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December 2025 NEWSLETTER



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Listening to the Christmas story with Fresh Ears

This Advent we will explore the Christmas story through the lens of 4 of the characters we find in the nativity story: Joseph, Elizabeth, Mary, and the Shepherds. The story has many threads in it that help us explore our theme this year of Deep Listening and Radical Hospitality. Each of these characters will hopefully help us hear the story with fresh ears.

Some of the characters in the story exhibit extroverted ways of processing their feelings out loud while others exhibit introverted ways of reflecting and pondering. We, like the biblical characters, have different preferences too about how we manage the season of Advent and the time leading up to Christmas. How can the characters in the story help us to enter into the season in a new way?

My hope for each one of you is that there will be space in this season to slow down enough to really hear that still small voice inside each of us with the affirmation of love and hope that is Christmas. It gets drowned out by the unending music in stores, the frenzy of parties and activities, the weight of traditions that have sometimes lost their original meaning. If you are feeling the need to find some quiet reflection time, our Blue Christmas Service of Solace for some is a time when we offer the opportunity to recapture the quiet contemplation of Christmas or at the 9pm service Christmas Eve.

If you are feeling like you need some extroverted time with people to connect and be energized, then join us for the Family Advent Afternoon, the BVU community choir concert or the jazz evening. And regardless of what generation you hail from, you are invited to join with others for some carols, nativity, candlelight and rejoicing at either of the two family Christmas eve services at 4pm and 7pm. Christmas day intercultural celebration will also provide some of the extroverted energy as well.

If the poverty and desperate situation of those in the Christmas story is what touches your heart and has you looking for ways to offer radical hospitality, then there are a number of outreach initiatives that you can connect in with during this season: BVU Extreme weather emergency shelter, Angel Gifts, Baby Shower for Jesus or Refugee fund support.

Read through the newsletter and see what's offered this Christmas season and find the things that will help ground you spiritually. May opportunities for Deep Listening and Radical Hospitality be lived into throughout the Seasons of Advent. And may "good news and tidings of great joy" manifest themselves upon each of us and upon our whole world this Christmas time.



Mark Green
Co-Lead Minister



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN DECEMBER

ADVENT AND SPECIAL SERVICES AT BVU

DATE & TIME	SERVICE FOCUS	PREACHER	OTHER
Sunday, Nov 30th 9:30 am & 11 am	Advent 1 Hope	Mark Green	Communion
Saturday, Dec 6th 7 pm	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	Ha Na Park	
Sunday, Dec 7th 9:30 am & 11 am	Advent 2 Peace	Min-Goo Kang	BVU Choir concert 3pm
Sunday, Dec 14th 9:30 am & 11 am	Advent 3 Joy	Margaret Harper	Christmas Sweater day
Sunday, Dec 14th 7 pm	Blue Christmas	Mark Green Margaret Harper	
Sunday, Dec 21st 9:30 am & 11 am	Advent 4 Love	Ha Na Park	
Wednesday, Dec 24th 4pm, 7pm & 9pm	Christmas Eve Services	All Ministry Staff	
Thursday, Dec 25th 11 am	Intercultural Christmas	Ha Na Park & Min-Goo Kang	
Sunday, Dec 28th 10:30 am	One Service only	Ha Na Park	

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Sanctuary Candle Stations: We are looking for a few people to join our team that replenishes and looks after the tea light stations each Sunday morning. Ideally you would attend the 9:30 am service. Time commitment will be approx. once/month. If interested, please reach out to Margaret at margaret@broadviewunited.com Thank-You!!!



NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Sat, Dec 6 at 7 pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Sanctuary, Broad View United, 3703 St. Aidan's St., Victoria, BC

SPEAKERS

Marlene Goley

Manager of Cridge Transition House

Kathryn Lacerte

General Manager at the Moose Hide Campaign

Gulsen Kok

Muslim Interfaith Co-Spiritual Caregiver at UVic

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

NEVER GIVE UP! – BVU COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT

Sunday, Dec 7th at 3 PM

Join us for an afternoon concert featuring music from around the world to fill your heart with peace and joy. Some singalong seasonal favorites will be sprinkled through the concert of our 125+ voice choir. Admission is by donation and we promise you an afternoon of delightful music that will leave you feeling festive and fulfilled.

Broad View United Community Choir

NEVER GIVE UP!

Sunday, 7th Dec 2025 at 3 pm

Broad View United
3703 St. Aidan's St., Victoria, BC

ADMISSION BY DONATION

Brian Tate

Choir Director

ADVENT FAMILY CHRISTMAS CRAFT AFTERNOON

Saturday Dec 13th from 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Drop by anytime during this window of time for some Christmas Craft making, some cookie decorating, story time and some singing together toward the end of our time. A chance for families with children to visit and create together. No pre-registration required. Simply drop by. We'd love to see you!



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN DECEMBER

BLUE CHRISTMAS - A Service of Solace

Sunday, December 14th, 7 PM

Christmas is not a joyful occasion for everyone. There are many reasons why this season can be difficult: loss of a loved one, broken relationships, loss of health, loneliness, painful memories, feeling overwhelmed by the preparations for and busyness of the season, expectations of others, seasonal affective disorder (SAD).



The service features gentle readings and reflections, music and candle lighting, giving those attending the opportunity to acknowledge and live into some of these feelings and make room for hope and new life to enter. Through the power of ritual, we will have the chance to grieve and let go and enter gently into a new place ready to experience Christmas anew. All are welcome to attend and you may wish to invite a friend or neighbor who you think might benefit from this experience.

Following the service there will be hot apple cider, Christmas treats and a time for meeting with others and sharing in conversation.

TACKY YET FESTIVE CHRISTMAS SWEATER FUN

Sunday, December 14th 9:30 and 11 AM services

On the Third Sunday of Advent, you are invited if you wish, to join with others in some fun on “Joy” Sunday. We are encouraging folks to wear either a tacky Christmas sweater, or tacky Christmas bling or something bright and festive. Either way, our plan is to simply have some fun on this day.



A LITTLE JAZZ FOR CHRISTMAS

Monday, December 22 at 7 PM

A fun and festive evening concert featuring jazz trio Brian Tate, Ashley Wey and Louis Rudner as they share a variety of Christmas favourites mixed in with some reading and reflections read by Mark Green. Tickets are \$20 each and can be bought in advance or at the door and include complimentary Hot Apple Cider or Mulled Wine to enjoy while sinking into this musical event.



CEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES Wednesday, December 24

On Dec 24th, we will be offering 3 different Christmas Eve Services to meet the variety of needs of our congregation and community. We invite you to attend any number of them as a way of connecting our faith story with your family's traditions.

4 pm Family Celebration of the Nativity: Gathered Pageant. This service features an active way of retelling and entering into the Christmas story that will engage children of all ages. Every child will have the opportunity to become a shepherd or an angel. Carols and candles help the story touch our hearts and leave you ready to return to your home in time for supper.

7 pm Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. This service is also geared to families of all configurations and will feature a drama that reminds us of the deeper meaning of the Christmas story. Lots of carol singing and the lighting of candles whilst singing Silent Night bring a gentleness and magic ending to Christmas Eve

9 pm Candlelight Communion Service. A gentle service of reflection with a smooth jazz feel brings Christmas Eve celebrations to an end. Special soloist, readings, reflections and the sharing of communion, this service seeks to deepen our understanding of the Christmas story and bring a sense of mystery into being. Ending with the lighting of candles and singing together will have you leave feeling peaceful and grounded.



INTERCULTURAL

INTERCULTURAL Christmas

worship, lunch, and games

DECEMBER

THURSDAY

25

11 AM - 3 PM

Broad View United, 3703 St. Aidan's St.

Celebrate Christmas in the warmth of
community and cultures coming together!

WORSHIP

Inclusive, intercultural service

LUNCH

Festive meal by Chef Pankaj from India (chicken curry, homemade puri, and a vegetarian option)

TRADITIONAL GAMES AROUND THE WORLD

Come as you are. Bring family and friends.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN DECEMBER

DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON THE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS

Wed, Dec 24th	Office CLOSED at 12 noon. Church will be OPEN starting at 3pm for Christmas Eve Services at 4 PM, 7 PM and 9 PM.
Thu, Dec 25th	Office CLOSED . Church service at 11 AM followed by lunch and games.
Fri, Dec 26th	Church is CLOSED
Sun, Dec 28th	One Sunday service only at 10:30 am
Mon/Tue, Dec 29/30	Church office OPEN .
Wed, Dec 31st	Church office CLOSED at 12 noon
Thu, Jan 1st	New Years Day. CLOSED .
Fri, Jan 2nd	Regular hours RESUME .

ON CALL PASTORAL CARE OVER THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Mark (250 882 2715) and Margaret (250 419 3082) will be on call for any Pastoral emergencies over the holiday season. Should there be a death or any other pastoral crisis, we are available to support you and respond. Leave a message if we don't pick up right away and we will return your call promptly.

In addition, please see the variety of opportunities contained in this newsletter for caring for your soul during the Christmas season. These are not always easy times and come with a variety of stressors and emotional triggers. Reach out to members of your church family, small groups or ministry staff if you are needing support during this season.

YEAR END GIVING AND STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As the end of 2025 approaches, we are getting close to our targets for giving in 2025. The last day for dropping off donations to receive credit for the 2025 year is Tuesday, Dec 30th at noon. Or you have until midnight that day to send an e-transfer to office@broadviewunited.com.

Our stewardship campaign has come to an end. Over 90 pledges were received with an average increase of 5% . Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill in the pledge form If you missed your opportunity, the link is still up live on the website and takes less that 2 minutes to complete. Thank you for the difference you've made and will continue to make.



a little Jazz for Christmas!

a festive evening of music, poems, and stories

WITH BRIAN TATE, ASHLEY WEY, LOUIS RUDNER



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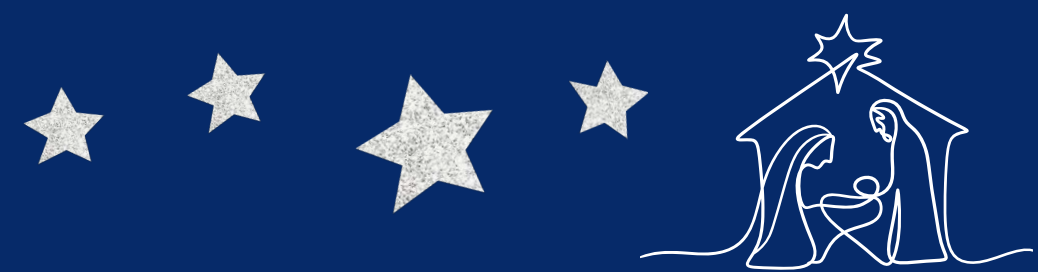
STARTS AT 7PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM

TICKET: \$20 (AVAILABLE ONLINE AND AT THE DOOR)
INCLUDES MULLED WINE AND HOT APPLE CIDER

Ticket & More Info At www.broadviewunited.com

Broad View United, 3703 St. Aidan's St.

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OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES DURING CHRISTMAS TIME:

During this Christmas season, those connected to BVU are often looking for additional ways to make a difference in the world and integrate their sense of gratitude with making a difference in the lives of others. There are a number of ways that we make this happen at BVU in conjunction with our outreach partners. Listed below are just a few of the ways you can participate in sharing the Christmas Spirit during December.

GIVING TUESDAY Dec 2

Giving Tuesday was created as counter measure to Black Friday and Cyber Monday and the consumerist hype created post Thanksgiving leading up to Christmas. Giving Tuesday instead asks folks to refocus on what potential we have to make a difference in the world. At BVU it is our tradition to choose an outreach project for Giving Tuesday and this year it is our Refugee Fund. Our family has arrived, and needs will continue to emerge, and you are invited to give a special gift as you are able. Go to our Website for the Giving Tuesday button or click [HERE](#).



ANGEL GIFTS

Thank you for your support of the Angel Gifts program. We have committed to 150 gifts from the folks at BVU. This is a great show of support for those living on the margins, and we are delighted to support the ministry of Our Place in this way. Please return your wrapped gifts (with numbered Angel attached) to BVU no later than Sunday, December 7th. Gifts can be brought with you to church on Sunday mornings or dropped off at the church office during weekday office hours.



MISSION AND SERVICE FUND

Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada serves as the national outreach fund for our denomination. It makes a difference both to a variety of outreach projects here and around the world. BVU has made a commitment of \$42,000 for 2025 and your extra gift to this fund contributes collectively to the work we do as a denomination.



BVU OPERATING FUND

BVU relies on the generosity of its members and adherents for 60% of the annual budget. The impact that our programs and presence has in the community can be seen in our annual report each year. Regular and special year end gifts to our operating fund make all of what we do possible each year and ending with a balanced budget is our goal each year. Your gift at this time of year is appreciated.





BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS Dec 25, Dec 28th and Jan 4th

One of the ways we work to make a practical impact for those living on the edges is to support the work of the Saanich Neighbourhood Place (SNP).

After Christmas many young parents struggle with making ends meet and these supplemental items go a long way in supporting children and families at risk. SNP serves young parents between the ages of 13 and 28.

ITEMS NEEDED INCLUDE:

- **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**

Because most live on income assistance, they often don't have enough for necessities because their shelter allowance is low, therefore some of their support money must go to rent. That leaves most families very short of money for food and other essentials. Christmas and the weeks that follow become an added strain.

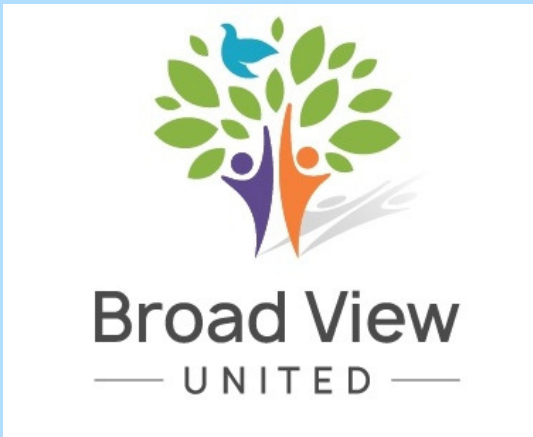
These items can be brought to church on Sundays from Christmas onward or dropped off during church office hours during the week.

EXTREME WEATHER EMERGENCY RESPONSE SHELTER (EWERS) UPDATE AND EMERGING TASKS/HELP

Our first orientation for those offering to work either a morning shift or evening shift of hospitality for the EWERS Program was well attended with 20 persons.

We are in the midst of putting together a call out system for those able to serve when the shelter is open. In addition to those folks, we are putting together co-ordinators for food, towel laundry (onsite) and clothing supplies. These jobs are all outside of the shelter operating hours and can be done on one's own timelines.

For more information about these jobs or to volunteer, please talk to Mark Green or Joan McMurtry.



DONATE NOW AND DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

FIRST \$20,000 DONATIONS MADE BEFORE DEC. 31, 2025 WILL BE MATCHED!

$\$25 \rightarrow \text{x 2 (donation is matched)} \rightarrow \$50 =$

Donate Today

Your generous support will help families, seniors and students facing rising food costs and ensure Special Holiday offerings brighten the season!





FINAL REFLECTIONS FROM THE MINISTER OF TRANSITION & PASTORAL CARE



If anyone knows where I can find a thesaurus containing a thousand fresh ways to say, “thank you,” please send it immediately. I have exhausted the usual vocabulary and seem to be wearing out the uncommon ones too. You have overwhelmed me with kindness, and I’m in danger of repeating myself — and you deserve more creativity than that.

Let me begin with the treasures you gave so generously: the fabulous, sparkling purse (I’m convinced it has its own personality), its generous contents, the breathtaking stained-glass panel rescued from the old First-Met building, and the expressive cards that made me both laugh out loud and sigh with that deep, grateful ache. These gifts are extraordinary... but they pale beside what I truly carry away.



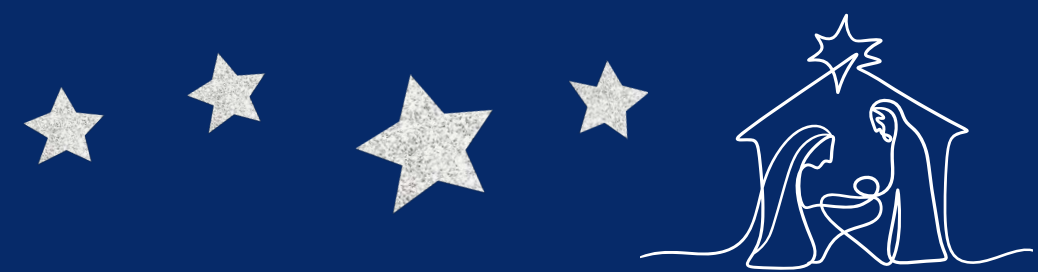
Thank you for sharing your lives with me.

The joys, the sorrows, the unexpected turns, the hospital rooms, Zoom squares, celebrations of life, laughter over coffee, and the courage you’ve shown through changing times — it has been an honour to walk with you. We have celebrated Zoom Baptisms, weddings indoors and out, and Celebrations of Life in many of God’s sacred places. Thank you for inviting me into those importance moments in the life of a family and community. To all the congregations of the United Church where I have served, thank you for your graciousness, your welcome, and your good-humoured forbearance during all the transitional chapters.

Before I stride excitedly toward retirement, let me say this clearly and with deep pride: you are in **extraordinarily good hands**.

Mark and Ha-Na continue to offer wise, grounded leadership with just the right blend of vision and compassion. *Margaret* brings her deep pastoral heart — and *Ruby*, whose unofficial therapeutic presence deserves her own staff badge — to everything she does. *Min-Goo* keeps opening doors for newcomers and stirring up joy in unexpected places. *Dalia* holds our operations steady with calm precision, while *Oscar and Janiena* bring warmth, extraordinary flexibility, competence, and enviable good humour to the office. Our musicians — *Louise, Jeff, Cheryl, Kelly, and the choir* — preach their own sermons with their music.





And then — *the Community of Faith.*

The heartbeat of Broad View United is, and always has been, the members, the volunteers. In person or on line, we worship together and pray for each other. You attend to the practical things that make the amazing possible here at BVU.

You lead programs, greet at doors, share coffee, set out chairs, guide children, tend gardens, bring baking and cookies, welcome people checking us out, host circles, have learned (well, many of you!) how to use our website and go green, you make phone calls, sit with the lonely, and extend care in a hundred unseen ways.



***Your ministry is a thousand little sermons —
not from a pulpit, but through kindness, constancy, humour, and grace.
You carry the light of Christ into Saanich, into Victoria,
and — truly — across Canada through your work, your travel, your relationships,
and the compassion you scatter as naturally as breathing.
With a team like this, and volunteers like you,
the future here is not simply “in good hands” —
it is bright with possibility, brimming with Spirit-given resilience, creativity, and hope.***

As I enter retirement, my heart is full — not just of gratitude for you, but gratitude to the Sacred Spirit whose ministry this has always been. May the road rise gently to meet you and may Christ’s light be your steady companion on every path ahead. With affection, humour, and a million memories. Blessings ~ **Shelagh MacKinnon**

A Letter was handed to me at the wonderful Retirement Tea on November 22.
It began with these exciting words:

“Dear Shelagh, Last night at 10:23 p.m. (just in time for your well-deserved retirement), Our Place Society completed all the conditions and offer on the first Reunification Home for the Women Graduates of New Roads.” Then speaking to the BVU congregation, the writer, Janice Karlin, wrote



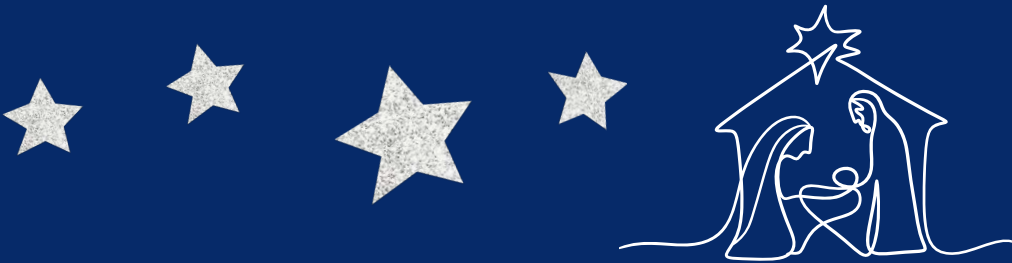
“YOU MADE SURE THIS HAPPENED!

YOU MADE NEW LIVES FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN POSSIBLE.”

Thank you Love, ALL of us at Our Place.

Janice Karlin - she is the Director of Philanthropy at Our Place and the building purchased is a fourplex, with two bedrooms in each unit, and the keys will be handed over early February, 2026. I am so grateful to Janice, Julian and the whole team at Our Place for providing the icing on the cake of a perfect weekend!





REFUGEE UPDATE

We have joined with “**Victoria Shows Love**” in a joint sponsorship venture of a Syrian family who have been living in a refugee camp in Lebanon for over 4 years. **They arrived safely on Friday Nov 21st here in Victoria** into the welcoming arms for our joint refugee committee and family member Sasha who has worked so tirelessly to bring her brother, his wife and their two children (5 and 7) here to Canada. We are working to find sustainable housing for them for mid -December and have gathered most of what will be needed for the family to set up a new home. **Funds from Giving Tuesday will be added to our refugee account** and will help *subsidize the costs not covered in the basic sponsorship budget of funds raised by “Victoria Shows Love” and held by ICA (Intercultural Association).*

As you can imagine, there is so much that is new and overwhelming. Yet the family is overjoyed to be reunited and in a safe and secure place. Housing and language learning are the first priorities. Further supports from BVU will be shared as the time is right. The family wishes to thank everyone for all your support thus far.



A FUNDRAISER FOR:



Boujee BREAKFAST FOR DINNER

SPONSORED BY:



Tuesday, December 2, 5:00 pm

Join us for a perfect blend of incredible food, dazzling drag performance, and community impact.

Tickets at \$75 per person and sold in tables of 2 and 4.

Each ticket includes a welcome drink, your choice of appetizer, main, and access to the dessert bar!

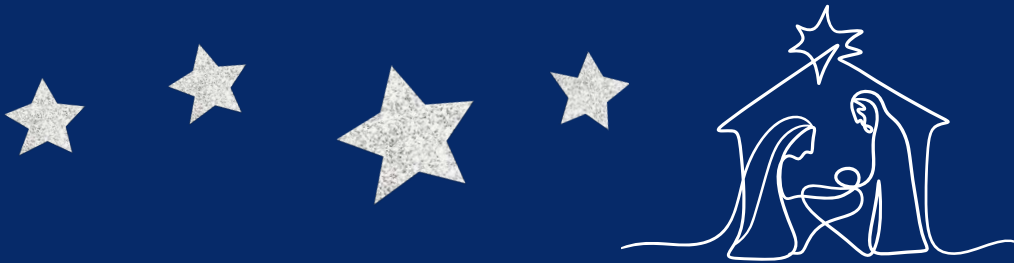
All proceeds support The Kitchen and will be matched!





HOSTED BY
VIVIAN VANDERPUSS

www.shelbournecommunitykitchen.ca



OUR PLACE SENIORS TEA

Thanks to all who made our annual Christmas tea for the “55+ Group” from Our Place a great success. The feedback was very positive, and folks just thought it went really well. I believe we had 12 people from Our Place, plus our Evolving Church Team along with Allan Saunders, Jacquie Henderson and David Stokes as hosts. Sarah from the Thrift Store was a welcoming presence, a hard worker and the donor of \$10.00 Gift Certificates to all our Guests! Margaret Harper also stepped in to help, which was good of her.

As people arrived, they were greeted with the tables with the little vases of flowers to welcome them, and it really did look lovely. The individual cheese and grapes plates and buns and biscuits set out in advance worked well, as we strove to create that “you are special” feeling. Part of that was having our team waiting on the tables, rather than having people come up to the counter. The menu was homemade soups (4 different kinds at least!). All the lovely treats from the congregation looked so colorful and tasted so good too. Thanks to each and every cook and donor: we were able to send each of our Our Place guests home with a goodie bag of homemade baking.

Salome is the wonderful Our Place Team member who organizes this each time! She reported that they were very excited about coming to the social and really loved it, so that was great feedback. We had a short sing-along, and it was off to the Thrift Store! Emily suggested that we should ask Salome to lead the singing; she has a great voice!

Thanks again to the Evolving Church team and all the good energy this Tea blessed us with! ~ **Shelagh MacKinnon**



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.

Connect Card

 **Broad View**
UNITED

Welcome to BVU!

Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Kids Names & Ages: _____





BVU UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Tuesday, December 2, at 11 AM



Our December meeting is planned for December 2 at 11 in the Narthex for a celebration of the **Advent Season**. Rev. Wilda will present a message reflecting on Hope. Bring a bag lunch. Tea, coffee and Christmas cake and cookies will be provided. Once again we are preparing a hamper for the women of Transition House so please bring a gift for our hamper such as a toothbrush, lotion, cream, socks, make-up.....

Look for our table at the **Justice Fair**. We have **2026 United Church calendars for sale, \$10 each**.

FLATLANDERS' WALK

Saturday, December 6, at 1 PM

The walk this month will be around the Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary trail. We will meet at the lower parking lot of the Saanich Municipal Hall at 1 pm. We will walk through the sanctuary, crossing the lake on the trestle. Near the end of the hike we will decide to return to the starting point by continuing on the trail or walking along the Lochside Trail. Coffee afterwards will be at the Tim Horton's in Saanich Plaza.



On November 1st, we had the privilege of having Jan Drent share his insights on the artifacts at the Maritime Museum. He pointed out the importance marine industries and the international nature of movement on the seas and rivers.

Meeting details: lower level of Saanich Municipal Hall parking lot. **Time:** 1 pm

Apparel: Weather appropriate, **Contact:** Marie Vautier; mobile: 250 896 1714.

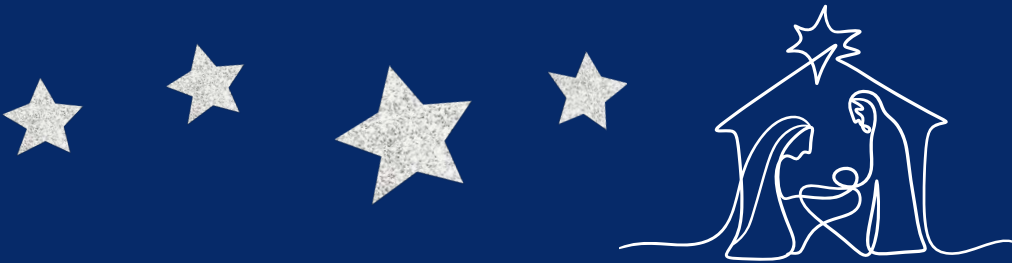
GUYS' "WATER INTO WINE" PUB NIGHT

Tuesday, December 9 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.





BROAD VIEW KNITTERS Tuesday, December 9, at 1 PM

This month’s pictures show the 17 sweaters some with toques for the Cridge Centre for the Family and 14 toques with mittens, 14 toques and 23 pairs of slippers for Canada Comforts.



Our December festive get-together is from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Cedar room on Tuesday December 9th. Please bring a few treats if you can. As usual, knitting needles, yarn and advice are available.

TAI CHI CHIH

Tai Chi Chih: Tai Chi will continue on Tuesdays at 9:30 in the Commons in December until Tuesday, December 23rd, and will begin again on January 6th, 2026.



LECTIO

Lectio will continue on Zoom at 8:30 am in December, with Thursday, December 18th as the last session until Thursday, January 8th 2026.



HEALING PATHWAYS SESSIONS

Healing Sessions – December

- Monday, December 1 at 7:00 PM – Chapel
- Monday, December 8 at 1:00 PM – Chapel

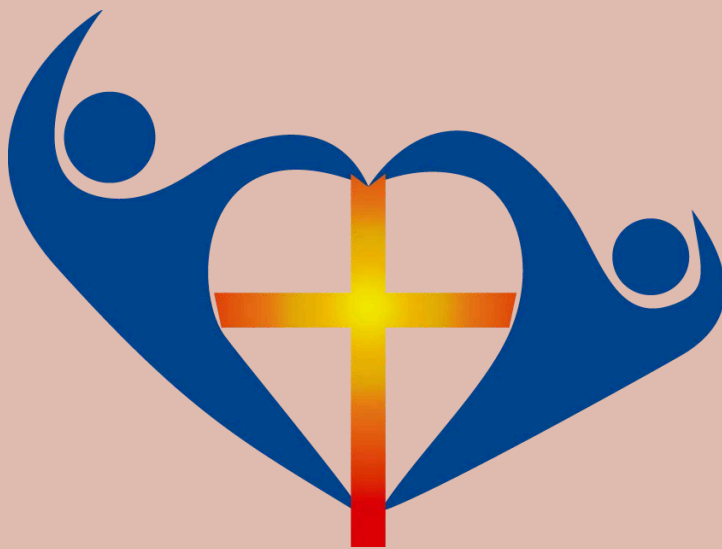
To book an appointment, contact Eileen Campbell: eileen.c.campbell@outlook.com

Healing Sessions – January

- Monday, January 5 at 7:00 PM – Chapel
- Monday, January 12 at 1:00 PM – Chapel
- Monday, January 19 at 1:00 PM – Chapel
- Monday, January 26 at 1:00 PM – Chapel

HP Practice Session

- Saturday, January 31 from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM – Chapel



Bits & Bytes
FRIDAY E-MAIL



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





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



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

Drop-in workshops will resume starting in January 2026:
Mondays - 9:00am-12:00pm (drop in to pick up fabric; sew and share ideas)
Fridays - 11:00am-2:00pm (drop in to pick up fabric; sew and share ideas)

For more information, contact: Vivian Skinner (vivianskinner@shaw.ca)

CBC & OUR PLACE
PRESENT

A CHRISTMAS
Carol

A dramatic reading of Charles Dickens
Classic Tale

**Reserve your
tickets today!**

Buy Adult Tickets: \$15

Buy Kids Tickets: \$7

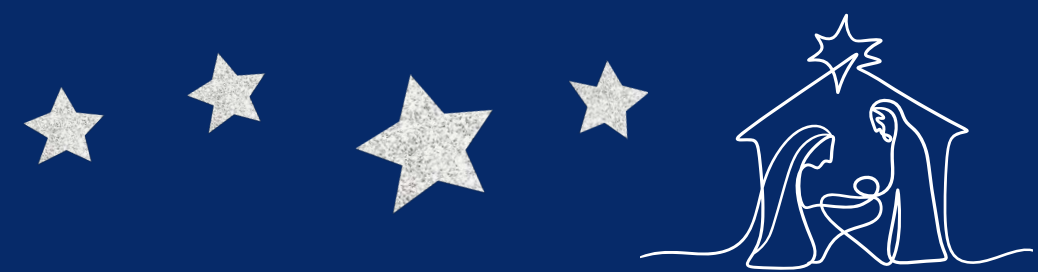


When: Friday, Dec. 12, 2025. Doors open at 6:30pm. Show begins at 7pm.
Where: Broad View United | 3703 St Aidan's St, Victoria, BC

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.





IN MEMORIAM

Ed Bazeley	Died November 4, 2025	Celebration of Life November 17, 2025
Alice Waddell	Died November 6, 2025	No Service
Gloria Stott	Died November 9, 2025	Celebration of Life November 19, 2025
Doug Spray	Died November 21, 2025	Celebration of Life TBA



We give thanks for the magnitude of gifts Ed, Alice, Gloria and Doug gave and received over the course of their lives. Our love and prayers remain with their families and closest friends.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Pat Davey	7 December	91 years
Bev Tanberg	11 December	99 years

ANNIVERSARY

Jan and Janice Drent	21 December	62 years
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THANK-YOU REV. SHELAGH MACKINNON

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the extraordinary gifts Shelagh has shared with BVU, and prior to this, the community of First+ Metropolitan. Shelagh has embodied the ministry of spiritual care through her ability to lift up the broken-hearted and walk with people through the varied ebbs and flows of life. We wish her God’s richest blessings as she begins her retirement.

PARKINSON’S GROUP

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

HOLIDAY GRIEF: THURSDAY, DEC. 11 1:30 (CHAPEL)

The grief of a loved one can intensify as we approach the Seasons of Advent and Christmas. How do we handle the cheer and the lights when we are filled with such emotions as deep sadness and loneliness? Join with like-minded souls,as we come together to support each other.

ADVANCE NOTICE: DROP IN GRIEF GROUP BEGINNING IN

Beginning on Thursday, January 8 at 1:30-3:00 and thereafter the Second Thursday of each month, we are starting a Monthly Drop-In Grief Group. No registration is needed, though if you are interested, feel free to be in touch with Margaret Harper (Minister of Pastoral Care and Small Groups.) All are welcome, whether your are newly bereaved, or your grief has re-surfaced from the past.





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!

WHAT A MONTH OF CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY!

Language Café

We kicked off the month by sharing stories of our loved ones through photos, maps, and multiple languages. With six languages in the room—Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, Portuguese, and English—we enjoyed meaningful conversations and traditional snacks.



Culture Market

More than 40 people filled the space with laughter and creativity. Six vibrant tables—Mexican desserts, Korean street food, nail art, mahjong, bridge, and asalato—brought people of all ages together. It was a beautiful night of intercultural and intergenerational interactions.



Learning Party

- Liane led us through a very helpful and practical session on recognizing and avoiding scams. A valuable evening for our community.



Taste of Home

We learned to cook okonomiyaki with Chef Jazzy and shared stories around the table. What made the evening especially meaningful was how many congregation members came out to experience and connect with our intercultural community. And the cleanup! So many new people jumped in—washing dishes, organizing, and helping one another. What a team. What a community.

WHAT'S COMING UP

Board Game Night – Saturday, Nov 29 (5:30–8:30 pm)

We're closing the month with a fun night of games from around the world! Come try Game of the Generals (a favourite from the Philippines), Mahjong, Bridge, DnD, Chinese Chess, Go, and more. Bring your favourite game to share. Whether you're a seasoned player or just curious, there will be something for everyone.





DECEMBER GATHERINGS

Language Café – Friday, Dec 6

A space to share stories, practise languages, and enjoy snacks together. A relaxed and welcoming evening for all language levels.

Culture Market – Friday, Dec 13

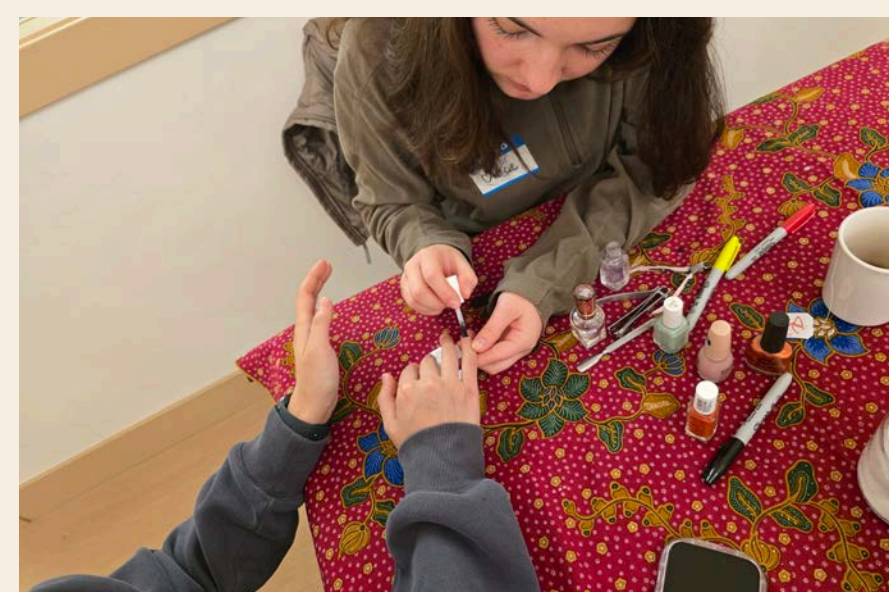
Our final market of the year! Explore creative tables, food traditions, and cultural expressions from our community. A wonderful chance to meet new friends and share your gifts.

Learning Party – Friday, Dec 20

We'll explore winter traditions from around the world and celebrate birthdays together. Expect storytelling, learning, and lots of warmth as we head toward the holidays.

Intercultural Christmas – Wednesday, Dec 25 (11 am–3 pm)

Join us for a special Christmas Day gathering with intercultural worship, a delicious lunch (chicken curry with a vegetarian option), and traditional games from around the world. A joyful way to celebrate as one community.



Stay Connected

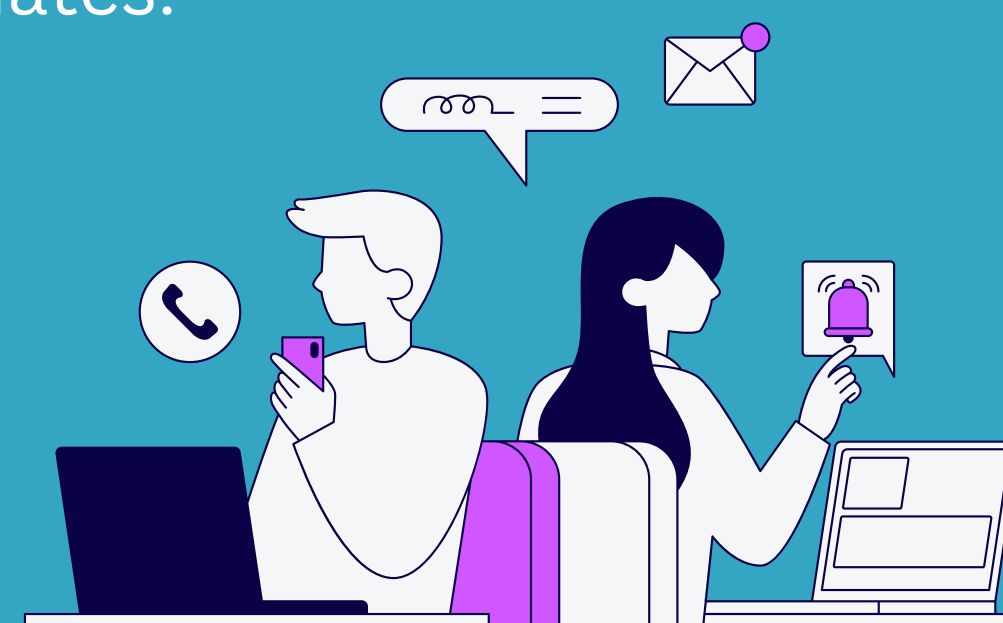
✉ Sign up for the Intercultural Newsletter for weekly updates:
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📷 Follow us on Instagram:
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📘 Follow us on Facebook:
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🙋🏻 Volunteers are always welcome!

Whether as conversation partners, kitchen helpers, or activity hosts — your presence makes a difference.





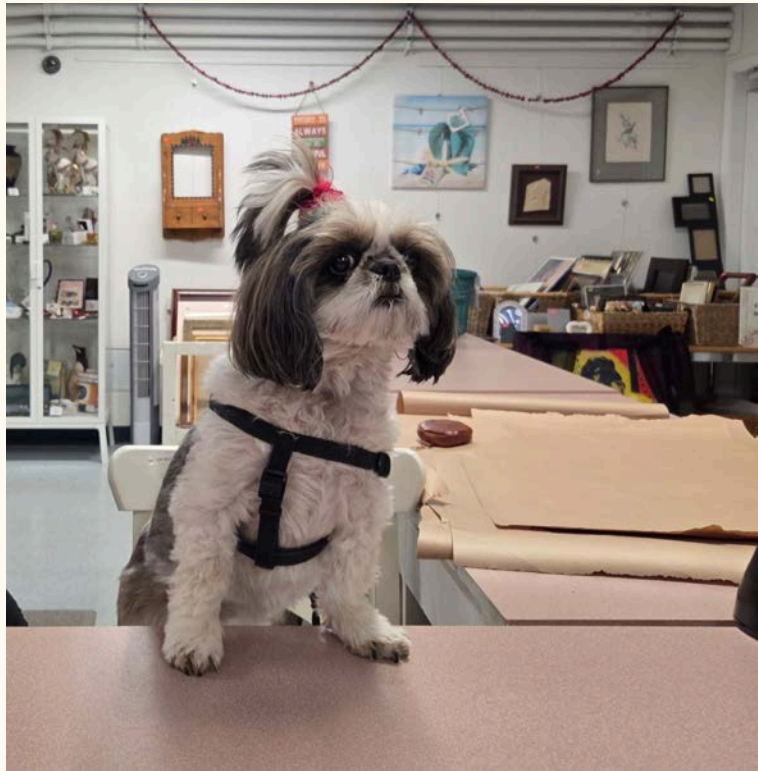
Hello community

December is here! It's only fitting that the green tags are on sale for 50% off in December. There are only 12 shopping days in December. **Store closures are between December 21st and January 1st.** The last day for shopping will be **Saturday, December 20th.** After that, we close for volunteers and staff. The manager will still be available by email. We will open again for regular sales on Friday, January 2nd.

The thrift store is seeking donations of warm winter clothes, especially for gentlemen. This will help us support the customers within our store as well as our outreach recipients. We're asking that those donating items please drop off clean and sellable items. We're also looking for donations of tissue paper for wrapping items at the till. Reusable bags help us provide well-packed items for our customers. If you have a couple of dozen lying around, we will happily take them off your hands as people are probably spending the early days of December decorating. Any Christmas items you'd like to pass on this year, we are happy to take. The thrift store had 60-plus boxes of Christmas items that came in throughout the year, and we are almost sold out. Wow, our customers love Christmas!

We are still looking for volunteers to help with evening shifts on Thursdays. This shift is between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. This is a Floor position. Assisting cashiers with clothing racks that fill up from the change rooms. Donation bins that fill up throughout the night. As well as anything the cashier may need help with.

Our thrift store volunteer **Christmas party is coming up. Friday morning, December 12th,** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All thrift store volunteers are welcome. See you all shopping merrily 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

Broad View United
3703 St. Aidan's St., Victoria, BC

ADMISSION BY DONATION





**BROAD VIEW UNITED LOOKS FORWARD
TO WELCOMING YOU TO OUR**

Christmas

EVE SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

3703 St. Aidan's St, Victoria, BC

4:00 PM FAMILY CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY

An engaging and casual retelling of the Christmas Story, perfect for families and children of all ages.

7:00 PM FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

This service is designed for families of all types and will help us reconnect with the profound significance of the Christmas story.

9:00 PM CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

A soothing reflective service, accompanied by smooth jazz, gracefully concludes the Christmas Eve festivities.

