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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

FROM YOUR VOICES TO A PLAN FOR OUR FUTURE

Dear friends,

Last spring, many of you took part in shaping Broad View United's Strategic Direction for 2026–2029. Through congregational sessions in March, survey responses, and input from staff and the Board, you told us what matters most to this community. On April 26, the congregation received and endorsed that plan, built on three pillars: **Belonging & Care, Community Presence & Storytelling,** and **Sustainability & Responsibility**.

You were clear about your priorities. You told us that pastoral care matters deeply and needs to rest on a model that is sustainable. You told us you were excited about ministry with children, families, youth and young adults, and that you wanted it clearly supported so it could grow. The plan also named the first step in putting it into action: looking at how BVU is structured and resourced for ministry, so that we can deliver on what you asked for.

The Board began that work early in the year and has stayed with it since. Over the summer, three Discernment Groups took up the practical groundwork of better defining what Transparency, Pastoral Care and Welcoming & Belonging should look like in our community. Throughout all of this work, we kept coming back to two questions:

Does this answer the needs and priorities the congregation named? And will it serve Broad View United well for years to come?

We are now ready to bring that work back to you, in three stages. We have planned it this way on purpose, so you have real time to take it in, ask questions, and have your voice heard before we make this decision together as a community of faith.

- **Sunday, October 18, 10:30am** – Congregational Information Session, in place of Sunday service. We will share where this work comes from, what we are proposing, and why.
- **October ~20-22** (date/time/location to be confirmed) – Midweek table discussions: smaller conversations to ask questions and share reactions.
- **Sunday, October 25, 10:30am** – Congregational Meeting and vote, in place of Sunday service.

Full materials will be shared mid-October, in advance of the first meeting.

What we will bring to you is the next step in a plan you helped shape, and it arrives as that plan intended. We know change asks something of all of us, and that some of what we share may be hard to hear. We hope you will come, bring your questions, and help us take this step together.

With gratitude,
Sarah Gustin, Board Chair & Barry Cameron, Past Chair
On behalf of the Board of Broad View United

WORSHIP SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Our focus this month is on **Faith and Trust** through the lens of the story of Jesus walking on water, calming the storm, and Peter stepping out to follow.

DATE	SCRIPTURE	PREACHER	THEME	OTHER
October 4	Matthew 14:22 - 32	Ha Na Park	Deep Dive	
October 11	Matthew 14:22 - 32	Mark Green	Faith and Trust as the roots of Gratitude	Thanksgiving Sunday and Communion
October 18		BVU Board	Congregational Information Session	Midweek Table Discussions, **Oct 20 - 22**, stay tuned for more details
October 25		BVU Board	Congregational Meeting	

MONTHLY CHAPEL COMMUNION

3rd Sunday of the Month, 10:40 am, Chapel

At the request of a number of folks at BVU, the worship team is trying an experiment in offering a monthly short communion ritual in the Chapel. Gather in the Chapel at 10:40 am either after the Bridge Service or before the ConXion Service for a brief liturgy and a sharing of communion elements.

We will see what level of interest there is in providing this ritual and then decide in the next year if we should expand this into a weekly offering, to keep it as once a month or discontinue. Everyone is welcome.



BVU LABYRINTH IS NOW COMPLETE!



In the photo: Our outdoor labyrinth became a space for reflection, remembrance, and prayer during the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Vigil.

Thanks to the hard work of Ron Sherwood, Heine Mathis, and Bruce Tonkin, the long-awaited labyrinth in the courtyard by the entrance to the Narthex is now ready for use. This is a self-guided activity for prayer and contemplation. Simple guidelines are available **HERE** on our website for those new to this spiritual practice. Or you can ask for a copy at the front desk during the week.

WITH GRATITUDE: SASHA DANI



Sasha Dani's temporary contract as Interim Operations Lead concluded on September 30.

Sasha joined BVU at a time of transition and brought steadiness to the church office from the start. She put our rental policies and processes into practice and supported community groups using our building, including several complex, multi-day bookings. She has been a reliable, responsive point of contact for staff, volunteers, and renters alike, and many of you will have experienced her helpfulness firsthand.

On behalf of the Board and staff, thank you, Sasha, for your work and care over these months. We wish you every success in what comes next.

Office and rental contacts going forward: From October 1, please direct office inquiries to info@broadviewunited.com and rental or building-use inquiries to Co-Lead Ministers. Existing bookings and rental agreements are unaffected.

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THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, October 11

On Thanksgiving Sunday, it is our tradition to bring an additional special offering as part of our spiritual practice of living out of a place of gratitude and sharing from our abundance. This year, the worship team decided to go back to some of our traditional roots and invite congregants to bring food items with them. There will be a cornucopia at the front of the church, and you are invited to place your special offering on the chancel with the others either before the service or during the offering time.

Food items collected will be shared with the UVIC Food Bank and Shelbourne Community Kitchen as part of our partnership with both groups. You can bring fresh root vegetables or canned goods as long as they are things that don't require immediate refrigeration. A little from all of us goes a long way.

Our service that day will have a bit of a different format, with small reflections, intergenerational interactions, and communion. But we promise to keep it contained so you can leave on time to roast your turkey if you are hosting family or friends that day.

EXTREME WEATHER EMERGENCY RESPONSE SHELTER



We've had a years experience now in offering the shelter and are looking to build on that success. We have renewed our partnership with both Saanich and with OUR PLACE to be the host of an Extreme Weather Emergency Response Shelter (EWER). Those who signed up to help last year will be contacted and brought together for a meeting in late October for an orientation. We are responsible for hospitality, and volunteers are needed for food prep, welcoming, and serving during one of two different shifts: evening and early morning. If you would like your name added to the list of volunteers, please sign up **HERE** or phone the office at 250-590-3677. Orientation and training is provided.

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OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

CANDLE TABLES SUPPORT



We're looking for volunteers to care for the candle tables during our 9:30 am and 11:00 am services.

It's a simple but meaningful way to help create a warm and welcoming worship space.

Please contact Leanne at 250-884-5067 if you are able to help.

JAMS, JELLIES & GENEROSITY: $600 RAISED!



Thank you to everyone one who supported the Children and Youth ministries by purchasing the Jams and Jellies. **We raised $600.00!**

There are a few people who have not collected their jams. If you are one of them, please see me.

I also appreciate the return of the jars once you are finished with them.

- *Marion Denton*

NARAMATA CENTRE SUMMERLAND FIRE RESPONSE APPEAL



With the evacuation this August of Summerland residence due to a wildfire, Naramata made the courageous decision to cancel their regular programming in order to provide free support to residents who needed a safe place to go. This was a significant financial loss for the Centre, but they made the decision for a values-based reason, knowing it was the right thing to do. An opportunity existed for member of the church at large to help offer support to offset some of the expenses and losses. BVU instigated a matching program for any donations received toward this initiative. The Board is pleased to announce that almost $8,000 was donated, and with the matching funds, we have forwarded to Naramata Centre a cheque for **$16,000**. Thank you, BVU folks for your generosity!

Sunday Morning Crèche

Sundays, available for both the 9:30 am and 11 am services
Ages 6 months - 2 years



Families with little ones are warmly invited to make use of our Sunday Morning Crèche, available during both the 9:30 am and 11:00 am services for children 6 months to 2 years old.

A caregiver is available most Sundays for infants and toddlers who are comfortable being left in care. Parents and caregivers are also welcome to stay with their child. The crèche offers toys, stories, and a livestream of the worship service, so adults can remain connected to worship while caring for their little ones.

Sunday Morning Children's Program

Sundays, available for both the 9:30 am and 11 am services
Ages 3 - 10



Sundays are full of stories, creativity, discovery and fun for children ages 3–10!
Following Children's Time in the sanctuary, children gather in age-based groups to explore the stories and teachings of Jesus and discover how God's love and hope can guide us in everyday life.

Through stories, crafts, conversation, science, games and hands-on activities, children have opportunities to ask questions, make friends and grow in faith together.

Youth Sunday Gathering

Sundays, 11 am
Grade 6 - 12



Did you know that we also meet on Sunday mornings during the ConXion service at 11:00 am? All youth ages 12 and up are invited to join Karl 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!

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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.

Flatlanders' Walking Group

Saturday, October 3 at 1 pm

October's Flatlander Walk will be to explore the labyrinth on the Christ Church Cathedral grounds.

The attendees who participated in walking the labyrinth at Irving Park last month-suggested we try the next nearest labyrinth!

This labyrinth is very different, in someways even more challenging, BUT it is very flat!



The labyrinth is beside the small church parking lot entered from Burdett Street.
Street parking is available.

Many buses throughout Victoria pass the cathedral.

Time: 1 pm
Shoes: sturdy walking shoes... you are walking on flat stones
After walk beverage: location to be decided
Contact person: Vicky Attwell
Contact details: 778 350 1029 vicky.attwell@outlook.com



Quilts for Survivors Project

Mondays, 9 am - 12 pm; Fridays, 11 am - 2pm



We are making quilts and gifting them to Survivors of the Residential School System. The BVU Quilters have quilted, smudged and mailed out their 300th quilt since the group was formed in 2023. All are welcome – no experience necessary! We all learn together as we have fun creating...

Drop-in workshops have resumed:

- Mondays - 9 am to 12 pm (drop in to pick up fabric; sew and share ideas)
- Fridays - 11 am to 2 pm (drop in to pick up fabric; sew and share ideas)

For information, contact Vivian Skinner at vivianskinner@shaw.ca

Lectio

Thursdays, 8:30 am, via Zoom



Lectio will continue meeting on Zoom on Thursday mornings at 8:30 am through the month of October.

If you are interested in joining us please contact Eileen Campbell at eileen.c.campbell@outlook.com or Betty Doherty at dohertybetty@gmail.com.

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. Everyone is welcome whether you have practiced Tai Chi before or not. There is no fee and no special clothes to wear.

If you would like to join or more information, contact Eileen Campbell at eileen.c.campbell@outlook.com.

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Families with Children Dinner Night



Friday, October 9, 5:30 pm - 7:15 pm

Join us on Friday night for an shared kid friendly meal, activities and conversation and ending with some songs and stories. This month we will share build your own tacos as our meal with Vegitarian and GF options available.

This is a 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.

Qi Gong Sessions

Thursdays, 9:30 am, in the Commons



Please join us for an hour of deep breathing, slow, healthy movement and moving meditation as we practice the gentle moves of Qi Gong.

Cultivating Qi (chi) makes you more vital and productive while making you more resilient to stress and negativity. A good thing for these times!

Class meets every Thursday in the Commons at 9:30 am. Wear comfortable clothes and be prepared to calm your body and your mind.

Led by Elaine Matthes, a licensed instructor since 2013. First class for new participants is free.

Guys' "Water into Wine" Pub Night

Tuesday, October 13 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.

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 October is as follows:



- Monday, October 5: 7 pm in the Chapel
- Monday, October 12: *Thanksgiving – no HP today*
- Monday, October 19: 1 pm in the Chapel
- Monday, October 26: 1 pm in the Chapel

Practice Session – for practitioners

The October Practice Session for practitioners will be on:

- Saturday, October 24th from 9 am to 11 am in the chapel

Learn to Practice Healing Pathway

If anyone is interested in learning to practice Healing Pathway, there will be a Phase 1 workshop on November 27-28 in Victoria. We would be delighted to welcome new practitioners to our group here at Broad View United. For information about the workshop or to register for Phase 1, email healingpathway@jamesbayunited.com. 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 Knitters

Tuesday, October 13, 12:45 pm - 2:45 pm, in the Cedar Room



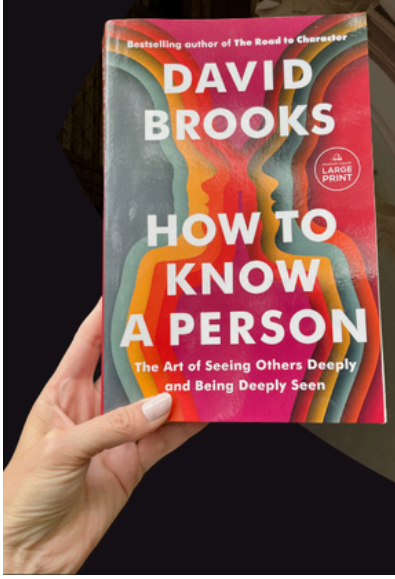
The Broad View Knitters recently donated the 28 tuques and an additional 10 tuques with mittens all shown in the picture to Canada Comforts which ships them to the Arctic so that cold weather does not stop children and teenagers from going to school. Our group is currently collecting knitted sweaters for pre-school aged children to donate later in October to the Cridge Centre for the Family's daycare program.

All knitters and crocheters of all abilities are warmly welcomed to attend or even just drop by our get-together on Tuesday October 13 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.

Book Study: How to Know a Person

Tuesdays, October 13 - November 17

7 PM - 9 PM | BVU Commons



This book explores building deeper connections, meaningful conversations, and creating space for difficult conversations.

Facilitated by Betty Doerty has a passion for connection, love, and belonging, along with 20 years of experience facilitating and practicing the skills of The Virtues Project™ and Nonviolent Communication

Scan QR code to register or email info@broadviewunited.com

More info:

www.broadviewunited.com

SAFER

Saanich Neighbourhood Place

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TRANS FAMILY DINNER

ACTIVITY OF THE MONTH: HALLOWEEN TEXTILES – TRICK OR TREAT BAGS AND MORE!

COSTUMES WELCOMED!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21
STARTING @ 5:30 P.M.
BROAD VIEW UNITED
3703 ST AIDANS ST.

OK

SCAN OR CLICK THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!

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Get Together Group

Sunday, October 18, 7 pm - 9 pm (3rd Sunday of the Month)

Over the summer, we received quite a number of requests for a social time for adults who wanted to get to know other BVU folks and have a monthly time to get together. This will be a time for conversation, sharing a snack, and doing an activity together. The activity will change month to month, and this is a drop-in group, so you are welcome anytime.

For October, the group will gather to play some games together. It could be a board game or cards. Bring along something you'd like to play or simply come and join in with a game that appeals to you. Snacks will be provided, and then the group will discern together what their activity will be in November. We hope to see you there!

Movie Night

Saturday, October 24, 7 pm

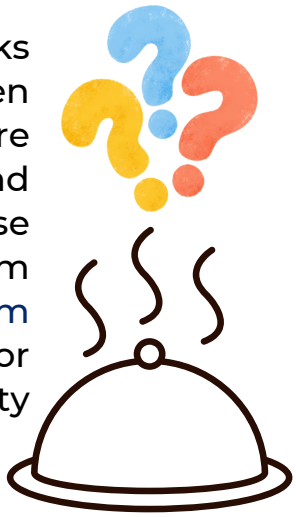
This months movie is The Unbreakable Boy. A young boy with both a rare brittle-bone disease and autism transforms everyone around him with his joyous, funny, and life-affirming world view. Based on a true story where faith and trust become central to navigating the struggles in life and in learning resilience . Snacks and beverages are provided and discussion follows. Everyone is welcome.



Trailer link: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5181260/

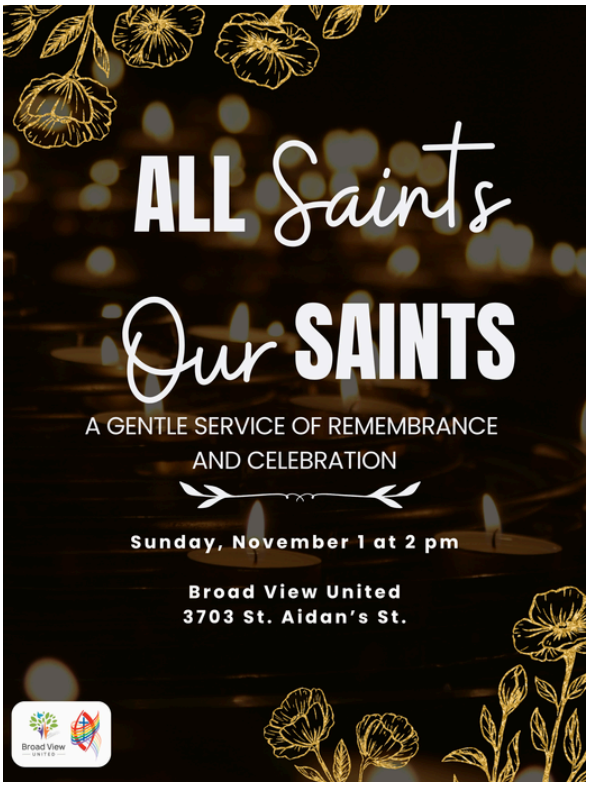
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

From time to time, we organized congregational meals where folks come together for food and conversation. However, there has been interest expressed in co-ordinating an opportunity to folks to share a meal with others they haven't met in the comfort of a home. And so, we are looking for both Hosts and Guest for our "Guess whose coming to Dinner" initiative. Lots more details are in the program guide but you can register **HERE** or at www.broadviewunited.com to sign up as either a guest or a host. Thank you to Betty Doherty for offering to coordinate this venture. You can also speak to Betty anytime for more information.



All 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.

If you would like to honour a special person in your life in the slide show, please send a photo (JPG) along with their name, relationship to you, and any brief words you would like to be included on the slide to Joan Mason at jhmason@telus.net by October 26, 2026. If you do not have a digital file, please contact her to arrange for her to scan a photograph.



WHAT A MID-AUTUMN CELEBRATION!



What an unforgettable afternoon! Nearly **50 people gathered and shared almost 1,000 dumplings** together. A huge thank-you to everyone who cooked, folded dumplings, shared food, and helped create such a joyful celebration.





Special thanks to **Mary Lou** for the beautiful homemade cake and goodies, **Chui Ying** for making homemade mooncakes, and **Hedy and Suran** for coordinating the dumpling-making event.

Thank you for making this Mid-Autumn Festival one we won't soon forget!



OCTOBER SATURDAY SOCIAL

Saturdays, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

October 3 - Saturday Social
Come by for **games, conversation, food, and more**. A relaxed evening to connect, laugh, and enjoy community together.



INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY



October 10 - Language Café: Childhood Memories
What do you remember most about being a child?

Bring a **photo or small object that reminds you of your childhood**, if you like. We'll share stories about childhood games, favourite foods, special memories—and perhaps imagine what we might say to our younger selves today.

October 17 - Saturday Social
Games, conversation, food, and community as usual.
Please note: **there will be no table tennis**, as the Hub will be used for advance voting.

October 24 - No Saturday Social!!
Broad View United will be used as a voting location on Election Day, so there will be **no Saturday Social** that evening.



October 31 - Taste of Home: Day of the Dead
Something special is taking shape!

We are beginning to plan a **Day of the Dead celebration** together with a member of our intercultural community from Mexico.

More details coming soon—stay tuned!

INTERCULTURAL BIBLE STUDY - OCTOBER 7



Wednesday, October 7 at 7 pm in the Chapel
This month, we will explore **faith and trust** through **Matthew 14:22–32**, the story of Jesus and Peter walking on the water. What does it mean to trust when the way ahead feels uncertain?

Come with your questions, experiences, and perspectives. **Everyone is welcome — no previous Bible study experience is needed.**

Becoming an Intercultural Church Learning Team
Join a small BVU learning team for the United Church course Becoming an Intercultural Church: Encountering God Across Cultures, facilitated online by Rev. Dr. Hyuk Cho.

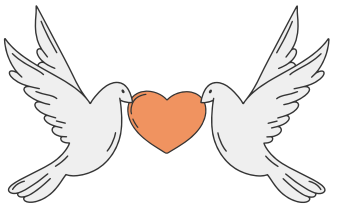


Six Wednesdays, Oct. 14–Nov. 25, 3:00–4:30 pm Pacific
Together, we'll explore deep listening, shared leadership, and transformation across cultures, then reflect on what this learning could mean for Broad View United.

Interested? Please email Min-Goo to join the learning team. min-goo@broadviewunited.com

CELEBRATIONS

Sharon and Al Stennes	August 15	62nd Wedding Anniversary



A belated but heartfelt congratulations to Sharon and Al on their 62nd wedding anniversary! We're delighted to celebrate this wonderful milestone with you.

THANKSGIVING CARDS



Spiritual Care Team has sent out over 85 Thanksgiving Cards to those parishioners who are unable to come to church, infirm or living in care homes.

Please let our ministers or the office know if you know of anyone needing a phone call or visit.

MARGARET CAMERON TRUST FUND (MCTF)

In September the Margaret Cameron Trust Fund (MCTF) estate interest was permanently transferred to the BVU Benevolent Fund.

The interest from the fund will support one- time requests for assistance.

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 **Val Bauld** until October 10: valbauld5@gmail.com, **Jean Margison** after October 10: 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.



THE PALESTINIAN SOLIDARITY TEAM AT BVU invites you to the Victoria premiere of a new documentary – a searingly honest examination of the Zionist-religious roots of Israel's war against Palestinians.



ADMISSION BY DONATION
to cover film costs
Coffee, tea and refreshments
Palestinian products available for purchase

Sunday October 18th at 7pm
Doors open at 6:30
Broad View United
3703 St. Aidan's St

"BRAVE AND HONEST. AN UNSPARING SEARCH FOR TRUTH AND FOR SOME PATH THROUGH AND PAST THIS TERRIBLE TRAGEDY"
DR. GABOR MATÉ

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EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER

$45

Donation includes: Bowl, Dinner, Drink, Dessert
100% of proceeds go to supporting our NEW **Mushroom Farm Project.**

HELPING TO END HUNGER ONE BOWL AT A TIME

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

JUSTICE FAIR SUNDAY

Sunday, October 18, after each service

It's the time for falling leaves, pumpkins, Thanksgiving and Halloween! We decided to plan the Justice Fair after the Thanksgiving weekend but with enough time for you to stock up on Hallowe'en 'Peace by Chocolate'.





Each month, we welcome all to our Justice Fair in the Commons following both worship services. There are many ways we live our call to spirit-led, bold discipleship as a United Church community. Our Justice Fairs provide an opportunity for learning and to ask questions of those participating. A feature of each Justice Fair will be a table where petitions and letters can be signed. Our commitment to Reconciliation is always represented. White Peace Poppies will be available. Products for sale supporting Palestinian farmers are an anchor of our Justice Fairs. Brenda has baking to sell. Expect a variety of table topics. Purchases can be made with cash, by cheque or E-transfers.

If you are someone with ideas for different actions to support and organizations to highlight you are welcome to participate! A table and other support can be provided. To help with the planning, we ask that you contact Barbara bmhansen@telus.net or Robin robin.breckon@gmail.com by Wednesday, October 14.

HUNGRY HEARTS:

OUR PLACE COMMUNITY CENTRE GATHERING



Join Our Place Society for the third installment of its Hungry Hearts series on Thursday, October 22, from 5:00–7:30 pm at the Our Place Community Centre.

This special evening offers an opportunity to connect with community members and partners while getting a behind-the-scenes look at the vital work of Our Place's Community Support Workers and the difference they make each day.

This is a ticketed event. Tickets and more information are available through https://www.ourplacesociety.com/events/

CARING FOR CREATION

Our Food *Predicament*

It's an ordinary ham, cheese, lettuce and tomato sandwich on whole wheat with mayo.



Or is it?

Have you ever stopped to think about what it took to get that sandwich to your lunch plate?

Like....

Where did the ingredients come from?

Ham from the Fraser Valley? Cheese from Switzerland? Tomatoes from a Victoria green house? Lettuce from your garden? Bread made with flour grown in Saskatchewan and processed in Ontario? Mayo from Ontario with some ingredients from the USA?

Was the food grown with pesticides and inorganic fertilizers?
How much water was used in the production of all these ingredients?
How large is the carbon footprint of your lunch? Don't forget to think about the gas you put in the car you used to take you to the grocery store!
What about the labour that went into the growing, processing, transporting, and selling of all the ingredients in this sandwich?

With all that complexity, now add a couple more layers: is political instability affecting the production of your sandwich ingredients? And what about climate change? How is it impacting your ability to enjoy this delicious meal?

Food prices are 27% higher than they were 5 years ago: how much higher will they go with farmers in Canada and around the world grappling with heat, fires, floods, droughts, and storms made worse by global warming?

Caring for Creation Small Group will be focusing on our food predicament this year as a way for our community to understand the complexity of the food system that was created after World War 2. The diverse challenges humanity now faces will require an ecologically resilient food system. Now's the time to ask questions, dig deep for answers, and look at different ways of growing food and feeding people. **COME AND SEE because everyone's got to eat.....**



GREATER VICTORIA ACTING TOGETHER



Broad View's membership in Greater VIctoria Acting Together means that BVU members can join GVAT activities at no charge. GVAT trains community leaders so they can identify shared interests and build consensus for common actions. Watch for our next Foundations of Community Organizing training coming up in November, or check our website www.gvat.ca for upcoming events.

GVAT builds democracy by helping communities gain a stronger voice in a public discourse now dominated by well-funded corporations and loud extremists. We sponsor **Democracy through Dialogue**, a series of public discussions on the role of public discourse in democracy. These events feature a brief presentation by an expert speaker followed by an audience Q&A and then small group discussion of related thematic questions. Guidelines for dialogue reflect the practical application of familiar Christian principles: respect for others, kindness, and active listening. This fall, GVAT will host a series of 3 dialogues on Monday evenings Oct 19, Nov 16 and Dec 14 here at Broad View around the theme of restoring civility in public discourse. We want to emphasize these are NOT political events (although we now have 2 elections in October!) but discussions of how to strengthen participation in democracy generally. More details and registration link on GVAT's website (gvat.ca) under Events and Training. Participants will benefit from attending all three sessions as they build on previous discussion. You can also contact Stephen Tyler for more info (stephen@adaptiverm.ca).

GVAT Win! BVU folks who attended the GVAT community assembly here at Broad View in May will remember that we pressed Saanich mayoral candidates to propose a resolution at the next meeting of the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) to ensure minimum standards for cooling in all residential buildings as a response to climate change, heat waves and smoke. We are pleased to report that resolution was approved at the UBCM convention in September, in part due to the pressure applied by GVAT and our community assembly participants! Congratulations, and thank you!

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What's Happening at BVU?
There's lots happening throughout the week!
Scan QR code or visit our website at www.broadviewunited.com to explore our Program Guide & upcoming events.

THRIFT STORE UPDATES

Hello Community!

Happy October! Halloween merchandise is dwindling fast. Even though it's the first week of fall, you will find the store stock full of Christmas.





Pictured here are members of our housewares team. From left to right; Sue, Marylin and Debbie. They are working hard to get our hundred plus boxes of Christmas storage out. If you'd like to get in some early shopping or get it before it's gone come on in today. We have competitive pricing on most items in store. Come enjoy 50% off colored tag sale. Many clothing items and seasonal items will be on sale through the Ber months as well.





Thrift store volunteers attended the fall general meeting this past week. We gathered for a group photograph afterward. We then shared in the celebration of two of our volunteers 61st wedding anniversary. Gail and Dave were married in this Church on the date of our event 61 years ago. If you see them please wish them congratulations or a friendly hello. Our next thrift store volunteer event will be our annual Christmas party. Scheduled for December 11th at 10:30 am in the Commons. All Thrift Store volunteers are welcome.

Over the fall and winter the thrift store is happy to receive donations of cold weather items. Most seasonal items will be passed on to our partnered outreach. We encourage you to also give donations to them. Should we find ourselves at capacity and need to close donations for a time. The Salvation Army, Compassionate Warehouse, Lions Pride Recovery Society. The Mustard Seed Street Church and BC SPCA will be happy to receive your support. The thrift store thanks you for your continued support. See you in the store soon!

- 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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AND CELEBRATION

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