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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

We Can Do Conflict Like a Ceremony

That's what the Elder said.

After the voting for General Council 43 was completed, Susan Beaver—whom my colleague whispered to me was “a revolutionary pastor”—was not elected as Moderator. Carrying deep emotions, I joined a Lodge gathering where Susan shared wisdom with those present.

If I had been Susan, I would likely have felt disappointed and tired after such a long process. But she did not look that way—quite the opposite. In her quiet yet vibrant and faithful presence, she offered many words of wisdom. One has stayed with me: “We can do conflict like a ceremony.”

At the time, I had less experience and understanding, so I could not fully grasp it. Yet those words remained in my heart. How do you understand this? We can do conflict like a ceremony. What might it mean to say, we can do peace like a ceremony? How would you live it out?

Now, with more experience, I return to these words and hold them again. Perhaps they mean this:

First, we invite silence. A ceremony creates space—for inner turbulence, for dreams, for connection and transformation. To hold that space requires our capacity to invite stillness. As an intentional spiritual practice, we enter silence together. Within that intention, we include beauty, safety, inclusion, and faith.

Conflict—perhaps a harmony of diversity, an encounter of differences—also needs such space. We honour the power of participation, especially the courage to ask questions. These questions are not sharp or divisive, but seek clarity, consensus, connection, and faith. Those who ask are already making our meeting meaningful.

We do not treat questions as one-to-one exchanges. We engage them with love and faith, as a Christian community. We recognize that vulnerability itself is significant. We lean into silence and *resonance*—not just response—and attend to God's movement among us.

Finally, when we gather to make decisions, we remember: healing comes first. This is our calling. We practice deep listening—to the deeper voice within each person. In all we do, we are guided by this: healing is our calling.

With open hearts, taking one more breath, discerning what God is doing among us, and reaching for empathy and higher values, this Two-Spirit ancestral wisdom that Susan Beaver shared can become a living teaching for us.

Whenever two or three gather—in congregational, annual, board, or team meetings—each encounter can become a ceremony. In this way, we learn peace, seek peace, share peace, and create peace as the Broad View United community.

To all who participated in the March strategic planning engagement sessions and the April 26 congregational meeting, and to those who led them: you have shared the goodness of God among us. Thank you.



Ha Na Park
Co-Lead Minister



BROAD VIEW UPDATES

This month at BVU, we continue our journey with our annual theme:

Deep Listening and Radical Hospitality

The Scripture we reflect on together includes the story of Zacchaeus. We then move into Pentecost Sunday, and in the final week, we turn to the story of the early church in Acts. Along the way, we will explore how we imagine the sacred—how we come to see God at work in our lives and in the world—and how we might “reimagine the church within the secular age.”

We will also consider what it means to imagine a public faith that witnesses to the holy and the transcendent (or to the immanent nature of God).

Jesus’ words, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham” (Luke 19:9, NRSV), invite us to reflect on what this might mean as a confession of an inclusive faith.

We will also explore whether we experience faith not only as hosts who invite others, but as guests who are welcomed by others—just as Jesus ultimately becomes a willing guest in Zacchaeus’s home.

DATE & TIME	SCRIPTURE	PREACHER	THEME	OTHER
Sunday, May 3rd 9:30 am & 11 am	Luke 19:1-10	Ha Na Park	Calling	Moose Hide Campaign (May14)
Sunday, May 10th 9:30 am & 11 am	Luke 19:1-10	Karen Dickey	Salvation	Mother’s Day
Sunday, May 17th 9:30 am & 11 am	Luke 19:1-10	Min-Goo Kang	From Host to Guest	Asian Heritage Month Celebration
Sunday, May 24th 9:30 am & 11 am	Luke 19:1-10 Acts 2:1-13	Ha Na Park	Growing Young: Holy Spirit	Pentecost Sunday
Sunday, May 31st 9:30 am & 11 am	Acts 16:16-40	Margaret Harper	A Time To Sing	AGM (2 pm on Zoom)



CELEBRATION OF EARTH SUNDAY last April 26



A heartfelt thanks to the BVU Caring For Creation Small Group: Susan Draper, Janis & Ray Evans, Gerald Harris, Leanne Harrison, David Kilshaw, Marie & Michael Langley, Brian McConkey.

Your Love of Earth and Commitment for a Healthy Planet is courageous, inspiring & challenging!

STAFF UPDATES

Margaret Harper will be taking Study Leave from May 11 - May 24.

This will include spending time at Hollyhock Retreat Centre on Cortez Island in the program, "Pilgrimage to Silence: A Nature Based Retreat for Rest & Renewal."

BVU ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday, May 31

Join us for the BVU Annual General Meeting on **May 31 at 2 pm (via Zoom)**. This is an opportunity to hear updates, reflect on the past year, and look ahead together.

Agenda, Annual Report, and meeting details will be shared soon.



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SPIRITUAL CARE TEAM



IN MEMORIAM

Ed Walker

Died February 21, 2026

Celebration of Life
May 15 at 11 am at BVU

Elsie Habbick

Died April 7, 2026

Celebration of Life
August 25 at 1 pm at BVU

Cyril Nasim

Died April 27, 2026

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

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

CELEBRATIONS



Joyce Huff

May 8

102nd Birthday

Clare Lowery

May 20

97th Birthday



Easter Cards were sent to almost 100 members of the BVU Community. We have many folks who have faithfully supported the church for decades who are living in assisted living, retirement homes and long-term care facilities. This is one of the ways we say, 'You still matter and are a part of our faith community'.



PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Sunday, May 3 at 12:15 pm in the Chapel



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SPIRITUAL CARE TEAM

DROP-IN GRIEF GROUP

Thursday, May 7, 1:30 pm - 3 pm
in the 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.

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 web site. Requests can also be passed along to 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.

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



RE:UNION BY RE:UNITED

Calling young adults from Vancouver Island! United Church folks and friends, we invite you to travel to Camp Pringle, surrounded by the beauty of Shawnigan Lake, for a weekend of rest, community, and fun.

Register at
<https://app.amilia.com/store/en/chinook-pacific-uccan/api/Activity/Detail?activityId=xq5eJ25>



PROGRAM UPDATES

BVU JUNIOR AND SENIOR YOUTH GROUPS

Senior Youth: May 1 and May 15

Junior Youth: May 8 and May 22

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 May 3 and May 17

**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.



PROGRAM UPDATES

HEALING PATHWAY

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, May 4 at 7 pm in the Chapel
- Monday, May 11 at 1 pm in the Chapel
- Monday, May 18 (Victoria Day - no Healing Pathway today)
- Monday, May 25 at 1 pm in the Chapel



The May Practice Session will be on Saturday, May 23 from 9 am to 11 am in the Chapel.

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

YOGA CLASSES Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30 am

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



For more class information, please check the Events Calendar on www.broadviewunited.com.

Classes are drop-in and \$10 per class. Sorry, cash only. New students need to arrive 15 minutes before class starts.

TAI CHI CHIH every Tuesday

Tai Chi Chih continues during May on Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the Commons. Everyone is welcome. There is no fee or special outfit to wear, just comfortable clothes. If you are interested in joining us contact Eileen Campbell at eileen.c.campbell@outlook.com.



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QI GONG CLASSES

**Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am
in the Narthex**

- The gentle movements help to reduce stress, and increases flexibility, strength, balance, and general well-being!
- Elaine Matthes, a licensed instructor since 2014, led classes in FLorida for 9 years previous to moving home.
- Your first class is always free.
- For more information, contact Elaine at matthesea@gmail.com.



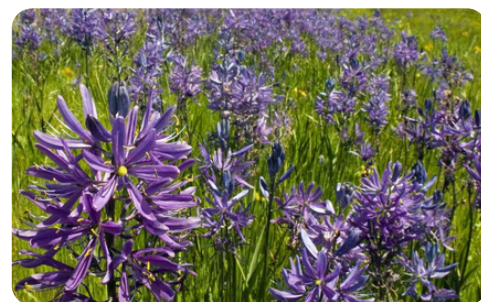
LECTIO every Thursday

Lectio continues through the month of May on Zoom on Thursday mornings at 8:30 am. Everyone is welcome. If you are interested in coming, contact Eileen Campbell at eileen.c.campbell@outlook.com or Betty Doherty at dohertybetty41@gmail.com.



FLATLANDERS WALK Saturday, May 2

Earl Jenson plans to lead the May 2 Flatlanders walk. Please meet at the beach parking lot at Cattle Point. We will walk up to and around Uplands park, hoping to see the fields of Camas in bloom. Coffee will be at the Oak Bay Marina. Hope to see you there. Please pass on this invitation. RSVP to aejenson@gmail.com.



BVU MEDITATION AND CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICES GROUP

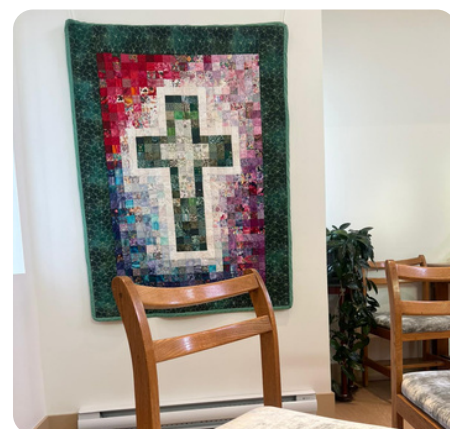
Dates: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month

Time: 10 am - 11 am

Location: Chapel

Upcoming Sessions: May 6 and May 20

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



PROGRAM UPDATES

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN - DINNER NIGHT

Friday, May 8 at 5 pm

Gather with other families with children in the BVU Commons for a year-end BBQ! There will be activities and time to connect with other families, and Cheryl will gather the children with wonderful music and stories to wrap up the evening. There will be a variety of dietary and child-friendly options, and it's always good

to know numbers before we grocery shop, so please let us know if you're coming 😊
micia@broadviewunited.com.



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

BROAD VIEW KNITTERS Tuesday, May 12

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 May 12. 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.



GUYS' "WATER INTO WINE" PUB NIGHT

Tuesday, May 12 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.

CIRCLE CHAT Wednesday, May 13 at 1:30 pm

Circle CHAT will meet Wednesday, May 13 @ 1:30 pm in the Narthex. Circle CHAT is a drop-in group for Women Elders. Come for coffee, conversation and spiritual nourishment!



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!

SPRING TEA FOR SENIORS Wednesday, May 13

The Evolving Church team is holding a Spring Tea for seniors from Our Place on Wednesday, May 13th in the Commons and wondered if people would like to contribute sweets or fruit. The team will be making 3 types of sandwiches. If you would like to contribute, please label your container so we can get it back to you and also so we can thank you! Please contact Emily MacDonald for any questions – 250-886-9975.



INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

Monday, August 31

Save the Date! On August 31st, the annual **International Overdose Awareness Day** is honoured with a beautiful gathering at BVU. For a number of years, The Evolving Church team and Moms Stop The Harm have worked together in this



International Overdose Awareness Day

event. Together we are planning this year's Gathering. Events will be happening later this spring and over the summer. We will be hosting a ribbon tying event, to prepare purple ribbons to go out into the neighbourhoods, and we will be planning the actual event. We will be looking for volunteers to be greeters and cookie makers, as well as hosting the after-service reception. Please watch for further announcement and our posters this summer. For more info, please contact Emily MacDonald. Many thanks. **That's Monday, August 31!!**





Broad View is partnering with Esquimalt United to raise funds to bring Joe's family here from Ghana.

Joe is a local Queer refugee, and we are delighted that his family is now able to relocate to Canada. We have approximately 10 months to raise another \$30,000.

How Can You Help?

1. We are looking for a few extra volunteers to help price and sort items on May 28 and 29th from 9-12 at Esquimalt UC as well as some extra hands the day of the sale. (Saturday, May 30th). Reach out directly to Margaret to confirm 😊
margaret@broadviewunited.com.
2. We are looking for donated items (Gently used clean clothing, household items and goods, etc). Please NO FURNITURE, mattresses or broken items.
3. Items for the sale can be dropped off beginning on **Monday, May 25-Thursday, May 29** at Margaret's office at BVU, **or** at Esquimalt United, **Thursday, May 29 or Friday, May 30 from 9-12 noon.**



PRIDE WEEK PLANNING WITH THE BVU COMMUNITY

It's only April heading into May, but we would love for our BVU affirming community to be part of Pride Week planning.

Please let Ha Na know if you are interested in helping plan **Pride Week at BVU**. Once interest is received, follow-up will be made, and a meeting date will be scheduled based on everyone's availability.



When we gather for planning, feel free to bring your **stories and ideas** to share.

In past years, BVU has hosted events such as a **Queer Film Festival** and participated in the **Pride Walk**.



P.S. We have some wonderful news! While preparing the application to purchase entry tickets for the Pride Walk, our administrator Janiena included detailed information about all the programs and events BVU has offered, as well as our affirming statement and activities as a faith community. As a result, the entry ticket fee was waived! It's not just about saving money—it feels meaningful that BVU's efforts were recognized and appreciated.

AFFIRM MONTHLY CONVERSATIONS

Thursday, May 28 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.



INTERCULTURAL COMMUNITY UPDATES

“Caring” is one of the qualities that makes our community strong and vibrant. We see and feel this care through both words and actions, even as we come from many different places. Lily is travelling to visit her mother, who is unwell. A prayer shawl—made by caring hands in our church—was gifted to her, along with our heartfelt blessing.



We hold Lily’s mother in our prayers and wish her healing and comfort.

Safe travels, Lily. We look forward to seeing you again when you return in the summer.

It takes all of us—each one of us—to create a community that is caring and welcoming. Thank you for all that you do to make this a place of belonging for everyone.

Saturday Social (every Saturday, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm)

We continue to gather every Saturday for a variety of activities, and we look forward to seeing you and getting to know you better. Below are some of the upcoming programs within Saturday Social:



Line Dancing - May 2



Have you heard about line dancing? It’s similar to the folk dance we shared a month ago.

Our volunteers, Betty and Anne, will be leading line dancing on May 2. Line dancing is all about community, rhythm, and accessibility—so come join us as we dance together!



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CULTURE MARKET



FOLLOW US ON
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NO MONEY needed!
Everything is exchanged or given **FREE**

6 PM – 8 PM
MAY 9TH, 2026



A place to share, exchange, and connect! Everyone has a talent to share.
Vendors create fun activities, and you can “buy” by joining in!
It's not just about goods — it's about building community together.



WHAT'S YOUR TALENT TO SHARE?
PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN TABLING

✉ min-goo@broadviewunited.com

📍 Broad View United, 3703 St Aidans St, Victoria, BC V8P 2V7

Culture Market - May 9

Culture Market is coming back on May 9! This is a space where we share our talents freely, without charge, with a focus on building connections through cultural learning and mutual care.

So far, offerings include **Kahwah (traditional Kashmiri tea), calligraphy, Filipino culture, Swiss cookies, a seed library**, and more. If you're interested in

hosting a table, please let me know—everyone has a talent. What's yours to share?



Downtown Victoria Walking Tour - May 30

Join us for a downtown Victoria walking tour on Saturday, May 30, led by experienced local guide Phil Foster. Phil will share engaging stories and historical insights as we explore the city together.

We will meet at **Thunderbird Park (Douglas & Belleville) at 10:30 a.m.**



The walk will last approximately 1.5 hours and will conclude at a downtown restaurant in Chinatown.

Please wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Participants are asked to donate \$5, as Phil is raising funds for Rett syndrome research. Together, we can support a good cause while learning more about this beloved city.

Please let me know by May 27 if you would like to join the tour.

A FIRST THIRD OFFERING WITH MICHELLE SLATER: LEADERS ONLINE GATHERING

Tuesday, May 12
Online via Zoom

First Third Ministry hosts a monthly gathering of United Church leaders who are in ministry with children, youth and families, across the church.

Led by First Third Ministry's Minister for Leadership Support & Development: Rev. Michelle Slater!

Join us for an online cohort group discussions, comprised of check-ins, resource-sharing, and monthly themes to discuss!

For more information: <https://pacificmountain.ca/event/leaders-online-gathering-may-12-2026/>



EXPLORING JUSTICE

Are you a grandmother or an older woman who cares about what is happening in Gaza?

Show your concern for Palestinian children and their families by participating in

GRANDMOTHERS AGAINST GENOCIDE

Solidarity Witness

WHEN: Friday from 12:15-1:15pm

May 1st, 15th, & 29th

*WHERE: South East corner of Blanshard and Saanich Rd
(kitty-corner from Michael's at Uptown)*



Because we want to convey a clear message about who we are and what we want, signs will be provided. Wear a keffiyeh if you have one. No flags.



SHELBOURNE COMMUNITY KITCHEN

SPRING INTO ACTION FOOD DRIVE & FUNDRAISER

It's time to 'Spring Into Action' and come together in support of neighbours facing food insecurity! Amidst the affordability crisis, demand for our services continues to grow. We need your help to keep our shelves and fridges stocked with essentials this season!

Our Spring Into Action Food Drive starts today and runs until May 7.

Our goal is to collect 3,000 lbs of non-perishable food and raise \$2,000.

Here are some ways that you can get involved:

- Organize a food drive -contact us for a poster!
- Donate food (non-perishables)
- Donate online: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/31593>

Donations are gratefully accepted at The Kitchen (101-3787 Cedar Hill Rd). Our hours are Tuesdays 4pm-7pm, and Wednesday & Thursdays 10am-1pm. Together we can help to keep healthy food accessible in our community.



RECONCILIATION IN ACTION: RED DRESS DAY

Tuesday, May 5

The National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two Spirit people is this Tuesday. Wear red and/or your Red Dress Day pin to the worship service this Sunday and next. You can also show your support of Red Dress Day by attending the Our Women are Sacred Community Walk sponsored by the Songhees and Kospasum Nations, on May 5, which will start at Hallowell Rd. at 10:30, and proceed to walk to Maplebank for guest speakers and drumming.



photo credit: <https://amnesty.ca/red-dress-day/>

MOOSEHIDE CAMPAIGN Thursday, May 14

What is the Moosehide Campaign and why is it important?

Indigenous women and girls are murdered or go missing in shocking numbers. In 2011, an Indigenous man, Paul Lacerte and his daughter Raven were hunting moose in Manitoba and came up with a way to involve men in a commitment to protect their women and children from violence. Originally it was for Indigenous men, then enlarged to include all men, who are asked to pledge they will do their part to honour and respect women. Now the campaign takes place in many cities in Canada and involved hundreds of thousands of participants. And when is it you ask? It's on THURSDAY, MAY 14.



Moosehide squares (about 1/2" square) became the symbol. Vegan squares all also be available. We will have a supply of the squares by the Sunday before May 14.

The plenary speaker this year is Dr. Nigaan Sinclair, son of Justice Sinclair of the TRC. Workshop speakers are listed on the website. Virtual sessions will be at the Victoria Convention Centre.

In Victoria, BC, there are many ways to take part. You can walk with other participants, enjoy the virtual plenary speaker excellent workshop speakers and have contact with community members.

Register by going to moosehidecampaign.ca to register and receive more details. I hope to see you there! It's a day of learning and ceremony.

-Lynne Crawshaw



EXPLORING JUSTICE

JUSTICE FAIR SUNDAY Sunday, May 17

It's the Sunday of the long May Weekend!

If you have family and friends visiting, consider inviting them to come to BVU and to the Commons following both services! Broad View United is a community of faith committed to countering injustice in this world as we follow in the steps of the radical Jesus, who always stood up for the oppressed against the occupiers.

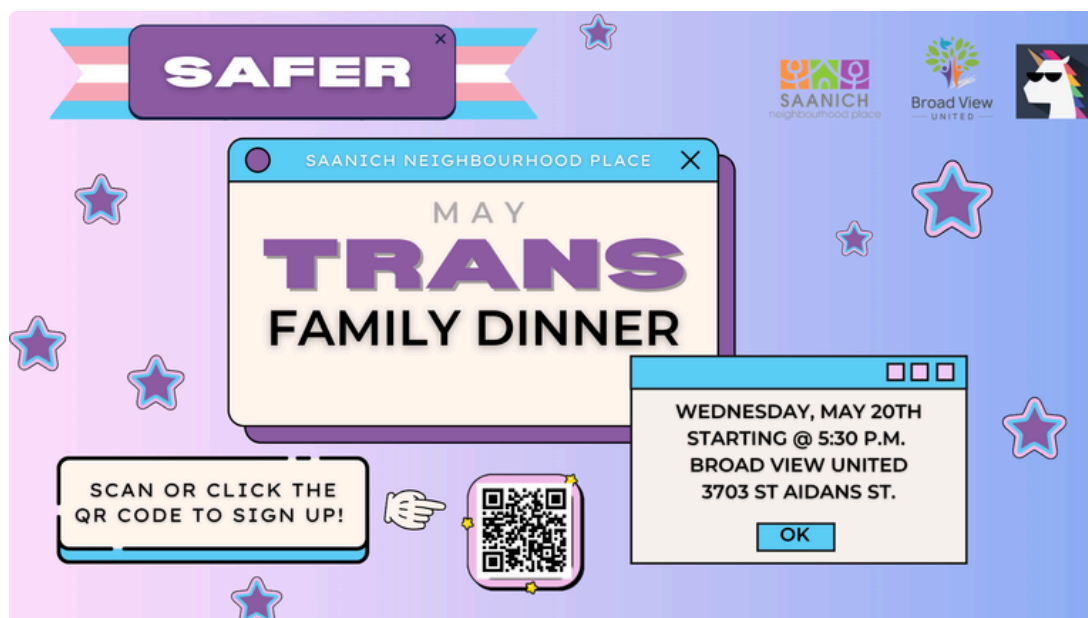
The Justice Fair is an opportunity to meet people committed to making our world better for all. It's an opportunity for YOU to share your passion for justice. Together we learn how we can join actions. Conversations with each other connect us to be a light of HOPE in our hurting world.



Reconciliation is an ongoing process. Come learn how you can be part of this. Palestinian products that support farmers is an anchor of our Justice Fairs. Homemade baking is always available. Cash, E-transfers and cheques are accepted.

Please keep in mind there is always room at our Justice Fairs for more actions that give Hope to the weary, Hope to those living on the edge, Hope for those living in our broader global community.

If you have questions, please contact Barbara bmhansen@telus.net or Robin robin.breckon@gmail.com by Wednesday, May 13th.





ADVANCED COMMUNITY ORGANIZING TRAINING

SPONSORED BY GVAT AT BVU MAY 25 - MAY 29

This 5-day intensive training will strengthen leaders and enable them to build power to work with other community organizations to advance the common good. This training is not offered every year, and **for the first time, it will be offered here in Victoria**. And because BVU is hosting the training, it is available at a deeply discounted fee for BVU members – more than 65% off the regular rate! BUT YOU MUST REGISTER SOON TO GET THIS RATE! If you are interested in this training, you can find more information on GVAT's website: <https://www.gvat.ca/nationals> or contact Stephen if you have questions: stephen@adaptiverm.ca.

DEMOCRACY UNDER THREAT?

How can faith communities such as BVU help strengthen democratic values aligned with the fundamental teachings of our faith when these are under threat? Greater Victoria Acting Together sponsors a series of public discussions around the theme of strengthening democracy through dialogue, at a time when democracy in many parts of the world is under threat from extremists and autocrats. All discussions are led by knowledgeable experts in the field, with opportunity for group discussion and feedback. The first session on April 6 addressed the collapse of independent local journalism in Canada and the implications for public trust and informed citizenship.

NEXT SESSION: Monday, May 11 at 7 pm in the Commons

TOPIC: Misinformation, Polarization, and Online Toxicity

Dr. Jaigris Hodson explores how misinformation, political polarization, and online toxicity reinforce one another, creating the conditions for online extremism and anti-democratic movements. These forces don't just spread harassment and abuse, they often even politicize the public good, singling out marginalized publics and sowing division. It is essential to address underlying causes in order to strengthen democratic communication at both local and national levels.

FINAL SESSION: Monday, June 15 at 7 pm in the Commons

TOPIC: Canada Is Not Broken - But It Is Under Strain

Well-known BC journalist Jonathan Manthorpe reflects on the signs of stress in Canada's democratic institutions. Public confidence has eroded, economic and social disparities are widening, and political disenchantment is growing. This session explores what has gone wrong, why confidence in democratic institutions has weakened, and what reforms may be necessary to renew them in a rapidly changing global landscape.

TO JOIN, PLEASE REGISTER THROUGH EVENTBRITE:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/a-fragile-democratic-moment-risks-responsibilities-renewal-tickets-1984812814558?aff=erelexpmlt>

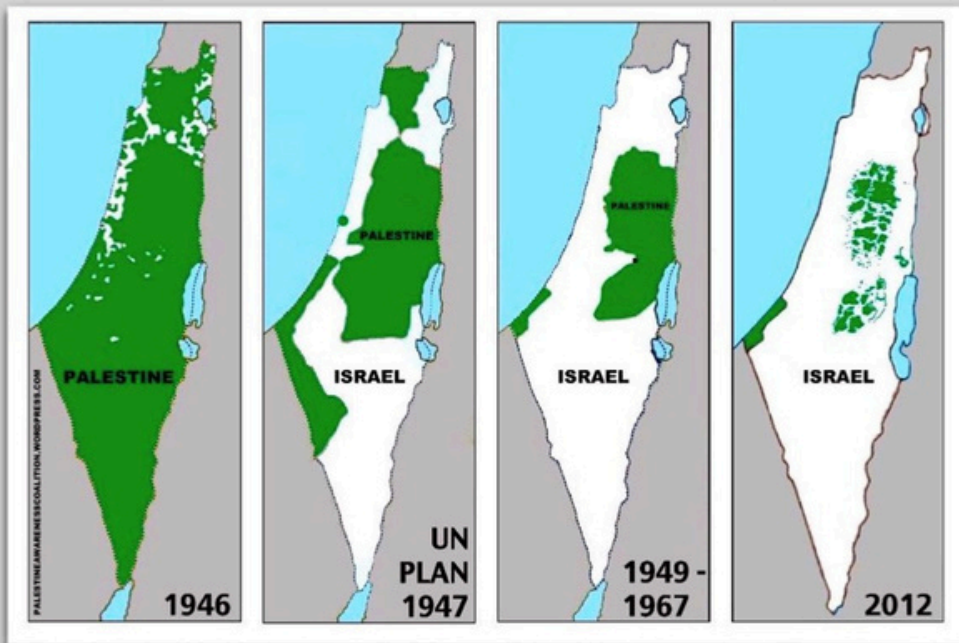
Or contact Stephen for more information: stephen@adaptiverm.ca





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 May 31st at BVU

3703 St. Aidan's St.

2:30 - 5pm

(Snacks provided.)

**PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED TO 25 SO YOU MUST REGISTER
IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND.**

Register by QR code or email graceful@shaw.ca

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

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THRIFT STORE UPDATES

Hello Community!

It's been a beautiful spring so far. Bringing flowers and plants for sale in our garden section. This May, red and orange tags are fifty percent off as well as select sale items. Come on in on a Saturday before you start you're planting for the day. Grab some accessories or some starters for your garden.

Last month we had our annual a volunteer appreciation event. We had 65 volunteers and staff in attendance. We also welcomed special speakers, Meg and Jimmy from Lion's Pride Recovery Center, an organization we give donations to in kind.

They spoke on their dedication to their recovery program. Founding it as a way to reclaim your life from addiction. Clothing shoes and suitcases are donated to them weekly. With all the amazing donations we get, we are able to distribute them to many community programs like lion's pride. The mustard seed, the salvation army, the BC SPCA, and the compassionate warehouse. Your contributions go a long way.



Meg and Jimmy from
Lion's Pride Recovery Center

*We ♥ our
Volunteers*



Thank you for being part of the BVU community. We hope to see you in store through the spring. Help BVU continue to help others by visiting today.

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

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