OR CLICK THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!

MOVIE NIGHT

- Saturday, March 22 at 7 PM

This Month's Movie is **The Windermere Children**. On a summer night in 1945, a bus carrying orphaned Holocaust survivors heads from Carlisle Airport to the Calgarth Estate in Lake Windermere, England. They speak no English and are deeply traumatized by their time in the death camps. This is the stark, moving, and ultimately redemptive story of the bonds these children make with one another, and of how the friendships forged at Windermere become a lifeline to a fruitful future. Popcorn and refreshments served. Discussion follows.



BVU FAMILY DINNER - Friday March 14th at 5:30 to 7:30pm

Inviting all families with children up to about 11 years of age to gather for an evening of activities and conversation shared over a child-friendly meal prepared by Mark and Cathy. We gather the second Friday of each month, with dinner provided, followed by activities and crafts for the kids while adults have a chance to connect. To close the evening we gather at 7:15 for story time and a few songs as we wind up our time together. This month our theme is Spring!



Please click [HERE](#) to register, or email Micia at micia@broadviewunited.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - "QUEER SPIRITUAL COLLECTIVE" RETREAT - May 24

 *Queer Spiritual Collective presents*

A HALF-DAY ECUMENICAL RETREAT

- Centred on belonging, calm, and connection.

At a time when 2SLGBTQ+ communities, and especially trans people, are under duress and increasingly marginalized, we are coming together to offer support. What spiritual resources of resilience are needed in these times? How can we offer one another a space and place where we feel and know we belong? How can we calm our agitated nervous systems?



This intergenerational retreat welcomes all 2SLGBTQ+ individuals seeking solidarity and belonging beyond denominations.



SATURDAY, MAY 24
First Unitarian Church of Victoria
(5575 W Saanich Rd)

SCHEDULE

- 9:30 AM** Doors open (coffee, snacks, fruit)
- 10 AM** Collective rest & restorative practice
- 11:30 AM** Lunch & activities of choice
- 1 PM** Singing
- 2 - 2:30 PM** Closing with wisdom



REGISTER NOW





LET'S GO!

August 18-22, 2025

Broad View United

3703 St. Aidan's St.

An Intercultural Day Camp for Children (Ages 6-11)

Great activities and learning! Includes lunch, morning, and afternoon snacks!

CAMP DETAILS

Camp Fee: \$190

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Need help with registration?

Call 250-590-3677 (BVU)!

REGISTRATION INFO

 campspirit.ca

 campspirit@united-church.ca

 236-607-0353 or 1-800-934-0434



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

KITCHEN ASSISTANCE



While we'll have a food coordinator, extra kitchen support will make everything run smoothly -- while keeping it fun and nutritious!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



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HOMESTAY



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To make this a huge success, we need your help! And we promise you'll love your volunteer experience with us! Contact Min-Goo, Ha Na, or Jake or let us know via this [LINK](#).



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JUSTICE FAIR - Sunday, March 9

The second Sunday of each month, Broad View United hosts a Justice Fair. It's an inspiring event! It's not only a 'show and tell' of how people in our community live out their call for justice but it's also a time of invitation to get involved. We are a community that embraces the teachings of Jesus to stand with the marginalized and oppressed. In our uniqueness, we each have different skills, interests and time commitments to contribute. Consider the Justice Fair as a time to share a project or action you are already involved with, or to check out how you might engage or support.

At least 6 tables are set up with people willing to chat! We welcome a follow-up to the Ground Hog Day 'Sue Big Oil' presentation. Some make things to sell. Gayle will have handmade Easter cards in support of Moose Hide. There are always food-related items.

Come to the Commons following both services, grab a coffee or tea and be inspired!



Customer Extraordinaire!



A Stone's Throw

Sunday, March 23
7pm - 9pm

"Palestine was not a case of a people without a homeland, but of a people with a homeland that was stolen from them."
-Ghassan Kanafani

Broad View United invites you to a **PALESTINIAN SOLIDARITY FILM SERIES**

FREE ADMISSION | DONATIONS WELCOME | CONCESSION
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM



GVAT TABLE TALKS

In previous newsletters we have explained how Broad View's membership in Greater Victoria Acting Together provides us with an opportunity to influence that coalition's priorities. For the past few years, GVAT has pressed local and provincial governments to improve housing affordability; adopt alternative mental health crisis response teams; and take practical local climate action. But we want to hear from Broad View members about how they are personally affected by these or other issues. We have had three "table talks" with different groups of around 10-12 people, and really appreciate the concerns folks have brought to the table. GVAT wants to wrap up this listening campaign in March, so if you would like to join another upcoming session, please contact Stephen Tyler: stephen@adaptiverm.ca



GVAT FOUNDATIONS OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZING TRAINING

Are you looking for a way to help strengthen our democracy and our communities? Join Greater Victoria Acting Together for their Foundations of Community Organizing training. You will learn essential leadership skills that will help you to navigate the divisive, polarizing times that we find ourselves in. Developed over decades with contributions from organizers all over the world, the Foundations of Community Organizing training is a proven way to empower leaders and communities to make positive change.

To register, go to www.gvat.ca/events

Registration is free for members of Broad View United.

The training includes a short evening session on line, and an all-day in-person workshop at BVU.

Part 1

Date: March 12th, 6 pm - 7:45 pm

Location: Online, Zoom

Part 2

Date: March 15th

Time: 9am - 3pm, in person

Location: Broad View United – narthex (entry to sanctuary)

A bright yellow rectangular poster with black and white text. At the top left is the logo for 'greater victoria ACTING TOGETHER' which consists of three stylized human figures in a circle. The main title 'FOUNDATIONS OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZING TRAINING' is in large, bold, black capital letters. Below the title, it says 'LEARN AND PRACTICE COMMUNITY ORGANIZING SKILLS LIKE...'. There are four rounded rectangular boxes containing the following skills: 'BUILDING STRONG ORGANIZATIONS', 'TOOLS FOR RELATIONAL ORGANIZING', 'UNDERSTANDING BROAD-BASED ALLIANCES', and 'USING POWER FOR JUSTICE'. At the bottom, it lists the dates and times: 'MARCH 12, 6-7:45PM ONLINE' and 'MARCH 15, 9-3 IN-PERSON', followed by 'REGISTER NOW AT GVAT.CA/EVENTS'.

BROAD VIEW UNITED CELEBRATES

UNITED CHURCH
OF CANADA
100 YEARS

JUNE 14: COMMUNITY CELEBRATION
3PM - 7PM

Interactive
Games

Activities

International
Food Fair

Trivia

Ticket Price
\$2 - \$20

SUNDAYS: 10AM - 11AM

Through the month of June, we will be celebrating our history with a look back at where we have come from, milestone decisions and directions, laments and what has brought us to this point in our history.

JUNE 8 (1925 - 1950)

Foundations and Vision

JUNE 15 (1950 - 1975)

Boomer Growth and
Theological Clarity

JUNE 22 (1975 - 2000)

Coming to terms with human sexuality
and apology to indigenous communities
with The Very Rev. Dr. Gary Paterson
(UCC Moderator, 2012-2015)

JUNE 29 (2000 - 2025)

Living Into Lament and Restructuring
with The Very Rev. Jordan Cantwell
(UCC Moderator, 2015-2018)

Scan to register:



JUNE 3: 11AM - 2PM

11AM - 2PM

BVU United Church Women:
Celebration, Program, and Tea



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