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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

While I was making photocopies in the church photocopier room, I had an interesting conversation with someone I hadn't seen in a long time. What made it interesting was... we talked about spirituality.

She said, "I used to think spirituality was about having some kind of real connection with a mysterious being up there, so I thought it had nothing to do with me." How about you?

For me, summer always brings a kind of quiet excitement — like an invitation into a different kind of spirituality. If I were living in the middle of a city in Korea, I think that would be hard to feel — surrounded by asphalt and concrete, summer wouldn't feel much different from the other seasons, filled with busy routines, hot sun, and humidity. But in Victoria, we are closer to an environment where we can align ourselves with greenery and a slower pace.

In that sense, I'd like to share something I recently came across — a piece by Cameron Trimble. Hoping that we move from "organized religion" to "organizing religion," she writes brief reflections for pastors and faith-seekers walking daily paths toward justice and peace.

The spirituality I'm inviting myself into this summer was inspired by the following words. I wonder what kind of spirituality you might be inviting yourself into. In other words, summer is a special kind of invitation — at the very least, it offers more chances to slow down or come face to face with nature.

"Each morning and evening, I sit overlooking a lake and watch four blue herons who have made their home in our cove. They arrive and depart without ceremony. They move with the stillness of beings who carry old knowledge — not flashy, not loud, but deep and anchoring.

They remind me of a truth I often forget: **in a world obsessed with chaos, speed, spectacles, and noise, there is something holy in becoming the one who listens.**"

"There is a particular kind of strength required to stand in silence at the edge of things. To wait. To become still enough to hear what's buried — within the land, within others, within ourselves.

In a moment when everything is shouting — media, politics, institutions, even our own fear — it can feel counterintuitive to listen more than we speak. But what if listening is the work that heals? What if silence isn't absence but attention?

What within you feels buried right now, waiting to be listened to?
Where in your life are you being called to pause before speaking?"

What is spirituality? How could I explain to someone else what spirituality means to me?
How would I share it?

I think about this sometimes — not just in summer. But summer does offer a special rhythm, colour, movement, and sense of time.

To the BVU community, family, and friends:

In a world obsessed with chaos, speed, spectacles, and noise, I pray that instead of stepping away from justice and peace, we move deeper into it — not just as part of an "organized" religion, but as "organizing" justice and peace around us with reverence. May that sense of being congruent and searching for what truly allows you to be aligned with greater harmony in the world become the daily food that nurtures transformative spirituality in you this summer.



Ha Na Park
Co-Lead Minister

PRIDE PARADE 2025

Please join us and the United Churches of Southern Vancouver Island for the 2025 Victoria Pride Parade! We're excited to come together in celebration and community.

📍 Meet at Entry #63

- Herald Street (between Government & Douglas) [MAP](#)

🕒 **Parade starts at 11:00 AM** - lasts about 90 minutes

- Please arrive between 10:30 and 10:45AM

Bring sunscreen, water, hats, and lots of PRIDE!

For more information, please contact Ha Na Park or Barry Cameron.



UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA GENERAL COUNCIL 45, AUGUST 7-13



The United Church of Canada holds a General Council every three years. At General Council, elected commissioners from across the country gather to make decisions on church policy, elect the Moderator, engage in theological reflection, and share in worship and learning together.

Logo and Theme in Stoney Nakoda:

This year, General Council 45 will take place in Calgary, Alberta, from August 7 to 13, 2025. Calgary is located in the heart of Southern Alberta, on the traditional territories of the peoples of Treaty 7. It is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta (Districts 5 and 6).

The theme of GC45 has been translated into the Stoney Nakoda language: **Visions and Dreams.**

BVU Reflects on General Council in August:

On Sundays, August 10 and 17, Mark will offer worship leadership and reflections inspired by the GC45 theme, Visions and Dreams.



Ha Na will attend GC45 as a commissioner and looks forward to sharing insights and learnings with the congregation upon her return, on Sunday, August 31.

What's Happening at GC45 – August in Calgary:

To learn more about [Moderator nominees](#), [logo and theme](#), and more, we invite you to visit: <https://generalcouncil.ca/councils/gc45>

PMRC GATHERING – REFLECTIONS COMING SOON

Some of our BVU staff and lay representatives — **Barry Cameron, Morgan Phillips, and Linda Wilke** — participated in the Pacific Mountain Regional Council gathering, held under the theme: Cracked Open.



CARRIED DECISION:

The Regional Council received one proposal this year, which was carried.

PMRWF25-01: **Apartheid Free Community: Study & Action** ➡ [**READ MORE**](#)

Our lay representatives and others will be meeting soon to reflect on what we learned and appreciated hearing during the gathering. We are especially interested in debriefing and discussing how these insights may guide future goals or considerations for our church, as the board begins work on our next strategic plan this fall.

Some key themes we are holding include:

1. **Becoming an anti-apartheid church**
2. **United Church toward 2035**

We are also asking ourselves:

What is the United Church's alabaster jar we feel attached to hold — and how might we embrace the gift of transformation by allowing it to be cracked open, like in the Gospel story of the woman who anointed Jesus with rich oil from her broken jar?

REFUGEE TEAM INVITATION

We have a core group of folks who are interested in working in partnership with the "Victoria Shows Love" community group in helping in the settlement process for a family coming from Syria. When we have a definitive time for the family's arrival this fall, **we will be inviting others to join in helping to supply items to settle them into their new home, as well as other supports as needed.** If you would like to be a part of the refugee team, please let the office know, and you will be included in upcoming meetings.



IN MEMORIAM

Carol Buchan	Died May 30, 2025	
Robert (Bob) Peterson	Died June 25, 2025	
Peter Busby	Died May 24, 2025	Celebration of Life August 9th 2 pm @ BVU



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

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

As we move into these summer months, the BVU Spiritual Care Team wants to lift up and honour the many and vast number of ways that pastoral care is offered within the context of our community. These expressions of kindness and compassion are given without fanfare, or expectation. Hands reach out, stories are received and tenderly held, and in ways small and large we are reminded that we are not alone. We give thanks for the Sacred Spirit who unites us all.

ADVANCE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: FALL 2025 LOSS AND GRIEF GROUP

If you have experienced a death loss, (either recently or in the past) and are interested in gathering in a safe space with others to process the many feelings and phases of grief, please reach out to Margaret Harper. If we have a core of six to eight folks, we will meet in the Fall.

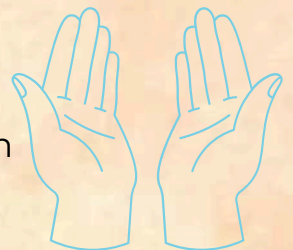
Please be in touch to express your interest, or if you have any questions.
margaret@broadviewunited.com

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.

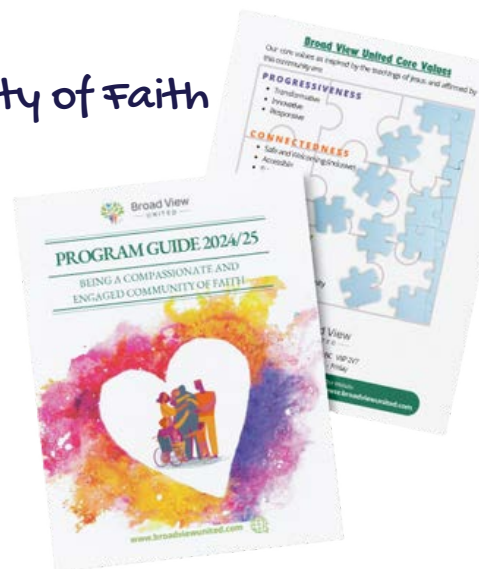




AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE:

To Be a Compassionate and Engaged Community of Faith

“In September 2024 BVU started the above program theme. Over the year there have been many opportunities for us to learn from book studies, workshops, practices, special guests, movies and one another. Every group I have attended has given me new ideas, insight, understanding and appreciation of our ministry leaders and congregation members. It has been a joy for me to be here. I hope that I and others have grown in knowledge, compassion and mutual respect for one another.



I am glad that we have such diverse ministers, each one strong in their own ways and interests, and each willing to invest in their and our growth. Their support for one another and for us is a model of how we too can live and grow in grace and love.

To all of you at BVU: The Ministry team, Music team, Children, Youth and Family team, Office and Administrative staff, Custodial staff and Audio-Visual group.

Thank you for being yourselves and striving to be the best person you can be. I know it is not always easy as we are all human and have good and not-so-good days. I see you and am inspired by you as the individuals that you are and the caring and compassionate teams that lead us forward into abundant life.” - From a BVU Member

IN CELEBRATION:



July 5 - Evelyn Moroz - 94

August 17 - Joyce Thomson - 91



August 19 - Kathy & Bill Bender - 70

August 19 - Joyce & Peter Clugston - 62

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.

WORSHIP OUTLINE FOR SUMMER 2025

Pride Day Worship Service, July 6 at 10 AM. Join us for a special Pride Worship Service as we celebrate love and inclusion at the BVU Sanctuary.

SUNDAYS AT 10 AM	LEADERSHIP	THEME / SCRIPTURE
July 6th	Shelagh MacKinnon	Pride
July 13th	Ha Na Park	Healing through New Theological Imagination
July 20th	Margaret Harper	Choose Life
July 27th	Mark Green	Be still and know Psalm 46
August 3rd	Shelagh MacKinnon	Moving beyond fear to a radically different way of being Acts 2: 42 - 47
August 10th	Mark Green	Dreams and Vision: Future Church (Part 1)
August 17th	Mark Green	Dreams and Vision: Future Church (Part 2)
August 24th	Min-Goo Kang	From Welcoming to Being Welcomed
August 31st	Ha Na Park	Why Do We Feel Joy When We Give a Gift?

Regular Worship Schedule Resumes SEPT 7th and we return to two Sanctuary services Sunday morning: Bridge service at 9:30am and ConXion at 11:00 am.

*As read by Jordan Cantwell
on June 29th service*

A CENTURY OF YES, COME IN

(Dedicated to the UCC as the Church celebrates 100 years Anniversary)

by Daniel Fobi

1

They say a hundred years is a long time.

But what is time...

to a fire that never dies?

To a voice that still echoes in the silence?

To a people who still believe

in the power

of love with skin on?

Let me tell you a story—

not of brick and stained glass,

but of Spirit.

Of breath that moved

over a cold, colonial land

and whispered,

“Do better.”

“Go further.”

“Love wider.”

This...

is the United Church of Canada.

Born in the rubble of war,

birthed by union,

not division.

By a hunger for unity

in a fractured world.

And we didn't just build churches—

we built bridges.

Across denominations.

Across generations.

Across oceans of difference.



2

Deep spirituality.

Not just shallow Amens or rehearsed

hallelujahs,

but the kind of soul-rooted faith

that looks grief in the face

and says,

“Even here... God is.”

The kind of silence

that isn't empty—

but full.

The kind that listens for the voice of God

in a stranger's story,

in an elder's tears,

in a trans teen's first “they” whispered with fear

and received with blessing.

3

Bold discipleship.

We don't follow a Jesus who stays safe.

We follow the rebel rabbi

who flipped tables,

broke laws of the empire,

and sat beside lepers, lovers, liars—

and called them all

beloved.

So we marched.

Marched for peace.

For workers.

For Two-Spirit youth.

For the water,

the land,

the truth.

We walked into the mess of the world

with our sleeves rolled up,

and said,

“We will not stand still
while our neighbours bleed.”

4

Daring justice.

Not performative.

Not convenient.

But justice that dares to disrupt.

To dismantle.

To decolonize.

Justice that doesn't just ask

who's missing at the table—

but flips the table

and builds a new one

where every story is sacred.

Where every pronoun is respected.

Where every culture

is more than tolerated—

it's treasured.

This is the justice

that sings in Cree and French and sign

language.

That weeps with residential school survivors

and says,

“We were wrong.

We are still learning.

And we will not stop showing up.”

Because justice without humility

is just noise.

But justice with love?

That's church.



5

So here we are—
a hundred candles lit,
and still burning.
Not to shine on ourselves—
but to light the path forward.
Forward...
into mystery.
Into ministry.
Into the margins where Christ still walks.
Because the tomb is still empty.
The Spirit is still breathing.
The mission is still unfolding.
We are not done.



6

We are the United Church of Canada—
and we are not afraid
to be faithful,
and fierce.
To doubt,
and still believe.
To be broken,
and still bless.
To love boldly,
because Christ
first
loved us.
And now, let me speak
for the ones who once sat
on the outside of stained glass walls.
For the ones who whispered
“I am gay,”
and were met with closed doors.
The one who was once rejected in the name of
Christ, the God the love
For the trans daughters and queer sons,
for the bi and the pan and the nonbinary ones,
for the Black queer kid from a church that said
“No,”
and the refugee mother
with love in her soul
and shame in her suitcase.
Let me speak for us:
The God’s Beloved.
And say—
thank you United Church of Canada
Love is not a compromise.
It is a command.”
And you lived it.



UCC 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PHOTO MONTAGE

What a wonderful time BVU had in June celebrating and learning about our legacy as the United Church of Canada. Our celebrations included packed houses for all four Sunday services, where we focused on a quarter century at a time. We were blessed to have two past moderators as guest preachers: Gary Paterson and Jordan Cantwell. We sang songs and hymns that came from each of those time periods.



10TH ANNIVERSARY Deep • Bold • Daring

Saturday June 14th found over 200 people wandering through the church with a passport to fill out and discover various aspects of the church's history at 18+ stations upstairs and down. Many remarked that they learned so many things, so many things about our history as a denomination that they had no idea about. Outside there were 8 tents with foods lovingly prepared by members of our intercultural community representing 7 different cultures.



A HUGE thank you to the many many volunteers who put so much effort into preparing the stations, the food, the fashion show, the skits and the post Sunday hospitality. Over 1200 hours of volunteer time were lovingly shared with all of us.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHAT'S NOT DURING THE SUMMER?

Please take a moment to review the following program updates. While some activities will pause for the summer, others will still be available. We hope you find these updates helpful as you plan your summer schedule. Our community values your participation and looks forward to seeing you at the activities that are ongoing. Have a wonderful summer!

MONDAY DROP-IN PLAYGROUP

Monday Drop-in Playgroup from 9:30 to 11 am **will continue during the month of July**. This joint playgroup for children under 5 and their parents/caregivers includes rhymes, songs, stories, and free play. Snacks are provided, and a Family Support Worker is available for parenting questions and support.



HEALING PATHWAY

Healing Pathway Sessions **will take a break for the summer and will resume September 8th**. We will continue to book them on Mondays next fall so watch for the start up time in the September bulletin. Contact person for information regarding Healing Pathway is Eileen Campbell: eileen.c.campbell@outlook.com.



LECTIO

Lectio Group **will be taking a break during the summer until September 4th**, with the **exception of one meditation session on July 31**. Lectio is practiced on-line on Thursdays at 8:30. Leader is Eileen Campbell. Her contact information number is eileen.c.campbell@outlook.com.



TAI CHI CHIH

Tai Chi Chih **will continue to be practiced throughout the summer on Tuesdays, at 9:30 in the Commons**, except when it falls on statutory holidays. It is free and open to anyone interested. No special clothing and no experience is needed to join. If you are interested, contact Eileen Campbell at eileen.c.campbell@outlook.com



PROGRAM UPDATES

GUYS' "WATER INTO WINE" PUB NIGHT

Tuesday, July 8 and August 12 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.

FLATLANDERS JULY WALK

Happy Summer! Earl Jenson will be leading the Flatlander's walk, July 5th. **Please meet in front of the Willow's Beach Tea House at 1:00.** We will walk from there along the Beach and through Uplands. We plan to have coffee at the cafe on our return. Please pass this on to anyone we may have missed. **RSVP Earl Jenson 776-265-4198**



Flatlanders Walking Group walking the 'wild side' of Beacon Hill Park June 2025

GENTLE YOGA AND CHAIR YOGA

Join Elaine Duke for Yoga at Broad View United. Enjoy **Gentle Hatha Yoga on Mondays** from 10:30 to 11:50 and **Chair Yoga on Wednesdays** from 10:30 to 11:30. Classes are available throughout the summer.

BROAD VIEW KNITTERS

Thank you to all the Broad View Knitters and friends of the knitting group for keeping Broad View United supplied in prayers shawls. Thanks to your hard work, we were able to provide **8 prayer shawls and 1 prayer scarf for the intercultural graduates** in this picture.



Anyone who knits or crochets is welcome to drop by and see what our group is up to on the second Tuesday of the month. Our next get-togethers are **July 8th and August 12th from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Cedar room.** A selection of knitting needles, yarn and advice are available.

COOLING SITE



Broad View United has a heat pump system that cools the Commons area and any member of BVU or those in the community are welcome to drop in during the summer months if you are in need of a cool place for respite during the day.

BVU FAMILY CAMP AT GOLDSTREAM



BROAD VIEW UNITED INVITES YOU TO THE

GOLDSTREAM CONGREGATIONAL CAMP

CAMPFIRE | STORIES | SONGS

**AUGUST
13 - 18**

**FREE
EVENT**

**ALL AGES
WELCOME**

RSVP TO: info@broadviewunited.com



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



BVU Family Camp at Goldstream group camping site is reserved for us from **Wednesday, August 13th at 4 pm until Monday, August 18th at noon**. You are welcome to join us for the whole time and camp there, or come for just a few days, or even just drop in for the day.

Programs will run during the day, with some leadership provided by BVU as well as others who are attending. Dinners are provided as well as campfire snacks, stories, and songs. Breakfast, Lunch, and other snacks are the responsibility of each family.

We ask you to register so we can plan for food amounts and any dietary needs and you do so **HERE** or by visiting the website.



This Intercultural Summer Day Camp for Children (ages 6-11) features exciting Intercultural activities:

Ping Pong and Pickleball

Salsa Dancing

Intercultural Vegetable Garden Day

Dumpling Making

Stone Arts and Crafts



A safe space for queer and trans children — all our leaders are 2SLGBTQ+ affirming.



August 18-22 Summer Day Camp

Broad View United
3703 St. Aidan's St.

**CAMP FEE
(LUNCH INCLUDED):**

Starting from

**\$50 or
NO cost**

REGISTER NOW

Email:

office@broadviewunited.com
for 75% to full fee coverage.

Scan the QR code
to learn more
about **Camp Spirit**.
(campspirit.ca)



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TRANS FEST, Saturday August 16th, 3-9 PM

On Saturday, August 16th, Trans Fest will be held from 3–9 PM at PKOLS (Mt. Douglas Park) in Saanich, with BVU being one of the supporters of this event. We will be providing an information/support tent, as well as a free hot dog BBQ at 5 PM.

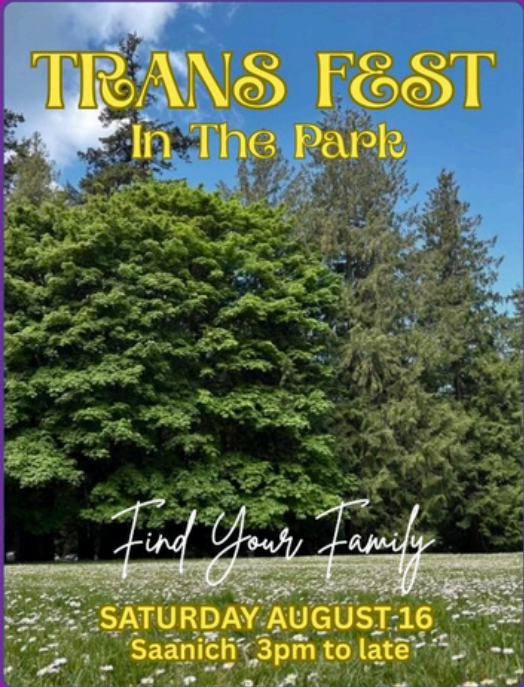


If you're interested in lending a hand, please register [HERE](#) or inform the office.

Community-led Initiative

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INTERGENERATIONAL



★★★★★

TwoSpirit BIPOC-Trans* Non-Binary Trans
Gender Queer Intersex Gender Fluid
Gender Diverse Queer & Ally Humans!

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

DYKES ON BIKES
Ride In Support

STAGE SHOW
*Live Music+Drag Kings+Comedy
Poetry+Spoken Word+Speakers
3pm to 7pm*

TABLING FAIR
*Resources Info+Community+Art
Support Services+Local Business
3pm to 7pm*

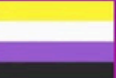
ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR
VENDORS MARKET

★ **ELECTRONIC DANCE**
*Dance in the meadow under the half moon!
7pm to late ★*

CRAFTING TENT
by the GENDER GENERATIONS PROJECT

PARK PLAYGROUND
SENSORY TENT
FOOD TRUCKS
Free BBQ



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BUTTONS FOR SALE -- DURING THE SUMMER!

Buttons celebrating UCC, faith, and love are available for purchase through the church office, thrift store, and at the Justice fairs.

All are \$1 each. Make great fun gifts for friends and family.



COMING THIS FALL: A GARDEN OF BLESSING AND HEALING AT OUR PLACE

We are so excited to think of the **positive healing value of the coming garden at the Women's Therapeutic Treatment Centre at Our Place** opened in March. This will be a place of blessing and renewal. There, simple gifts of flowers and plants, peace and tranquility, will be signs of God's presence and Grace. When it is ready to be dedicated, we will be invited to be part of that celebration. In the meantime, would you pray with the residents of both Treatment Facilities, the staff, and their families? We lift up all who support Our Place, all who are part of the Our Place family, and all whose ministry is with this organization to the loving and renewing care of the Creator. As the garden is built, remember how Spirit's Hope flows in broken ground.

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

On Sunday, August 31st from 7 – 9 pm at Broad View United, the Evolving Church Team in partnership with Moms Stop the Harm are presenting an event for **International Overdose Awareness Day**. This event, happening this day all over the world, brings awareness and grief support for the friends and families of those who have lost their lives to toxic



drugs. There will be music, poetry, an opportunity to bring a picture of your loved one and place it up front, candle lighting, and more. People will be tying purple ribbons around telephone poles during the week prior, the Legislature doors will be lighted up in purple, and juice and treats will be available the end, giving time for people to either sit and meditate or share with one another.

Everyone is invited. There are few people now who don't know of someone who has been touched by this crisis. Your support brings to the forefront the need for government and other players to respond to end this crisis.

We are also looking for donations of cookies or squares for the event. Please bring them to the church on Sunday, August 31st. If you wish to donate in advance, please bring them to the church office to be placed in the freezer, marked for IOAD.

SUMMER SUNDAY JUSTICE FAIRS July 13th and August 10th.

The call to bold discipleship, deep spirituality, and daring justice means that the people of the United Church cannot remain silent in situations of injustice.

Consider participating and sharing with others how you live out this call! Perhaps it's supporting people locally or globally or perhaps you recognize a need and want to invite others to participate. Perhaps your focus is old growth or the changing climate, right relationships, apartheid, or other issues.

Our monthly Justice Fairs are in the Commons, following the worship service. The intent is to provide an opportunity to share with others how we as a church and how we as individuals live out this call.



For information, contact Barbara bmhansen@telus.net or Robin robin.breckon@gmail.com We can provide a table and other support as needed. To help with the planning, we ask that you let us know at least 5 days prior to the date you wish to participate.

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!



HONOURING OUR GRADUATES WITH LOVE AND BLESSINGS



On June 17 as part of our wrap-up before the summer break, we honoured our graduates with a special graduation ceremony.

We wrapped each graduate in a handmade prayer shawl (a huge thank you to our Prayer Shawl ministry team at



BVU!) —a symbol of care, community, and the many prayers woven into every stitch. These shawls carry not only warmth but the hopes and blessings of our diverse community as our graduates step into the next chapter of their lives.

We're so proud of each graduate and everything they've accomplished.

May your path be filled with courage, compassion, and new opportunities. You are deeply loved and celebrated.



WHAT A DAY TO REMEMBER!



The **Intercultural Food Fair** during our 100th Anniversary event on June 14 was a true feast for the senses and the spirit!

Seven chefs representing seven different cultures - *Ukrainian, Nigerian, Egyptian, Chinese, Hong Kong, Chinese, Korean, Mexican* - supported by ten dedicated volunteers, created an unforgettable, one-of-a-kind experience.

It was delicious, vibrant, and deeply meaningful — a powerful expression of what intercultural community looks like in action. It was more than just food; it was an opportunity for members of our intercultural community to fully participate, share their gifts, and be celebrated.

Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU to everyone who contributed.

Here's to the next 100 years of sharing, connecting, and building community together.



A STORY OF BELONGING: CYNTHIA HONG

We've invited our members to share how our intercultural ministry has impacted them. Here is a story from Cynthia Hong:

"You don't need to know anyone to fit in. You just have to be willing to show up and be welcomed with open arms."



When I first came to this community, it wasn't for a program or a service—it was to play table tennis. I was new to the area and didn't know what to expect. But what I found was more than just a place to play; it was a place where I felt like I belonged right away.

People were friendly, took the time to get to know me, and made me feel at home. To be honest, table tennis was also new to me—even though I came from China! But people kept encouraging me: "You'll be okay next time! You'll be okay tomorrow!" even when I kept swinging the ball all over the place. That evening, something changed. I knew I wanted to come back.

Soon, I invited some of my friends to come to BVU and play table tennis with me. It turned into more than just a game—it opened the door to something much deeper. I made friends and introduced them to this precious place. I started to feel the heart of this community through shared meals, intercultural celebrations, and deep conversations.

This community accepts people as they are, encourages connection, and celebrates differences.

The programs that bring people from different cultures together have been especially meaningful. They celebrate not only where we come from, but also how our faith is shaped by our cultures and stories. I didn't expect to grow in these ways. I've shared parts of my own culture—like food, language, and customs—and I've learned a lot from others.

Every time we gather, it reminds me that we are stronger when we listen, learn, and grow together.

This community has helped me become more open, grounded, and spiritually connected. It has reminded me that faith isn't just found in religious settings—it can also be found in simple acts of kindness, hospitality, and celebration.

I hope this ministry continues to grow over the next three to five years. I want it to welcome more people, create space for meaningful conversations, and lift up new voices and leaders. I hope it remains a place where anyone can walk in—maybe just to play a game—and discover that they truly belong.

— Cynthia

SUMMER BREAK WRAP-UP

- **Saturday Social is on summer break and will return on August 23.** Wishing you a joyful and restful summer!
- **We are also planning a hike at Goldstream Provincial Park on August 16, and joining the BVU Family Camp for the supper**—stay tuned for more details!

THRIFT STORE UPDATES



Summer is in full swing now. We have plenty of great picnic items, summer clothes and accessories. **The colored tag sale this month is 50% off of yellow colored tags.** Spring time was a huge success for donations. We are grateful and blessed for your contributions. We are still in need of more volunteers to help us sort through all these great contributions. We also need volunteers skilled with hardware, electronics, and linens. We have so many great volunteers skilled in these departments to help show you the way. The thrift store provides an opportunity to learn and develop new skills as well.

Our volunteers were busy in June getting products out on the floor and sent to our collaborators. We hosted our general meeting which covered the church wide recycling project. The ladies involved in this project are hoping to present in the Fall. We are keeping things green as we go along. To keep things diverted from trash and recycling we have been giving many things away for free. Please check out free items at the entrance of our store. Help us help you while helping the environment.



Thrift Store General Meeting held on June 27, 2025

The UCC are participating in the **Victoria pride parade on Sunday July 6th.** Information for this event is on the main bulletin board. The UCC and thrift store are safe and inclusive spaces for the LGBTQIA+ community. If you are looking to find something fun to do where you can feel welcomed, please come shop the Saturday before or volunteer with us.

I hope that everyone had a restful long weekend. We are having beautiful summer weather so far. Temperatures are expected to stay in the 20's for a while. Please bring your pets into the store with you if you are out and about together. We are a pet friendly environment and like to see your furry friends!

Thank you.

Sarah McConnell - Store Manager

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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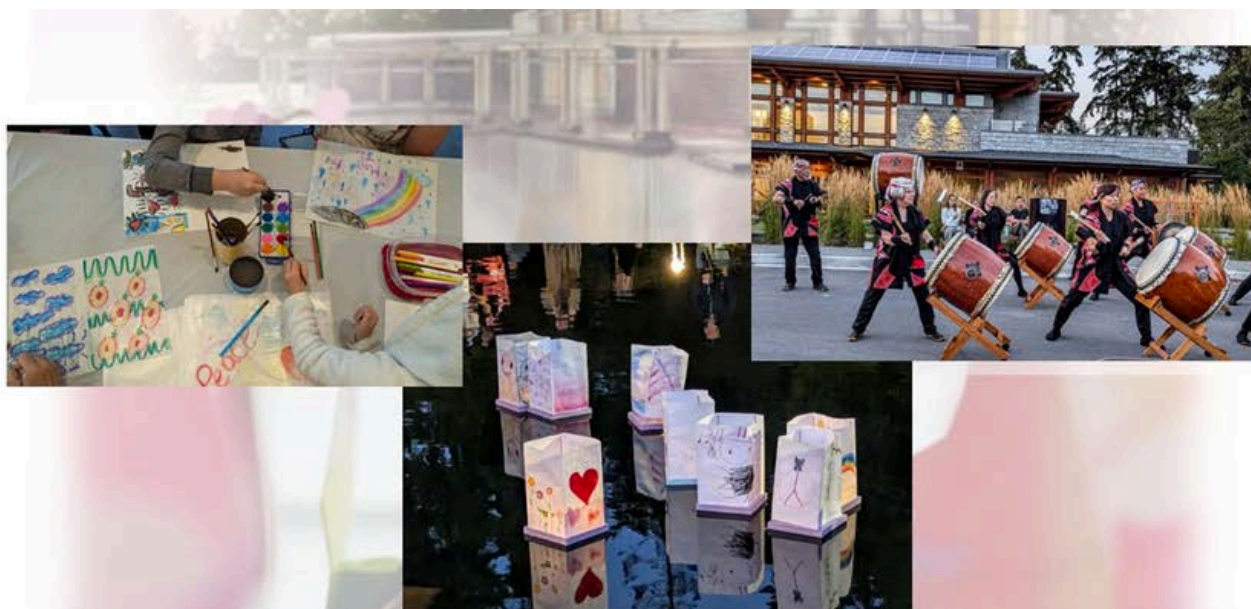


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Entrance off of Palo Alto Street

HONOURING PEACE: Hiroshima-Nagasaki Day

The Greater Victoria Peace School presents
Honouring Peace
80th anniversary of Hiroshima & Nagasaki
6 pm, Wednesday 6 Aug. 2025
At the Gorge Park Pavilion
♥ *Free family-friendly event!* ♥

REGISTER
[here on Eventbrite](#)



Taiko drummers, Furusato dancers, Gettin' Higher Choir
Lantern floating at Sunset
Make a Peace Lantern 6 pm; program starts 7:30 pm.

JAMS AND JELLIES SUMMER 2025

Marion Denton will be making jams and jellies this summer, some will depend on the availability of fruits.

There will be:

Blackberry jelly
Apple Jelly
Plum jelly
Blueberry jelly

Pear jam
Plum jam
Raspberry jam
Peach jam



The proceeds will go to the Sunday School and youth programs.
Cost is \$6.00 per jar.

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Sunday, August 31, 2025 @ 7 PM

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