

NEWSLETTER

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

June: Practicing Empathy

I have always loved the month of June. I like even the sound of the word itself. “June” carries a feeling, a mood, a gentle invitation.

After the rhododendrons of May have reached their full bloom, and before we step fully into the excitement and energy of July and August, June occupies its own unique place. For me, it is a month of quietness.

During my first year after moving from Winnipeg to Victoria, one of my favourite activities was exploring and discovering beaches around Gordon Head whenever I had some free time. There was something deeply comforting and joyful about finding hidden places of beauty.

Perhaps because I missed the hollyhocks I had left behind in Winnipeg, I was especially delighted when I discovered Hollydene Beach. I remember walking down the stairs into a small cove. A heron with long legs was searching for food along the shore. Warm sunlight rested gently on the water, and the reflections dancing on the ocean caught my eyes. Within that brightness, there was a shining stillness.

June feels like that to me.

What is June like for you? What beauty does it hold? What kind of stillness might be waiting for you? And if this season does not feel peaceful right now, what is it that your heart most needs?

One of the spiritual gifts that stillness can offer us is the ability to practice **empathy**. When our hearts become quieter, they often become softer as well. We discover a greater capacity to be curious about others before speaking about ourselves.

Empathy invites us to pay attention to the person in front of us—the person whose experiences, perspectives, feelings, and life story may be very different from our own. It asks us to set aside our assumptions, suspend our judgments, and approach another person's story with genuine interest and care.

Lately, I have been reading two books at the same time. Their authors are different. Their themes are different. Yet both books emphasize one common practice that is vital for the church today: empathy.

Empathy is more than understanding another person's point of view. It is a way of moving beyond our own opinions, reasoning, and certainties. It opens us to something larger than ourselves. Just as the light, shadows, and shimmering mosaic of brightness that met me at Hollydene Beach filled me with wonder, and just as the blue sky and summer clouds of June draw us into the beauty of creation, empathy invites us to be immersed in God's wider world.



Ha Na Park
Co-Lead Minister

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

As June arrives, I invite you to seek moments of calm and joy. I encourage you to practice empathy toward those whose life experiences and perspectives may be different from your own. May we learn to offer one another the same warmth that the summer sun offers so freely.

June also brings opportunities to practice empathy through the lens of justice and social transformation. Juneteenth and National Indigenous Peoples Day invite us to listen more deeply, learn more honestly, and walk more compassionately alongside others.

The two books I have been reading are *When Church Stops Working* and *Growing Young*. I look forward to sharing some reflections from these books during worship on June 14.

Our Indigenous Peoples Day of Prayer observance on June 21 (also Father's Day) will be prepared and led by Rev. Margaret Harper and the BVU Reconciliation Team.

Over the last five months, Rev. Karen Dickey truly supported us with her inspiring messages and the compassionate spirit. Rev. Mark Green returns from his Sabbatical leave on June 29th.

DATE & TIME	SCRIPTURE	PREACHER	THEME	OTHER
Sunday, June 7 One Service at 10 am	Acts 16:16-40	Karen Dickey	On the way from Arrogance to Humility	Pacific Mountain Regional Council in Kamloops
Sunday, June 14 One Service at 10 am	Acts 2:1-21	Ha Na Park	Growing Young	
Sunday, June 21 One Service at 10 am	TBA	Margaret Harper with the Reconciliation Team	National Indigenous Peoples Day	Father's Day
Sunday, June 28 One Service at 10 am	1 Corinthians 11:17-34	Min-Goo Kang	Waiting for One Another	The final countdown before Mark returns from sabbatical!



CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT AND MINISTRY AT BVU: **BVU ANNUAL REPORT 2025**

It is a joy and honour to present the 2025 Broad View United Annual Report. This year's report was created to celebrate the dedication, leadership, creativity, and care of our teams, groups, volunteers, staff, and leaders in a highly readable, image-rich format. Throughout these pages, we hope you will hear the passionate and faithful voices of our community. The Pentecost Spirit continues to move strongly among us as we seek to build a beloved community together.

With deep gratitude, we thank every person and team who contributed reports for this year's Annual Report.

This year's report includes:

- Board Chair Report
- Ministers' Reports
 - (Rev. Ha Na Park, Rev. Margaret Harper, and Rev. Min-Goo Kang)
- Children, Youth, Young Adult, and Families Programs
- 100th Anniversary of The United Church of Canada Report
- Rev. Shelagh MacKinnon's Retirement Tea Report
- Worship Team Report
- Sunday Music Ministry Report
- Chancel Choir Report
- Kids' Drum Circle Report
- Pringle Handbell Choir Report
- BVU Community Choir Report
- Small Group Ministry Report
- Healing Pathway Report
- Reconciliation Team Report
- Justice Fair Report
- Palestinian Solidarity Report
- Quilts for Survivors Report
- Refugee Team Report
- Evolving Church Team Report
- Greater Victoria Acting Together Report
- Affirming Ministry Report
- Broad View Knitters Report
- Extreme Weather Emergency Response Shelter Report
- BVU United Church Women Report
- Volunteer Testimonials
- BVU Thrift Store Report



CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT AND MINISTRY AT BVU (CONTINUED)

- Treasurer's Message and Financial Overview
- 2026 BVU Budget Overview
- Broad View United Foundation Report
- Outreach Statistics
- Memoriam (to be shared during the AGM)

Please join us for the BVU Annual General Meeting on May 31 at 2 pm via Zoom.

- Annual Report Link:
 - <https://broadviewunited.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Annual-General-Report-2025-Website-Edition.pdf>
- AGM Materials Link:
 - <https://broadviewunited.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Annual-Meeting-Material-2026.pdf>

FROM YOUR TREASURER:

HOW ARE WE DOING? QUARTER 1 2026 (JAN, FEB & MAR)

Outlined below is an overview of the finances of Broad View United (BVU) for the first three months (January-March) of this year 2026. Our aim is to provide this type of update each quarter throughout the year. The comparisons are with the 2026 BVU budget and are aligned with BVU's key principles.

As we review our first quarter, there are several points to consider:

- The 2026 budget is equally divided by 12 to provide an estimate for the respective month. Actual revenues and expenses are not equally split for each month. Eg: Donations are generally greater in the month of December than in other months.
- The United Church of Canada has updated their Pre-authorized Remittance (PAR) system causing some delays in receiving the funds.
- Expenditure on programming in the first few months of the year is generally less than in the fall.



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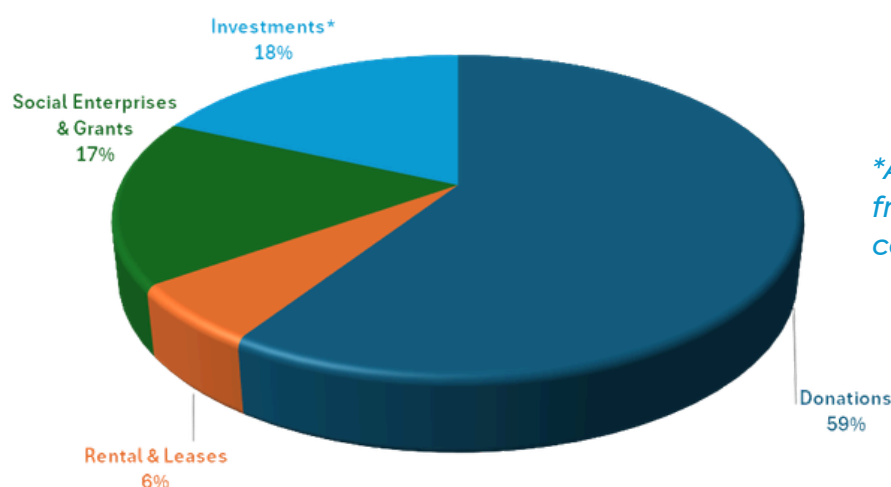


FROM YOUR TREASURER (CONTINUED)

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Revenue/Income (Where the funds come from)

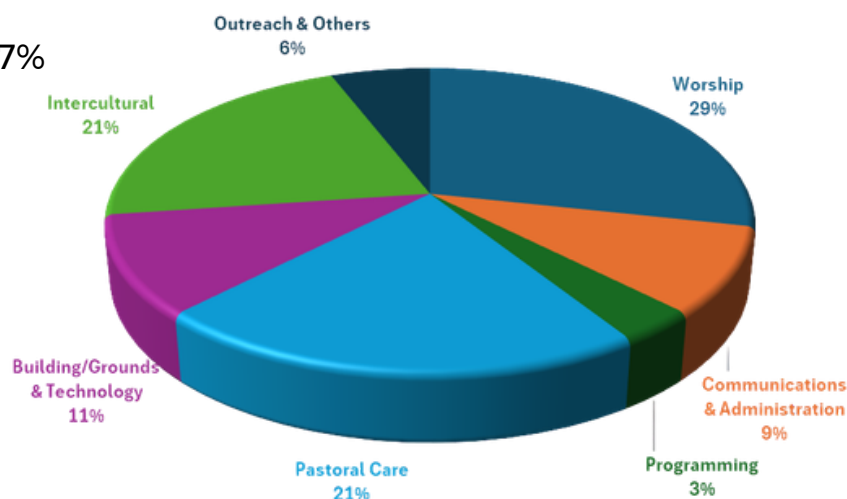
- For the three months Q1 2026 our income is approximately 8.4% below what was budgeted.
- Our donations (PAR/Envelops/e-transfers) are down by approximately 20% on the budget
- Our Thrift store is performing very well and is on target with a contribution to BVU of approximately \$44,000 for the three months.
- Transfers from the BVU Foundation were as planned with the performance from the investments during this period matching these contributions.



**An additional \$30,000 was transferred from the BVU Foundation in Jan 2026 to cover the 2025 shortfall.*

Expenses/Costs (How we are spending the funds)

- For the three months Q1 2026 our expenses are down approximately 8.2% against the 2026 budget.
- The spending on programs and ministry was below the budget by 17%
- There were minimal expenses for technology and Board costs during this quarter however we anticipate these to increase later in the year.



The total loss for Q1 2026 is approximately **\$12k** against our budget for these three months.



STEPPING INTO OUR NEXT CHAPTER - TOGETHER

Over the past several months, our community has helped shape a shared vision for BVU's future in the [2026-2029 Strategic Direction](#). We are now beginning the next phase: *bringing the vision to life*.

Rather than trying to do everything at once, we are taking a focused and thoughtful approach that seeks to leverage the wisdom and collective energy of the congregation—starting with a small number of priority areas where we believe we can make meaningful progress over the next 12–18 months, including:

- Strengthening pastoral care and connection
- Increasing transparency regarding leadership decisions, priorities, and financial stewardship
- Improving how people feel welcomed and connected

To move this work forward, we will be forming small working groups for each area, likely meeting ~biweekly for 3-6 months. These groups will listen, explore, and help pilot practical ideas—grounded in real experiences and needs within our congregation.

This is where you come in.

We are inviting members of the congregation to self-identify interest in participating by sending an email to the office at info@broadviewunited.com. You don't need special expertise or a long-term commitment—just a willingness to contribute your perspective, ideas, and energy. Each group will be intentionally small to support meaningful collaboration and momentum. Based on how well this model goes, we may look to initiate working groups for other priority areas from the strategic plan.

Our approach to these working groups is simple:

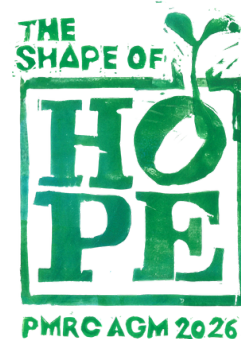
- Listen deeply
- Focus on what matters most
- Try small, practical steps
- Learn and adapt as we go

This is not about perfection—it's about participation. It's about building something together, in ways that are realistic, purposeful, and grounded in who we are as a community.

If you feel drawn to one of these areas, we encourage you to step forward. Looking forward to seeing what we can accomplish together.



BVU REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND PMRC AGM IN KAMLOOPS



Broad View United belongs to the Pacific Mountain Regional Council as part of our denomination, The United Church of Canada. As part of our practice, BVU sends representatives to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Pacific Mountain Regional Council each year.

The gathering offers many opportunities for engagement, learning, and collaboration in supporting faith communities, as well as deepening understanding of the regional and national strategic directions of The United Church of Canada, including initiatives such as Toward 2035. There will also be learning sessions to deepen understanding of the Apartheid-Free Community initiative, which was voted on favourably by the Pacific Mountain Regional Council last year.

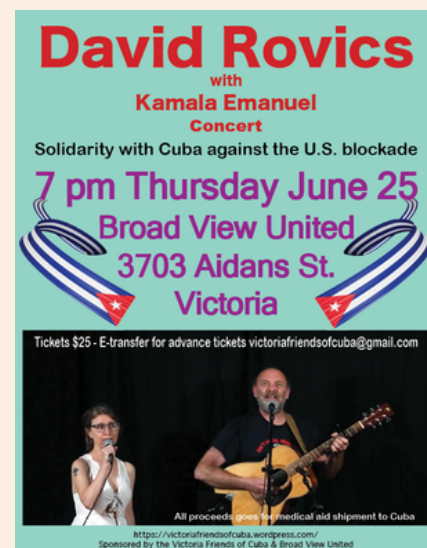
This year, the gathering will take place from Thursday, June 4 to Sunday, June 7 at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, BC. Our BVU representatives are **Karl Hiscock, Kaye Low, and Barry Cameron**. Ministers Ha Na Park and Min-Goo Kang will also attend, with Min-Goo participating additionally as regional staff leading Campus United at UVic. **Jah-bi Kang** will also be actively participating as an elected Youth Council member from BVU.

Your prayers would be greatly appreciated. All BVU representatives look forward to returning and sharing reflections, experiences, and learnings from the PMRC AGM gathering.

JOIN US FOR A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR CUBA

Friends of Cuba (Victoria) and Broad View United Justice Groups are cosponsoring a benefit concert on June 25 at 7 pm (doors open at 6:30) to raise money for Cuba for much needed equipment and medical supplies. It will be a great night of song and solidarity!

Due to the illegal US blockade of oil shipments, Cuba is facing a deepening humanitarian crisis marked by repeated nationwide power grid failures, prolonged blackouts and acute fuel shortages. The ongoing economic and energy crisis has severely disrupted access to food, clean water, health care and other essential services.
Stand in solidarity with Cuba!



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

HOMEMADE JAMS & JELLIES FUNDRAISER

Delicious, homemade jams and jellies are now available! Perfect for your morning toast or a sweet treat to share!

Available flavours include:

- Blackberry Jelly
- Apple Jelly
- Plum Jelly
- Blueberry Jelly
- Pear Jam
- Plum Jam
- Raspberry Jam
- Peach Jam



All proceeds will support our **Sunday School and Youth Programs**, helping nurture and grow our community's younger members.

Due to increased supply costs, jars are priced at **\$8.00 each**.

To place an order, please contact Marion at 250-478-1800 or at junodigger@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support!

TIE A PURPLE RIBBON OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ALL THOSE WE HAVE LOVED AND LOST

Tuesday, June 23 from 1 pm - 3 pm
in the Commons, Broad View United

Please join us to tie purple ribbons for the upcoming International Overdose Awareness Day.

Materials provided. No experience needed.
Bring scissors please.



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MomsStoptheHarm

GRATITUDE FROM THE CRIDGE CENTRE FOR THE FAMILY

The Cridge Center for the Family Dir. of Philanthropy expressed their sincere gratitude to BVU recently, for the Margaret Cameron Trust Fund donation of \$3,000.

The donation assisted Transition House and the Second Stage Program to provide extra counselling services, and special children's programs with nutritious food.



**The Cridge
Centre for
the Family**



SPIRITUAL CARE TEAM

IN MEMORIAM



Cyril Nasim

Died April 27, 2026

Celebration of Life
June 6 at 2 pm
McCall Garden Funeral Home

Russell Morfitt

Died May 9, 2026

Celebration of Life
June 13 at 11 am
Broad View United

Elsie Habbick

Died April 7, 2026

Celebration of Life
August 25 at 1 pm
Broad View United

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

CELEBRATIONS



George Morfitt

May 11

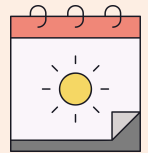
90th Birthday



DROP-IN GRIEF GROUP

**Thursday, June 18, 1:30 pm - 3 pm
in the Chapel**

**please note, we will break
for the summer**



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 Margison** jean@jampot.ca, via prayer@broadviewunited.com, or from the Broad View United website at www.broadviewunited.com. Requests can also be passed along to Margaret Harper.



BVU QUEER & FAITHFUL FRIDAY NIGHT CINEMA

WATCH PARTY

June 26, July 17, August 7 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Doors Open at 6 pm

with Snacks, Drinks, and Community

Join us at BVU for Queer & Faithful Friday Night Cinema —
an in-person watch party welcoming everyone! **Questioning, Queer or Allies: All are welcome!**



This summer, instead of organizing a Queer Film Festival, BVU will join other United Church communities across BC and Alberta in sharing monthly film screenings and conversations exploring queerness, faith, church, family, and community. Each evening will include a film screening followed by relaxed and meaningful discussion.

Our first screening on June 26 features “The Iridesce Theatre Presentation,” a three-act play created from the real stories and memories of people affected by The United Church of Canada’s 1988 decision regarding LGBTQ and Two-Spirit inclusion.

Come for the film, conversation, snacks, and community. Not only queer and transgender members, but **all people with open hearts and minds are welcome.**

Also, please take a peek at the films in July and August!

July 17 – “Wonderfully Made — LGBTQ+R(eligion)” is a combined fine art project and feature-length documentary exploring the challenges and hopes of LGBTQ+ Catholics. Its message speaks broadly to faith communities and traditions seeking deeper inclusion and affirmation.

August 7 – “A Queer’s Guide to Spiritual Living” blends animation, spoken word, poetry, and interviews as four queer people from different religious backgrounds explore the intersections of faith and queerness.



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BVU AFFIRMING MONTHLY CONVERSATION IN JUNE

Cancelled for Queer & Faithful Community Gathering at BVU Friday, June 26

BVU's June Affirming Monthly Conversation will not be held, as we will instead gather for the BVU Queer & Faithful Friday Night Cinema Watch Party on Friday, June 26, at 6:30 pm (doors open at 6 pm). Please see the article in page 12 for more details!

To receive monthly reminders about our BVU Affirming Monthly Conversation gatherings — usually held on the fourth Thursday of each month, with pizza! — please email Ha Na (hana@broadviewunited.com) or express your interest through the Jotform [HERE](#).

We will take a summer break in July and resume our monthly gathering on Thursday, August 27.

BVU ACTIVITIES DURING PRIDE WEEK

Pride Worship Service Sunday, July 5, 10 am, at BVU

Join us for a Pride-themed worship service celebrating queer joy, affirmation, community, and allyship with our own BVU members and friends. Wear your rainbow colours, bring your spirit, and come celebrate together through worship, music, and community. Friends and guests are warmly welcome!

Pride Walk with BVU, Broad View Thrift Store, and United Churches Across South Vancouver Island Sunday, July 12

BVU is also looking forward to participating in the Pride Walk with the wider community. More details and gathering information will be shared soon as we receive updates from the Victoria Pride Society.

Please stay tuned for more updates and details. We will share them as soon as we receive them from Pride Victoria.

If you would like to receive updates by email, please express your interest through the Jotform [HERE](#).



PROGRAM UPDATES

BVU JUNIOR AND SENIOR YOUTH GROUPS

Senior Youth: June 5 and June 19

Junior Youth: June 12 and June 26

The Jr. Youth Group (Grades 6–8) meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 6:30 – 8 pm, and the Sr. Youth Group (Grades 9–12) meets on the 1st and 3rd Fridays from 7 – 9 pm.

We send a **BVU Youth Weekly email**. Sign up [HERE](#) to stay tuned for reminders of dates for each group and updates on upcoming fun and meaningful activities.



YOUTH SUNDAY GATHERING Sundays, 11 am - 12 pm

Did you know that we also meet on Sunday mornings during the ConXion service (11:00 am)? All youth (Junior and Senior) are invited to join Molly and other youth to talk together and participate in the topic or activity of the day. We will also have snacks, so come hang out!

YOUNG ADULTS SUNDAY LUNCH June 21 only (June 7 Cancelled)

**After 11 AM ConXion Worship,
we hang out over lunch in the Commons.**

If you'd like a good, warm Sunday lunch and friendship — sharing about life, faith, or your spiritual journey — we're here to support one another and offer a warm welcome.

Are you new? Haven't been here before? Lunch starts at 12:15 pm, and you can join us anytime from then on! We'll do our very best to help you feel welcome, included, and safe.

Broad View United is an inclusive, 2SLGBTQIA+ affirming, intercultural community of faith. We encourage youth to grow in faith, resilience, and courage as they explore what it means to live with justice, hope, and compassion.



BVU SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAM

Did you know we now have **four** groups for children and youth that gather following Children's Time in the sanctuary at each service on Sunday? With Meadow looking after babies and toddlers, Qi with ages 3 to 5, Micia with the 6-12 group, and Molly with youth ages 13 and up, there's a world of learning, friendship, creativity and fun! Special guests Karl, Liane and Mandy are always keen to join in too. Come and hang out to hear stories of Jesus and God's amazing love, with science, crafts, playtime and of course snacks.



HEALING PATHWAYS

We continue to offer Healing Pathway treatments to the congregation and community on Mondays. The schedule for the month of May is as follows:

- Monday, June 1 at 7 pm in the Chapel
- Monday, June 8 at 1 pm in the Chapel
- Monday, June 15 at 1 pm in the Chapel



We will break for the summer after June 15 and return in September.

If anyone is interested in learning to practice Healing Pathway, there will be a Phase 1 workshop on November 27 - 28 in Victoria.

If you wish to have a treatment, please contact Charmaine Frank at charmainefrank99@gmail.com.

LECTIO every Thursday

Lectio continues through the month of June at 8:30 every Thursday morning.

If you are interested in joining the group, contact Eileen Campbell at eileen.c.campbell@outlook.com or Betty Doherty at dohertybetty41@gmail.com.



PROGRAM UPDATES

TAI CHI CHIH every Tuesday

Tai Chi will continue to practice in the Commons every Tuesday morning at 9:30 am during the month of June. Everyone is welcome. No experience needed, no special clothes and it is free. Contact Eileen Campbell if you are interested at eileen.c.campbell@outlook.com.



BROAD VIEW UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

June Meeting: Tuesday, June 2 at 11 am

UCW will meet on June 2 in the Narthex at 11am. Bring a bag lunch and join a time of Fellowship. Tea and coffee provided.

Margaret Harper will be our guest speaker and will share about her ministry experience.

UCW May Meeting - Seniors Serving Seniors

Two Members from the Seniors Serving Seniors Society Board, Gwen and Leah, spoke at the UCW meeting sharing detailed information about the "Return to Health" program which is a social support program for live-alone seniors following hospitalization. Gwen and Leah also answered many other Senior concerns. They are currently working on a new website and an updated booklet. This is a non-profit organization. Any donations/contributions are welcome.



CONNECT CARDS

Are you recently new to the BVU Community?
We'd love to be able to welcome you.

Please fill out a connect card which are found in the area beside the coat rack as you come in the Sanctuary Doors, or speak to any of the greeters on a Sunday Morning.

Connect Card  Welcome to BVU!	Name: _____
	Cell Phone: _____
	Home Phone: _____
	Email: _____
	Kids Names & Ages: _____



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BVU MEDITATION AND CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICES GROUP

Dates: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month

Time: 10 am - 11 am

Location: Chapel

Upcoming Sessions: June 3 and June 17

No experience needed! For more information, please contact Henri Lock at henrilock@gmail.com or Rick Mickelson at rick.mickelson@telus.net.



GUYS' "WATER INTO WINE" PUB NIGHT

Tuesday, June 9 at 7 pm

**The Monkey Tree, 4205 Borden St.
(near McKenzie and Quadra)**



Join with men of all ages who simply want a chance to connect with other men in the congregation for a time for conversation, sharing of life stories and an exchange of ideas. Order a beverage of your choice (and a bite to eat if you wish), pull up a chair and enjoy a time of fellowship and camaraderie.

BROAD VIEW KNITTERS Tuesday, June 9

All knitters and crocheters of all abilities are warmly welcomed to attend or even just drop by our next get-together. It will be held from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Cedar room on Tuesday, June 9. Supplies, patterns, yarn and advice from more experienced knitters are available. Please contact the group leader Liane Clark or the church office if you have any questions.



Queer Family Retreat

For all 2S and LGBTQIA+ people, our allies, and families
July 6 - 10, 2026 • Naramata Centre, BC

- Safe space for queer families of all shapes
- 6 incredible workshops
- Morning & evening community gatherings
- Talent show & dance party finale
- Beach time on Okanagan Lake
- Children & youth programming
- Healing practices & sound bath

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\$175 adults • FREE for ages 17 & under



INCLUDES 4 EVENING MEALS
CAMPING & INDOOR
ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE



Naramata Centre

Queer Family Retreat

For all 2S and LGBTQIA+ people, our allies and families

When: July 6 - July 10

Where: Naramata Centre, BC

Cost: \$175 adults, FREE for ages 17 & under

www.naramatacentresociety.org



PROGRAM UPDATES



The poster for Camp Spirit 2026 features a blue background with a yellow star in the center containing the words "CAMP SPIRIT" in green. Above and below the star are cartoon illustrations of diverse children's faces. To the right, a green box contains logos for a rainbow heart with a cross, a tree with people, a shield, and the Broad View United logo. Below these logos, the text "Summer 2026" is in yellow, "AUGUST 17-21, 2026" is in red, and the address "Broad View United, 3703 St. Aidan's St., Victoria" is in white. A purple box at the bottom left describes the camp as an intercultural day camp for children ages 6-11 and a new level up youth camp for ages 12-14. A yellow box in the bottom right states the camp fee is \$50+ with a 25%-100% discount available, and includes lunch, snack, and a T-shirt. It also mentions registration opens March 1st and provides a website and email for more information. A QR code and a star icon are also present.

CAMP SPIRIT

Summer 2026
AUGUST 17-21, 2026

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

An Intercultural Day Camp
for Children
Ages 6-11
NEW! Level Up Youth
Ages 12-14

Camp Fee: \$50+ (25% - 100% discount available)
includes lunch, snack, and a Camp Spirit T-shirt.

Registration for Camp Spirit 2026 will open March 1st.
If you are interested and would like to secure a spot,
please visit our website at www.broadviewunited.com,
or email info@broadviewunited.com.

FLATLANDERS WALK Cancelled

Cyril Nasim, a beloved member and one of the founding members of the Flatlanders walking group from First Metropolitan, will be deeply missed by our community. In honour of Cyril and to allow members to attend his memorial service, the Flatlanders walk scheduled for June 6 has been cancelled.



We extend our deepest condolences to Moira and the Nasim family during this difficult time. Cyril's presence, friendship, and enthusiasm for walking together helped shaped the spirit of the Flatlanders group over many years.

As we head into the summer months, anyone interested in organizing or leading a summer walk is warmly invited to volunteer.

EVOLVING CHURCH TEAM:

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY VIGIL

Monday, August 31 at 7 pm

Save the Date! The Evolving Church Team will once again host, in cooperation with Moms Stop the Harm, the International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31st 7:00 pm, at Broad View. There will be a special speaker, music, candle lighting and time to hold space for the grief of those who have lost loved ones and for all people affected by this crisis. The evening is open to everyone. If you feel so inclined, we welcome any baked goods to be served at the end of the evening. For more information, please contact Emily MacDonald, emilymacd@telus.net or 250-886-9975.



INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY VIGIL

**MONDAY, 31 AUGUST 2026
7 PM**

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

*With guest speakers, live music,
poetry, and words of remembrance
Pictures and mementoes welcome*

This vigil is held in loving memory to all those we loved
and lost to overdose and is inclusive and welcome to all



GREATER VICTORIA ACTING TOGETHER

Thank you Broad View United!!

From May 25 - 29, BVU and GVAT hosted an intensive 5-day advanced training course for leadership development and community organizing. We hosted almost 40 trainees, including clergy from other churches in Victoria, Vancouver, and Edmonton, along with expert trainers from Australia, US, and other parts of Canada. With BVU's generous support and great facilities, the training was very successful, and these folks are now able to return to

their communities and help their membership better articulate and organize for their own interests to strengthen our democracy. All were very appreciative of BVU's generosity and encouragement.



CHILDREN OF GAZA: MEMORY QUILT EXHIBITION

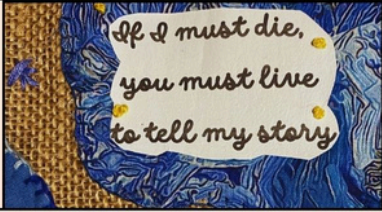
Broad View United was given the opportunity to host this exhibition. As we were already working on other events including offering the Palestinian Land Exercise, we had to pass. We are supportive of this project and are glad it is available for all to see!

Please note the need to sign up for the Sewing session the evening of June 2.

For more information and to sign up, please email childrenofgazaquilt@gmail.com.

CHILDREN OF GAZA

MEMORY QUILT EXHIBITION



NOVA ARTS HUB

June 1st - opening 7 - 9 pm
June 2nd - sewing session 7 - 9 pm *
June 3rd - 11 am - 7 pm

* for info & to sign up please email us: childrenofgazaquilt@gmail.com

4489 Viewmont Avenue (unit 102), Victoria, BC



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LEARN MORE: APARTHEID-FREE COMMUNITIES WEBINAR

Are you interested in learning more about the Apartheid-Free Community Initiative? This initiative has been affirmed by the Pacific Mountain Regional Council of The United Church of Canada, as well as by many communities of faith and organizations across Canada and globally.

At the June 2025 Annual General Meeting, the Pacific Mountain Regional Council voted to take the Apartheid-Free Communities Pledge as part of its ongoing commitment to solidarity with the people of Palestine.

You may be wondering:

- What is an Apartheid-Free Community?
- Where does this movement come from?
- What does it mean to take the pledge?
- Why did our Regional Council do so?
- How can communities embody the pledge in faithful and meaningful ways?

Join this educational webinar and conversation hosted by Kamloops United Church.

Date: Thursday, June 4

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: In-person at Kamloops United Church or **online via Zoom**

Participants will hear from people engaged in resisting the occupation of Palestine and working toward justice and true peace.

For more information and registration:

<https://leadershiftuccan.org/apartheidfree-communities>



JUSTICE FAIRS

We are taking a break from organizing Justice Fairs through the summer months, returning in September. But we know justice work does not stop. Please watch for announcements for 'Pop Up' events as we continue to encourage participation in issues.

Barbara bmhansen@telus.net and Robin robin.breckon@gmail.com.



COOKIES AS AN ACT OF SOLIDARITY

We continue to provide cookies every Saturday for those who meet at the legislature at 2:00 pm to make visible community support for Palestinians. Palestinians struggle to continue their lives under ongoing Israeli occupation. Genocide is real. Land loss is real. Israeli policy encourages settlers and the military to seize more land, to build more barriers.



Rallies globally let Palestinians know they are not forgotten. Our cookies let people participating in the local rally know there is support for their commitment – their physical presence – at the rallies. They know the support comes from BVU, a community of faith. As a community, we know we follow Jesus as one who stood with the oppressed.

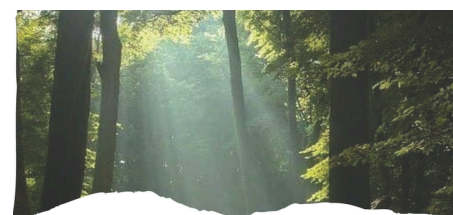
May 31st is our 125th rally of cookies being provided – by BVU and friends. Come join us! Barbara bmhansen@telus.net and Robin robin.breckon@gmail.com.

NATIONAL & CONSERVATION BURIAL:

A LIVING LEGACY Friday, June 5 at 6:30 pm

Join us for a cinematic short film unveiling a vision for Natural & Conservation Burial on **June 5 at 6:30 pm**, doors open at 6:10 pm, followed by an interactive speakers panel with voices in land stewardship, end-of-life care, and community. A space for reflection, connection, and meaningful dialogue.

Suggested donation: \$15 - \$30. Please give whatever feels comfortable - your presence is what matters most.



FILM + SPEAKER PANEL
NATURAL & CONSERVATION BURIAL
A Living Legacy

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Trailer

JUNE 5, 2026 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Broad View United Church
3703 St. Aidan's St., Victoria, BC (Doors open 6:10 pm)

Suggested Donation \$15 - \$30
Please give what feels right - your presence matters most. Also bring a small offering from nature to place on our Community Altar.

Sponsored by
Centre for Earth & Spirit Society in partnership with Penny Allport and Stories Told on Film.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY Sunday, June 21

National Indigenous Peoples Day is celebrated each year on June 21, the summer solstice and longest day of the year. For generations, many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities have gathered at this time to celebrate their cultures, languages, traditions, and connections to the land.

We invite our community to take time to learn, reflect, and celebrate the rich heritage and contributions of Indigenous Peoples. Local events and activities are held across the country in recognition of this important day.

For more information, visit the Government of Canada National Indigenous Peoples Day webpage at <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca>.



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY CELEBRATION

JUNE 19 • 10AM-3PM
ROYAL ROADS UNIVERSITY

- Free admission
- Canoe Landing Protocol Practice and Swutth'tus Canoe Challenge
- Indigenous artists and vendors fair
- Live performances
- Field games
- Guided nature walks
- Food trucks
- And much more!

**EVERYONE
WELCOME!**

Royal Roads acknowledges the campus is located on the traditional Lands of the Lekwungen-speaking peoples, the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.



Artwork by Douglas 'Bear' Horne



FOR MORE INFO VISIT [ROYALROADS.CA/NIPD](https://royalroads.ca/nipd) OR SCAN:

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THE NEW FOREST ACT ROADSHOW EVENT

Monday, June 22 at 7 pm

Have you been out in the woods lately?

People are starting to make plans for a hot, dry summer in BC and many are already thinking about our forests and the fire season. **Will this be another summer we are forced to spend inside due to smoke? Will communities have to evacuate as wildfires rage out of control?** If you are like the members of the Caring for Creation group, you have been concerned about the way we do forestry in BC for decades and you know that it's not just climate change that has caused the kind of extreme fires we are now experiencing.

The relationship we have with our forests, the standing ones, has been one of disconnection. Treating trees like commodities that can be extracted and grown like crops for human use has resulted in the loss of most of the original forests of BC in our lifetime. This is heart-breaking. With less than 3% of old growth or primary forest left, how then shall we live? Again and again we are told- there is *no alternative*.

That's why we were excited to learn about a grassroots conversation focused on the need for a New Forest Act for BC. The laws and policies we currently have in place to manage our forests have led us to this sorry place; it's clear we need to start telling a new story about our relationship with the trees in our watersheds.

SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW AND PLAN TO JOIN US FOR **THE NEW FOREST ACT ROADSHOW EVENT**:

- **Monday, June 22, 7 pm at Broad View United**



Caring for Creation is excited to partner with Elders for Ancient Trees to sponsor the Victoria leg of the New Forest Act Roadshow. The June tour includes events in 11 communities. Led by Jennifer Houghton, the event will be a focused presentation on the New Forest Act—a legislative proposal to replace British Columbia's current forestry system. Jennifer's down-to-earth and focused style will make some hard hits about what's actually happening in BC's forests. For full details on the legislative framework: <https://boundaryforest.org/the-new-forest-act-proposal/>. This is a rare opportunity to consider and discuss a forestry regime that can serve forests and local communities. It could be that new story we have been longing for. Is it the best story? We don't know but we have to start imagining other ways of doing sustainable forestry in BC. The Caring for Creation group is grateful for Jennifer for bringing this story to us. Come check it out and do bring a friend. Our tree relatives need our support!



THRIFT STORE UPDATES

Hello Community!



June brings Father's Day. Do you need a card for Dad? We've got it. Need something fun and colorful for Pride Month or for the Pride parade? Come and get it in store. You never know what you might find.

This month a gentleman found a pristine agricultural basket. An artifact! He exclaimed. Thrilled to find such a "holy grail" of thrift finds. He celebrates this addition to his personal collection. Pictured here in awe of the things we can find while rooting through the little nooks and crannies. The treasures are coming through the doors of our shop six days a week. We are open and accepting donations during our regular hours through July and August. If you or anyone you know is looking for an opportunity to volunteer this summer. Inquire online or in store. Volunteers receive valuable experience and transferable skills. It's volunteers who root through the incoming bins of donations. They distribute goods and process inventory for sale. Merchandising the shelves and greeting you at the doors. Volunteers are the heart of Broadview United. Join us Monday through Saturday for volunteering and donations. See us in store Wednesday through Saturday for sales. A friendly reminder that we welcome pets at BVU. Please bring your pets in for a treat when you stop by to say hi.

Thank you for reading and for being a part of the BVU Thrift Store!

RETAIL HOURS

- **Wednesdays** 10 am - 5 pm
- **Thursdays** 2 pm - 6 pm
- **Fridays** 10 am - 6 pm
- **Saturdays** 10 am - 5 pm

DONATION HOURS

- **Monday to Friday** 9 am - 3 pm
- **Saturday** 10 am - 3 pm

For more information, visit us at:
www.broadviewthriftstore.com



INTERCULTURAL COMMUNITY UPDATES



Creativity Abounds!

At Saturday Social, creativity keeps showing up in the most delightful ways. Ella, one of our youngest participants, taught us how to use a sunflower seed opener. It was amazing to see how this little machine works — so fun, clever, and creative! Ella also generously shared lots of sunflower seeds with us.

Rocky, one of our newest participants, introduced us to a game many of us had never seen before. He also showed how to

play a Chinese percussion instrument with incredible skill. Watching him was like seeing rhythm dance through his whole body — part music, part movement, almost like martial arts.

This is what Saturday Social is becoming: a place where anyone can bring something to share with love and care. Creativity and generosity help our community thrive.



Do you have something to share? A game, song, story, skill, snack, instrument, craft, or cultural tradition? Please feel free to bring it. We can always make space for a little **“show and tell!”**

Saturday Social runs from **5:30 pm – 8:30 pm** — an open space for friendship, conversation, snacks, tea, ping pong, games, and unlimited possibilities. Or simply come and talk. There is room for all of us.

Wrap-Up BBQ & Games

Saturday, June 27, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

To celebrate all that we have shared and built together, we are hosting a special evening filled with good food, games, and friendship.

All are welcome. It is absolutely FREE, and there will be enough for everyone.

Please let us know if you are planning to come so we can prepare well: min-goo@broadviewunited.com

Help wanted: Would you be able to volunteer at the BBQ? We would be grateful for help with set-up, serving, cooking, clean-up, or welcoming people. Please let us know.

Come hungry. Come ready to play. Come as you are.





Intercultural Bible Study Summer Wrap-Up: Songs and Stories for the Journey Wednesday, June 10 at 7 pm in the Chapel

As we prepare to wrap up our Intercultural Bible Study before the summer break, we will gather for a special evening of storytelling and hymn singing.

Each person is invited to bring one favourite hymn and one favourite Bible story or passage to share with the group. You will have a chance to tell us why the hymn and scripture are meaningful to you. Then we will sing together, listen together, and reflect together.

There is no need to prepare anything formal. Simply bring a hymn and a scripture that have stayed close to your heart.

All are welcome.

Please let us know if you are planning to come: min-goo@broadviewunited.com

If possible, please send us your favourite hymn in advance so we can prepare copies for everyone. As we enter the summer season, we hope this gathering will send us out with songs in our hearts, stories to carry, and gratitude for the community we continue to become together.



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Queer and Faithful

FRIDAY NIGHT CINEMA

**Questioning, Queer, or Allies:
All are Welcome**



**The Iridesce Theatre
Presentation**



**Wonderfully Made
LGBTQ+R(eligion)**



**A Queer's Guide to
Spiritual Living**

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

**DOORS OPEN
AT 6 PM**

**WITH SNACKS, DRINKS,
AND COMMUNITY**



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