

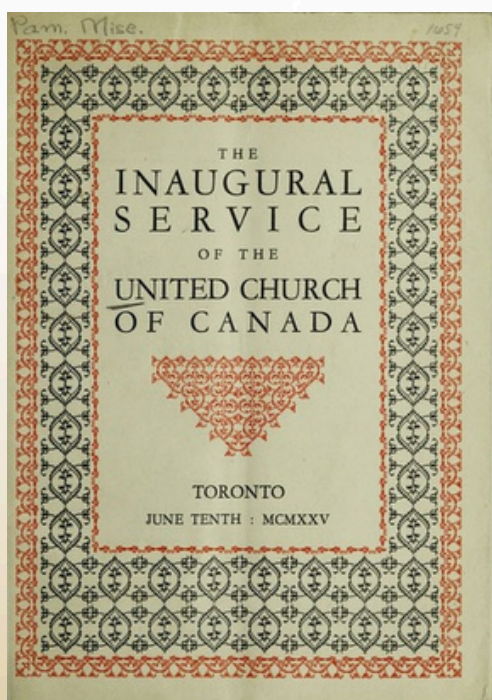
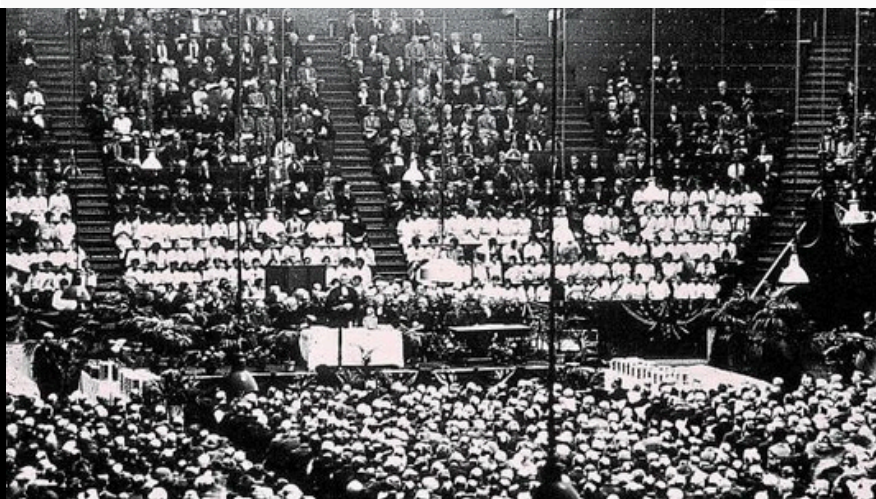
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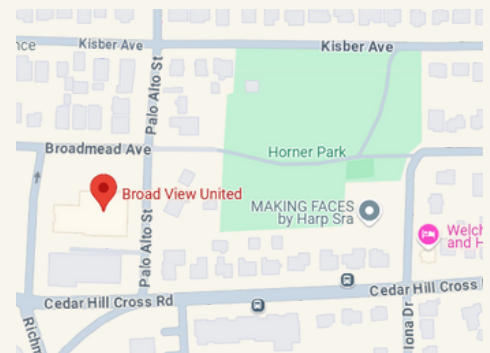
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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

This month we celebrate a number of Anniversaries. The biggest of course is the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada on June 10th. Older than that is the celebration of Pentecost on June 8th which is the Birthday of the Christian church as recorded in the book of Acts in chapter 2. The youngest anniversary is of Broad View United which came officially into being on Pentecost in 2020 – 5 years ago.

So, what do all these celebrations have in common? A lot actually. Each of these events was an amalgamation of sorts. For the United Church of Canada in 1925, it was the amalgamation of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregationalist Churches. A lot of negotiation, prayer, compromise and vision happened for a number of years prior to make the ground ready for this momentous decision brought to life in 1925. The goal at the time was to create a uniquely Canadian Church institution and to eventually unite all Christian churches in Canada under one banner. And while the United Brethren joined our ranks in the 60s, the attempts at amalgamating with the Anglicans in the 70s met with too many roadblocks and was eventually abandoned and a new philosophy embraced for ecumenical relations moving forward. It was a pivot. The United Church has always been about pivoting.



Mark Green
Co-Lead Minister

Broad View's much shorter life history has encompassed 4 amalgamations in a rather short and intense period of time. 3 congregations surrounded UVIC. Each was attempting to serve and draw from a similar population that was shifting and changing. The amalgamation of Cadboro Bay with Gordon Head was a pastoral response by CBUC to the rapidly aging GHCU congregation that was unable to continue its own. Then in 2018 ground work was laid for St Aidan's and Cadboro Bay to begin an intentional process of exploring the possibility of amalgamation. During that time, they discovered that they were more similar than dissimilar from one another and that they could be "more together than they were separate". A vote was held in Nov of 2019 by both congregations and almost 90% of each voted to amalgamate. A very strong mandate. The date was set for Pentecost of 2020. There was much to be done in the interim to get ready: A new name and logo, a decision about location, a new governance model, a new staffing model, a new vision. And along came COVID in March of the year; right in the middle of all that work. And we pivoted. Again, and again.

Then as we were rounding the corner, renovations underway and a return to our permanent building and living into our vision, in the fall of 2022 we were approached by First Metropolitan about our openness to considering amalgamating with them; a difficult and faithful initiative in the face of increased costs of remaining in a historic building needing significant renovation. A small team from each board began the negotiations in Jan 2023, the congregation was brought on board in March of 2023 and a vote by both congregations was held in June of 2023. This was likely one of the fastest amalgamation processes in the history of the UCC. Strong support and mandate again emerged from this vote with the goal a graduated process beginning with staffing in July, sharing the First-Met space August – November and moving into our newly renovated space in December of 2023. Wow! A lot of pivoting, a lot of leadership, a lot of grace and flexibility and faithfulness shown by everyone involved. And while it wasn't perfect, what remained through out was incredible grace, love and a willingness to pivot, embrace change and invest in an unknown future with faithfulness.

And so, this June we celebrate! Not only what has been and all that has brought us to this moment but most importantly our commitment and dedication to what is emerging: Our investment in dreams and possibilities for the future of Broad View and the United Church. We have been shaped by our history as a denomination, and we are helping to shape the future of the United Church at this critical Juncture in the life and history of the United Church. And each of you has played a part and will continue to play a part. Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP in JUNE

Starting June 1st, we will offer one service at 10 am throughout the summer. June marks the **100th anniversary of the United Church and BVU**, which we will celebrate with four special services, each highlighting a quarter century of our history. Two former moderators, **Very Rev Gary Patterson** and **Very Rev Jordan Cantwell**, will join us on the last two Sundays, along with other special elements planned for each Sunday.

DATE & TIME	THEME	LEADERSHIP	OTHER
June 1st 10 am	Jubilee year	Shelagh MacKinnon	PMR regional meeting First Sunday One Service
June 8th 10 am	Pentecost/ UCC Anniversary 1925- 1950	Mark Green Anniversary Chancel Choir	Anniversary Cake following the service
June 15th 10 am	Anniversary 1950-1975	Mark Green	Communion
June 22nd 10 am	Anniversary 1975-2000	Mark Green Gary Patterson Preaching	Indigenous Sunday with Fry Bread
June 29th 10 am	Anniversary 2000-2025	Ha Na Park Jordan Cantwell Preaching	Ice Cream Cones & Fruit Kabobs



100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION UPDATES

- **Sat, June 14th Celebration event - 3pm to 7pm.** Come and go throughout this window of time. When you arrive, there will be a welcome table with a map of the various different activities and centers, a passport for you to get stamped as you make your way around the two floors of the building and over 16 different stations to explore and find the answer to the question in the passport book for each center. Centers include exploration of past and future church, music and hymn books, LGBTQ2S+, residential schools, medical history, cookbooks, children and youth programming, famous united church leaders in Canadian society, monumental decisions and so much more.

In Sanctuary, there will be a 15 min presentation about global connections and world outreach presented 4 times and a fashion show of church wear through the century presented twice.

Food: Outside there will be food tents serving appetiser/street food tasters from around the world: Ukraine, Egypt, Mexico, China, Hong Kong, Nigeria and Korea. A description about the origin of the food as well as the ingredients will be at each station for your convenience. As well there will be Tim Bits, pizza slices and beverages to be enjoyed at tables outdoor. A children's play area with jumpy castles and other games will also be present.

Parking will be limited, so we ask folks who are mobile to park further away from the building and walk to the church. There will also be a drop off zone for those who cannot walk and need to be dropped off.

Tickets can still be purchased online **HERE**, in person at the office or before and after the church services on June 1st and 8th. Cost is sliding scale of \$2-20 and all proceeds go to the Mission and Service fund of the United Church of Canada

- **4 Sundays June 8th – 29th** will focus on celebrating a quarter century each week. Music and worship practices from that era will be re-experienced and reflected on. Changes over time will be evident and reflections on shifts in theology and practice will be a part of each service. Additionally, two former moderators will join us to preach: June 22nd. Very Rev Gary Patterson and June 29th Very Rev Jordon Cantwell. Jordan is also offering a workshop/semi-retreat on "Rethinking Church Growth Through Decolonizing and Intercultural Movements" on Saturday, June 28 (10am-1pm). Cake will be served after the June 8th service and ice cream sundaes after the June 29th service.

- **National Indigenous Sunday June 22** will also be integrated into the service that Sunday with Fry bread served during coffee hour. Please wear your orange shirts that day as an act of acknowledgment and solidarity.
- **UCW Tea** on June 3rd will begin at 1 pm with a service celebrating the contributions of Women to the church over the last 100 years and will be followed by a tea.
- **Rethinking Church Growth with Jordan Cantwell** (Sat, June 28, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.) What do church growth and community look like through decolonizing and intercultural movements? All church leaders and members are welcome. [[Jotform](#)]
- **Historical Timeline** of United Church decisions and history can be found here <https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/welcome-united-church-canada/history-united-church-canada/historical-timeline>
- The UCC National Website has a host of special interest links and documents if you are interested and can be found here: <https://united-church.ca/100years>
- On Sunday, June 8, 2025, at 2:30 pm local time, a Special National Centennial worship service will be held at Gower Street United Church in St. John's, NL. The service will be livestreamed you can also view the recording at a later date. <https://www.youtube.com/live/bh4sW1kdpWo>



JUNE 3 | 1 PM - 3 PM

Broad View United, 3703 St. Aidan's St

Program at 1PM, sit down tea following

Everyone is Welcome!

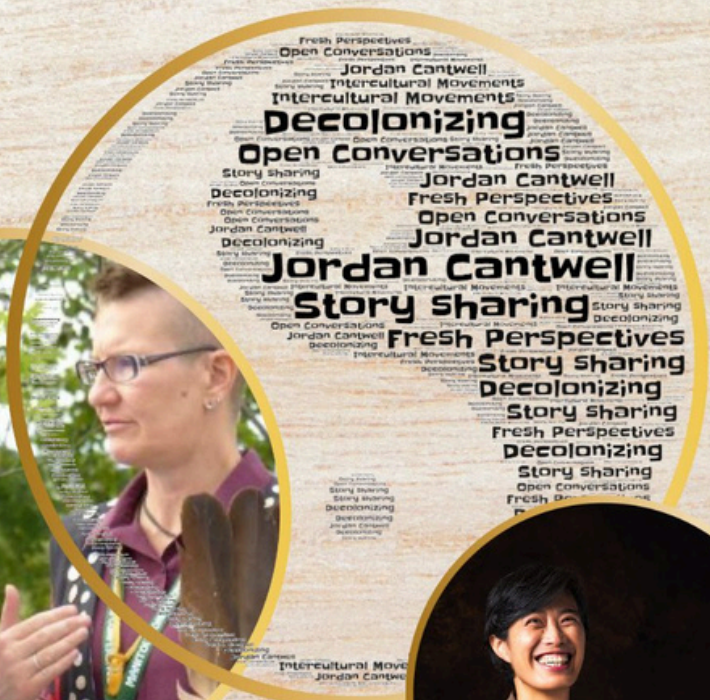
Proceeds go to the Mission & Service Fund



What does church growth look like through
decolonizing and intercultural movements?

Rethinking Church Growth with Jordan Cantwell

Saturday, June 28th, 10AM-1PM (Lunch Provided)
Broad View United (3703 St. Aidan's St.)

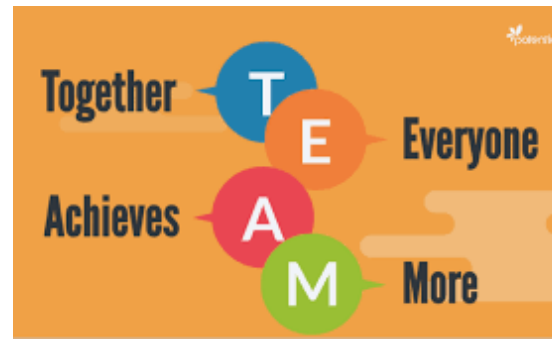


Broad View United warmly invites all United Church
leaders in the Vancouver Island South region!

Visit broadviewunited.com for details and registration

REFUGEE TEAM BEING FORMED.

We have been invited by a local sponsoring group to team with them for the sponsorship of a family who will arrive later this fall. Funds have all been raised but we are now in need of people power to help the new family adjust to life in Canada and have a supportive community around them. If you'd like to be a part of this initiative, please contact Rev Mark and we will pull a team together during the month of June.



STAFF PLANNING RETREAT: June 17th and 18th

Each year, the program ministry staff retreat for 2 days to reflect on the past program year and discern the theme for the coming year. This is also the time when we evaluate programs we offered, decide what should be continued and what new programs we are hearing a need for in the 2025/26 program year. If you have thoughts you want to share evaluating this year or suggestions for next year, feel free to send them to Mark and Ha Na and we will add them to the mix. Not everything we desire or dream up can find a place each year, but your input is appreciated.



THANK YOU TO KAYLEE

Kaylee has been faithfully preparing the preservice and post service coffee for well over a year now. Her smile, graciousness and easy-going nature have been a blessing to BVU during her time with us. Kaylee has graduated and has accepted a job as an outreach worker with OUR PLACE and will be ending her time with us on June 8th. THANK YOU, KAYLEE.



ROUND TABLE AFTER SERVICE

Each Sunday, a Question of the Day is lifted up at the beginning of the service, and echoes through the sermon and the worship theme. Some folks have indicated that they would appreciate an opportunity, after church, to talk with others about the sermon and the Question of the Day. We have tried to help this happen during the last month. But, in the busyness and noisiness of the Commons on a Sunday Morning, this has not always been possible.

We are now entering the summertime when we worship once each Sunday morning. So, we would like to try a few changes over the summer, and see if this can be a helpful model.

1. We will set aside the Chapel, not a corner of the Commons.
2. We will ask for people to volunteer to help lead these conversations. The Preacher will not be able to lead these chats as they will be meeting with others or attending other meetings.

Does this sound like something that you can see as a spiritual practice for you this summer? If you can volunteer, for even one week, please let Margaret or Shelagh know. Thank you so much

JAMS AND JELLIES SUMMER 2025

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

There will be:

Blackberry jelly

Apple Jelly

Plum jelly

Blueberry jelly

Pear jam

Pum jam

Raspberry jam

Peach jam

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

To order Phone 250-478-1800 or junodigger@gmail.com Thank you for your support.



OUR PLACE BBQ - On May 22nd, members of the BVU Young Adult group made their way down to serve a BBQ meal to those living on the margins and served by OUR PLACE. It was a unique opportunity made possible by the generous donation by Ann Maffey who partnered with the Young Adult group. This intergeneration connection was lovely to behold and made a difference to the over 400 people served that day.



Thank you for sponsoring
a meal at Our Place!



Prayer in the Style of Taizé

6 PM, June 20, 2025

Broad View United 3703 St. Aidan's St.

Let us enter together into the
mystery of God's presence.



QUEER FILM FESTIVAL

Broad View United
3703 St. Aidan's St.



TWO 4 ONE

JULY 2 AT 7 PM

2014 Canadian comedy-drama by
Victoria filmmaker
Mo Bradley

Talk with Mo Bradley at 8:30 PM



MOONLIGHT

JULY 4 AT 7 PM

2016 Oscar-winning film
exploring Black queer
masculinity

Experience a thoughtful balance of film and discussion. For the latest updates, visit www.broadviewunited.com. Doors open at 6:30 PM with concession. Entrance by donation.



THE FLATLANDERS WALK

Join the Flatlanders for a walk through the 'wildside' of Beaconhill Park this June. We'll explore the north and west areas, including cedar, gravel, and paved paths.

- **Meeting Point:** Southside of Southgate at Quadra (Bridge Way)
- **Parking:** Available on Douglas St, Quadra St, or Heywood Ave
- **Route:** We'll walk through grasses, downed trees, and cedar groves, enjoying wildflowers and scenic views, including Garry Oaks and Arbutus trees.

Afterward, we'll stop at the Beacon Grill for ice cream or coffee.

- **Date:** Saturday, June 7th
- **Time:** 1:00 PM
- **What to Bring:** Weather-appropriate apparel and walking energy.

Please confirm your attendance. Contact Vicky Attwell at 778-350-1029 or vicky.attwell@outlook.com.



BROAD VIEW KNITTERS

Thank you to all the Broad View Knitters and friends of the knitting group for keeping Broad View United supplied in prayer shawls. Thanks to your hard work, we were able to provide 15 prayer shawls for the service on May 4th to welcome 12 new church members, 2 intercultural members and 1 staff member.



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-together is Tuesday June 10th from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Cedar room. A selection of knitting needles, yarn and advice are available.

GUYS' "WATER INTO WINE" PUB NIGHT

**Tuesday, June 10, 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.



PRIDE PARADE: Sunday, July 6th, starting at 11 am

BVU will once again be in the Victoria Pride Parade, and we invite all our friends and allies to join us for this fun and joyous event. Watch for more information in Friday's email, and sign up [HERE](#) to receive updates directly as we get them. We will gather with other United Churches in Victoria to celebrate our 37-year history of becoming an affirming denomination.



QUEER FILM FESTIVAL — DURING PRIDE WEEK

July 2 & 4, 7:00 p.m. at BVU

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with concession

 **July 2 – Two 4 One (80mins)**  

2014 Canadian comedy-drama by **Victoria filmmaker Mo Bradley**



 **July 4 – Moonlight (110 mins)**

2016 Oscar-winning film exploring Black queer masculinity



Join us for deeper connection and to enjoy Canadian and other queer films with the LGBTQ+ community and friends. Experience a thoughtful balance of film and discussion. For the latest updates, please visit our website. By donation.

QUILTS FOR SURVIVORS

The community that inspired Vanessa Génier to create the QUILTS FOR SURVIVORS Organization, has made a special request and the Broad View United Quilters have responded!!

Quilts for Survivors started in June 2021 in the wake of the unmarked graves of 215 Indigenous children being re-discovered at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. As more burial grounds were found across Canada, Vanessa started the quilting organization to help people dealing with trauma.



Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc in British Columbia has asked for over 100 quilts from the Timmins-based Quilts for Survivors Organization. They plan to gift a quilt to each of their living survivors in a ceremony later this year.

Vanessa put out a request in May, for quilts to be sent to Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc for the Blanketing Ceremony. Broad View United Quilters are pleased to be able to provide 40 quilts to be used in the ceremony. The quilts will be driven to Kamloops in mid-June.

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!

Chui Ying and Philip, originally from Hong Kong, often bring something to share at our Saturday Social—whether it's their favourite tea or fresh vegetables from their own garden. They are so knowledgeable about their traditional food that anyone can find something interesting in conversation with them. The intercultural space at BVU is filled with the spirit of generosity from people like Chui Ying and Philip.



Finding the New "We" – Intercultural Open Mic Night

 17 Saturday, June 7 at 6 PM

 BVU Commons



Join us for an evening of music, poetry, and stories in many languages. All are welcome—come to share or simply enjoy!

Before the Open Mic, some of us will meet at the newly opened H-Mart for a grocery shopping trip—think of it as a guided tour with a Korean friend!



We'll bring food to the church to share afterward.

Interested in joining the H-Mart tour?

Let Min-Goo know at min-goo@broadviewunited.com by June 5.

Taste of Home Potluck Was a Huge Success!

More than 80 people came together to celebrate food, stories, and music! Thank you to everyone who made this event truly remarkable. Leo's dance with Danza Colombia was one of the highlights!



Intercultural Bible Study – June 4 at 7 PM in the Chapel

Each of us brings unique perspectives and life experiences to the table. The gift of diversity in community makes our Intercultural Bible Study not only possible but also a deeply spiritual exploration. The door is open to everyone.



NOTE: After our session on June 4, we'll take a summer break.

Help Wanted for the 100th Celebration – June 14

Eight members of our intercultural community are sharing their gift of cooking for this special event! Some of our chefs would love your help. If you're available, please contact Min-Goo at min-goo@broadviewunited.com.

Help is needed for:

- Cooking prep before the event
- Assistance during the event
- Childminding from 2–6 PM for the young parents who are cooking



Free Yoga Session in Honour of International Day of Yoga – June 21

👤👩 During Saturday Social, 7–8 PM 📍 Narthex

Join Mahbubeh, a certified yoga instructor with over 8 years of teaching experience, for a free session.

Please bring your own yoga mat.

To register, contact her at mahbub.yoga@gmail.com

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

Broad View
UNITED

JUNE 21, 2025

In collaboration with Broad View United (BVU)

"Yoga is for Everyone"
Celebrate unity, breath, and movement.
All are welcome — no experience needed.

Instructor: Mahbubeh, Certified Yoga Instructor, passionate about sharing the joy and benefits of yoga, with over 8 years of experience.

Where: Broad View United (BVU),
Victoria, BC V8P 2V7

When: Saturday, June 21. 7:00 – 8:00 PM

What to bring: yoga mat (required),
light blanket, and water

Free parking:
First come, first served at BVU

**MAX CAPACITY: 25
PARTICIPANTS.
TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT,
EMAIL:**
mahbub.yoga@gmail.com



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.**

Free Math Help at Saturday Social!

Struggling with math or just want someone to study with?

Drop by our Saturday Social and connect with a friendly math tutor—free of charge!



Whether you have homework questions, need exam prep, or just want to brush up on the basics, Joy (who teaches statistics at UVic) is happy to support your learning. All ages and levels are welcome.

Laptop Clinic

Need help with your laptop?

Jinke, a tech expert, is here to assist! To arrange a session, send me an email. (My laptop is living proof that Jinke is the best!)

Our Saturday Socials create a welcoming 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!** Watch storytelling videos from our members about what it means to belong to the Broad View United Intercultural Community—created by our Intercultural Community Animator, Saule!

 **Instagram** |  **Facebook**

Not on social media?

You can watch our latest videos, including **Taste of Home Season 3**, here:

 [Watch on YouTube](#)



IN MEMORIAM

Bud Buchan	Died May 13, 2025	Celebration of Life TBA
Peter Busby	Died May 24, 2025	Celebration of Life TBA
Eric Chappell	Died May 4, 2025	Celebration of Life 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:

Rev. Irvine Hare, former Minister Emeritus at Cadboro Bay will be turning **100 years of age on June 14th**. He is living in care in Vancouver now but stays connected and supportive of the ministry of BVU. We send to Irvine our love and blessings on this milestone Birthday. A card will be around for signatures and messages Sunday June 1 and 8th and during the week as well. See Margaret on Sundays and the office during the week.



To **Gloria Gillingham and her wonderful crew**, who do such a stellar job offering the ministry of hospitality at our Celebration of Life receptions. This truly makes a difference to families and our BVU community in times of grief and sorrow.

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.

THRIFT STORE UPDATES

Hello Community!

Shopping at the thrift store is so much fun, especially with our great prices and 50% off deals on pink tagged items. We aim to provide seasonal goods with themed tables for upcoming holidays and events. New stock comes in for each shopping day so you will always find something new and exciting. Some upcoming items featured are fathers day cards and gifts. Canadian literature for Canada day. All your picnicking needs as well as summer sandals. We are coming in to the hot summer months and it has been a scorcher already. We want to remind our patrons that we are a pet friendly store and we welcome animals. Bring your pet in with you to shop and meet our friendly staff who love animals.

If you have done your shopping and donating for the spring cleaning season. Consider joining our team in the thrift store! We are currently looking for strong individuals to help in our hardware department. Meticulous people to join our linen and clothing team. As well as other various positions that may suit your skill set. We value each of our volunteers and are grateful to have them as part of our dedicated team. Our thrift store helps to support a need for social interaction as well as provides a sense of purpose. You can gain valuable and transferable skills here. You can feel good about your input at the end of the day. Contributing to our thrift store contributes to our church and community as a whole. Help us help each other and join our team today there is a place waiting for you at the thrift store.

If you still have goods to donate the thrift store welcomes them. We are looking for donations of men's clothing as well as old ripped jeans for a community homecare program. We are pleased to receive items posted on our website or in our store. Items we do not accept can also be found online or in store.

Does your child need something fun and immersive to do over the summer break? Interested in having them relate to children from other cultures? Join Camp Spirit. An intercultural day camp for children ages 6-11. Offered here at our church on August 18th to the 22nd. Come on in to the thrift store or the main desk of our church to pick up a registration form. Camp spirit is also accepting volunteers. We offer financial assistance from 75% to full coverage for the \$190 fee. Your child can make lasting memories in a safe environment with kind engaging people. Please consider us.

Sarah McConnell - Manager



STORE RETAIL HOURS

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



How Well Do You Know the United Church?

Come Celebrate



Anniversary

United Church of Canada

Saturday | June 14 | 3 PM – 7 PM

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

JUNE 3

Tuesday, 1 pm – 3 pm

BVU United Church Women:
Celebration, Program, and Tea

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)