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NEWSLETTER

Stewardship is...



...EVERYTHING we think, say, and do after we say "I believe"



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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

The story of Jonah and more: Mark Green

For the first 3 weeks of November, we will be exploring the story of Jonah. This is one of the shorter books in the bible and has only 4 chapters. While many are familiar with the part of the story where Jonah is swallowed by a big fish, few would be able to tell you what the rest of the story is about. Over the 3 weeks we will hear the whole story read and we will unpack it through the lens of Christian nationalism and extremism as it's emerging in our world.

While this context is perhaps more blatantly obvious and destructive south of the boarder, we are not immune to the underbelly of Christianity that has gained control of a certain narrative regarding Christian doctrine and belief. As a progressive Christian faith community, we have a responsibility to offer an alternative message that is liberating and inclusive, healing and embracing of those that Christian nationalism seeks to exclude. Jesus is clear in the Gospels that no one is excluded and that turning the power structures upside down is central to his calling and vision of the unfolding realm of God. In Jesus' preaching and teaching, the first shall be last, and the last shall be first. This is a strong counter narrative to Christian nationalism and extremism. Jesus, as a good Jew, would have grown up knowing many of the books we call the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures. Similar themes of liberation and inclusion run throughout the Hebrew Scriptures.

And so, we find in Jonah themes of rebellion, calling in, running away, repentance, forgiveness and resentment and at the end grace. Jonah has a complicated relationship with God from beginning to end. One where he is the voice of the rigid tradition that wants a punishing God and instead he encounters and has to learn again about a God who is forgiving, just and seeks to turn old structures upside down. Jonah pushes back and resist. Jonah wants there to be unflinching consequences for sin and God offers grace. Jonah is annoyed. This trend toward rigidity is part of the underbelly of Christian nationalism and extremism too.

And so, we find through out the scriptures an invitation to grace. We find an invitation from God to be welcoming, open, accepting of differences and embracing of diversity. We find the God of Love who is ready to lead us individually and collectively to a place where all find wholeness. We look forward to sharing this exploration with you this month.

As well, we will be integrating Remembrance Day laying of the wreathes and Last Post, a farewell service for Shelagh as she transitions to retirement on the 23rd of November and our yearly Stewardship Campaign. Lots to encounter and integrate this month. Thank you for joining us.



Mark Green
Co-Lead Minister

Worship Outline for November 2025

DATE	SCRIPTURE	THEME	PREACHER	OTHER
November 2	Jonah Ch 1	Faith Forward, Fail Forward	Ha Na Park	
November 9	Jonah Ch 2	The Ancient Search for Peace	Shelagh MacKinnon	Rememberance Day wreath laying and last post
November 16	Jonah Ch 3	Repentance and Forgiveness	Mark Green	
November 23		Blessings and decovenanting	Shelagh MacKinnon	
November 30	Luke 1	Advent 1	Mark Green	Advent 1 and communion

ALL SAINTS. OUR SAINTS.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 2PM

A Gentle Service of Remembrance and Celebration



Scan or click the QR Code to watch the service online

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3703 St. Aidan's St, Victoria, BC

SPIRITUAL CARE TEAM

IN MEMORIAM



(Mary) Joan Foss	Died October 1, 2025	Service TBA
Rev. Irvine Hare	Died October 4, 2025	Celebration of Life October 23, 2025
Jean Wright	Died October 30, 2025	Service TBA

We give thanks for the magnitude of gifts Joan, Irvine and Jean gave and received over the course of their lives. Our love and prayers remain with their families and closest friends.

CELEBRATIONS

November Birthday: November 19 --- **Gloria Stott** --- 96 years old

PARKINSON'S GROUP

Parkinson's Group will meet Sunday, November 30 at 12:15 in the Seminar Room.

WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE!

If you know of someone who has either moved (change of address) or who is in hospital or experiencing health concerns, please reach out to either Shelagh MacKinnon or Margaret Harper. This enables us to stay connected with folks during their times of transition.

We would rather receive the same information five times than not at all:) Thanks for the many ways you care for others on behalf of BVU.

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 **Jean Margision** 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**.

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.



ADVENT BEGINS NOV 30TH



Its hard to believe that Advent is just around the corner. We know that November will fly by and that many of you will be making plans for Christmas and Advent events in your calendars. Our December newsletter will come out on November 28th but here are a few dates to mark in your calendars now.

- **Angel Gifts** November 16 to December 7 *(see article for more details)*
- **BVU Community Choir Christmas Concert** Sunday, December 7th at 3 pm
- **CBC & Our Place: A Chirstmas Carol reading and fundraiser** Friday, December 12th at 7 pm
- **BVU Family Advent Day** Saturday, December 13th, 1:30 - 3:30 pm
  (crafts, stories and songs for families with children)
- **Blue Chirstmas Service** Sunday, December 14th at 7 pm
- **Christmas Eve Services** December 24th at 4 pm, 7 pm and 9 pm
- **Christmas Day Service, meal and games** December 25th from 11 am - 3 pm

ANGEL GIFTS



Once again, Broad View United will continue their historic involvement with the Angel Gifts program run by Our Place and the Downtown Outreach Ministry of the United Church.

Names of those receiving gifts will be available for congregational members to pick up before the worship services on **Nov. 16th and 23rd**. Each card contains the name and some basic information out the person you are buying for. In order for all the gifts to be equitable, the budget for the gift is between $45-$55. Typically, new clothing, gift cards, plus small treats are chosen to be gifted. You are also asked to write a short note expressing your thoughts and wishes for the recipient. For some this is the only gift they will receive during Christmas time.

Gifts are then returned to the church on **Nov. 30th and December 7th**. After we have received all the gifts back, they are sorted by OUR PLACE volunteers and distributed at Our Place in mid-December.

If shopping for such a gift is not possible for you but you would like to be involved, you can make a cash donation of $45-$55 at the church office and a volunteer shopper will buy a gift on your behalf. If you wish to be a volunteer shopper, speak to **Maureen 250-388-9896 and/or June 250-477-8317.** Thank you for your support of this important outreach project.

This day marks the anniversary of the murders in 1989
of the 14 young women at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal.
They died because they were women.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Geneviève Bergeron,
Hélène Colgan,
Nathalie Croteau,
Barbara Daigneault,
Anne-Marie Edward,
Maud Haviernick,
Barbara Klucznik-Widajewicz,
Maryse Laganière,
Maryse Leclair,
Anne-Marie Lemay,
Sonia Pelletier,
Michèle Richard,
Annie St-Arneault
and Annie Turcotte

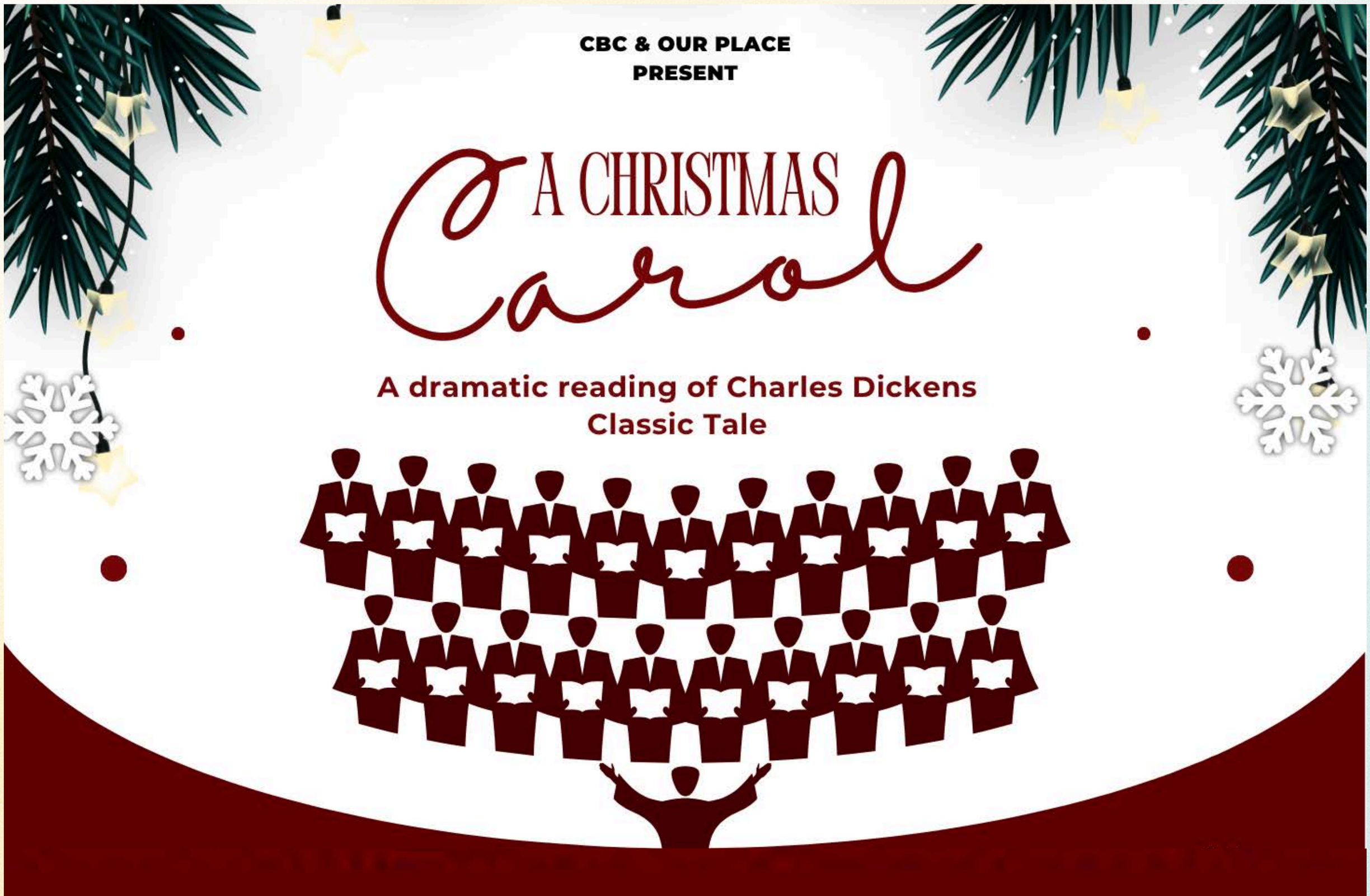
Sat, Dec 6 at 7 pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm
Sanctuary, Broad View United
3703 St. Aidan's St., Victoria BC





A CHRISTMAS CAROL



Join Our Place and CBC for a dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol at Broad View United on Friday, December 12, 2025. It's the Christmas message full of hope, redemption, and . . . ghosts.

Featuring the vocal talents of CBC Radio personalities, Reach Choir, and some very special guests. This uplifting in-person event promises to be a heart-warming evening for the whole family!

Hot chocolate, coffee, & Patisserie Daniel cookies available at intermission.

Reserve your tickets today!

Buy Adult Tickets: $15 **Buy Kids Tickets**: $7

CELEBRATING SHELAGH'S RETIREMENT



As most of you know by now, Shelagh will be retiring from BVU and Ministry in the United Church of Canada after 45 years. **On Sunday, November 23rd**, Shelagh will preach her last sermon with us and during the service we will engage in a blessing and decovenanting ritual as we send her forth with our love and gratitude. Cake will follow during coffee time at both services as well. A tea has been organized for Saturday, November 22nd; however, all seats for this event are now sold out.

As a token of our appreciation for the ministry of Shelagh, a purse is being collected that will be presented to her on Nov 23rd. All contributions must be cash only. A box in the narthex will be available on the first 3 Sundays of November and at the front desk during the week. Deadline for contributions is November 20th.

REFUGEE UPDATE

GOOD NEWS! We now have a firm date that our co-sponsored family of 4 (mom, dad, and 2 children ages 4 and 7) with Victoria Shows Love will be arriving on November 21st. We are excited that they have finally received the final medical clearance that they have been waiting over a year to obtain. So, now we move into high gear. Our biggest challenge will be housing. If you have a two-bedroom suite or know of one that might be coming available in November or December, please let Mark know ASAP. This will be the hardest part to arrange in Victoria.

Much of the essential household items have been acquired; however, we still require the following:

- **2 twin bed frames**
- **2 twin bed mattresses**
- **2 five-point car seats**
- **A three-seat sofa and chair**
- **A flat-screen TV**
- **Winter coats for every family member**
- **Raincoats for every family member**



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BALMORAL AND QUADRA?



This image was displayed at a meeting held on September 22 to share the visions for the redevelopment of the former First Met Site. Pacific Mountain Region's Don Evans chaired the gathering, along with the developer Aryze. This photo is the one published by Aryze. The redevelopment involves the renovation of the Heritage Building included a proposal to add a number of facilities to the north side to the Sanctuary and a loading dock on the east side which would replace the existing part of the Heritage Building that burned many years ago.

On the Aryze website, I found this: "As proposed, the historic 1913 sanctuary will be re-envisioned and upgraded to offer rehearsal, performance, worship and gathering spaces, ensuring the valued heritage building continues to serve the community as it has for more than 100 years. Adjacent to the church at 934 Balmoral Road, plans include a mixed-use, purpose-built rental building that will deliver 128 homes blended between market-rate and affordable homes, alongside thoughtfully integrated commercial and community spaces." Feel free to chat with Don at church or call him on his number (778) 977-4921 as his knowledge is up-to-date in a constantly evolving situation. Thanks Don!

~ Submitted by Shelagh MacKinnon

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Bits & Bytes

FRIDAY E-MAIL









If you're having trouble receiving the **Bits and Bytes Friday email**, please contact **office@broadviewunited.com** for assistance.

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GRATITUDE FOR A GENEROUS THANKSGIVING RESPONSE

LOVE MADE VISIBLE, ONE BLANKET AT A TIME



This Thanksgiving, the Broad View United community of faith once again showed what love in action looks like. Your generous gifts of warm clothing, blankets, and sleeping bags were gathered and delivered to our friends at the **Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness**, whose work offers both practical help and deep cultural healing. Each donation is a gesture of compassion that ripples outward — a reminder that we are bound together in care for our neighbours and the land we share.

Our relationship with the Coalition goes back many years, to the days when the kitchen and fellowship hall at First Met welcomed gatherings, cooking circles, and shared meals that built bridges of friendship. We hear the warmth of that enduring and growing friendship when the doors open and berries or salmon arrive with a multi-generational team of cookers and helpers. New relationships are growing, and we thank everyone at BVU who is making this so! We are humbly grateful that this relationship continues to grow — and that the Commons and Kitchen at Broad View are seen as good and trusted places to gather.

MAY THE WARMTH OF OUR GIVING CONTINUE TO BLESS
ALL WHO PASS THROUGH THESE DOORS.

NOVEMBER STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



This years Stewardship campaign will simply be a letter of invitation for you to consider how you might support Broad View United as we both finish off the 2025 year and get ready to move into new possibilities God is calling us to in 2026. **An email will be sent out Sunday November 9th** and paper copies of the same letter will be available at the church for those who prefer paper copies to electronic ones. **Please return your responses by November 25th**. Watch for a letter in your inbox 😍

TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE VIGIL

Wednesday, November 19th at 6:45 pm



Join with others in Remembrance of those in the Trans community lost to violence and in Solidarity with the ongoing resistance to violence in all its forms toward the Trans community. **The service will start around 6:45 pm** and feature readings and reflections from trans voices, songs of resilience and an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance and solidarity. Service will be about 40 mins in length. All are welcome.



Calling all young adults (ages 18-30ish)! United Church folks & friends in BC, Southern Alberta, the Yukon and beyond - we invite you to travel to the largest island in Howe Sound, surrounded by trees and water for a long weekend of rest, community and fun. We'll have good food, meaningful conversations, late night board games, great music and campfires (weather permitting!) It's a weekend you'll want to show up for. Join us at this year's **YOUNG ADULT RETREAT**!

FALL SOUP SOCIAL WITH OUR PLACE SENIORS

Wednesday, November 19th at noon



The Evolving Church Team is hosting a **Fall Soup Social for seniors from Our Place**. The seniors, with Seniors Program Lead Salome Waters, will come to the Commons for soup, buns and dessert on **Wednesday, November 19th at noon**. We welcome any contributions for dessert. Please drop off at the church on Tuesday afternoon of the 18th or Wednesday morning. If you leave your container, please write your name on it so we can return it. We really appreciate your support! Let's continue our connection to Our Place and its wonderful programs.

GREATER VICTORIA ACTING TOGETHER EVENTS FOR BVU



Broad View is a member of Greater Victoria Acting Together, a regional coalition of faith groups, student associations, unions, environmental groups and frontline service organizations. GVAT responds to the concerns of its member organizations and mobilizes support for local and provincial policies to build the common good within our community. BVU members are welcome to join upcoming GVAT events and can register free of charge for trainings.

Foundations of Community Organizing Training: This is a two-part training workshop Nov 27 (6 – 8 pm online) and Nov 29 (9 – 3 at BVU in person). Participants will learn the foundational principles of community organizing to build changes for the common good, identify and practice basic skills and reflect on applications in their personal context. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

REGISTER NOW

Emergency Shelter Action: In the coming weeks, GVAT will be working with faith groups and community partners in Sidney to draw attention to the lack of a cold weather shelter there this winter. Together we will organize a rally and overnight vigil at Sidney Town Hall on Dec 6 starting at 6 pm. We plan this "sleep-in" to urge town council and the provincial government to take action to ensure a suitable location for extreme weather shelters in Sidney and other municipalities with homeless populations.

For more information about GVAT and related events, please contact Stephen Tyler (stephen@adaptiverm.ca) or Lead Organizer Izzy Adachi (izzy@gvat.ca).

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BVU JUNIOR AND SENIOR YOUTH GROUPS

SAVE THE DATE

Starting in November:

- **Junior Youth meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays.**
- **Senior Youth meets on the 1st and 3rd Fridays.**

Junior Youth Dates
Nov 14 & Nov 28

Senior Youth Dates
Nov 7 & Nov 21

Junior Youth

You're welcome to join Family Dinner on 2nd Fridays for a good meal, then head to the Junior Youth gathering in the Narthex.

Family Dinner starts at 5:30 pm.
Junior Youth meets 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Senior Youth

We hope you can make the 1st and 3rd Fridays (7:00–9:00 p.m.). Of course, you're welcome to come to Family Dinner and volunteer!

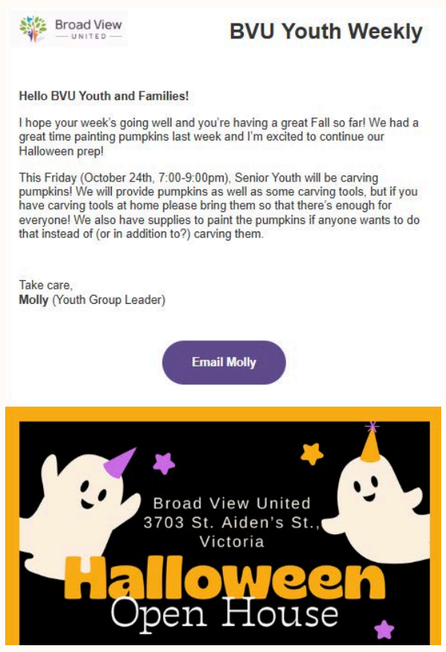


BVU Youth Weekly Email

Please spread the word—we now send the **BVU Youth Weekly email** every Thursday at 5 p.m. Check a previous email to see what it looks like, and sign up or share with friends:

Sample E-mail

Sign up















BVU YOUNG ADULTS SUNDAY LUNCH

BVU Young Adults Sunday Lunch meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 12:15 p.m., after the ConXion service.

In October, we enjoyed hot pot, tamales, and some Bible talks! Don’t miss the November lunches!

Spread the word! Come as you are. Nourish yourself — body and spirit. Talk with your peers on any topic.



Young Adult Weekly Newsletter

Please check one of our recent BVU E-ConXion emails, and if you haven’t subscribed yet, please sign up.

Sample E-mail

Sign up

Enjoy our photo gallery from last month!











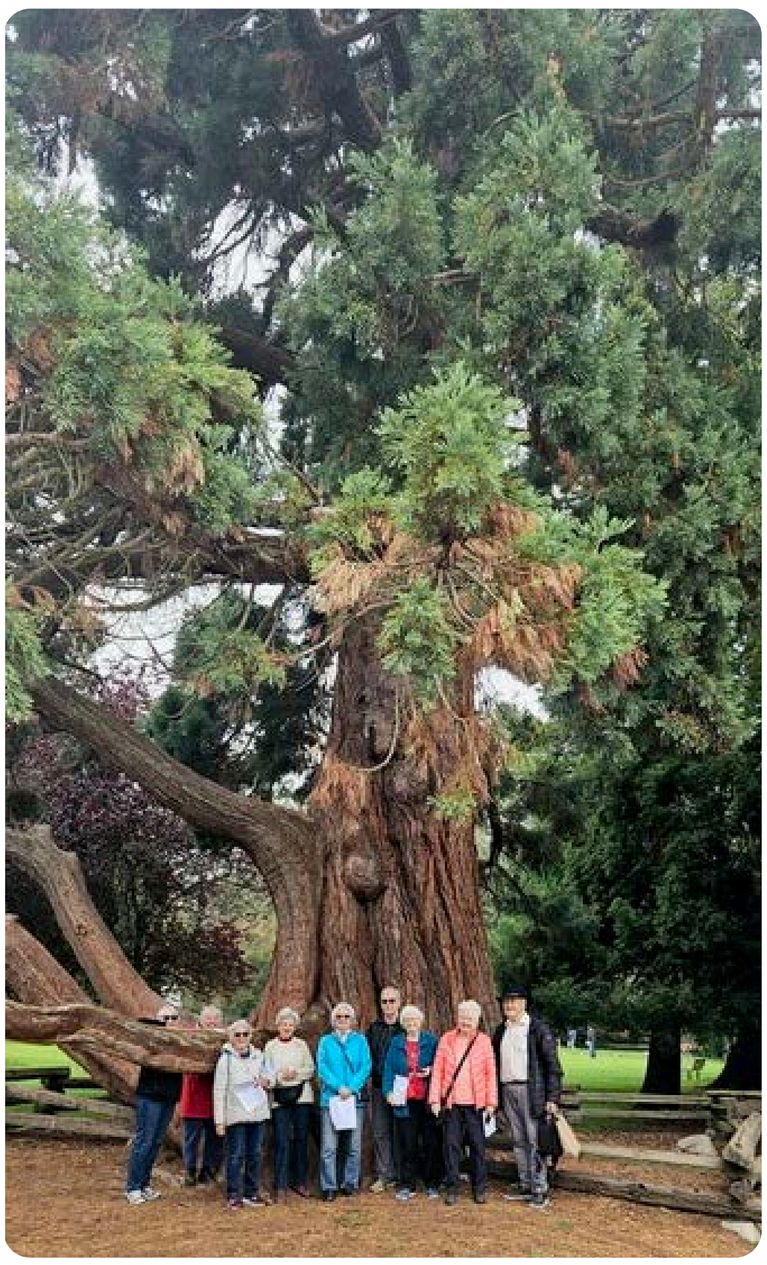




FLATLANDERS WALKING GROUP

Saturday, November 1, at 1 PM

Earl Jenson is organizing the November walk on Saturday, November 1 with a tour of the Maritime museum located on 744 Douglas Street in the Victoria conference centre. The entrance fee is $8 for seniors. Please meet there by 1 pm. Jan Drent, a former president and long time member of the museum will give a presentation . Please extend this invitation to others who may wish to attend. RSVP to **earljenson@telus.net**. Hoping to see you there. It will be followed by coffee .



The Flatlanders Walking Group enjoyed a lovely stroll through Beacon Hill Park on Sat., Oct. 4th. Here we are under one of the many Giant Sequoia trees - a humbling experience indeed!

BVU UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Tuesday, November 4, at 11 AM

BVU United Church Women will hold its **November meeting on Tuesday November 4, 2025 11-1PM in the Narthex.** All are welcome. We will begin with discussion of our War Years and then we will honour **Rev. Shelagh Mackinnon**, a Life Member of the UCW. Rev. Shelagh has been a constant supporter of the UCW over the years, and will be retiring at the end of November. We will also have a cake to celebrate Shelagh! Please come and join us for this special UCW meeting as we recognize Shelagh!

GUYS' "WATER INTO WINE" PUB NIGHT

Tuesday, November 11 at 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.

TAI CHI CHIH



Tai Chi continues during the month of November every Tuesday at 9:30 am in the Commons except for Remembrance Day on Tuesday the 11. Everyone is welcome. There are no special clothes to wear and the session is free. We begin with a self-massage and a few stretches then do the form which is easy and gentle. It is good for improving balance and co-ordination. Contact Eileen Campbell if you are interested: eileen.c.campbell@outlook.com

LECTIO



Lectio continues through the month of December every Thursday on Zoom at 8:30 am. If you are interested in this style of meditation please contact Eileen Campbell for more information: eileen.c.campbell@outlook.com .

HEALING PATHWAYS SESSION - NOVEMBER



Healing Pathways continues to offer healing treatments on Mondays in the Chapel at the following times:

- **November 3, 7 p.m.**
- **November 10, 1 p.m.**
- **November 17, 1 p.m.**
- **November 24, 1 p.m.**

A practice session for practitioners will be held on **Saturday, November 29, from 9:00–11:00 a.m. in the Chapel**.

If there are any changes, you will be contacted. To book an appointment, please contact Eileen Campbell at eileen.c.campbell@outlook.com. All sessions are free and open to everyone.

CIRCLE CHAT



Wednesday, November 12 at 1:30 pm

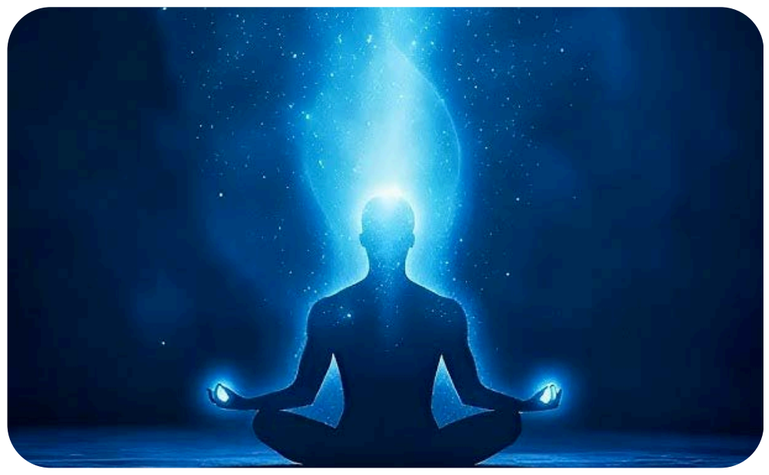
Circle CHAT will meet Wednesday, November 12 at 1:30 pm in the Narthex. Circle CHAT is a drop-in group for Women Elders. Come for coffee, conversation and spiritual nourishment!

PROGRAM UPDATES

New Initiative!!!

BVU MEDITATION AND CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICES GROUP

Dates: First and Third Wednesdays of each month 10:00-11:00 am
Location: CHAPEL
Upcoming sessions: November 5 & 19, December 3 & 17



Have you been longing to begin or resume a meditation practice? Are you hungering for peace in our world of chaos and confusion? If so, this is your invitation to join with others with similar longings at BVU.

Each session will last for one hour and will include meditation and contemplative practices designed to nurture personal connection to the Spirit and inner healing, while building a community of contemplative practice. No experience needed! For more information, please contact Henri Lock (**henrilock@gmail.com**) or Rick Mickelson (**rick.mickelson@telus.net**)

WALKING IN A GOOD WAY WITH EARTH

Thursday, November 27 at 10:30-11:30 am
Location: Gyro Park, Cadboro Bay Meet at the picnic tables by the Red Octopus

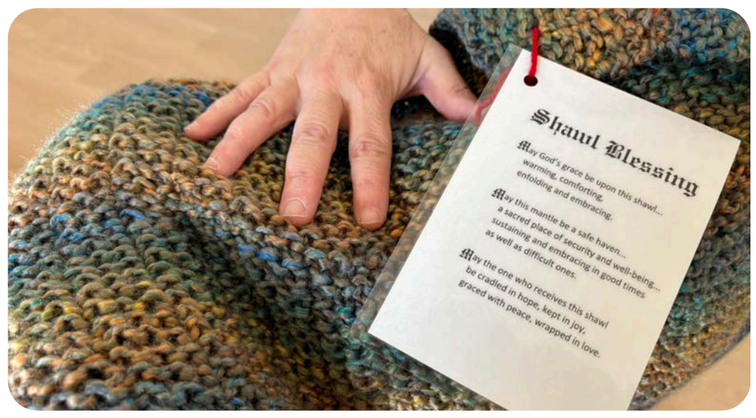
Join us for our final walking meditation practice at Gyro Park Beach. Together we will open ourselves to all the wonders of the west coast. Prepare to be embraced by ocean, shoreline, horizon and sky.

Please bring: a small cushion or campstool to sit on if you are not comfortable standing or sitting on the ground and weather appropriate clothing. Session will go ahead, rain or shine. For more information, please reach out to Susan Draper (graceful@shaw.ca).



BROAD VIEW KNITTERS **Tuesday, November 18, at 1 PM**

Please note that our **November get-together has been moved to November 18th from 1 pm to 3 pm** in the Cedar room due to Remembrance Day. We are still accepting knitted items for our annual donation to the Compassionate Warehouse, the Cridge Centre for the Family and Our Place so please drop them by the office or bring them on November 18th. As usual, knitting needles, yarn and advice are available.



COMPASSIONATE RESOURCE WAREHOUSE
Shipping Compassion Around The World

The Cridge Centre for the Family

ourplace

PROGRAM UPDATES

PRINGLE HANDBELL CHOIR



Calling all people interested in learning to ring handbells! This month we are restarting our **Pringle handbell choir rehearsals on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights 7 - 8 pm**. All skill levels are welcome. We will be preparing music for Christmas and sharing with the congregation on December 21st.

CHILDREN'S DRUM CIRCLE



Children's drum circle ages 6-12 **starts Thursday this month! Meet us for snack at 4pm and music from 4:15 - 5 pm.** If you have a hand drum that you are not using would you be willing to lend it to Cheryl for the group to use? Please let the office or Cheryl Dennett know.

BVU AFFIRMING MINISTRY MONTHLY MEETING FOR CONVERSATION (AND PLANNING)



Join our LGBTQ+ Affirming Ministry Monthly Meeting for Conversation (and Planning) on **the fourth Thursday of each month at 5 p.m.** at Broad View United — with pizza. **The next meeting: November 27**

There may be schedule or location changes (for example, via Zoom), so please express your interest via Jotform or email Ha Na at hana@broadviewunited.com so you can receive updates and information about upcoming meetings.

The purpose of our meeting is to come and share about anything — questions, stories, thoughts, ideas, new initiatives — and to offer feedback on any part of BVU's ministry from the perspective of LGBTQ+ community members.

Important note: There's no commitment to attend every month. Come as you are, when your heart or spirit moves you!

THEN, LET US SING

Thank you for your interest in Then, Let Us Sing. **At this time, the program is being postponed.** We remain deeply interested in exploring and learning songs from Then, Let Us Sing and hope to offer the program next year. We appreciate your understanding.

NEW TO FAITH, NEW TO BVU

DINNER CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12



DINNER CHURCH AT 6PM

FOR CHURCH BEGINNERS.
FREE. RSVP REQUIRED.

Scan QR to register or visit www.broadviewunited.com for more information



RADIO TAMBORA CONCERT AT 7PM

TICKETS: $5 FOR STUDENTS
$10 – $20 SUGGESTED

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MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, November 22 at 7 pm

This month's movie is **LEE (2023)**. Based on the true story of War correspondent Lee Miller (Kate Winslett) who travels to the front lines during World War II to embark on a mission to uncover the hidden truths of the Third Reich. Snacks provided. Discussion follows.

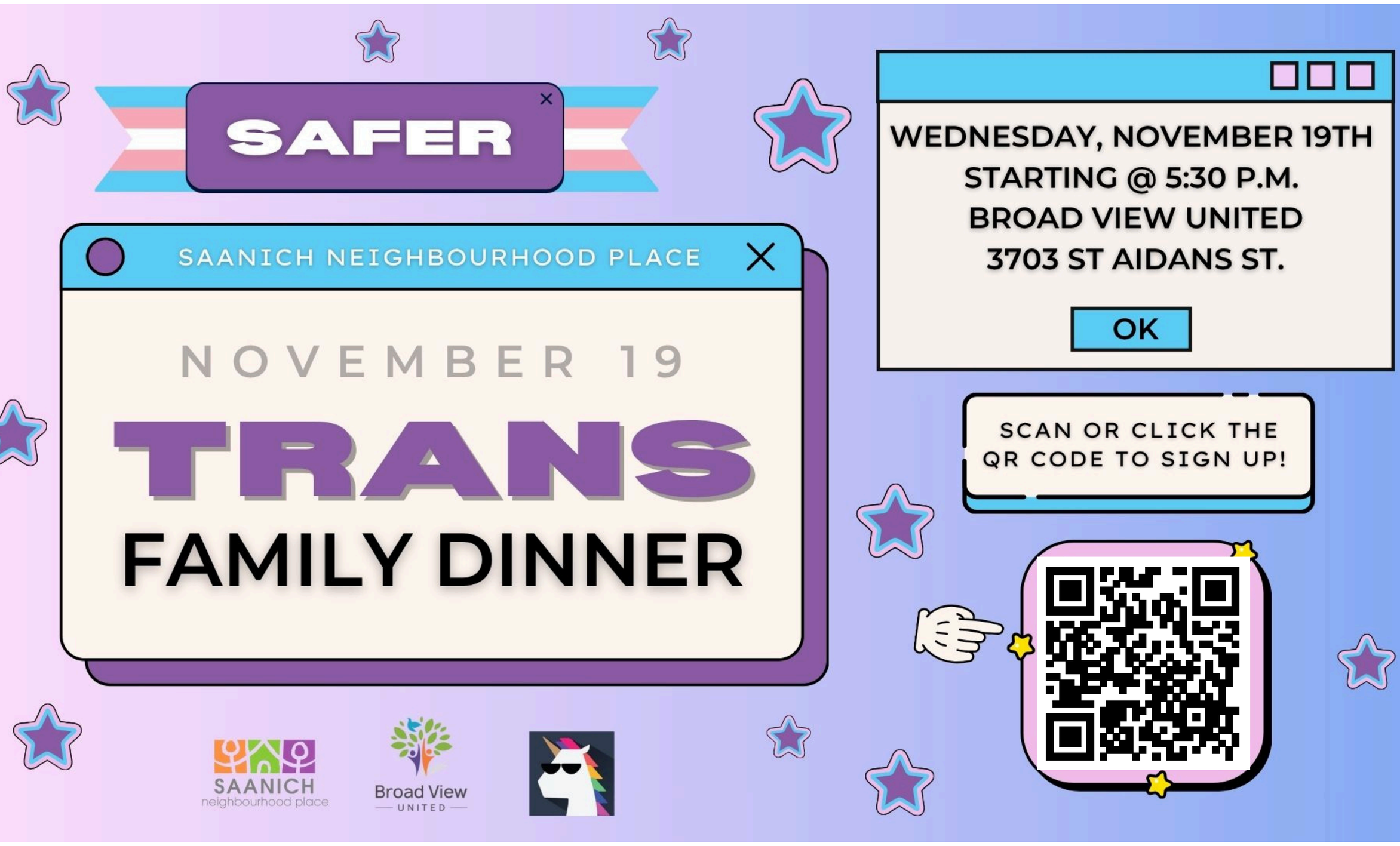


FAMILY DINNER

Friday, November 14 at 5:30 pm

A gathering for any families with children connected to BVU or curious about church to join with other for Friday night kid friendly meal, crafts, games and conversation. This month will feature a variety of soups and breads, warm Choc brownies and ice cream for dessert and beverages. Our time together will end with storybook time and songs. Please register online HERE or email info@broadviewunited.com





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!

OUR INTERCULTURAL COMMUNITY IS GROWING!

Both online and in person, our community continues to flourish.

Instagram:
367 followers
— that's a sixfold increase from 55 just two months ago!

Email subscribers:
207 and counting!

Weekly attendance:
20–30 participants
joining our programs regularly.

Curious about what's happening? Come and see for yourself! Join us for **Saturday Social** (every Saturday, 5:30–8:30 PM). The door is open — and many friendly faces are ready to welcome you.

We're also looking for volunteers who are open to building friendships across cultures through meaningful, hands-on activities. Below are our **November programs** — we'd love to have you join in!



💬 Stay Connected

📧 Sign up for the Intercultural Newsletter for weekly updates:
https://form.jotform.com/232766776949277
📸 Follow us on Instagram:
https://www.instagram.com/bvuintercultural/
🟦 Follow us on Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/197818341820589
🙌 Volunteers are always welcome!
Whether as conversation partners, kitchen helpers, or activity hosts — your presence makes a difference.

FREE

LEARNING PARTY



TOPIC:
SCAM AWARENESS AND PREVENTION





DATE:

SAT, NOV 15

TIME:

6:30 - 8 PM





SPEAKER:

LIANE CLARK

Come join us as we learn about how scams work and how to protect ourselves!



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BVUINTERCULTURAL

Saturday Social
An Intercultural Gathering

SATURDAYS

5:30 pm (NEW!) – 8:30 pm

Hub and Commons



PROGRAMS IN NOVEMBER

1 Language Café – Nov. 1, 6–8 PM

A relaxed space to practice new languages and exchange cultural stories. Each table is hosted by someone fluent in both the language and culture. We usually have 7–9 tables!

Theme: *Family and Friends* — bring a photo (or your phone) to share stories about the people who mean the most to you.







2 Culture Market – Nov. 8, 6–8 PM

A free exchange of talents and treasures! Vendors bring items such as Swiss cookies, kimchi, origami, books, or offer services like computer help or haircuts.

Instead of money, participants “pay” by engaging in fun activities suggested by the vendors.

This month’s highlights include a **nail table, bridge game, Chinese calligraphy, and Mojang**.

3 Learning Party – Nov. 15, 6:30–8 PM

A chance to learn something new and share our experiences!

So far this fall, we've explored culture shock and outdoor activities in Canada.

This month, **Liane Clark** will lead a session on **scams that target specific cultural communities.**

The more we share, the better we can protect and support one another.





4 Taste of Home – Nov. 22, 5:30–8:30 PM

Our beloved Taste of Home is now part of Saturday Social!

This fall we've enjoyed Vietnamese *Cơm tấm* (broken rice) and Chinese *Hot Pot*.

The November menu is still a surprise — stay tuned!
If you'd like to share a dish or introduce your culture through food, please contact Min-Goo.

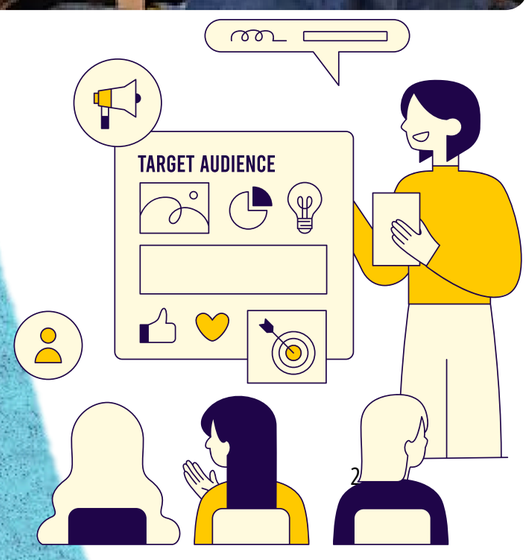
5 Board Game Night – Nov. 29, 5:30–8:30 PM

There's always great interest in playing and sharing games from around the world!

On this fifth Saturday, we'll dedicate Saturday Social to Board Game Night, featuring everything from **Chinese chess** and **Bridge** to **Dungeons & Dragons**.

Bring your favourite game and join the fun!





JUSTICE FAIR - NOVEMBER 30 - HOPE

The first day of Advent 2025 is November 30. Consider sharing actions you are supporting as a way of creating HOPE in our world. Consider sharing these actions within this amazing community of Broad View United, a community of faith committed to countering injustice in this world as we follow in the steps of the radical Jesus, who always stood up for the oppressed against the occupiers. We welcome you!





Come and learn, come and support. Gayle is bringing a beautiful selection of handmade cards in support of **MooseHide**. Treat your loved ones (and yourself) to **Peace By Chocolate**, a company started by Syrian Chocolatiers who arrived in Canada as refugees and continue to support other organizations. Learn about and support **Shelbourne Community Kitchen** through Char's baking. Homemade marmalade supports the shipping of Quilts for Survivors of residential schools made by our active BVU group. Brenda makes **tasty small pies** in support of BVU programs for children, youth and justice. Learn how can you support **The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women** (Dec 6). There are other actions on our ongoing journey towards **Reconciliation. Palestinian Oil** is an anchor of our Justice Fairs. There is always room at our Justice Fairs for more actions that give Hope to the weary, Hope to those living on the edge, Hope for those living in our broader global community. Please contact Barbara bmhansen@telus.net or Robin robin.breckon@gmail.com

Louis Theroux: THE SETTLERS

Sunday, November 23 at BVU
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Documentary starts at 7 pm



Embedding himself in the West Bank in the spring of 2025, Louis discovers that the settlers are already making plans to move into that territory, too.

No charge. Light refreshments. Palestinian merchandise for sale. Actions you can do.

THRIFT STORE UPDATES

Hello community

Our new day for sales is working out great. Come and see us on **Fridays from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m**. Color tag sales in November are on yellow tags as well as select items. Christmas items are selling fast come in and get them before they're gone. We are still accepting donations 6 days a week but please make note of the items listed which we do not accept.

We have welcomed many new volunteers over the past month and are still welcoming more. **We are looking for volunteers on Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.** Please apply in store or online. Some other volunteer positions are in the hardware department and as cashier helpers. Students are welcome to come and work off volunteer hours for graduation. Come and join a great cause and a fun project. The volunteers that we have are doing an amazing job. They work hard to keep our store clean, organized and filled with new and fun incoming products. Thanks to them our shelves get stocked daily.

We are looking forward to seeing you in the store shopping and donating alike. Bring your fur babies. We love seeing pets in the store. We accommodate shoppers with wheelchairs, scooters and walkers. We provide an accepting inclusive environment. We have something for everyone. Thanks to the quality of donations that we receive. we are able to keep the shelves stocked with trending and desirable items.

See you soon!

Sarah McConnell - Store Manager









RETAIL HOURS

- **Wednesdays** 10 am - 5 pm
- **Thursdays** 4 pm - 8 pm
- **Fridays** 10 am - 6 pm
- **Saturdays** 10 am - 5 pm

DONATION HOURS

- **Mondays, Tuesdays** 9 am - 3 pm
- **Wednesdays** 10 am - 5 pm
- **Thursdays** 9 am - 8 pm
- **Fridays** 9 am - 6 pm
- **Saturdays** 10 am - 5 pm

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Broad View United Community Choir

NEVER GIVE UP!

Sunday, 7th Dec 2025 at 3 pm



Brian Tate
Choir Director

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ADMISSION BY DONATION

