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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

"Our Lenten theme is 'Embracing Brokenness'..."



Ha Na Park
Co-Lead Minister

For this Lenten day, I offer you this blessing:
Blessing for a Broken Vessel

Do not despair.
You hold the memory
of what it was
to be whole.
It lives deep
in your bones.
It abides
in your heart
that has been torn
and mended
a hundred times.
It persists
in your lungs
that know the mystery
of what it means
to be full,
to be empty,
to be full again.
I am not asking you
to give up your grip
on the shards you clasp
so close to you
but to wonder
what it would be like
for those jagged edges
to meet each other
in some new pattern
that you have never imagined,
that you have never dared
to dream.

—Jan Richardson



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This month, may your Lenten journey be such a time — embracing brokenness and embracing the mystery of Easter.

OUR BVU LENTEN JOURNEY CONTINUES: EMBRACING BROKENNESS

With the theme of *Embracing Brokenness*, we invite the community of BVU to immerse ourselves in the Book of Job. How do we listen to God who speaks out of the whirlwind, as the people of God are utterly shaken by what is happening around them? How do we seek healing and liberation that can come through an honest expression of our suffering? In this story, we will witness and reflect on how courageous accompaniment, the ministry of presence without words, can shift into the compulsion to speak about the ways of God, even when our explanations fall apart.

DATE&TIME	SCRIPTURE	PREACHER	THEME	OTHER
Sunday, Mar 1st 9:30 am & 11 am	Job 30:16-31	Min-Goo Kang	Staying in the Broken Place	
Sunday, Mar 8th 9:30 am & 11 am	Job 2:11-13	Karen Dickey	Befriending the Suffering One	
Sunday, Mar 15th 9:30 am & 11 am		Pamela Evans		First Third Ministry
Sunday, Mar 22nd 9:30 am & 11 am	Job 38-39	Margaret Harper	God Speaks from the Whirlwind	
Sunday, Mar 29th 9:30 am & 11 am		Ha Na Park and Margaret Harper	Palm Sunday	

SO WHAT IS LENT, REALLY?

For some of us, Lent is a familiar word—a season in the church year that may stir memories of certain rituals, reflections, or an idea of what this time is about and how we journey through it as Christians.

At the same time, for those who are just beginning or returning to their faith journey here at Broad View United, Lent may be something entirely new—something we're exploring through conversations, study, and sermons with a seeker's heart, asking: ***What does this season really mean, and what kind of journey are we being invited into?***

In a nutshell, this quote from the United Church of Canada's website gives a good summary:
"Lent is the 40-day period (excluding Sundays) that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Traditionally, it is a season of reflection and preparation for Easter, and it commemorates Jesus' 40 days of fasting in the desert," resisting the temptations.

And we can rightly ask: What kind of temptations were those?

Theologian John Dominic Crossan offers this insight:
"For us, Lent is a transformative journey in time from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. In scripture, it was a transformative journey in space—from Caesarea Philippi to Jerusalem. During that journey, Jesus tried to prepare his disciples for what would happen to him when he demonstrated against Roman imperial power concerning its violence and against Jewish high-priestly authority concerning its injustice."

Traditionally, the church has often emphasized Lent as a personal, penitential season—calling for repentance from so-called sins like greed or sexuality, while at times denying Indigenous spirituality and imposing moral expectations on vulnerable and marginalized people.

But the church is changing.

As spring approaches and the days grow longer (the word Lent actually comes from a root meaning "to lengthen"), we are invited to expand our hearts. We're invited to listen to the land, to nature, and to what they can teach us. This season can include an ecological sensitivity, a search for life-giving abundance, and a deep reflection on how we live.

Our prayer is that we can see Lent not as a season of guilt, but as a shared journey of openness, self-examination, and honesty—a path we walk together as a community. It's a time to follow Jesus on the road toward Easter, toward resurrection, toward the fullness of life.

This year, Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18th.

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."
(Genesis 3:19)

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HELP SHAPE BVU'S NEXT CHAPTER

Join Us March 8 and March 15

Broad View United is entering a new season — and we'd love your voice in shaping what comes next. Over the past few years, we've learned a lot about who we are, what's thriving, and where focused energy is most needed. The Board has worked to simplify and focus our direction for 2026–2029 around three core pillars:

1. *Belonging & Care* – strengthening connection across generations, renewing First Third ministry, and ensuring spiritual care is sustainable and future-focused.
2. *Community Presence & Storytelling* – becoming clearer and more intentional about how we share our story and welcome others into this progressive, intercultural, 2SLGBTQIA+ affirming, and modern expression of faith within The United Church of Canada.
3. *Sustainability & Responsibility* – building strong financial, leadership, environmental, and reconciliation practices so BVU can live its values for the long haul.

This isn't about rewriting everything we do. Much of our important work continues in day-to-day ministry and operations. This next phase is about focusing our leadership attention where discernment and development are most needed.

The draft strategic plan will be distributed in early March, and a variety of opportunities for offering feedback will be provided. Two key events include:

- **March 8 - Congregational Engagement Gathering (1 pm & 7 pm)**
  A lively, facilitated conversation where we'll explore the plan together, test what resonates, and identify what feels most important to focus on first. **Two sessions: 1 pm in-person** at the Commons (childcare provided) or **Zoom** at **7 pm** (link details TBA).
- **March 15 - First Third Ministry Conversation (1 pm)**
  A focused conversation with special guest Rev. Pamela Evans about children, families, youth, young adults, and campus ministry and how this vital part of our community connects to the broader strategic direction. Childcare provided.

Whether you've been here for decades or are newly connected, your perspective matters. This is about strengthening shared ownership of where we're headed together. Come listen. Come reflect. Come speak into the future of Broad View United.

We hope to see you there.

MAUNDY THURSDAY Thursday, April 2 at 6 pm

You're invited to join us for a simple meal and ritual on Maundy Thursday — a time to gather, remember, and share together.

Our friends Alex and Perla from Syria, will help prepare Syrian sandwiches for the evening.

This event is free, but registration is encouraged so we can prepare accordingly.
Please email min-goo@broadviewunited.com to register.

All are welcome.

EXTREME WEATHER EMERGENCY RESPONSE SHELTER UPDATE



This past winter has been mild, but it is not so mild for anyone on the streets and unhoused. Just ask them.

When it gets close to zero degrees, BC Housing “Emergency Shelter Response” program calls for the opening of BVU’s lower hall to overnight guests. Our Place Society sends staff to supervise overnight and our volunteers come to provide hospitality: a light meal and refreshments at night, and breakfast with a bagged lunch and gift card in the morning.

So far, we have been open 9 nights, welcomed 38 guests and one cat. Often it has been only one or two people. Our biggest night was 10 people. A dozen plus volunteers served their most vulnerable neighbours with compassion and practicality. We are a long way from downtown and services. We aren’t known yet as a safe place. We think it has been a good first year. We trust the program will grow as we grow and learn into it.

You will be wondering about our guests. Our guests (male, female, nonbinary) are for the most part quite unwell: surviving mental health conditions and addictions, unattended routine illnesses and the toll taken by having no home for days, weeks and months. A few who have come are just temporarily unhoused: lost jobs, family crisis. Yet they get up from their mat here and go to work or go to find hope somehow for a better day.

Fred (not his real name) struggles out of the Shelter door at 7AM with a bus ticket. He’s somewhat bent over because of his pack of stuff and muscle spasm due to drugs. But he’s had a shower for the first time in two months. He’s clutching a bagged lunch then panics a few steps away, because he can’t find his restaurant gift card. He spreads his stuff over the ground. We see this and just give him another card. He says thanks and disappears.

It’s been humbling for us to be with our guests in this limited way, offering hospitality with no fixes to the larger issues of affordable supportive housing and rehabilitative services and respectful care. Yet, we’ve been touched and sometimes disturbed by our experiences which moves us to be even more committed to being advocates for structural change. And we hope the congregation is moved likewise.

We want to give a big shout out to the volunteers who open their hearts to serve, to the BVU staff and especially Craig and Janiena who help us even at off hours, to Mark Green who imagined and systematically pulled it all together, and to the congregation who carry the Shelter in “the palm of their hands”. It has been a privilege as a relative newcomer to be part of this amazing community.

“Hospitality is the practice of God's welcome by reaching across differences to participate in God's actions bringing justice and healing to our world in crisis.” Letty M. Russell

-Joan McMurtry, Extreme Weather Response Shelter Co-coordinator (with Mark Green)

TAI CHI CHIH



Tai Chi continues during March, on Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the Commons. Everyone is welcome. There is no fee and no specific clothing needed, just whatever you are comfortable wearing.

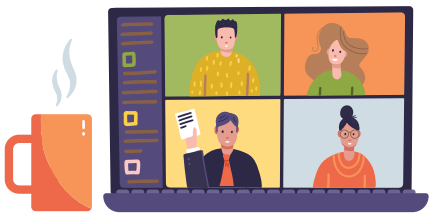
GENTLE YOGA AND CHAIR YOGA



Mondays and Wednesdays

Join us at Broad View United for accessible Yoga classes. Monday's class is a Gentle Hattha Class held at 10:30 am until 11:50 am. This class is for anyone who can get down on and up from a mat. Chair Class is held on Wednesdays at 10:30 am until 11:30 am. A warm, welcoming class. Give it a try.

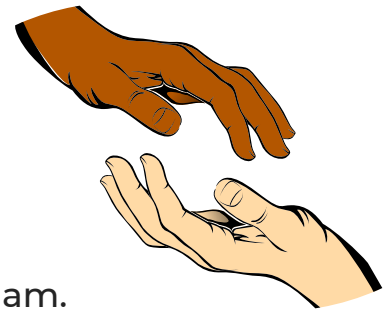
LECTIO



Lectio continues to meet on Zoom on Thursdays at 8:30am. If you are interested in experiencing lectio, please contact Eileen at eileen.c.campbell@outlook.com or Betty at dohertybetty41@gmail.com.

HEALING PATHWAYS

Healing Pathways continues to offer treatments to the congregation and community on Mondays in the month of March. The schedule is as follows:



- Monday, March 2nd: 7 pm in the Chapel
- Monday, March 9th: 1 pm in the Chapel
- Monday, March 16th: 1 pm in the Chapel
- Monday, March 23rd: 1 pm in the Chapel
- Monday, March 30th: 1 pm in the Chapel

The February practice session on the 28th was cancelled and will be replaced by a practice session on March 7th from 9 am to 11 am.

If you wish to have a treatment, please contact Eileen Campbell at eileen.c.campbell@outlook.com.

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FLATLANDER'S WALK



Selkirk Trestle, Saturday, March 7 at 1 pm

Meet at the 330 Waterfront Cresent parking area. It can be windy so wear weather appropriate clothing. We will gather for an after-walk beverage at the Selkirk Café, a short walk from the bridge on Jutland.

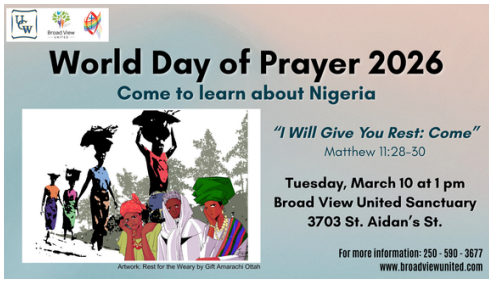
Directions by car: Take Gorge Rd, turn left onto Jutland Rd, first turn right onto Waterfront Crescent, then park in lot adjacent to #330 Waterfront.

Directions by bus: UVic bus #9 or #11 to Jutland, then a short walk to Waterfront Cresent and along to the #330 parking area.

Contact person: Vicky Attwell mobile: 778-350-1029, email: Vicky.Attwell@outlook.com.

BVU UNITED CHURCH WOMEN Tuesday, March 10 at 1 pm

UCW March meeting is open to all on Tuesday, March 10 in the Sanctuary. The ***World Day of Prayer Service*** will be held in the Sanctuary from 1 pm to 2 pm, followed by tea and a time of fellowship in the Commons. The service was prepared by the Christian Women of Nigeria. Come and learn about life in Nigeria.



BROAD VIEW KNITTERS Tuesday, March 10 at 3 pm

Thank you to the Broad View United Church Women (UCW) for their donation which purchased the prayer shawl wool you see in the picture. Our members are currently busy knitting toques for kids ages 5 to 18 which will be going to schools in the Arctic through Canada Comforts at the end of March. One of our home knitters has already dropped off 20 toques.



Our next get-together is from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Cedar room on Tuesday March 10th. As usual, knitting needles, yarn and advice are available. Please contact Liane Clark if you have any questions.

Calling Aspiring Gardeners!

Would you like to grow your own vegetables but don't have a garden? Talk to me at 250-415-9316 or email me lenyandbobwinkel@telus.net. I live in Cadboro Bay.

Leny Winkel

GUYS' "WATER INTO WINE" PUB NIGHT

The Monkey Tree Pub, 4025 Borden St. (near McKenzie and Quadra)

Tuesday, March 10 at 7 pm

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.

CIRCLE CHAT Wednesday, March 11 at 1:30 pm in the Narthex



Circle CHAT is a drop-in group for Women Elders.
Come for coffee, conversation and spiritual nourishment!

FAMILY DINNER NIGHT

Friday, March 13 at 5 pm

Gather with other families with children in the BVU Commons for dinner, activities, songs, and stories. Dinner is provided and always includes a variety of dietary and kid-friendly options. RSVP to Micia at micia@broadviewunited.com.



Please note new times. Doors open 5pm, dinner at 5:30 and songs & stories with Cheryl at 6:30. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Our **Family Movie Night** had to be postponed but we promise to have fresh popcorn and the new date is **Friday, March 27**. ***Slumber party*** theme - come in your PJs and bring a pillow or stuffy if you like **6 pm to 8 pm** in the **Commons** - a shared time with Junior Youth.
Snacks provided and friends always welcome!



MOVIE NIGHT Saturday, March 28 at 7 pm



Our movie of the month will be **The Man Who Knew Infinity**. It is a film based on the book of the same name. It tells the story of Srinivasa Ramanujan, a brilliant Indian mathematician who travels to Oxford in the 1930s and forms an unexpected partnership with Professor G.H. Hardy as he struggles to have his groundbreaking ideas recognized. Free. Snacks and beverages provided. Discussion follows.



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Broad View United
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Camp Spirit

AFFIRM MONTHLY CONVERSATIONS

Thursday, March 26 at 5 pm (with pizza)

2SLGBTQIA+ BVU members and beyond are warmly invited to gather for a monthly conversation (and planning, when needed) on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5 pm, with pizza. This gathering does not require a commitment to regular attendance—just a desire for conversation, ideas, feedback, sharing, reflection, and movement. We send a monthly reminder email with a few notes from the previous meeting. Please sign up **HERE** if you are interested. Come as you are.



KELSEY'S RESEARCH PROJECT WITH BVU'S 2SLGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY

Hello! My name is Kelsey Block (they/them) and I'm a PhD student at the University of Victoria. For my dissertation in Sociology, I'm conducting research examining understandings of gender and sexuality in Christian communities like BVU. The intention of this research is to discover how church communities can better support the sexual and gender diverse members in their communities. I myself am queer and non-binary and grew up in a Christian community, so the research is heavily inspired by my own experiences and passion to create a safe place for gender and sexual diverse individuals in these communities.

Please invite me to your groups or meetings, especially those involving 2SLGBTQIA+members and friends of BVU. If you are interested in a confidential interview, feel free to email me at kblock@uvic.ca. I look forward to engaging with you at BVU.



Kelsey Block (they/them)

Edeana Malcolm Wins Writing Contest

Winners were announced in early February of a first-of-its-kind writing contest organized by the Sunshine Coast Writers and Editors Society. The competition was open to writers aged 55 and above and attracted 92 entries from communities throughout British Columbia, in categories for non-fiction, poetry and fictional writing.

First place for the non-fiction category went to Victoria-based author and Broad View United congregation member Edeana Malcolm. Her piece, "Christmas 1987", was praised by judge Claire Finlayson for being "a strong story that takes an almost cliché situation about a dysfunctional family at Christmastime and turns it into an empowering realization from a strong woman."

Congratulations Edeana!

BVU JUNIOR AND SENIOR YOUTH GROUPS

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 March 1 and March 15

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday 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.



SPIRITUAL CARE TEAM

IN MEMORIAM

Eileen Wttewaall	Died February 5, 2026	Celebration of Life, February 16, 2026
Evelyn Crosswell	Died February 5, 2026	Celebration of Life TBA (mother of Clare Atwell)
Edward Walker	Died February 21, 2026	Celebration of Life TBA

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

CELEBRATIONS



Janis Evans	February 26, 2026	90th Birthday

DROP-IN GRIEF GROUP **Thursday, March 12, 1:30 pm - 3 pm, Chapel**

No registration is needed, though if you are interested, feel free to be in touch with Margaret Harper (Minister of Pastoral Care and Small Groups.) All are welcome, whether you are newly bereaved, or your grief has re-surfaced from the past.



PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Sunday, March 1 at 12:15 pm in the Chapel

SPIRITUAL CARE TEAM MEETING

Tuesday, March 24 at 1:30 pm in the Chapel

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.

VISITATION MINISTRY CONCLUDES

A door opens and here is the church visitor with his beloved dog Madeira! Mary's face lights up! Although she is unable to talk, Mary gently pats the dog and smiles at her friend from the church.



For 10 years, a dedicated team of visitors have kept the connection with homebound people like Mary – former First Met folk who once had been so deeply involved in the life of the church, chairing the board, cleaning up at funeral receptions, teaching Sunday School, serving on committees, singing in the choir...

Then, one day, Mary was missing from Sunday morning worship. One week passed, then two weeks, three weeks, then a move to a care home. Now she is unable to come to church or watch the service.

Over the last 5 years, we had to say "Goodbye" to so many people who died, including some very faithful visitors. Some visitors decided to continue visiting as long as they can, bringing a newsletter and a palm cross, Easter eggs and a special Easter card.

When they hear the visitor greet them, the homebound people know God is still caring, whatever situation they are in. The God of Easter morn still accompanies them.

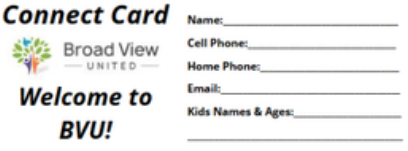
The former First Met visitation team concluded November 2025. Thank you, Visitation Ministry Visitors: Arlene Anderson, Barry Rolston, David Bray, Edeana Malcolm, Jacquie Henderson, Janice Drent, Joan Wilkinson, Marion Denton, Sharon Stennes, Sharron Higgins, Sheila Anderson, Shirley Chatfield, the late Irene Baddeley, the late Pam Shemilt. You have been God's agents of Love.

Their ministry was very much appreciated and all the saints will say, "Thank you for your visit to us."

-Megumi Matsuo Saunders, Former Visitation Ministry Coordinator

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.



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BVU APARTHEID-FREE COMMUNITY MOVEMENT

MARCH EVENTS- SAVE THE DATES!

Question we are focusing on:

WHAT DOES APARTHEID LOOK LIKE?

MARCH 1- Join us for our ***official launch*** at worship with special guests, **George Bartlett**, lawyer and former ecumenical accompanier for the World Council of Churches and **Rev. Marianna Harris,** from the United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel (UNJPPI). Afterwards, enjoy a light lunch, short videos, followed by a facilitated conversation with our guests. Bring your questions and concerns.

MARCH 22- Plan to attend the full-length feature film:

"All That's Left Of You"

Show starts at 6:30. Spanning seven decades, this epic drama traces the hopes and heartaches of one uprooted family, revealing not only the scars of displacement, but the unbreakable spirit of survival. No charge event. Donations welcome to cover licensing fee.

MARCH 29- **Palestinian Land Exercise-** Similar to the KAIROS Blanket Exercise, this interactive educational experience is designed to give participants a deeper understanding of the history of Palestine/Israel. ***Registration is limited to 25.*** 1- 3pm Lunch will be provided after church or come at 1pm.

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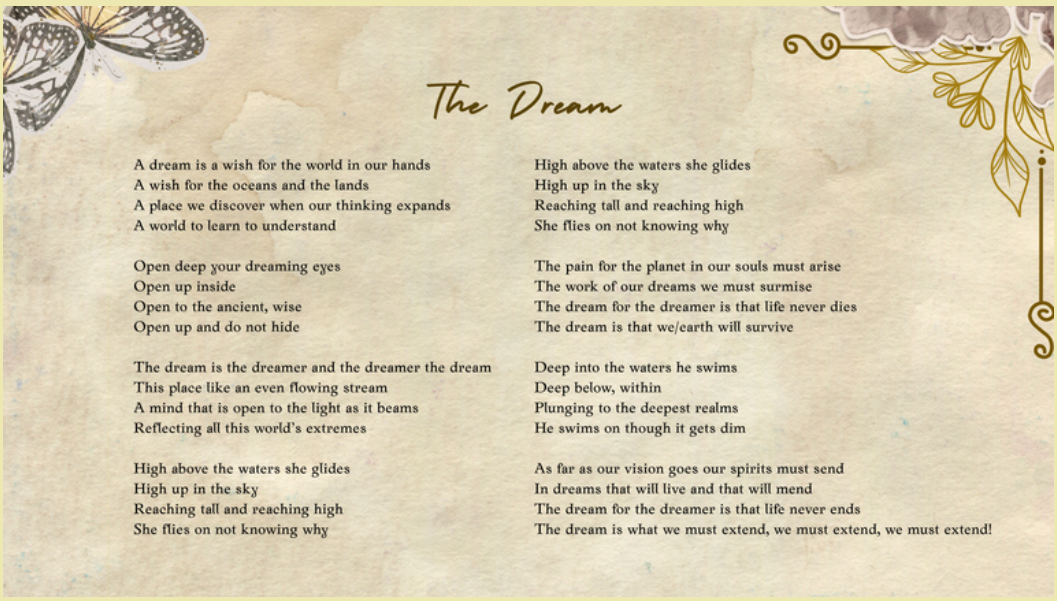
ALL THAT'S LEFT OF YOU Sunday, March 22 at 6:30 pm

As part of the Apartheid Free Community Initiative, we invite you to a screening of the 2025 drama All that's Left of You. This full-length feature film follows a Palestinian family across three generations amidst the genocide in Palestine. After a teenager gets swept up into a West Bank protest, his mother recounts the family story of hope, courage and the relentless struggle that led to his fateful moment. The Guardian has called it "a deeply moving epic."



Lyrics to "The Dream"

On February 15th, Margaret Giffin sang an original composition of hers called "The Dream" at the Bridge Service with guitar and piano accompaniment by Jeff Pointer. As the lyrics were not shown on the screen, we thought you would enjoy reading her beautiful words. Thank you, Margaret, for your gifts of music.



The Dream

A dream is a wish for the world in our hands
A wish for the oceans and the lands
A place we discover when our thinking expands
A world to learn to understand

Open deep your dreaming eyes
Open up inside
Open to the ancient, wise
Open up and do not hide

The dream is the dreamer and the dreamer the dream
This place like an even flowing stream
A mind that is open to the light as it beams
Reflecting all this world's extremes

High above the waters she glides
High up in the sky
Reaching tall and reaching high
She flies on not knowing why

High above the waters she glides
High up in the sky
Reaching tall and reaching high
She flies on not knowing why

The pain for the planet in our souls must arise
The work of our dreams we must surmise
The dream for the dreamer is that life never dies
The dream is that we/earth will survive

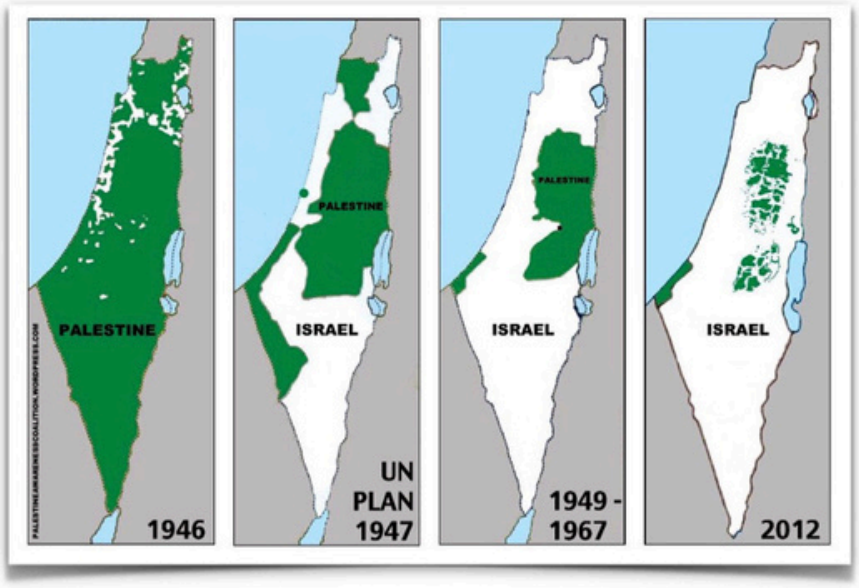
Deep into the waters he swims
Deep below, within
Plunging to the deepest realms
He swims on though it gets dim

As far as our vision goes our spirits must send
In dreams that will live and that will mend
The dream for the dreamer is that life never ends
The dream is what we must extend, we must extend, we must extend!

APARTHEID FREE COMMUNITIES

The Palestinian Land Exercise (PLE)

Palestine is an ancient land with thousands of years of human history. In this interactive exercise you will experience what life has been like for Palestinians from the later 19th Century to the present.



Sunday March 29 in the Sanctuary from 1- 3pm

(Lunch will be provided for those joining us for worship in the morning.)

Register by QR code or email *graceful@shaw.ca*

LIMITED TO 25 PARTICIPANTS

If there is enough interest, we will offer this again in April.

Still a work in progress, thank you for taking part in our first run-through of the PLE. We look forward to your feedback and all kinds of learning together!

REGISTER HERE

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JUSTICE FAIR

Our Justice Fair takes place in the Commons following both services on the second Sunday of the month. The intent is for people to share information about various actions or organizations - or their own personal commitment - to make our world a better place for all. Most importantly, there is space for conversation and learning. This month the Affirming Group will be selling baking to raise funds for the refugee family. There will be information focusing on our movement towards taking the Apartheid-Free Pledge. Reconciliation and Environment are key areas of interest. The popular Medjohl dates, olive oil and other products supporting Palestinian farmers will be available. And you can expect more!!!

To participate, please contact either Barbara at bmhansen@telus.net or Robin at robin.breckon@gmail.com in advance by Thursday, March 5, so we can arrange support and space.

COOKIES FOR PALESTINE STILL NEEDED

Sadly, the news from Palestine has not improved. Rather it has gotten worse.

Did you know that:

- Even though Canada has recognized Palestinian statehood it continues to ship arms to Israel via the United States through a loophole in the law.
- And Israel has violated the latest “ceasefire” 1,620 times and has murdered 615 Palestinians and injured 1,651.
- And murderous attacks and land theft continue in the West Bank.

Consequently, the weekly rallies, in support of Palestine, continue every Saturday at 1pm at the BC legislature. BVU stands in solidarity with Palestine and so we continue to offer hospitality and fellowship at every rally. The approximately 9 dozen cookies donated by the generous folks of BVU and shared at the rallies provide opportunity for relationship building. We couldn’t do it without your support and prayers.

For more information contact Robin at robin.breckon@gmail.com or Barbara at bmhansen@telus.net.

What are your Summer Plans?

Naramata Centre

Naramata Centre is a retreat and program facility on the shores of Okanagan Lake, a place where rest, learning, and community come together in a way that feels both simple and deeply renewing. The Centre offers programs for all ages as well as accommodation, including cottages, and sites for tents or recreation vehicles. Located on the lakefront, offering plenty of freshwater recreation, swimming and more. Registration is now open. To find out more, https://www.naramatacentresociety.org/adult-programming or google ‘Naramata Centre and click on ‘Summer info’.

Decolonizing Bible Study

ENGAGE IN SCRIPTURE THROUGH A DECOLONIZING LENSE USING BIBLE PASSAGES FROM UNSETTLING THE WORD: BIBLICAL EXPERIMENTS IN DECOLONIZATION

1st and 3rd Sunday evenings on Zoom

7 PM - 8:15 PM

LATE REGISTRATIONS ARE WELCOME THROUGH MARCH



Scan QR Code to register or go to www.broadviewunited.com



Saturday, April 18

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Broad View United Church
3703 St Aidans Street,
Victoria, BC

An $85 to $125 sliding scale

A retreat experience facilitated by Kimiko Karpoff and Leslie Sandra Black.

Register online at:
contemplative.org/retreats

Stillness in Motion:

Weaving together contemplative and energy-healing practices

A **weaving together** of practices from two spiritual traditions for personal and **collective resilience and transformation.**

Stillness in motion is the capacity to find a place of calm from which to act. This day will be both a retreat and a workshop; **learn and be nourished.**

Dress comfortably, in layers. Snacks will be provided. Bring a lunch or grab lunch in the neighbourhood.

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THRIFT STORE UPDATES

Hello Community!





February flew by. We had with our best dressed dog contest. The winner is Maeve. Maeve's is a regular at the thrift store. Thank you for making our February a little more fun by participating in our contest. See her picture above. March will see changes in our store hours. We are changing our Thursday hours from 4 PM - 8 PM to 2 PM - 6 PM. Come in and grab supplies for St Patrick's Day or Easter. We have plenty of items for sale. Yellow tags are 50% off as well as men's clothing and our pots and pans. We will also be clearing out books by having a buy one get one free sale through March. See the photograph of our book sorters above. One of our many teams behind the scenes. Dedicated volunteers keep Broad View Thrift Store going. The foundation for our success starts with you. Consider being part of a great team of individuals. Keep coming in and supporting the great work we are doing here for the community and Broad View United Church.

Thank you!

- Sarah McConnell, Store Manager

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



INTERCULTURAL COMMUNITY UPDATES

Our Intercultural Community continues to gather every Saturday during Saturday Social (5:30–8:30 p.m.). It has become a safe and welcoming space for people from many cultural backgrounds to connect, build relationships, and learn from one another. More than anything, this is a place where we can bring our authentic selves—all that we are—without compromising or hiding. Come and experience this living, growing community of becoming!





Mark Your Calendar: March 7 from 7 pm - 8 pm

We're excited to welcome Saanich International Folk Dance, who will guide us through folk dances from around the world. The dances will be easy, accessible, and joyful—mostly circle and line dances, suitable for all levels.

Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing so you can move freely, and don't miss this fun evening of movement and connection!



New Program for Mandarin and Cantonese Seniors (55+)

Are you a Mandarin- and/or Cantonese-speaking senior? In partnership with the **Vancouver Island Counselling Centre for Immigrants and Refugees**, we are offering a **Mandarin & Cantonese Seniors Meet-Up Group**.

Please help spread the word! Our active community member **Chui Ying** is one of the organizers of this new program.



Sign up today - space is limited.



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



Did you know we now have a **new ping pong table**? Generously donated by members of our community, it's a beautiful table -
come give it a try!

Haircuts Available

Linda Zou continues to kindly offer haircuts (for anyone, regardless of gender identity), serving **one person each Saturday**.

If you'd like a haircut, please:

- Let Min-Goo know in advance
- Arrive with your hair already washed



Mahjong Fun

Our brand-new mahjong set has been a hit! Whether you're new or experienced, our friendly (and not-too-competitive!) players will gladly welcome you.
No experience required.



Taste of Home: March 28 at 5 pm - 8:30 pm

Please note: This program is for NEWCOMERS to Canada who have arrived within the last five years. If you do not fall within this category, we kindly ask that you refrain from registering.

For more information, please contact Min-Goo at min-goo@broadviewunited.com.

Register here: https://form.jotform.com/252587691212057

On March 28, we'll learn how to make **Tacos al Pastor** with Angie!

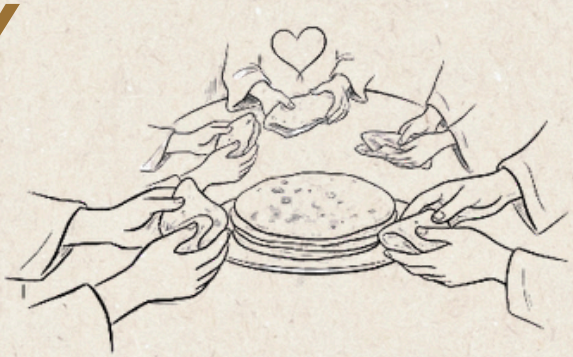
A little about the chef and the food:

Angelica Arredondo was born in Querétaro, Mexico—a historic colonial city known for its 18th-century architecture, rich traditions, and vibrant food culture. Fifteen years ago, she moved to Canada, where she and her partner now support Latin students as they settle and thrive, offering guidance with visas, school placement, and local support. Angelica also loves sharing Mexican food traditions, especially tacos al pastor, a beloved street food made with meat roasted on a trompo and seasoned with achiote, chili, and pineapple.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 2



7 PM – 8:30 PM

Gathered in Love
Simple Meal and Ritual



GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 3

10:30 AM – 11: 30 AM

Reflective Gathering with
Quiet Communion

7 PM – 8 PM

Jazz Vespers

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5



7:30 AM

Sunrise Service at Mt. Tolmie
Joint service with Lutheran Church of the Cross
Hot Breakfast to follow

9:30 AM

Bridge Service

11 AM

ConXion Service

Broad View United
3703 St. Aidan's St.
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