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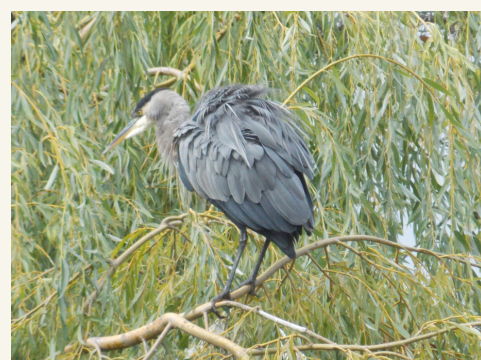


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Sarah McConnell

Weekly Friday e-mail
Bits & Bytes

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In this Ordinary Time, ordinary people go about ordinary daily tasks. Many—especially young adults, newcomers, and all who live within the unique context of their own lives—are preparing for the future, waiting for outcomes, enduring disappointments, and shaping hope.

In this same Ordinary Time, the world moves slowly, like an iceberg. Heavy, deep, and silent, it passes through our life landscape, etching lines into the surface of our everyday.

In this post-election time, no matter how we voted, we—Easter people—have expressed our faith.

Broad View United, as a community of faith, invites you to reflect on how we journey through life and shape our actions by the values we hold dear. In uncertain times, we are called to live out those values as our guiding post—to be agents of transformation and a fresh expression of progressive Christian faith.

We seek to flourish as an intercultural community by embracing diversity, prioritizing social justice and spiritual transformation, and actively engaging with the social and technological innovations that strengthen our values.

We are walking the talk—creating a safe and welcoming space for all, ensuring accessibility, affirming 2SLGBTQIA+ identities, decolonizing, creating rituals to express care, and caring for Creation/Earth. We are deepening partnerships. We are serving those who are underserved or isolated. We are taking special initiatives to engage children, youth, and young adults—and truly listening to their voices, their concerns, and their Easter hope.

This is a bold and hopeful vision—one worth contemplating, sharing, and living into as people of faith. And we truly hope you will find connection and purpose within the space we are creating at BVU.

Even as the iceberg of global change moves through our lives—brushing against us with quiet but powerful weight—we carry these challenges as part of our story—like a great tree drawing water, minerals, and light through its deep roots, enabling life to keep flowing.

We send you Easter blessings and invite you to read our **2024 Annual Report**—our own set of growth rings that tell the story of this past year.

Together, we are one tree—rooted in the earth, reaching toward the sky, connected in one world.



Ha Na Park
Co-Lead Minister

BVU ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday, May 4th at 2pm on ZOOM

You can find the 2024 Annual Report [HERE](#). In the documents, you will find a comprehensive overview of 2024, including strategic plan, visioning report, financials, and proposed budget for 2025.

A Zoom link will go out in the Friday email and also in a Separate special email on Sunday Morning. If you do not get the link for some reason, email mark@broadviewunited.com before 1:45 pm on Sunday, and it will be sent to you directly. An agenda and link for board nominations will also be included on Sunday.



WORSHIP OUTLINE FOR MAY

DATE & TIME	THEME	SCRIPTURE	LEADERSHIP	OTHER
May 4th 9:30 am & 11 am	Easter Underground	Matthew 28:7-10, 16	Ha Na Park	Membership and Belonging Celebration as an Intercultural Church AGM
May 11th 9:30 am & 11 am			Margaret Harper	Mothers' day
May 18th 9:30 am & 11 am	Love your enemies: Moving beyond polarization	Love Your Enemies	Ha Na Park	
May 25th 9:30 am & 11 am	Building Bridges	Love Your Enemies	Mark Green	Baptism ConXion

Baptism Sunday, May 25th at ConXion Service: We are delighted to welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism 2 new additions to our church family: River Giffen-Presant and Joseph Alexander Lacroix (Jax). We look forward to celebrating with both families.

WORSHIP in JUNE - Beginning June 1st and through the summer season, we will be offering just one service at 10 am. **June is the official month of the 100th anniversary** of the United Church and the anniversary of BVU. Throughout the month, we will be celebrating this rich history with 4 special services that each focus on a quarter century of our history. Two former moderators (Very Rev Gary Patterson and Very Rev Jordon Cantwell) will be joining us for the last two Sundays of the month, and other special elements are 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	Ha Na Park	 
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	Sundae Sunday & Fruit Kabobs

ANNIVERSARY CHOIR

You are invited to join our Chancel Choir for a few rehearsals prior to the June 8th service where we will feature both a special anthem and some historic elements involving the choir the way it would have been incorporated in the service from 1925-1950. Rehearsals are on Thursday from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm on **May 1, 8, 15, 29** and **June 5th**.

Please contact Kelly Orr for those wanting to join the anniversary choir
k2musiclaw@yahoo.ca

RED DRESS DAY

Red Dress Day 2025, held every May 5th, is a National Day of remembrance and activism honouring the lives of **Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirited People (MMIWG2S+)**. On Sunday, May 4, we will hang some red dresses at BVU's entrance and in the trees in our gardens. You may notice, around the city, that increasingly, some people are also hanging men's T-shirt, and ties. Red Dresses first began to be recognized as a national symbol with the REDress Project, created by Métis artist Jaime Black in 2010. On this coming Monday, red dresses will be draped in trees, hanging from windows, pinned to jackets, worn as earrings and red hands painted across faces, people will be partaking in ceremonies to honour their loved ones, participating as allies and fighting for justice.



Thank you to Broad View Thrift Store for their support of this project.

COFFEE AND QUESTIONS!

We have heard that there is an interest in having a coffee and conversation time each Sunday about the Question of the Day. So, starting May 4th, which is a busy Sunday I know, a space will be set aside in the Commons for anyone wanting to chat about the Question of the Day, the service or the sermon! 😊 Grab a coffee or tea and look for the sign near the fireplace. The "Round Table" conversations will take place after each of the two services, switching over to one gathering from June until Labour Day. Hope you can drop by! Come and meet some people and chat about the worship together.



CELEBRATING THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

JUNE 3 | 1 P M - 3 P M

Program at 1PM, sit down tea following
Everyone is Welcome!
\$10 registration fee,
proceeds go to the Mission & Service Fund



Scan to register:



or call the office
250-590-3677

A SPRING TEA FOR SENIORS FROM OUR PLACE

Happy Spring! The Evolving Church team is organizing a Spring Tea for seniors from Our Place. It will be held in the Commons on Wednesday, May 21st from 2 – 4 pm. Team members Penny Bond, Marilyn Banfield, Shelagh MacKinnon, Jean Margison, Emily MacDonald and retired team member Jacquie Henderson will be hosting. If you would like to donate sandwiches, cookies or squares, please let us know. We really appreciated your kindness in donating goodies in the past. Please contact Emily at [**emilymacd@telus.net**](mailto:emilymacd@telus.net)



and label your goodies so we can thank you and return any containers. If you are interested in joining the team, please let one of us know. We are meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:30.

Our next project is the International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31st. We will be doing some planning for this project on Wednesday, May 7th at 1:30 if you are interested. All help greatly appreciated!

THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EVENT

The Emergency Preparedness Event will be re-scheduled for the Fall... More details soon.

Prayer in the Style of Taizé



6 PM
May 16 & June 20, 2025

Broad View United 3703 St. Aidan's St.

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

Visioning Process Report: Summary and Highlights

led by Allison Rennie (March-May 2024)



Engagement Overview

- The community engaged in approximately 440 person hours of attention to Vision, Purpose, Values.
- Three congregational events and Cohort meetings were held. See each cohort's key sharing below.



High-Level Summary: What Did We Hear?

Core Values Affirmed:

Participants repeatedly affirmed that the values of Integrity, Connectedness, and Progressiveness are central to their reasons for participation. There is a strong feeling that the current vision, purpose, and values are aligned or strongly aligned with where the BVU community is.

Unique Group Input + Broad Consensus:

- Pride in being part of a non-traditional faith community and embracing a new expression of Christianity.
- Strong resistance by some to the word "Progressive":
Seen as a 'buzz' word, unclear, self-righteous, or overly intellectual.
Others find it central to BVU's identity.
- Debate around "Christian", "Church", and "Jesus":
These terms generated much discussion and a desire for clarity about their meaning at BVU.
- A deep, cross-cohort sense of welcome and acceptance at BVU. Participants emphasized the potential to deepen and extend this as one of BVU's central gifts.



Cohort-Specific Shoutouts:

- **Younger Generation (Sunday School):** "The planet is really important!"
- **Junior Youth and Older Children:**
"Reduce bullying, lower food prices, more trees for cleaner air, LGBTQ support, more food banks, cleaner water for everyone."
- **Young Adults:**
"We hope that BVU can be even more inclusive and more fully cherish diversity — not just 'have' diversity of various kinds."
- **Generation X and Millennials:** "What matters most: that BVU is more and more Accepting Loving Gentle Queer Positive Diversity space."
- **2SLGBTQIA+:**
"Words that are Stop Light words for 2SLGBTQIA+ people: Christian, Jesus, Teachings of Jesus. Due to the trauma and ongoing harms associated with these words for Queer and Trans people unless there is some further descriptions of how BVU understands."
- **Saturday Social Intercultural Community:**
"No strings attached — no cost, no conversion, no judgement — genuine welcome. An intergenerational place of learning, a model of what Canada could really be."

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- **Disability and Diversity Advocates:**

“Hope for more meaningful relationship to be the focus, not just attending worships and other events and programs.

A place of humility that is less judgemental than the wider world, and a gentle place.”

- **Online Cohort:**

“Online connection is important and allows participants to carry on all week with some hard realities of daily life and work.

When events are scheduled to be online and then they aren’t broadcast it significantly impacts feelings of connectedness and trust.”



What’s Next? What’s Emerging for BVU? Who Are We Becoming?

- Born of amalgamations and location changes — and in response to increasing social isolation — the craving for spiritually grounded, meaningful connection is, and will remain, central to ministry priorities.
- BVU is already experienced as a place that values this and knows how to ‘do’ it.
- Personal storytelling, building new connections, and deepening small group ministry could continue to be key.



Board Level Next Steps

1 Carve out time with the Board to name the **impact or outcome** hoped for in BVU’s ministry.
What is the high-level change you are called to?

2 Consider a **high-level Operational Director** (a senior non-ministry staff person) due to the scale of operations (financial, property, and human resources).

3 **What’s missing or needs to be strengthened:**
(Emerging as significant themes from cohort and congregational input.)

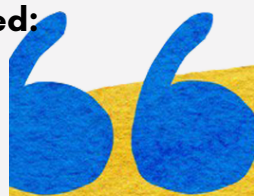
- **Climate change and care for the earth**
- **Reconciliation and Indigenous Relationships**



What Are You Doing and Being That Is Excellent?

Over and over, people named the **quality of welcome** they experience at BVU. This welcome has supported their steps into belonging.

In the face of tremendous social isolation, this is a high calling. Perhaps it is for such a time as this that you find yourselves being and becoming Broad View United.



THE LEARNING EDGE OF THIS WELCOME:

Move from welcoming those who make it through the door to a radical and honest invitation to those still seeking a spiritual home like BVU. Meaningful relationships across age, political, economic, cultural, and theological differences could be one of BVU’s greatest areas of impact. This is not about new programs, but about approaches that build the spiritual community people are yearning for — and already glimpse at BVU.

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

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

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

Afternoons will be full of exciting intercultural activities with local students, community members, and volunteers!

From pickleball and ping pong to salsa dancing, storytelling through comics or film, an intercultural veggie-tale project, and dumpling making to wrap it all up — there's something for everyone!

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



An Intercultural Day Camp for Children (Ages 6-11)

Great activities and learning! Includes lunch, morning, and afternoon snacks!

CAMP DETAILS

Camp Fee: \$190

Financial Assistance Available! Discounts of 25%, 50%, 75%, or full coverage. Request a bursary during online registration for an immediate fee discount. For more than 50%, contact BVU staff (info@broadviewunited.com), or fill out the printed registration copy available at the church reception.

REGISTRATION INFO

🌐 campspirit.ca

✉ campspirit@united-church.ca

Need help with registration?

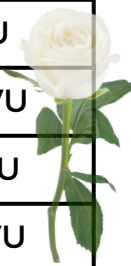
Call 250-590-3677 (BVU)!

☎ 236-607-0353 or 1-800-934-0434



IN MEMORIAM

Roderick (Rod) Richmond	Died April 13, 2025	Celebration of Life May 2 @ 2:00 pm BVU
William (Bill) Draper	Died Nov. 24, 2024	Celebration of Life May 24 @10:30 am BVU
Audrey McLennan	Died Nov. 16, 2024	Celebration of Life May 24 @2:00 pm BVU
Michael Phillips	Died April 9, 2025	Celebration of Life May 25 @ 3:00 pm BVU
Nelson Walker	Died April 28, 2025	Celebration of Life TBA



A service also took place for:

Johanna Held	Died March 23, 2025	Celebration of Life was held April 25, 2025
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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

Alice Waddell

101st Birthday
May 7, 2025

Joyce Huff

101st Birthday
May 8, 2025

Bud. Buchan

100th Birthday
May 12, 2025

Clare Lowery

96th Birthday
May 20, 2025

EASTER CARDS

The Spiritual Care Team sent approx. 100 Easter Cards to members of the BVU community.

The team also regularly sends cards and deliver prayer shawls to those who are ill, in hospital, or in times of transition grief and loss.

Thank You: We are grateful to Dawn Porter and Shirley Chatfield who provide us with beautiful handmade cards, and to the BVU Knitter's group for their provision of gorgeous prayer shawls.

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.

Requests can also be passed along to staff members Shelagh MacKinnon and Margaret Harper.

CONNECT CARDS Are you recently new to the BVU Community? We'd love to be able to welcome you. Please fill out a connect card which are found in the area beside the coat rack as you come in the Sanctuary Doors, or speak to any of the greeters on a Sunday Morning.

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

Join us for a celebration of 100 years of the United Church of Canada. We will be celebrating this in a variety of ways throughout the month of June. Our BIG Event will be on **Saturday, June 14th from 3 – 7pm**. Each person will be given a passport to travel around the various interactive booths to discover and give input into the History of the United Church. There will be:



- International Food tables featuring Egyptian, Chinese, Ukrainian, and Mexican cuisine
- Pizza, Donuts, Ice cream
- Jumping Castle and games
- Interactive Booths with history and information about the United Church, its' people, monumental decisions, impact, regrets, and legacy.
- Fashion show
- Music
- And much much more:

Tickets: can be purchased online or in person at the church office or after church **beginning May 17th**. Sliding scale of \$2-20 each with all proceeds going to the United Church Mission and Service Fund

GROWING DIFFERENTLY: RETHINKING CHURCH GROWTH WITH JORDAN CANTWELL

Saturday June 28th 2025, 10am - 1pm

Come and join **Jordan Cantwell** (former Moderator of the United Church of Canada and current Growth Animator) and a team of intercultural leaders for an inspiring and lively morning!

Through story-sharing, open conversations, and fresh perspectives from decolonizing and intercultural movements, we'll wonder together: What could church growth look like today?

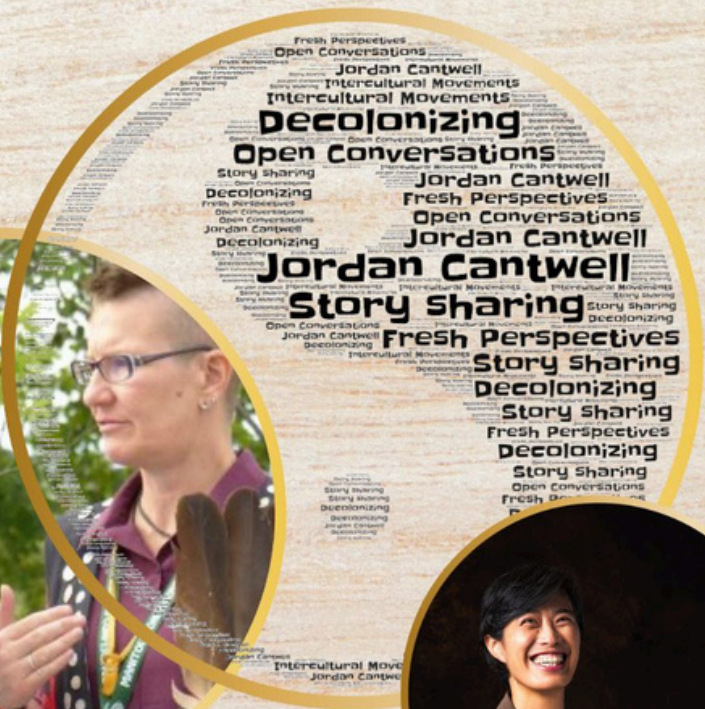
Open to all United Church clergy and lay leaders in the Vancouver Island South region.

Doors open at 9:30 AM. The workshop runs from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Bag lunch provided.

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

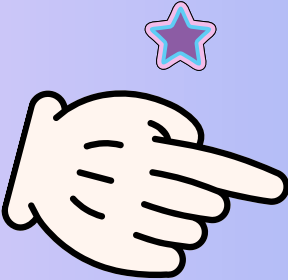
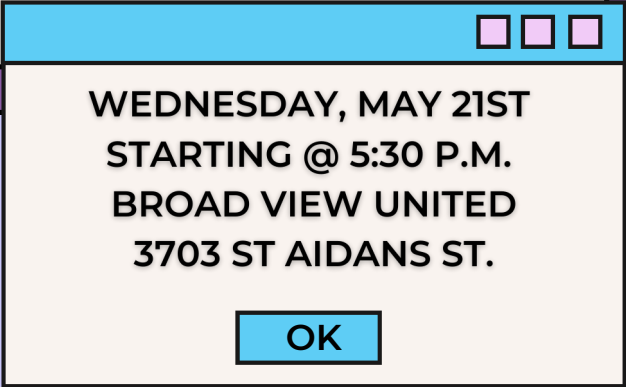
Rethinking Church Growth with Jordan Cantwell

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



Queer Spiritual Collective Retreat

Queer Spiritual Collective Retreat: *Centered on Belonging, Calm, and Connection*

When: Saturday, May 24, 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Where: Unitarian Universalist Community of Victoria
(formerly First Unitarian Church of Victoria), 5575 W Saanich Rd

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

What spiritual resources of resilience are needed in these times? How can we offer one another a space and place where we feel and know we belong? How can we calm our agitated nervous systems?

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



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

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

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



A HALF-DAY
ECUMENICAL RETREAT



REGISTER NOW



MAY

6
TUE

BVU UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

BVU UCW will hold its May **meeting on Tuesday May 6, 2025 in the Commons**. We are delighted to have as our **guest speaker the Reverend Tammy Lindahl**, and who will speak on her Ministry and her experiences while working in Bella Coola.

We will hold a short business meeting at 11, followed by Rev. Tammy and her presentation, and then we will enjoy our lunch and fellowship time. Bring a bag lunch. Tea, coffee and goodies will be provided.

All are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

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4
SUN, 12:15 pm

YOUNG ADULTS FOR MAY

Sunday May 4th in the Narthex. Have you heard of Min-Goo's Taste of Home™ or patented Korean Curry? Why not share a great meal with fellow young adults as we gather around the table for dialogue—with delicious food and meaningful insights from one another. We'll also share in a light version of worship, engaging with words from Enfleshed.com

20
TUE, 4:30 pm

Tuesday May 20th at 4:30 pm. We are volunteering at OUR PLACE to serve the BBQ sponsored by BVU. Meet at the reception desk at 4:30, and we will have a short tour of the facility and programs, followed by our moving into the Courtyard where we will be serving the meal to family members at OUR PLACE. We will share in the meal at the end as well. Further details will go out by email re: parking and what to wear. Contact Mark for more information.

MAY

13
TUE

BROAD VIEW KNITTERS

Broad View Knitters will be meeting on May 13th from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Cedar room. A selection of knitting needles, yarn and advice are available. Everyone is welcome.

GUYS' "WATER INTO WINE" PUB NIGHT

Tuesday, May 13, 7 pm: The Monkey Tree, 4025 Borden St. (near McKenzie and Quadra)

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

MAY

14
WED, 1:30 pm

Circle CHAT

Circle CHAT **Wednesday, May 14th 1:30-3:00 pm**

A time of conversation, sharing and refreshments for women elders. All are welcome!

MAY
23
FRI, 5:30 pm

FAMILY NITE DINNER

Join us for our final Family Nite of the Season for a BBQ supper and lots of games and activities. Veggie and special diets will be accommodated. Please register **HERE** if you can to help us estimate the food necessary.

All families with children in any configuration are welcome to join us. Talk to Micia or Mark for more information.

MAY
SCHEDULE

HEALING PATHWAY

Healing Pathway will be offering healing on Mondays in the Chapel on the following dates:

Monday, May 5th at 7:00 pm; Monday, May 12th at 1:00 pm;

(19th is a holiday so no treatments)

Monday, May 26th at 1:00 pm.

The group practice will be on **Saturday, May 31st from 9:00 – 11:00am**

If you would like to book an appointment please email Eileen Campbell at **eileen.c.campbell@outlook.com**

BVU QUILTS FOR SURVIVORS

Broad View is Quilting, Come join the fun!

At **Broad View United**, we are making quilts and gifting them to Survivors of the Residential School System through the **QUILTS FOR SURVIVORS** Project (<https://www.quiltsforsurvivors.ca>).

All are welcome - no experience necessary!
We all learn as we have fun creating...

The Monthly Sew and Social is held at Broad View United on the second Saturday of each month from 10 am to 4 pm.

For more information, contact:

Jacquelin Green (jacgreen@telus.net)

Vivian Skinner (vivianskinner@shaw.ca)

Drop in: **Mondays** anytime between **9am - 12pm**

Drop in: **Fridays** anytime between **11am – 2:pm**

Drop in: on the **second Saturday** of the month between **10am – 4pm**

For information contact: Jacquelin Green jacgreen@telus.net

Vivian Skinner vivianskinner@shaw.ca



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!



Song, Shuang, and Ethan, a family from China, have joined us for Taste of Home and regularly attend Saturday Socials. We are happy that this family of three has found a new home away from home. Our intercultural community strives to be a safe space for everyone, especially newcomers to Canada.

Taste of Home Potluck – May 10

Now that Taste of Home Season 3 has ended—with 40 people attending—we are extending the invitation to **EVERYONE** in the congregation!

Come celebrate who we are and where we come from with food, stories, and music!

Danza Colombia, one of our intercultural partners, will perform at the event. So be prepared to move your body, your feet, or both!

It takes many hands to make the event successful. We need your help with welcoming, setting up, cleaning up, washing dishes, and childminding.

Please sign up today and let us know if you can help:

👉 [Volunteer Form](#)



Date: Saturday, May 10 at 5 PM



Location: Commons (Upper Hall)

TASTE OF HOME POTLUCK

*"An intercultural celebration of
food, stories, and music"*

SATURDAY
10
MAY

Broad View United
5 PM
3703 St. Aidan's St.



Scan QR to Register
min-goo@broadviewunited.com

CREATING UVIC MULTIFAITH CLIMATE RESILIENCE ART WORKSHOP



Are you a young person (15 – 30 years old) who experiences climate anxiety? Join us for a series of workshops where we will explore our feelings about climate change through artmaking, dialogue and community meals. No artmaking experience required!

Location: UVic Multifaith Centre
Time: Tuesdays, 5:30–8:00p.m.

A FREE MEAL WILL BE OFFERED

Program Dates:

- May 6th
- May 13th
- May 20th
- May 27th
- June 3rd

Register by scanning:



Feeling climate anxiety? You're not alone.

If you're 15–30 years old, Creating Climate Resilience invites you to a series of artmaking and conversation sessions to explore and respond to climate anxiety—no experience needed!

Enjoy a free meal, connect in dialogue circles, and create visual art together (all materials provided).

Dates: Tuesdays, May 6 – June 3 | 5:30–8 PM

Location: Multifaith Centre, UVic

This program is free, but registration is required:

[Register Here](#)

Questions? Contact Min-Goo at min-goo@broadviewunited.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](#)



Thinking About Walking the Camino de Santiago? Let's Talk!

Join a conversation with others interested in this legendary pilgrimage through Spain. The Camino offers diverse experiences for spiritual reflection, adventure, and connection with nature and fellow travelers.

We're looking to bring together anyone who's interested in discussing the Camino, whether you're:

- Thinking about walking it for the first time
- In the early stages of planning
- Looking for gear tips, packing lists, or route advice
- Eager to share stories and inspiration from a past Camino
- Curious about the history, culture, or spiritual aspects of the pilgrimage



This will be a casual, open discussion—no experience necessary! Just bring your questions, your stories, and your curiosity. Please email Trisha Tonkin @ tonkinfamily@shaw.ca and let's arrange to meet up.

THRIFT STORE UPDATES

Hello Community!

Thank you all for your participation toward the thrift shop over April. We appreciate your many donations. Patrons have been glad to find us open Thursday evenings. We have been able to draw in a new demographic of people we can provide to. Come on in and help us get Thursday evenings going strong. Treasure hunting back to yesteryear is a favorite pastime of many. Some of our items can bring a great sense of nostalgia.

New volunteers are still finding their way through our doors. We always welcome help in all forms and are hopeful to provide it back. Our social impact on the community is our top priority. We provide a welcoming space for volunteers to build community. While supporting a good cause. We have volunteer events quarterly like our upcoming "Volunteers make Waves" event. Scheduled for volunteer appreciation week. All thrift store volunteers are welcome. It is being held in the church commons on May 9th at 11 am until 1 pm.

A church event I would like to make out thrift store volunteers aware of. The one hundredth anniversary of the United church celebration. Being held on Saturday June 14th at 3 pm to 7 pm. Come and help us celebrate one hundred years of united people.

The Thrift Store is observing Red Dress Day on May 5th as part of our reconciliation initiatives. A National day of remembrance. Honoring the lives of missing and murdered indigenous women, girls and two-spirited people.

Thank you for being part of our justice enterprise. Our mission to promote equity and inclusion is helped by all who are part of this project. Customers and volunteers alike.

Sarah McConnell - Store Manager.



RETAIL HOURS

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

DONATION HOURS

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



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JUSTICE FAIR - Sunday, May 4

We are a community that embraces the teachings of Jesus to stand with the marginalized and oppressed. In our uniqueness, we each have different skills, interests, and time commitments to contribute. Engage with others at the Justice Fair! It's a time to check out how you can support different actions. Consider sharing a project or action you are already involved with at any of the monthly Justice Fairs. Contact barbara.diaconal@gmail.com or robin.breckon@gmail.com

BVU Acts to Support Palestinians

- We support Palestinian farmers by offering olive oil, dates, and other products for purchase both within BVU and the broader community. (2 photos – Justice Fair, Stephen oil sales)
- Our ongoing donation of cookies build relationships at the Saturday rallies. (Rally group photo)
- The sanctuary provides a welcoming space for a diversity of people to come together to learn, to be challenged and to discuss films about Palestine. (3 photos Dan H, Hospitality, group)



HELP END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

On **May 15, 2025** join Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians from across Canada to support reconciliation and help end violence against all women and children.

Moose Hide Campaign Day is a day for connecting, learning and sharing, where you can hear from inspiring speakers, share experiences and join workshops. It's a day of ceremony where we invite you to fast with us from sunrise to sunset in our **#FastToEndViolence**. Tune into the livestream or join us for our in-person Workshops and **#WalkToEndViolence** in Victoria, BC.

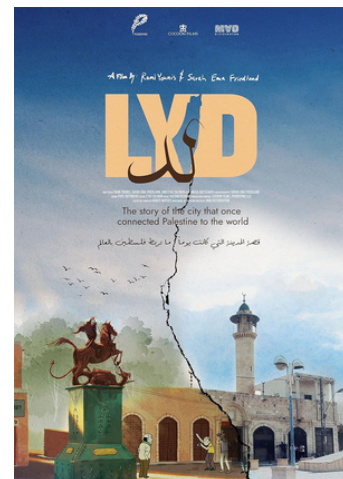
Supporters are encouraged to wear and share the moose hide pins on the day (and every day!) and organize events with their organizations, schools or communities. Fasters will be supported on their fasting journey throughout the day. Events are free for anyone to attend.

Learn more at moosehidecampaign.ca

BVU PALESTINIAN SOLIDARITY FILM SERIES:

BVU Palestinian Solidarity Film Series is pleased to screen the 2023 film *Lyd* on **May 12 at 7 pm** as one of several events being held in Victoria to commemorate the Palestinian Nakba (May 15) *

Once a vibrant Palestinian metropolis, Lyd was captured during the 1948 Arab-Israeli conflict, leading to the massacre and expulsion of many of its Palestinian residents. The film delves into these events, utilizing archival footage and survivor interviews to depict the trauma and upheaval experienced by the city's inhabitants. Simultaneously, it employs speculative animation to envision an alternate reality where Lyd was never occupied, portraying a harmonious city where Palestinians of all religions—Muslims, Christians, and Jews—live together peacefully.



** The Palestinian Nakba (catastrophe) occurred in 1948 when Israel ethnically cleansed Palestinian Arabs from their homes and lands. 500 Palestinian villages were destroyed, and 750,000 people were forced to flee the massacres and violence. The state of Israel was created during this time of violent ethnic cleansing.*

GVAT ACTIONS COMING UP IN MAY!

Worried about housing affordability? Cost of living? Mental health? Climate change? We are too!! Join other Broad View folks in these upcoming actions led by **Greater Victoria Acting Together:**

- Building Communities of Care – May 8, 7:00-9:00 pm United Commons (former First Met Hall, 932 Balmoral Rd). The final event in GVAT's months-long Listening Campaign. Storytelling facilitated conversation and listening to shared concerns as together we identify the most urgent of the multi-crises we are facing so that we can take action together. Join us to share what matters to you!
- Our Shared Future – May 22, 7:00-9:00 pm United Commons. Shaped by the insights of our listening together, this discernment assembly will allow GVAT members to decide where our energy and capacity lies to plan ongoing action. Delegates will vote to choose specific issues where we are confident we can make an impact. Join us to provide direction and leadership for change!



More information: izzy@gvat.ca or contact Stephen Tyler



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