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If you'd like to volunteer at Broad View United, please inform us by scanning the QR Code and completing the FORM. A staff member will get in touch with you.

Ha Na Park
Co-Lead Minister

Lately, I've been watching the Korean drama When Life Gives You Tangerines on Netflix. In the opening scene, we see the elderly woman who becomes the main character participating in an outdoor poetry class at a senior home. There are pencils, sketch paper, and crayons. She picks up a blue crayon and slowly fills the entire page with blue.

As a child, she loved poetry. But in that moment, she says nothing—just colours the page blue with a worn-down crayon. The sea of Jeju Island where she was born, the sky above her in that present moment—they blend into one silent memory of her mother.

This April, Lent comes late. And like the pace of spring this year, it invites us into a slower, deeper Lenten journey. The ground is still damp, the blossoms are just beginning, and we are slowly beginning to imagine the warmer seasons ahead.

But even as spring awakens, it's hard to start the day without concern. The rise of authoritarian regimes around the world weighs heavily on our hearts. Even Canada is not untouched. In Gaza, the ceasefire has been broken. Around the world, the sovereignty of people—and of nature itself—is under threat. Our struggles are deeply interconnected.

April is also Poetry Month. Research shows that writing about emotional themes can reduce stress, anxiety, and depression. Reading and writing poetry can be a powerful form of healing. Poetry helps us reach into the depths of our hearts and give words to what we feel.

When speaking to others, it can be hard to find the right words. But in stillness, with a pen in hand, we can let our emotions flow—our grief, joy, gratitude, or hope.

Audre Lorde wrote, **"Poetry is not a luxury. It is a vital necessity of our existence. It gives form to the quality of light within us… first made into language, then idea, then more tangible action."** Poetry gives a name to the nameless—so we can begin to think and act.

This Lent, try connecting with your own poetic voice. The Psalms in the Bible are full of poetic cries—"Hear me, O God. Hear my supplication."

As we enter Holy Week—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Sacred Saturday, and Easter—listen for the voice within you. Learn from Jesus's agony and resurrection. And give your emotions a name, just as a poet names the nameless—so that your hope, too, might rise.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday

BRIDGE SERVICE	CONXION SERVICE
13 April 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	13 April 11 AM - 12 PM

Maundy Thursday

OPEN MIC	DECOLONIZING COMMUNION
-POETRY, ETC. -THE STATIONS 17 April Starts at 7 PM	WITH BREAD, OIL, AND ZAATAR 17 April Ends at 8:30 PM

Good Friday

STATIONS OF THE CROSS	JAZZ VESPER
18 April 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	18 April 7 PM - 8 PM

Easter Sunday

SUNRISE SERVICE AT MT. TOLMIE	BRIDGE SERVICE	CONXION SERVICE
20 April 7 AM - 8 AM Hot breakfast to follow at the Commons	20 April 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	20 April 11 AM - 12 PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 17 | 7:00–8:30 PM

An evening of Open Mic, Spiritual Practice, and Decolonizing Communion

This year, it can feel almost impossible to start the day without concerns. The rise of authoritarian regimes around the world continues to weigh heavily on our spirits. In Gaza, the ceasefire has been broken. The ongoing erosion or threats to the sovereignty of nations—and of nature itself—remind us how deeply interconnected our struggles are.

On Maundy Thursday, the night we remember Jesus's Last Supper, we will gather for an Open Mic to share our emotions and longings during this Lenten season.
Poetry helps us express what rational language often cannot.
But it doesn't have to be poetry—short writing, music, or artwork (within 3 minutes) are all welcome.

The evening will include:
• **Open Mic** (poetry, short writing, music, or any offering that helps express your emotions, *within 3 minutes*)
· **Spiritual Practice,** including Foot/Hand Washing and Healing Pathway
· ending with **Decolonizing Communion**, where we'll share bread (including GF), olive oil, and Zaatar, grounded in the words and spirit of Jesus's last meal.

No registration is required. Come as you are.

GOOD FRIDAY STATION OF THE CROSS| APRIL 18 | 10:30 AM

This Lenten journey reimagines the Stations of the Cross through various artistic interpretations, addressing contemporary issues like ecological crises while focusing on personal spiritual growth. Expanding from last year's four stations to include more, it aims to connect historic spiritual resources with today's challenges. The service emphasizes local imagery and the impacts of climate disaster, war, and loss on all life forms. Interactive elements will be included, culminating in a silent Communion service where participants are encouraged to engage as they feel led. This reflective service is open to everyone.

GOOD FRIDAY JAZZ VESPER | APRIL 18 | 7 PM

A Good Friday experience grounded in music that helps us end Holy Week both lamenting the state of the world and the ongoing experiences of crucifixion and transitioning us to hope for Resurrection as Easter Sunday approaches. The 1-hour service will feature music that will feed our souls to both sing with and listen to. It features Louise Rose, Cheryl Dennett, and other special musical guests and is led by Mark Green.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Join us outdoors at Mount Tolmie Park on Mayfair Dr at 7: 00 a.m. for a Resurrection Celebration! Leadership will be provided by **Rev. Shelagh MacKinnon** and music by **Jeff Poynter.** When you get to Mount Tolmie, look for us! This service is about 30 minutes long. There are always several congregations who gather.

After the service, we are welcomed back at Broad View Commons, where breakfast will be ready for us, courtesy of Rev Mark Green and some caring volunteers! It is a beautiful way to rejoice as a community.

Easter Sunrise Breakfast: *We are looking for 5 people who can help us prepare a simple breakfast of hardboiled eggs, hot oatmeal (+toppings), hot cross buns and fruit. This hospitality will be offered to those who have attended the Sunrise service. Let the office know if you can help with this.*

EARTH DAY SUNDAY: APRIL 27, 2025

We will be celebrating Earth Day in the context of rebirth and regeneration as a post Easter celebration this year. Both within the context of the worship service and in additional activities in the commons between and after services, there will be something for all ages. Watch for more details as the day gets closer .

HELP US CELEBRATE EARTH DAY ON SUNDAY APRIL 27TH

And forget not that Earth delights to feel your bare feet and the winds long to play with your hair. — Khalil Gibran

Caring for Creation Small Group Ministry

WORSHIP IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ

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 welcomed and supported Taizé 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 Taizé services while they are at our church. The service lasts about 1 hour with lingering time before and after at your leisure.

A Taizé 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 Taizé 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 Taizé community in France, from Europe and other continents. For more history and context visitwww.taize.fr . All are welcome and if you would like to be part of the leadership, please let Mark or Margaret know.

AGM UPDATE - MAY 4TH, 2025

Our Annual General meeting will be held on May 4th via zoom at 2pm. Copies of the annual report will go online 10 days prior to the meeting and printed copies available for those who request them from the office by April 22nd. Contained in the AGM report will be financial statements for 2024 and narrative budgets and picture of BVU's financial status.Nominations report and updates of what BVU accomplished in its strategic plan will be outlined in the report that will be picture and bullet points for easy access and readability. We hope that you will be proud of what BVU has been about in 2024 as you flip through the pages and see where we have been and what we've been about. A zoom link for the meeting and a copy of the agenda and zoom link will be sent to our BVU emails list on Saturday May 3rd and again on Sunday May 4th.

A LEGACY OF SHARING

What a celebration this is!! This amazing Legacy gift was made possible by the faithful stewardship of the First-Metropolitan U.C. Foundation. It was a joyful service as Broads View United its strong historic and continuing support of Our Place Society. Watch our website for more details, including the video that was created for this occasion. This gift is helping to fund three transformative projects, each offering hope, security, stability, and safety for women at different stages of their recovery journey.

First, the Women's Therapeutic Recovery Community (WTRC); will be the first long-term therapeutic recovery community for women on Vancouver Island. With Broad View's support, a Healing Garden will be created as a sanctuary of safety and renewal. In a life marked by addiction's unpredictability and danger, the garden will offer space for yoga, meditation, cultural activities, and moments of connection with children, symbolizing peace, healing, and hope.

Second, for women graduating from the recovery program without children, new second stage housing will provide a safe, stable, and sober environment with light support. This housing will help women transition into independent living while managing mental and physical health needs and maintaining sobriety.
Finally, the Family Reunification House will offer a supportive home where women who have completed WTRC can reconnect and live with their children. This safe, nurturing space will allow families to rebuild their lives and lay a foundation for a brighter future.

Thanks so much to Lee Sundquist for sharing her story and to all who made this Sunday so special, including Julian Daly, CEO of Our Place and Allan Saunders, Chair of their Board, Don Evans, Allen Tysick and Pierann Moon!

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday mornings April and May, 9:30- 10:30

Beginning in April, we will gather any adults who wish to dig in deeply into the Gospel of Mark. Our time together will probe some of the history, background and nuances of the First Gospel written that is contain within the bible. The rest of the gospels are based around this book and yet Mark's style and theological perspective is a unique one that gets changed by Matthew and Luke in their revisions.Leadership will be provided by Mark and Shelagh. While attendance for the whole 8 weeks is recommended, we know that folks may need to come and go and therefore each session will stand on its own. How far through the Gospel we get will depend on the group... we will go at the pace the group is ready to move through the narrative. If one reads the whole Gospel of Mark in advance, this would be a good thing but not required (it's the shortest gospel)

BVU MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER, PROFESSION OF FAITH, OR BAPTISM

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, please fill out the **JotForm**, and our staff will reach out once we receive your expression of interest.

Together with the new members of BVU—through baptism, profession of faith, or transfer—and with our wider intercultural community, BVU will celebrate the evolving meaning of membership and belonging on **Sunday, May 4th, during services.**

After the service, BVU will hold its AGM at 2 PM on Zoom. All the more, this Sunday's membership celebration will be a truly meaningful and joyful occasion, grounded in deep gratitude.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE SUCCESS

We are thrilled to share that the **World Day of Prayer Service** on **March 4** was a wonderful success! This ecumenical gathering brought together guests from several local churches, creating a warm atmosphere of unity and fellowship. After the service, attendees shared a light lunch, fostering meaningful connections. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated and donated generously. Together, we raised **$790**, which has been sent to the **Women's Inter-Church Council** to support global programs benefiting women and girls. Your kindness makes a difference!

Made Wonderful – World Day of Prayer 2025

P.I.E GRATITUDE!

In this picture, you see only a small part of the generous response for a celebration of Support and Solidarity on PIE Day. Public Intentional and Explicit combined with generous, yummy, and an important statement of inclusivity and welcome. Liane Clark looked after the special diet turn-overs and Veronica and Shelagh cut and served the wonderful gifts of pies and tarts! Thank you everyone who donated, and all who stayed after both services!

Save the date

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY?

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EVENT
COMMONS, MAY 25 AT 1 P.M.
BROAD VIEW UNITED, 3703 ST. AIDAN'S ST

QUESTION OF THE DAY ROUND TABLE

Grab a coffee or tea and join with other members of the community of faith after each service to chat about the Question of the Day, and the Sermon! We will gather near the fireplace (look for the sign!). **Mark your calendars for May 4th**, when the "Round Table" conversations will take place after each of the two services, switching over to one gathering from June until Labour Day. As of June 1, 2025 we will move to ONE SERVICE at 10:00. Hope you can drop by! Come and meet some people and chat about the worship together.

A SPRING TEA FOR SENIORS FROM OUR PLACE

In May, a group of Seniors from Our Place will be coming to Tea at Broad View United! This lovely tradition began before COVID, at the First-Met site. We welcome the opportunity to extend hospitality and a chance to make special memories! We will be asking for donations of baking for the event next month, we will keep you posted!

RED DRESS DAY (2025)

May 5 is Red Dress Day, also known as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls is a day to remember and honour those missing and murdered and their families and communities. Red Dress Day serves as a painful reminder of the ongoing genocidal crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people and invites solidarity and action. Above all, Red Dress Day creates a much-needed space for grieving and healing. It acknowledges the pain experienced by Indigenous communities, offering a glimmer of hope and resilience. . **WEAR RED**

To mark this day, join us by wearing something red to express our solidarity with Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ victims, survivors, and families. Red dresses are also part of Orange T-shirt Day.

We were asked about the coffee we serve here at BVU...
Well, there is GOOD NEWS!

Salt Spring Coffee, founded 28 years ago on Salt Spring Island, is deeply rooted in Canadian values. The company roasts its coffee beans in Vancouver, supporting local jobs, and establishes long-term trade partnerships with farmers, ensuring fair prices and community reinvestment. Fair-Trade premiums go directly to farmers for education, healthcare, or infrastructure. Their commitment to Regenerative Organic Certified® (ROC) coffee promotes sustainable farming practices, protects biodiversity, and ensures fair wages and working conditions for farmworkers.

In Memoriam

Patty Jeffs	Died Jan. 19, 2025	Celebration of Life was held March 8
Doris Jansson		Celebration of Life was held March 11
Lindsay Horace	Died Feb. 14, 2025	Celebration of Life was held March 15
Roger Hannaford	Died Feb. 16, 2025	Celebration of Life (+livestream) April 5 @ 11:00 BVU
William (Bill) Draper	Died Nov. 24, 2024	Celebration of Life May 24 @ 10:30 BVU
Audrey McLennan	Died Nov. 16, 2024	Celebration of Life May 24 @2:00 pm BVU
Kenny Stennes	Died March 3, 2025	Service TBA
Charles MacLean	Died March 4, 2025	Private Family Interment
Jon MacKinnon	Died March 9, 2025	Service TBA

We give thanks for the magnitude of gifts these servants shared over the course of their lives. Our love and prayers remain with their families and closest friends.

In Celebration

Audrey Evans
90th Birthday
March 9, 2025

Rev. D Blain Thierry
95th Birthday
April 7, 2025

Friends are welcome to drop by Douglas Care Home, 657 Niagara Street between 1 and 3:30 pm to celebrate Blain.

Mrs. Clair Hunter
98th Birthday

Larry McGill
90th Birthday
April 24, 2025

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.

UCC 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION **Saturday June 14th 2025, 3pm - 7pm**

We are excited to invite you to participate in a wonderful event to celebrate the various milestones of the United Church over the past 100 years. We are creating a carnival like experience where you can visit various interactive booths where you can learn about our history, interface with parts that you were a part of and give some input into what was important in the past and you hope for in the future.

In addition, there will be a international food fair with a wide selection of foods from a variety of cultures for you to sample. The event will feed both body and soul. Tickets are on a slide scale from 2-20 each. All proceeds from the tickets will go to the National United Church Mission and Service fund as a part of our ongoing connection and commitment to the broader church.

Members of the planning committee include Marion Denton, Marg McQuarie, Maureen Anderson, Doug and Maureen Koch, Joan Wilkinson, Shelagh MacKinnon and Mark Green. A wide variety of other volunteers are busy working on the various booths to bring our history alive. The interactive booths you can visit will include:

- **Changing roles for men and women in the church**
- **Music changes through 100 years**
- **Children and youth programing**
- **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**
- **2SLGBTQAI+ 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 will also be celebrations on 4 Sundays in June and a special UCW event on the 4th of June. For more information or to volunteer to help in any way, please let a committee member know email the office at info@broadviewunited.com or call: 250- 590 3677

BROAD VIEW UNITED CELEBRATES

Please go to
www.broadviewunited.com
or scan or click QR Code
to purchase your tickets for
June 14 Community Celebration

Ticket Price

$2 - $20

For more information:
250-590-3677
info@broadviewunited.com

JUNE 14: COMMUNITY CELEBRATION 3PM - 7PM

- Interactive Games
- Trivia
- Activities
- International Food Fair

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)

JUNE 3: CELEBRATING THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

1 PM - 3 PM
Program starts at 1 PM, followed by a
sit-down tea
Everyone Welcome
Please register ($10) at the office.
Proceeds go to the M&S Fund

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"Everybody here is so friendly.
From the first time I came,
I felt super welcome. Right away,
I decided to come every single week."

– Shawn

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!

Taste of Home – Every Dish Has a Story

Taste of Home Season 3 is going strong, featuring diverse cultural flavours from Iran, Vietnam, the Philippines, and China! This newcomer program has been a wonderful way to build community through mutual learning and appreciation.

We're looking for a few more volunteers to help with welcoming, childminding, and conversation partnering. There are still three more sessions left on **March 29, April 12, and April 26.**

Spending just three hours in the kitchen can change the way you experience food, immersing you in flavours you've never encountered before. Let's build friendships across cultures while cooking and sharing meals from around the world!

📅 **Dates:** March 29, April 12, April 26 (Saturdays, 3–6 PM)
📍 **Location:** The Kitchen & Commons (Upper Hall), Broad View United (3703 St. Aidan's St.)

📩 **Interested in volunteering?** Email min-goo@broadviewunited.com

NEW! Qi Gong (Chi Kung) Classes

Join us for a transformative Qi Gong meditation series focused on Bone Marrow Washing and the Six Healing Sounds. These sessions combine breathing exercises and meditation to boost energy, relieve stress, and enhance overall well-being.

📅 **Dates & Times:**
April 5, 2025 (Saturday) | 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
April 12, 19, & 26, 2025
(Saturdays) | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
📍 **Led by:** Certified instructors Sandra Der & Eric Hartley
💰 **Suggested donation:** $20
📩 Register by March 30: slder@telus.net
(No drop-ins)

Experience the power of Qi Gong for self-healing and vitality!

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.**

NEW! Tea Swap ☕ – What's your favourite tea from your home country? Bring some to share, and let's enjoy a cultural tea exchange together! 🍵✨

Our **Saturday Socials** create 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!

Queer Spiritual Collective Retreat

Queer Spiritual Collective Retreat: *Centered on Belonging, Calm, and Connection*
When: Saturday, May 24, 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Where: Unitarian Universalist Community of Victoria
(formerly First Unitarian Church of Victoria), 5575 W Saanich Rd

At a time when 2SLGBTQ+ communities—especially trans individuals—are under duress and increasingly marginalized, we are coming together to offer care and solidarity.

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?

A collective of faith community leaders—including **Broad View United** (Ha Na Park), **Lutheran Church of the Cross** (Lyndon Sayers), **Unitarian Universalist Community of Victoria** (Shana Lynngood), Gagan Leekha, and others—have come together with open hearts to dream up a half-day, ecumenical and interfaith retreat. This gathering is for 2SLGBTQIA+ people of faith, offering space for calm, belonging, and connection in these challenging times.

We envisioned an intergenerational retreat that welcomes all 2SLGBTQ+ individuals seeking solidarity and belonging beyond denominational lines. We hope this retreat will deepen networks of care and support, and strengthen our collective resilience as we stand with and for 2SLGBTQ+ individuals and communities—within and beyond our faith traditions.

Lunch, snacks and fruits will be provided. Donations are gratefully received, but not required. Students attend for free—give what you can, if you can, and please come regardless!

Facilitator bios and event updates are available via **JotForm**. You can also reach out to Hana at Hana@broadviewunited.com with any questions.

Saanich Neighbourhood Place

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TRANS FAMILY DINNER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 TH
STARTING @ 5:30 P.M.
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3703 ST AIDANS ST.

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WHY PRONOUNS MATTER?

Gender Pronouns

SFU SEXUAL VIOLENCE SUPPORT & PREVENTION OFFICE

He She They Xe Ze

DOs

- Support the declaration of pronouns.
- Experiment from a place of respect.
- Feel free to ask for clarification.

DON'Ts

- Declare them as "male pronouns" or "female pronouns".
- Cast off a pronoun round as unimportant.
- Think of them as "preferred pronouns".
- Readily assume a person's pronouns.

ASK

You can't tell someone's name or pronoun just by looking at them. Asking them is showing your respect.

RESPECT

If someone needs time to share their name and pronoun, please respect and make them feel comfortable. It's not up to you to decide others' identity.

PRACTICE

Practice makes perfect. If you are unsure about how to use pronouns appropriately ask others to point out your mistakes.

This July at Naramata Centre

QUEER FAMILY RETREAT

Workshops, children's programs, winery tours, time to hike or relax on the beach. And of course, the dance party!

July 7-11th

For everyone in the the 2SLGBTQ+ community, our friends, families and allies

$125 reg (under 18 free) plus accommodation

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- Prayer Beads with Michelle Henry
- Labyrinth Walk & Create your own Finger Labyrinth with Ivy Thomas
- Watercolors with Maia Walker
- Soul collage with Allison Rennie
- Other amazing workshops led by equally amazing humans

Music Leadership - Curt Allison
Yoga with Niki Karmali

Co-led by Eric Hamlyn, LeAnn Blackert and Katherine Brittain

Made possible with a generous grant from the United Church PMRC ProVision fund

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BVU UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

B**VU UCW Mission and Service Meeting Announcement** Join us for the BVU UCW Mission and Service meeting on **Tuesday, April 1,** taking place in the **Narthex from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. Bring your bagged lunch and enjoy an enlightening discussion about the incredible United Church Mission & Service Projects happening both in Canada and abroad. Everyone is welcome—we look forward to seeing you there!

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FLATLANDERS WALK

This month the Flatlanders will be strolling along the Songhees side (north) of the Victoria Harbour - rain or shine! We would start at Spinnakers at the south end of Catherine Street and either head east to the Delta Hotel or west to the Esquimalt Harbour. We would return to Spinnakers for a beverage and snack.

Time: 1:00 PM
Dress: weather appropriate
Parking: on the street near Spinnakers

Contact person: Vicky Attwell
cell: 778-350-1029
email: vicky.attwell@outlook.com

We look forward to having you join us.

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BROAD VIEW KNITTERS

Broad View Knitters will be meeting on **April 8th from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Cedar room**. A selection of knitting needles, yarn and advice are available. Everyone is welcome.

GUYS' "WATER INTO WINE" PUB NIGHT

Tuesday, April 8, 7 pm: The Monkey Tree, 4025 Borden St. (near McKenzie and Quadra)

Join men of all ages to connect, share life stories, and exchange ideas. Enjoy a beverage and food while fostering fellowship and camaraderie.

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Circle CHAT

Circle CHAT **April 9 1:30-3:00 pm** A time of conversation, sharing and refreshments for women elders. All are welcome!

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YOUNG ADULTS FOR APRIL

With a busy April Calendar, **Young Adults will meet Sunday April 13th for Lunch and then a GVAT led conversation**. The group will meet one more additional day for creating a meal and games night over the easter weekend. A doodle poll has been circulated to find the best day possible. If you haven't received the email or would like to be on the YA email list, please contact Mark.

LUCY'S BIG NEWS - AND WE'RE SO HAPPY TO SUPPORT HER

To my beloved community, some of you know me more deeply than others, but all of you have known me as Jake Highfield. I have reached a point in my life where my truest self can finally meet you. I'm pleased to introduce myself to you as Lucy O'Brien. I will be using she/her pronouns. This doesn't change anything about my relationship to the community or the people in it, and I do not ask for any different or special treatment. I just ask that you call me by this new name as I move forward with transitioning socially and publicly. Thank you for your understanding and care.

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YOUTH GROUPS

Youth programming continues full steam ahead! Junior Youth (ages 10-13) will be taking a short hiatus in April as we regroup, and member of Junior Youth are invited during this time to join us at Senior Youth (typically ages 14-17), which happens from **7-9PM on the second and fourth Fridays of the month, in the Commons.** That means **April 11th and 25th**! Look for updated posters on the bulletin boards very soon!

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APRIL MOVIE NIGHT

Movie Night April 26th 7 pm. Academy award winning movie THE WHALE: Scarred by the profound wounds of grief and guilt, couch-bound Charlie, an online writing instructor living with chronic obesity, now has a crystal-clear view of his secret intentions. And confined to his claustrophobic and musty apartment, the self-destructive shut-in has all the time in the world to contemplate the damaging faults of the past, fatherhood, and reconciliation. Because, more than anything, flawed Charlie longs for communication and reconnection. After all, he hasn't spoken to his estranged, angry teenage daughter, Ellie, in years. But everyone knows whales don't live in the shallows. Can love and forgiveness wipe away the tears and the painful mistakes of a lifetime? Snacks and beverage provided. Discussion follows.

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FAMILY NITE DINNER - MAY 23

Due to Easter and Holy Week celebrations, there will be NO family dinner in April and our final one of the season will happen on **Friday May 23rd at 5:30 pm**. We will have a wind up BBQ with some outdoor games and activities for families with children of all ages. More details and RSVP in the May Newsletter.

BVU Camp Spirit — An Intercultural Day Camp for Children (Ages 6-11), August 18-22, right here at BVU!

Camp Spirit, a children's camp by the United Church of Canada, is offered across BC at 21 United Church sites. This year, BVU is proud to host Camp Spirit! Together, we value listening to Sacred Stories, engaging in creativity and science, exploring music, sharing meals, and building community and friendships. Camp Spirit welcomes the fullness of God's diversity.

Fee: $190 (includes lunch, morning & afternoon snacks, provided by our intercultural food coordinator and volunteers, Camp Spirit T-Shirt, and all supplies), with discounts available from 25%, 50%, 75% or full coverage. Request a bursary during online registration for an immediate fee discount.

Afternoons will be full of exciting intercultural activities with local students, community members, and volunteers!
From pickleball and ping pong to salsa dancing, storytelling through comics or film, an intercultural veggie-tale project, and dumpling making to wrap it all up — there's something for everyone!

🔗 **Register at campspirit.ca**, or **fill out the printed registration** form on the bulletin board in the Commons. .

Hello Community.

I hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break! It has been a great start to the spring season for the Thrift Store. Green tagged and select items will be 50% off in April. Spring stuff is well stocked. Please come in and check out our selection of clothing, housewares and much more. You can meet friendly people and contribute to a great cause here. The funds from our shop go to support operations and the programs offered in the church. We provide a safe space for volunteers and students. We also give donations in kind to various collaborators. We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who has collaborated with us. From patrons, donations and to our volunteers. We have had an increase in donations from spring cleaning. We have also added new store hours on Thursday evenings. This calls for the need to reach out for more volunteers to join us. We offer a variety of interesting roles. If you are looking for community involvement we can provide it. We have roles including sorting, clothing, books, cashier, greeters and more. Currently, we have a cadre of 100+ volunteers who work in unison to keep our store in high functioning order. Perks include the loaning of puzzles and media. Volunteer events and luncheons. Friendship, guidance for learning a new skill and more. If you need more information please drop in email or call and ask for the manager, Sarah. Email broadviewts@gmail.com Phone 250-590-1750.

RETAIL HOURS

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

DONATION HOURS

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

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JUSTICE FAIR - Sunday, April 13

Broad View United Justice Fair coming soon to **your/our** community Sunday, April 13! It's an opportunity to discover ways we are involved in justice work but most definitely a way for you to learn about ways you can be involved!

Think about what you care about. Perhaps you are already involved in actions to make our world a better place for all. We would love to hear about it! How are you involved globally? Or locally? Are your actions focused on helping a specific group – like the unhoused or perhaps children or seniors? We are unique beings with different skills, different interests yet we are also a community. Together we can make a difference. We are a community that embraces the teachings of Jesus to stand with the marginalized and oppressed.

Each table has someone who can share their passion. Come check us out. We encourage you to consider how you can be involved.

For more information, contact barbara.diaconal@gmail.com or robin.breckon@gmail.com

BVU PALESTINIAN SOLIDARITY FILM SERIES:

Broad View United continues to stand in solidarity with Palestinians in their struggle for liberation and self determination.

7pm / Doors open at 6:30pm / free admission / Donations welcome / Discussion to follow each screening.

- **Sunday, April 27 / Title TBD.**
  With Israel breaking the fragile ceasefire in Gaza and the genocide continuing, another film choice was necessary. The new title will be announced in Bits and Bytes and Sunday Bulletin.

- **Monday, May 12 (Note: change of day) / Lyd**
  This film screening will mark Nakba Day, which is May 15. Lyd is the story of a city that once connected Palestine to the world- what it once was, what it is now, and what it could have become.

GREATER VICTORIA ACTING TOGETHER – JOIN OUR LISTENING ACTION!

Those of you who have been following this space know that GVAT has recently engaged its member organizations – including BVU! – to listen to the concerns that are nearest to people's hearts and minds. On May 8, we will be sharing what we have heard, and offering members a final opportunity to share their own stories. We plan to hold a public town square type meeting where you can share and hear what others have to say. This session will be held at 7 pm on May 8, but as of the newsletter deadline we are still finalizing a suitable venue for a large group. Please stay tuned for final details (and watch the church bulletin board!).

Grounded in biblical teachings such as Micah 6:8 and Luke 4:18, Jubilee 2025 reflects the Christian call to seek justice, defend the oppressed, and care for creation. As we face today's interconnected crises of debt and climate injustice, let us act boldly to restore human welfare and ecological balance.

- **More than 54 countries in the Global South allocate over 10 percent of their revenues to net interest payments, diverting resources from essential development and climate action.**

- **In 48 countries representing 3.3 billion people, governments spend more on debt payments than on healthcare or education.**

- **In some cases, public debt levels have grown so large that repayment is no longer feasible, creating an unsustainable burden for future generations.**

- **This economic injustice is compounded by "ecological debt," as countries in the Global North exploit resources from the Global South and Indigenous communities, often causing significant environmental and human rights harm.**

If you haven't signed the petition yet, you can do so on-line at this link: https://www.kairoscanada.org/jubilee-2025-canada/petition-turn-debt-into-hope
Look for other opportunities to get involved in this campaign over the next 8 months.

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

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