

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2026

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WHAT THE CONGREGATION DECIDED ON STAFFING, AND WHAT COMES NEXT

Results of the October 25 vote, next meeting now moved to Nov 22, and how to apply for the search committee

Dear Broad View United community,

Thank you to everyone who took part in the October 25 congregational meeting, in person and online, and to the many of you who have reached out since. Your questions, concerns and hopes have been heard, and they are shaping how the Board approaches the weeks ahead.

What was decided on October 25

The three main motions were decided by written ballot. Totals, including in-person and online votes, are below, pending approval of the minutes:

- **Community of Faith Profile:** approved (Yes 146, No 18, Abstain 10)
- **Future state staffing model and structure:** provisionally accepted, as amended (Yes 135, No 14, Abstain 2)
- **Job descriptions** for the Lead Minister; the Pastoral Care, Worship & Small Groups Minister; and the Child, Youth, Family and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator: approved (Yes 120, No 20, Abstain 5)

Motions to table all voting indefinitely and to adjourn early did not pass. The livestream recording is available on our website https://broadviewunited.com/special-services/.

A fuller letter from the Board

Many of you still have questions about what has been shared in recent days, particularly about timelines and process, and we know you are looking for more assurance than you have had so far. The Board is working with the Region on what can appropriately be shared, and we are also seeking advice from an experienced congregational consultant on how to move forward well. In early November, well ahead of the November 22 meeting, the Board will share a letter that explains our reasoning, responds to questions raised on October 25 and since, and clarifies the process wherever we can. It will also speak to how we intend to carry forward affirming ministry, our intercultural identity, and welcome for all. Some personnel matters must stay confidential to protect everyone involved, but we will share as much as we can, as clearly as we can.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

What "good standing" means. Some of you have expressed uncertainty about what 'good standing' means. In the United Church, "good standing" is a minister's status with the national church's Office of Vocation, which keeps the registry of accredited ministry personnel. It means a minister is accredited and not under the denomination's review or disciplinary processes. Both Rev. Ha Na Park and Rev. Mark Green are ministers in good standing, and nothing in this process changes that. Changes to a community of faith's staffing structure, made with the Region's approval, are a separate matter from a minister's standing.

November 22 congregational meeting

Our congregational meeting on a change to pastoral relations, originally planned for November 8, will now be held on Sunday, November 22 at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Many of you asked for more time before this conversation and the Board agreed. The extra two weeks will give everyone time to read the Board's letter in early November, ask questions and come prepared. Rev. Mark Green and Rev. Ha Na Park will each have the opportunity to speak. Remote voting is available through the registration form at https://app.youform.com/forms/ta0n47wt, and rides to church can be arranged through the office or board@broadviewunited.com.

Serving on the search committee

With the job descriptions approved, the next step is the search for the new ministry roles you approved on October 25. The Board is currently finalizing the search committee process. Details on how to apply, including the application form and timeline, will be emailed to the congregation, posted on the Board page, and available at the church office in early November. We hope to hear from people across the full breadth of our community, so the committee reflects who we are: long-time members and newer faces, people of different ages, cultures, sexual orientations and gender identities, and people with many different experiences of church, including those who have felt on the margins of it. The application will also set out the leadership qualities the Board will ask the search committee to look for, rooted in the collaborative, team-based ministry at the heart of the profile and job descriptions you approved.

Board meeting summaries and financial updates are posted monthly on the Board page of the BVU website, and you're always welcome to reach us through the office or board@broadviewunited.com.

This is a tender season for many of us. Thank you for the care you continue to show one another and our ministry staff.

With gratitude,

Sarah Gustin, Chair, and **Barry Cameron**, Past Chair, on behalf of The Board of Broad View United

HOW ARE WE DOING? FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR

FINANCIAL UPDATE (JAN - JUNE 2026)

Outlined below is an overview of the finances of Broad View United (BVU) for the first six months (January - June inclusive) of this year 2026. The comparisons are with the same period last year (2025) as well as the 2026 BVU budget.

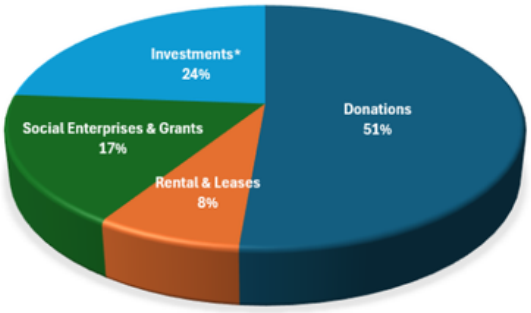
As we review our first six months, there are several points to note:

- The 2026 budget is equally divided by 12 to provide an estimate for the respective month. Actual revenues and expenses are not equally split for each month. Eg: Donations are generally greater in the month of December than in other months.
- It costs approximately $3,900 and many volunteer hours every day to support our BVU community.
- 51% of our revenue comes from your (congregational) financial donations/contributions.
- Social Enterprises including our Thrift Store contributed approximately 17% of our revenue.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Revenue/Income (Where does the money come from)

- For the first six months of 2026 our income is approximately 14% higher than the amount received for the same period in 2025, however it is 12% below what was budgeted.
- Our donations (PAR/Envelops/e-transfers) are down against our 2025 contributions as well as our 2026 budget.

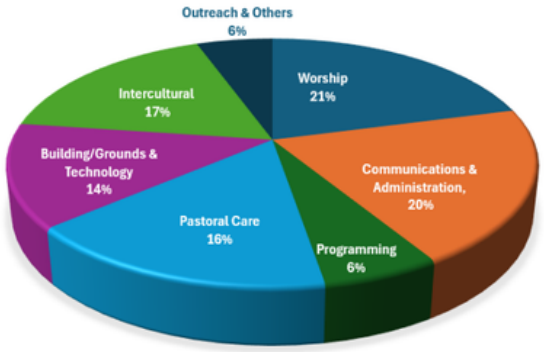


*An additional $30,000 was transferred from the BVU Foundation in Jan 2026 to cover the 2025 shortfall.

- Our Thrift store is performing very well and is on target with a contribution to BVU of approximately $95,000 for the first six months. This is $26,000 above the same period in 2025. A great achievement.
- Transfers from the BVU Foundation continue as planned with the performance from the investments during this period matching these contributions.

Expenses/Costs (How are we spending the money)

- For the first six months of 2026 our expenses were slightly higher than in 2025 however, down approximately 9.8% against the 2026 budget.
- There was lower than planned expenses for the first six months for programming, technology and Board costs during the first six months of 2026, however we anticipate these to increase later in the year.



Overall, our income from donations is lower than our plan, however our spending is also lower than we forecast. Some of our lower donations have been offset by the increased contribution from our Thrift Store.

WORSHIP SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Through November, guest preachers and worship leaders will join us while our community moves through this season of discernment. Pastoral care remains available through the church office. Details below may change; updates will be shared in Bits & Bytes.

DATE	PREACHER	OTHER
November 1 **Bridge Service at 9:30 am** **ConXion Service at 11 am**	Rev. Joan McMurtry	All Saints Our Saints Service at 2 pm
November 8 **Bridge Service at 9:30 am** **ConXion Service at 11 am**	Rev. Maggie Enwright	Remembrance Day Wreath Ceremony
November 15 **Bridge Service at 9:30 am** **ConXion Service at 11 am**	To be confirmed	
November 22 **Bridge Service at 9:30 am** **ConXion Service at 11 am**	Rev. Treena Duncan, Executive Minister for the Pacific Mountain Region	Congregational Meeting at 2 pm
November 29 **Bridge Service at 9:30 am** **ConXion Service at 11 am**	To be confirmed	First Sunday of Advent



EXTREME WEATHER EMERGENCY RESPONSE SHELTER



BVU has been approved to continue to be an Extreme Weather Emergency Response shelter again for the coming year which runs from Oct 15 to April 15. The protocols for what constitutes "extreme" weather have been expanded due to our lobbying to have not only temperature but other extreme weather events included. This shelter is a partnership with Saanich and Our Place, who provide two full-time staff to oversee shelter guests overnight.

BVU provides hospitality both in the evening and again in the morning. We provide warm drinks and food as they arrive, showers, and clothing as needed. In the morning, we provide breakfast, a bag lunch, and a gift card to a local restaurant where folks can go as customers to hang out and be warm.

While we have a good solid core of volunteers, additional volunteers are always welcome. We will have an orientation/training event for volunteers on Nov 16th from 2-3:30 pm. Whether you have already signed up before or are just curious about what volunteering involves, you are welcome to attend the event . For more information, email Joan McMurtry at joank.mcmurtry@outlook.com.

ANGEL GIFTS



Once again, Broad View United will continue its historic involvement with the Angel Gifts program, run by Our Place and the Downtown Outreach Ministry of the United Church.

Names of those receiving gifts will be available for congregational members to pick up before the worship services on **November 15 and November 22**. Each card contains the name and some basic information about the person you are buying for. In order for all the gifts to be equitable, the budget for the gift is between $45-$55. Typically, new clothing, gift cards, plus small treats are chosen to be gifted. You are also asked to write a short note, expressing your thoughts and wishes for the recipient. For some, this is the only gift they will receive during. Christmas time.

Gifts are then returned to the church on **November 29 and December 6**. After we have received all the gifts back, they are sorted by Our Place volunteers and distributed at Our Place in mid-December.

If shopping for such a gift is not possible for you, but you would like to be involved, you can make a cash donation of $45-$55 at the church office and a volunteer shopper will buy a gift on your behalf. If you wish to be a volunteer shopper, speak to **Maureen 250-388-9896** and/or **June 250- 477-8317**. Thanks for your support of this important outreach project.

Sunday Morning Children and Youth Program

Sundays, 9:30 am and 11 am

There's a place for children and youth of all ages on Sunday mornings here at Broad View United!

Crèche | Ages 6 months–2 years
A welcoming space with toys, stories, and a worship livestream. A caregiver is available most Sundays, and parents and caregivers are welcome to stay.



Children | Ages 3–10
After Children's Time, kids explore faith through stories, crafts, games, science, conversation, and hands-on activities.

Youth | Grades 6–12 | 11:00 am
Youth are invited to gather during the ConXion service for conversation, activities, connection, and snacks.

Remembrance Day Film - Honour our Indigenous Veterans

Wednesday, November 11 at 2 pm, Commons



Guided by First Nations Elders, the film, 'Story Pole: Indigenous Veterans and the Tallest Pole in the World' explores the story of Indigenous Veterans and how they are remembered today. This film begins with the story pole carved by Mungo Martin, Henry Hunt, and David Martin, raised in 1956 at MEE-qan (Beacon Hill Park).
The mystery surrounding the war memorial plaque dedicated to Indigenous Veterans, found at the base of the pole, serves as a gateway to a powerful story of truth and reconciliation.

On this Remembrance day, we gather to learn and remember the inequities in the way indigenous veterans who served our country were treated differently when they returned and subjected to ongoing racism. This is a part of BVU's ongoing commitment to the 95 Calls of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The film is 45 mins in length and will be followed by discussion. Beverages will be provided.

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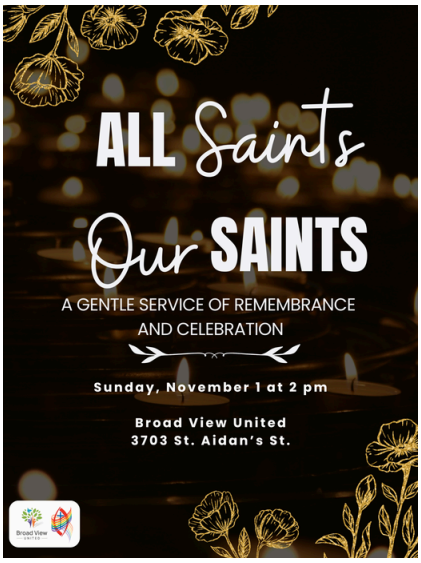
Worship with Us
Sundays
Bridge Service at 9:30 am & ConXion Service at 11 am
In person or online. Everyone is welcome.

All Saints Our Saints Service

Sunday, November 1 at 2 pm



November 1 is known as All Saints Day. It is a day to honour the saints in our lives and remember our loved ones who are no longer with us. It has been our tradition to mark this day with a service of poetry, music and prayer. A special feature of the service is a slide show commemorating those from our congregation who have died in the past year and honouring parents, spouses, children and friends who continue to be in our hearts. The service is also livestreamed at www.broadviewunited.com.

Healing Pathway

Treatments – Open to all!

The Healing Pathway ministry continues to offer Healing Pathway treatments to the congregation and community on Mondays. The schedule for the month of November is as follows:



- Monday, November 2: 7 pm in the Chapel
- Monday, November 9: 1 & 2 pm in the Chapel
- Monday, November 16: 1 & 2 pm in the Chapel
- Monday, November 30: 1 & 2 pm in the Chapel

Practice Session – for practitioners

The November Practice Session for practitioners will be on:

- Saturday, November 21 from 9 am to 11 am in the Chapel

We would be delighted to welcome more practitioners to our group here at Broad View United.

Learn to Practice Healing Pathway - November 27 - 28 at James Bay United

If anyone is interested in learning to practice Healing Pathway, there will be a Phase 1 workshop on November 27-28 in Victoria. Charmaine will be at this workshop in a support role. For information about the workshop or to register for Phase 1, email healingpathway@jamesbayunited.com. A registration fee applies.

Contact

If you wish to have a treatment, or for more information, please contact Charmaine Frank at healingpathway@broadviewunited.com.

Broad View UCW

Tuesday, November 3 at 11 am, in the Narthex

The UCW November Meeting will be held in the Narthex on November 3 at 11. Bring a bag lunch and join a time of Fellowship following the Meeting.

All women of the Church are “UCW” - United Church Women. Hope to see you there.

Tai Chi Chih

Tuesdays, 9:30 am, in the Commons



Tai Chi Chih will continue to meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 in the Commons during November. Everyone is welcome, whether you have practiced Tai Chi before or not. There is no fee and no special clothes, just as long as they are comfortable and loose enough to stretch in. If you would like to join or try it out come along. For more information, contact Eileen Campbell at eileen.c.campbell@outlook.com.

Lectio

Thursdays, 8:30 am, via Zoom



Lectio will continue meeting on Zoom on Thursday mornings at 8:30 through the month of November. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Eileen Campbell at eileen.c.campbell@outlook.com or Betty Doherty at dohertybetty@gmail.com.

Guys’ “Water into Wine” Pub Night

Tuesday, November 10 at 7 pm
The Monkey Tree, 4025 Borden St. (near McKenzie and Quadra)

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

Qi Gong Sessions

Thursdays, 9:30 am, in the Commons



Join us for an hour of gentle movement, deep breathing, and meditation to calm the body and mind, build vitality, and ease stress.

Led by licensed instructor Elaine Matthes. First class for new participants is free.

Families with Children Dinner Night

Friday, November 13, 5:30 pm - 7:15 pm
Theme: Families - All Kinds!



Join us Friday, November 13, for a shared child-friendly meal, activities, and conversation, ending with songs and stories. This month we will share pasta with cheese or tomato sauce, garlic toast, Caesar salad, brownies, and ice cream.

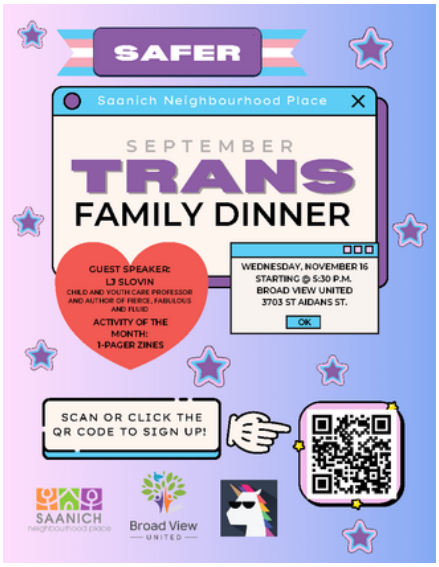
All diets are accommodated, so please let us know about allergies/sensitivities.

This is an opportunity for families with children to come for a stress-free evening with other BVU families. No meal prep or dishes, just come and enjoy and build some new connections.

Register at www.broadviewunited.com or email info@broadviewunited.com.

Trans Family Dinner

Wednesday, November 18, 5:30 pm



Dinner will be hosted again at BVU in November, but this year, the organizations we partner with for this monthly dinner (SNP and Trans Care BC) have opted to focus the theme of the dinner around "**Making Worlds That See Transness as a Gift**".

Trans Day of Remembrance is November 20, and the Trans Dinner organizers and participants wanted to join other groups for their vigils on the actual day this year. As a result, we will not be hosting the vigil on Wednesday night this year.

BVU Meditation and Contemplative Practices Group

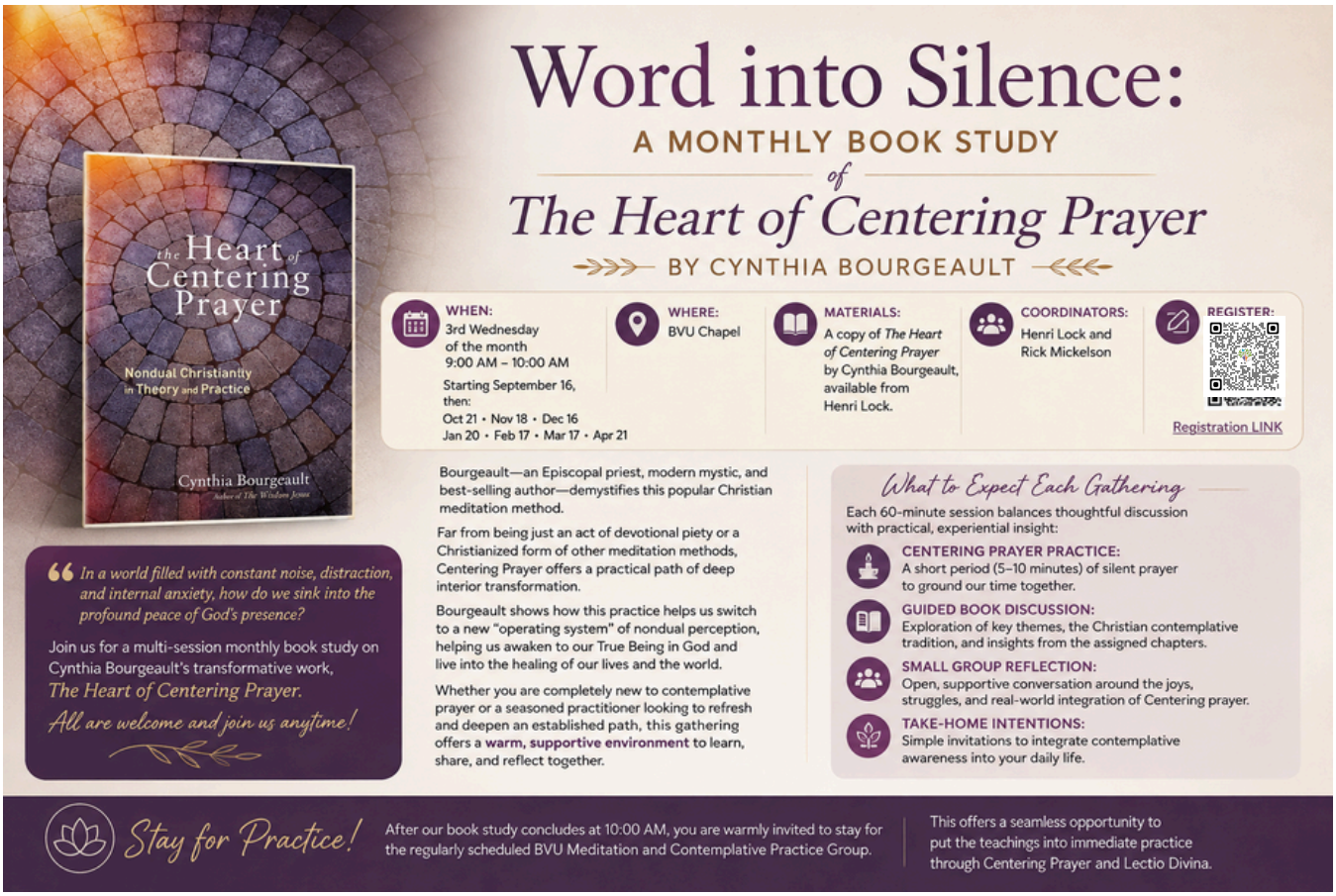
1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 10 am - 11 am
Meet in the Chapel



Come find a quiet space of rest and peace amidst the busyness of daily life. Together, we explore simple Christian contemplative practices that help us attend to God's loving presence at the heart of who we are, grounding us, so that we can be vessels of healing and Christ-inspired service in our families and our community.

Each one-hour gathering offers a gentle blend of meditation and reflection designed to nurture your personal connection to Spirit while building a supportive community. Whether you have practiced for years or are trying meditation for the very first time, you are so welcome here—no experience is needed!

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please feel free to reach out to Henri Lock (henrilock@gmail.com) or Rick Mickelson (rick.mickelson@telus.net).



Broad View Knitters

Tuesday, November 10, 12:45 pm - 2:45 pm, in the Cedar Room



In an article from the Cridge Centre for the Family's newsletter, a mother wrote that, at Christmas 2018, knitters from the First Metropolitan United Church donated hand-knit sweaters for the kids in daycare, and toques and mittens for the bigger kids in school-age care. Both her sons were recipients of their generosity and the younger son's sweater with its delightful reindeer buttons (see photo) has been packed away as a keepsake. That's the difference that can be made in someone's life which continues with November's delivery of 6 more childrens' sweaters along with a matching toque for one of them (see photo).



All knitters and crocheters of all abilities are warmly welcomed to attend or even just drop by our get-together on Tuesday November 10 from 12:45 pm to 2:45 pm in the Cedar room. 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.

Drag Communion: Come as Who You Are!

Sunday, November 15, 2 pm, University of Multifaith Centre

University of Victoria Multifaith Centre is hosting a queer-led service of Holy Communion led by two drag liturgists, inspired by the unconditional love and acceptance offered at Drag Brunch. Service will take place at the University of Victoria Multifaith Centre on Sunday, November 15th, 2026, at 2:00p.m., followed by refreshments. Developed in partnership with Sanctuary West and Shaughnessy Heights United Church, and with gratitude to Broad View United, this ecumenical eucharist welcomes everyone to Come As Who You Are. Registration is required https://events.uvic.ca/student-wellness/event/111950-drag-communion.



For more information, contact Reba at rebeccalyeo@uvic.ca.

Young Adult Lunch

Sunday, November 15, 12:15 pm



Young Adults Lunch will resume its monthly gathering on Nov 15 at 12:15 pm, following the ConXion service. This is a chance for those both new to BVU and those who have been around for some time to gather for conversation, support, and laughter together. Following lunch, those interested will head to the Interfaith Chapel at UVic to participate in the Drag Communion.

Program Modifications:

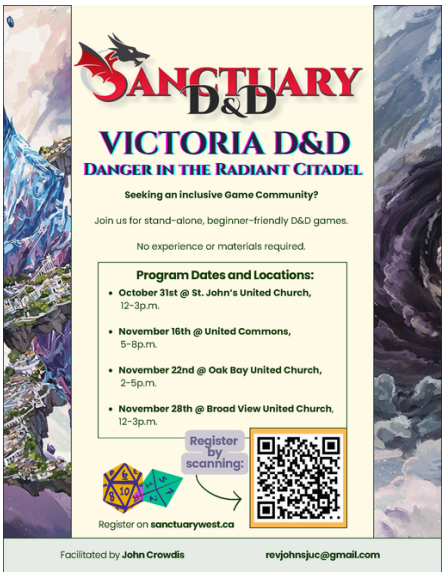


- **Get Together Group, 3rd Sunday of the month, 7 pm**
- **Chapel Communion, 3rd Sunday of the month, 10:40 am**

These initiatives will be postponed until January when programming will resume.

Sanctuary D&D: Danger in the Radiant Citadel

Looking for adventure, creativity, and community? Join **Sanctuary D&D** for an inclusive, beginner-friendly Dungeons & Dragons experience where everyone belongs! No experience or materials needed.



November Sessions:

- Nov. 16, 5–8 PM – United Commons
- Nov. 22, 2–5 PM – Oak Bay United Church
- Nov. 28, 12–3 PM – Broad View United

Registration:
https://www.sanctuarywest.ca/calendar-view/
Facilitated by John Crowdis revjohnsjuc@gmail.com

Movie Night

Saturday, November 28, 7 pm

This month's movie is THE HALF OF IT: A shy, introverted, Chinese-American, straight-A student finds herself helping the school jock woo the girl they both secretly love. In the process, each teaches the other about the nature of love as they find connection in the most unlikely of places.



Snacks and beverages provided. Discussion follows. Everyone is welcome.

Advent Begins Sunday, November 29



Advent begins early this year on Sunday, November 29. There are lots of activities planned for this special season of preparation as we move toward Christmas. BVU Community Choir concert, Family Craft afternoons, Dickens Christmas Carol, a Jazzy Christmas evening, and Blue Christmas service are just a few of the activities we are offering during the season. Watch the Friday emails, posters, and Sunday announcements for more information and details. The December Newsletter will also come out a week early on the first Sunday of Advent so you can plan for the season.

Pilgrim Soup Book Tour - Rev. Dr. Jeff Crittenden

Save the Date: January 30 / 31, 2027



On Saturday, January 30, and Sunday, January 31, Author, Theologian, Professor and Director of the Centre for Practical Theology, Rev. Dr. Jeff Crittenden will be hosted here in Victoria. The shape of the event is still in progress but will include some workshop time on the Saturday with lunch, and then Jeff will preach on the Sunday. Jeff is an engaging, insightful leader and preacher, and we look forward to having him with us for his Pilgrim Soup book tour. Copies of his newest book, “Leisure Bound and Free: Communities of Pilgrims” will be on sale, and $10 from the sale of each book will go toward our refugee fund.



A SPACE TO CONNECT, A PLACE TO BELONG

We continue to create a welcoming space where people from diverse cultures, languages, and backgrounds can come together, share stories, build friendships, and experience a sense of belonging.



Come as you are! Whether you are joining us for the first time or have been part of our community for a while, there is always a place for you at the table.

Becoming an Intercultural Church: A Journey of Learning Together



Ten people from Broad View United, including members of our intercultural community, are participating in a six-week online workshop series, Becoming an Intercultural Church.

Our journey of learning and reflection has been going well! Together, we are exploring what it means to become a truly intercultural church—not simply by celebrating diversity, but by **intentionally creating spaces where meaningful relationships can grow, and where mutual transformation becomes possible through companionship**.

We are discovering that becoming an intercultural church is an ongoing journey of learning, listening, and being transformed by one another.

November 4 (Wednesday), 7 pm - Intercultural Bible Study

Broad View United Chapel

When We Think We Have All the Answers: Discovering New Perspectives

Join us as we explore John 9:1–17, the story of Jesus healing a man born blind.

What happens when our assumptions prevent us from seeing something new? How might God invite us to look beyond what we think we already know?



Through intercultural conversation, we will explore how different perspectives can open our eyes to new understandings of God, ourselves, and one another.

No biblical knowledge or previous experience is needed. Bring your questions, curiosity, and openness!

November 7 & 21 (Saturdays), 5:30 - 8:30 pm - Saturday Social

Regular Community Gatherings







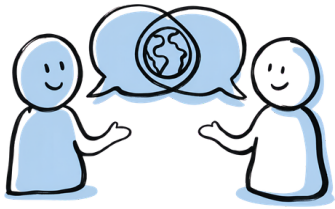
Looking for a place to connect, relax, and meet new people?

Saturday Social is an open and welcoming space for conversation, friendship, cultural exchange, and simply being together. Whether you come to share your story, listen to others, or enjoy the company of a diverse community, you belong here.

Come as you are, stay as long as you like, and make yourself at home!

November 14 (Satuday), 5:30 - 8:30 pm - Language Café

Theme: Expressing Appreciation and Gratitude



How do we express gratitude across different languages and cultures?

Join us for an evening of sharing stories, learning expressions of appreciation, and reflecting on the people and everyday moments that bring warmth and joy to our lives.

We'll also have an opportunity to write short notes of appreciation to one another in our own languages and in English.

All languages and levels are welcome!

November 28 (Saturday) - Taste of Home

Details to Be Announced



Our Taste of Home gathering returns! Come experience the joy of sharing food, cultures, and stories around the table.

Stay tuned for more details!

Our gatherings are not just about activities.
They are about creating space for genuine encounters, mutual learning, and meaningful relationships.

Come with curiosity. Come with your whole self. Come as you are. There is a place for you here.

IN MEMORIAM

We remember those who have passed recently from our congregation. Our prayers and condolences are with their families.



Roger Davidson	Died October 18, 2026	Service at a later date
Betty Lee Sinclair	Died October 20, 2026	Celebration of Life October 30 at 1 pm Broad View United
Ross Noel	Died October 21, 2026	Celebration of Life November 13 at 1 pm Broad View United
Shirley Bardy	Died October 28, 2026	Service TBA

CELEBRATIONS

Beverley Tandberg	November 11	100th Birthday
Pat Davey	November 12	92nd Birthday
Janice and Jan Drent	November 21	63rd Wedding Anniversary



With joy, we celebrate Beverley and Pat on their birthdays, and Janice and Jan as they mark their anniversary. We are grateful to share in these special milestones with you and wish you much love, happiness, and many blessings in the year ahead.

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Bits & Bytes

If you're not currently receiving the **Bits & Bytes** Friday email - or would like to be added to the mailing list - please contact **info@broadviewunited.com** for assistance

HOLDING ONE ANOTHER IN CARE

The Pastoral Care Team continues to monitor needs of the congregation and have a strong visitation program that oversees shut-ins. Ministers continue to do hospital visits, funerals, weddings and crisis pastoral care as needed.

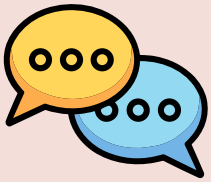
Card ministry also continues. If you are aware of needs in our congregation, let the office know and they will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

SPIRITUAL CARE TEAM MEETING



Date: Thursday, November 10
Location: BVU Seminar Room

CIRCLE CHAT MEETING



In observance of **Remembrance Day on November 11,** this month's Circle CHAT meeting has been moved to **November 18.**

Guests are warmly welcome!

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.

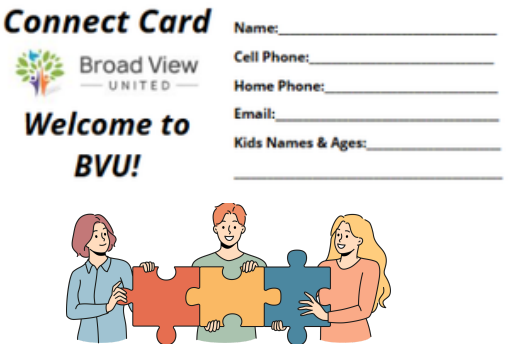
Confidential requests can be sent to **Jean Margison** at jean@jampot.ca, via prayer@broadviewunited.com, or from the Broad View United website.

Requests can also be passed along to staff members.

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.



REGENERATION VICTORIA CONFERENCE

On November 21, the local **Regenerate Greater Victoria** Landscape Stewards (part of Regenerate Cascadia's Landscape Hub Cultivator Pilot program) will host a Bioregional Mapping Workshop at Broad View United. This participatory process workshop will bring about 25 people together from diverse backgrounds to explore Greater Victoria as a whole living system.

At its heart, bioregional mapping is less about maps and more about using maps and conversation to locate ourselves together in our home landscape. It's also a lot about discovering relationships that want to happen that typically don't have the opportunity to form across the normal divisions of modern society. When we come together with skillful listening and place-based knowledge to share - and we do so around amazing maps of place, new patterns and possibilities, informed by the land, become visible.

Participants will get to know one another, share food, tell stories of place around the maps, and notice what is already alive across Greater Victoria. Faith communities, including Broad View United, will be represented, which brings me great joy; ours is an important and much-needed voice.

This first gathering is by invitation, to keep it small enough for real conversation. It's only the beginning: we hope to share what we learn afterward and create ways for the wider community to contribute their own knowledge, relationships and care for this place.

We are grateful to Broad View United for their leadership and for helping provide a home for this early stage of the work. For more information, feel free to speak with Clare Attwell.

GREATER VICTORIA ACTING TOGETHER

Monday, November 16 at 7 pm, Commons
Civil Discourse and Public Disagreement

We have just been through two election campaigns with loud voices on all sides.

Join **Greater Victoria Acting Together** in the second of three public dialogues around the role of civil discourse in a democratic society: here at BVU Nov 16, 7 – 9 pm. This session features a provocative presentation by Prof Mara Marin from the UVic Political Science Department: "Is There a Time to be Uncivil?"

In the face of growing power imbalance and continuing injustice, is there a legitimate role for public protest, civil disobedience, anger and resistance in democratic discourse? How can these be compatible with, or even require, civility?

Join us for a stimulating presentation and plenty of opportunity for Q&A and group discussion. Monday Nov 16 at 7 pm in the Commons.

SING OUT, STAND UP!

Fundraising for J, a local queer refugee, to bring his family to Canada

Klezmer Music by The Klezbians



Friday, November 13 • 7:30 pm
(doors open at 7 pm)
3703 ST. AIDAN'S ST.
VICTORIA, BC

COST: $25



PLUS! STAND UP COMEDY
(SOME ADULT LANGUAGE)

Broad View UNITED

ESQUIMALT UNITED CHURCH

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$45

Donation includes: Bowl, Dinner, Drink, Dessert

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12 NOV, 2026 | 5:30 - 8:00 PM | 3703 St Aidans St., Victoria BC, V8P 2V7

For tickets please email **pattylizfreeman@gmail.com** | friendsofgashora.com

THRIFT STORE UPDATES

Hello Community!

November is here, and we have White Poppies available by donation through the month. The suggested donation is $2.



Wear a white Poppy to remember the civilians who were victims of war. This widely encouraged initiative encourages Canadians to broaden their Remembrance Day focus. You can also find the traditional poppies in the store.

Please note that the Thrift Store will be closed Wednesday, November 11.



Sales this month offer 50% off of yellow tags as well as select items. Discounts can also be applied to Linens, art, men's pants, and pots and pans.

The Thrift Store celebrated the 90th birthday of Marion Craigmyle last week. If you see her, please wish her a happy birthday now that she is a nonagenarian.



Alert First Aid was here to discuss basic first-aid information and the equipment we keep on hand. Volunteers of the thrift store participated in a 2-hour information session last month. We had great fun and are pictured here doing so. We learned CPR, AED and covered naloxone training. There's always something fun going on at the thrift store. We strive to maintain an informed team and worry-free work space.






Thank you for reading and for being a part of the Broad View United Thrift Store.

- 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

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



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REMEMBRANCE DAY FILM

HONOURING INDIGENOUS VETERANS



Story Pole:

Indigenous Veterans and the Tallest Pole in the World

Guided by First Nations Elders, this film explores the story of Indigenous veterans, beginning with the pole carved by Mungo Martin, Henry Hunt, and David Martin, raised in 1956 at MEE-qan (Beacon Hill Park). It also looks at the mystery of the war memorial plaque at the base of the pole and the ongoing journey toward truth and reconciliation.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
2 PM
Broad View United

45 MINUTE FILM | DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW
BEVERAGES PROVIDED

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