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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

An Invitation to Encounter

This year our overall theme will be *"An Invitation to Encounter"* and will build on our theme from last year about deep listening and radical hospitality. Each month a different subtheme and story from scripture will help us dig into another aspect of what it means to encounter the embodied Jesus in our day and age.

For the month of September we will explore the invitation to the disciples in John's Gospel, which is much different to what we find in the other three Gospels. Here Jesus invites his potential companions to simply "Come and See".

What does it mean to simply "come and see" when we are uncertain about someone? Does the invitation to 'come and see' feel welcoming or threatening when it's for something we are being asked to encounter or engage with that is unfamiliar? For many who have not grown up in the church, there is fear and suspicion of Christians and the Church in general, that has been amplified by the culture and what is typically presented as "Christian" in the media. If that is our context, then how do we witness differently? What will it mean to "come and see" in this day and age? Can progressive Christianity provide a different lens to give hope and possibility to a hurting and broken world? Can we spark someone's curiosity with an open invitation?

In the United Church we have not always been comfortable with evangelism. We are shy at times and don't want to make others uncomfortable when inviting folks to church. Sometimes we are afraid that the assumptions others might have about Christians and churchgoers will change how they see us. We fear "coming out" as followers of Jesus. But perhaps we find in the story found in John's gospel, a more open ended invitation to simply "come and see" and then decide. But after that comes the tricky part: the follow-up.

We all share in the responsibility to help folks feel connected: Making an effort to learn someone's name; Connecting outside of church; Being seen and engaged with authenticity. These are all basic human needs. In a society where, increasingly, folks are feeling isolated and alone, finding a community where one can feel like they belong meets a deep human need. Feeling like we matter is important. I think that's one of the things that drew people to Jesus. His invitation to engage came with being seen. May we continue to strive to be that kind of Community of Faith at BVU.



Mark Green
Co-Lead Minister



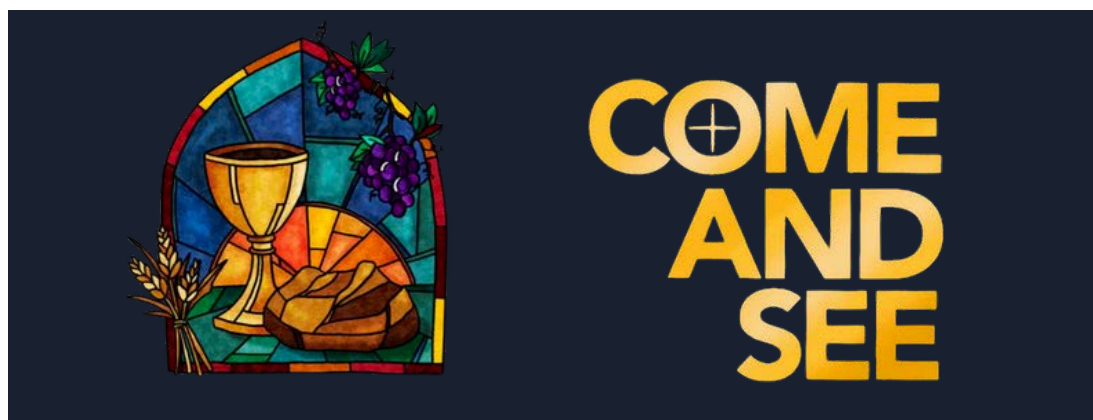
WORSHIP SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Starting September 6, BVU will return to our regular schedule of having 2 services. The Bridge service at 9:30 am and the ConXion service at 11 am. While both services feature a progressive theology and the same sermon, the format and style of the two services is different.

The Bridge service seeks to blend both traditional and contemporary united church music and formats. The ConXion service seeks to connect contemporary culture with religion and spirituality in its music and structure.

As we introduce our theme for the year: *An Invitation to Encounter*, we will begin our exploration with the story of the calling of the disciples in the Gospel of John. Jesus invites his potential disciples to simply “come and see”... we hope you will as well.

DATE	SCRIPTURE	PREACHER	THEME	OTHER
September 6	John 1:35-51	Mark Green	Come and See	Blessing of the Backpacks
September 13	John 1:35-51	Mark Green	Can anything good come from Nazareth?	
September 20	John 1:35-51	Mark Green	Did Jesus have a Messiah complex?	
September 27	John 1:35-51	Min-Goo Kang	Come and See: Faith Seeking Invitation	Orange Shirt Day

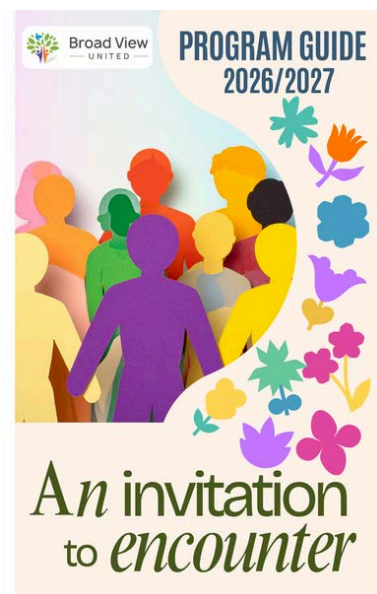


PROGRAM GUIDE 2026/27

We've been busy through the summer lining up both familiar programs and some new offerings for the upcoming program year. We hope that there is something for everyone between the pages that invites you into an Encounter with the Holy; either through study or human interaction or a spiritual practice. While the guide isn't exhaustive in what it covers (as there will likely be a few other offerings designed as the year unfolds), we hope it provides a starting place for you to anticipate things you may want to engage in.

Some programs require registration and some are drop in. All courses are open to anyone seeking opportunities to grow, connect, learn and be nurtured in your faith. Occasionally there are costs to some programs, however bursaries are available and cost should never be a barrier to participation.

The Program Guide will be available in print starting September 13 and online at our newly designed website (www.broadviewunited.com). Thank you to all who are offering programs this coming year.



NEW BVU WEBSITE

Launches on September 12!

After 2 years of planning, design and implementation, our new improved WEBSITE will be launched on Saturday, September 12. This website will be easier to navigate and populated in an attractive and appealing format for those seeking out information about BVU as well as for members of BVU seeking updates, newsletters, program information and Sunday morning Streaming. The format will also seamlessly work on computers, tablets and phones.



Website sneak peek

As with all technology, we expect there to be a few glitches to iron out in September but we are hopeful that for the most part, things will be accessible right away.

Thank you to the many staff and volunteers involved in getting us updated and ready to launch!



BOARD UPDATE

The Board has been continuing its work on the follow-up items that emerged from our Spring meetings with the congregation. Over the summer, the three focus groups—Pastoral Care, Transparency, and Welcoming—have each met to provide initial input, with further conversations planned for the fall. We are grateful for the thoughtful engagement and perspectives that have been shared so far.

At the same time, we have been carefully integrating congregational feedback into the evolving strategic plan. This includes ongoing discernment about the staffing and structures that will best support BVU's shared vision over the next 3–5 years. This work is complex and important, and we are taking the time needed to consider it well.

The Board has met several times over the summer and expects to convene a congregational meeting in the coming months to share our emerging recommendations and next steps. In addition, we anticipate offering a series of online “town hall” gatherings—similar to those held during COVID—to provide timely updates and create space for questions and dialogue.

We will continue to share more detail in future newsletters as this work unfolds.

- Sarah Gustin (Chair)

CANDIDATE FOR MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP

JO BRADY-QUINTON



Jo Brady-Quinton

Did you know that BVU has a bursary fund for Candidates for Ministry coming from this congregation?

This year, Jo Brady-Quinton has been nominated for a bursary from BVU as she begins her studies at Emmanuel College in Toronto. Jo is well known to many of the former First Met folks as she was often in the sound booth during her years in Victoria. We wish her all the best in her first year of study for Ministry and look forward to hearing about her year next spring.



Did you know?



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LABYRINTH IS COMPLETE!!

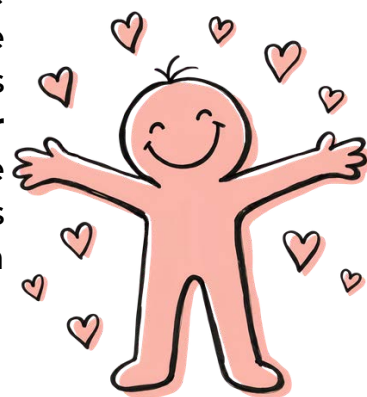
We are delighted to let you know that thanks to the amazing work of Heini Mathis, Ron Sherwood and Bruce Tonkin, the installation of the labyrinth is near completion.



While we are letting the paint for the lines harden before we do a final top coat sealer, we are delighted to know that the Labyrinth will be available for use by BVU folks and by the neighbourhood this fall. Thank you also to the students hired who cut out the stencil and helped to paint the lines.

THANK YOU, FUNDRAISERS!

Throughout the year, small fundraisers with big hearts are initiated by members of the congregation. This month, we want to recognize **Marion Denton** and the jams she makes that raised \$420 for children's ministry and to **Brenda Porter** whose pies have raised \$1,200 for outreach so far this year. We also want to make a special mention of **Linda Zou** who creates the amazing flower arrangements on the front table each week and donates both her time and talents in creating such.



Thank you to all of you who make a difference at BVU!



MARGARET'S FAREWELL

On Sunday, August 30, we bid a fond farewell to Rev. Margaret Harper as she moves into retirement. Our farewell time included a special service celebrating her many years as a Minister in the United Church, pictures, stories and a reflection by Margaret. It was followed by a community BBQ that fed over 225 people.

A huge thank you to the many many volunteers who helped plan, cook, set up, clean up and serve to make the event possible.

MARGARET'S THANK YOU

Meister Eckhart once said, 'If the only prayer you say in your life is **Thank You**, that would be enough!'

This may well be so, and yet it also feels impossible to convey the depth of my gratitude for the astounding blessings that we have enjoyed together over the years.

One of the most enduring gifts of following Jesus means we have been entrusted into the care and keeping of each other! This blueprint of faith contains the beauty, hope, challenge and possibility of being a living, dynamic resource to God's astounding Creation.

It has been such a joy to travel together over these last 10 years. I am still overwhelmed and topped to the brim by the outpouring of love that we experienced together on Sunday, August 30!

It is impossible to name each of you who made the worship service and party such a meaningful celebration, for when we live in community, every single person contributes the best of who they are.

The worship service was infused with joy, blessing and the fullness of God's wonderful, creative Spirit. Mark Green (and all of you at BVU) really know how to throw a party that begins with the providence of God via music, prayers, a joyous photo montage and meaningful liturgy and then morphs into a full-on BBQ Communion.

To the organizing committee---WOW! Marion Denton, Val Bauld, Liane Clark, Betty Doherty, Beth Klick, Joan Mason, Brenda Thompson, and Joan Wilkinson. To all who planned, shopped, decorated, cut veggies and cake, set up chairs and tables, cooked burgers and dogs, washed dishes, emptied compost, directed traffic and bustled around making everyone feel so welcome, seen and appreciated, many, many thanks. One friend remarked to me, 'I am so impressed with the entire BVU community'. And so am I.

Thank you for your abundant farewell gifts: the flowers, the cards, the love notes, the hugs, the Tibetan singing bowl, and the extremely generous purse. Love received 😊, shared and poured out. Your generosity fills me to overflowing

There is no doubt in my mind that Spirit will breath you all into your next chapter at BVU, a space and way of being in this world that is filled with possibility, passion and promise.

Please know that as I said to the children, "I carry you in my heart—forever!"

With all my love,
Margaret





OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY GREETERS - AN INVITATION

Each Sunday we have a team of greeters who welcome folks to worship, hand out bulletins and answer questions of new comers. While we have a good solid core of folks who are committed to serve once a month, we always have room for a few more folks willing to serve on occasion. If you are interested to join this team, please email your interest to info@broadviewunited.com with "Sunday Greeter" in the subject line and you will be sent a link with a place to sign up.

MT. TOLMIE COMMUNITY PICNIC

Sunday, September 13, 1 pm - 3 pm, Horner Park

Mt. Tolmie Community Association are hosting a BBQ and picnic on Sunday September 13 and all are welcome.

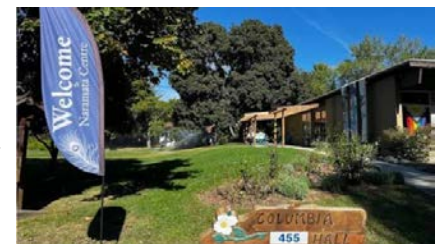
We have been invited to have a booth to share with others in the neighbourhood what BVU has to offer and to invite folks to "come and see" what we offer. We are in need of "ambassadors" who can take a shift at the booth to be the human face of BVU! We will supply materials, canopy, and tables. **We just need ambassadors. If you are interested in helping, please let the office know by emailing info@broadviewunited.com.**



SUPPORT FOR NARAMATA CENTRE

As many of you are aware, Naramata Centre has cancelled its remaining summer programs to become a place for evacuees affected by the fires in the Okanagan. This was a bold and courageous move as it will be a significant loss of revenue to the Centre that counts on these last two weeks of income to support its life into the fall and winter time. Naramata is a United Church society whose mandate includes Christian nurture for youth, families and individuals looking to build community and spiritual practice.

We will be collecting donations at BVU and matching them until September 15 as our way of supporting Naramata and the people it serves during this difficult time.



NARAMATA CENTER DONATIONS

As wildfires continue in the Interior, Naramata Centre has cancelled its remaining summer programs to provide space for evacuees.

Donations can be made through the BVU office or website until September 15.



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMIT FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

**Sunday afternoon, September 20,
BC Legislature Grounds**

BVU has been invited to have a booth at this event that will focus on what various organizations are doing to promote peace and justice in our world. **We are looking for volunteers who might be willing to form a small team to organize attending this event.**

Please email info@broadviewunited.com, if you are interested.



EXTREME WEATHER EMERGENCY RESPONSE SHELTER

Update and Volunteers

After a successful year of operating as a shelter at BVU in extreme weather circumstances, we have committed to continuing as an emergency shelter for the coming winter season. The season goes from October 15 to April 15. We had a good group for the numbers of “guests” that we housed last year but we are anticipating in year 2 that we will be known to exist more than we did last year and will likely find our site to be used by a larger number of people.



We are looking for people who would be interested to be welcome hosts in the evening or morning hosts who assist with breakfast and bag lunch. Those interested in joining one of those two teams are asked to email info@broadviewunited.com and put “SHELTER” in the subject line and you will be contacted to fill out a volunteer screening form. Training and orientation session will happen in October for both those who are new and as a refresher for those returning. For those who served last year, we will email you to confirm whether or not you are still interested in participating.

This is a partnership with the City of Saanich (who provide the mats), OUR PLACE (who provide overnight staffing, bedding and supervision) and BVU (who provide food, hospitality and welcome).

If you have any questions, please speak with Mark Green for more information.



A New Season of Connection Begins...



Broad View UCW
Tuesday, September 1
11 am - 2 pm
Meet in the Narthex



Tai Chi Chih
Tuesdays,
starting September 1
9:30 am - 10:30 am
Meet in the Commons



Guys'
"Water into Wine"
Pub Night
2nd Tuesdays, starting
September 8
7 pm - 9 pm
Meet at The Monkey
Tree Pub



**BVU Meditation and
Contemplative
Practices Group**
1st and 3rd Wednesdays,
starting September 2
10 am - 11 am
Meet in the Chapel



BVU Quilts for Survivors
Mondays (9 am - 12 pm),
Fridays (11 am - 2 pm),
2nd Saturdays (10 am - 4 pm)
starting September 4
Meet in the Cedar Room



Broad View Knitters
Tuesday, September 8
12:45 pm - 2:45 pm
Meet in the Cedar Room



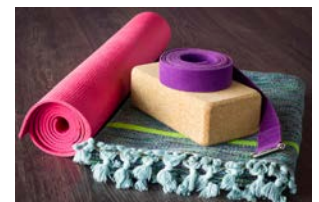
Chair Yoga
Wednesdays,
starting September 2
10:30 am - 11:30 am
Meet in the Narthex



**Broad View
Exercise Group**
Thursdays,
starting September 3
9 am - 9:50 am
Meet in the The Hub



**Flatlander's
Walking Group**
Saturday, September 5
1 pm
Walking the Labyrinth
in Irving Park



Gentle Yoga
Mondays,
starting September 9
10:30 am - 11:50 am
Meet in the Narthex





Circle CHAT

2nd Wednesdays,
starting September 9
1:30 pm - 3 pm
Meet in the Cedar Room



Lectio

Thursdays,
starting September 10
8:30 am - 9:30 am
via Zoom



Drop-In Playgroup

MWF,
starting September 14
9:30 am - 11 am
Meet in the The Hub



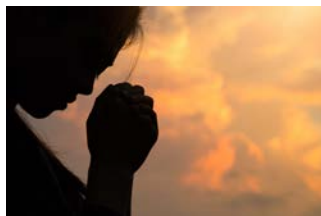
Parkinson's Support Group

Sunday, September 20
12:15 pm - 2:30 pm
Meet in the Chapel



BVU Community Choir

Thursdays,
starting September 10
7 pm - 8:30 pm
Meet in the Sanctuary



Sacred Pause at Day's End

Mondays,
starting September 14
8:30 pm - 9 pm
via Zoom



Pringle Handbell Choir

1st and 3rd Mondays,
starting September 21
7 pm - 8 pm
Meet in the Sanctuary



Chancel Choir

Thursdays,
starting September 10
6:30 pm - 7 pm
Meet in the Chapel



BVU Youth Group (Gr. 6 - 12)

1st and 3rd Fridays,
starting September 17
6:30 pm - 8 pm
Meet in the Commons



Women Exploring Spirituality

4th Mondays,
starting September 28
1 pm - 3 pm
Meet in the Narthex



Qi Gong (Chinese Energy Healing)

Thursdays,
starting October 1
9:30 am - 10:30 am
Meet in the Commons



PROGRAM UPDATES

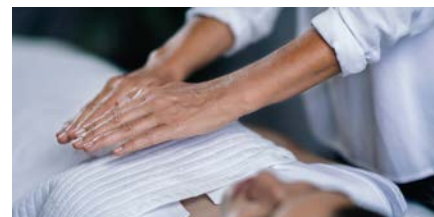
NEW SEASON, NEW DETAILS

Healing Pathways

Treatments – Open to all!

The Healing Pathway ministry is open for treatments starting Monday, September 14. Here's the schedule:

- Monday, September 14: 1 pm in the Chapel
- Monday, September 21: 1 pm in the Chapel
- Monday, September 28: 1 pm in the Chapel



Please email healingpathway@broadviewunited.com to request a treatment

Information Session on Healing Pathway – Open to all!

Please join us for a mini-workshop that introduces Healing Pathway heart centered energy work. Come and learn to work with your own energy to create harmony in your body and mind through grounding and meditation exercises. Offer healing sessions to friends, family or members of your community. All are welcome!

Email healingpathway@jamesbayunited.com for more information.

- Thursday, September 17 at 7 pm in the Seminar Room

Practice Session – for practitioners

The May Practice Session for practitioners will be on:

- Saturday, September 26 from 9 am to 11 am in the Chapel

mount **tolmie**
community association

INVITES YOU TO A
FALL COMMUNITY PICNIC



**SUN SEPT 13
1-4 PM
HORNER PARK**

Complimentary hot-dogs, beverages & cake. Live entertainment from Brandy Moore, family-friendly activities, info booths & more!

Bring a chair/blanket. Everyone welcome!

Check our Facebook page or website (MTCA.ca) for weather updates and to sign up to become a member!

Thanks to Fairway Market for their support.

DRAG
COMMUNION
A QUEER LITURGY

“SEEN AS WHO WE ARE”



UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA MULTIFAITH CENTRE
2:00 PM SERVICE
NOVEMBER 15TH, 2026

SANCTUARY
INCLUSIVE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY

SQUID

CONNECT WITH
QUEER FAMILY ON
THE SANCTUARY
DISCORD



Shaughnessy Heights
United Church



Broad View
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REFUGEE

A LOVE OFFERING WILL
BE TAKEN TO SUPPORT



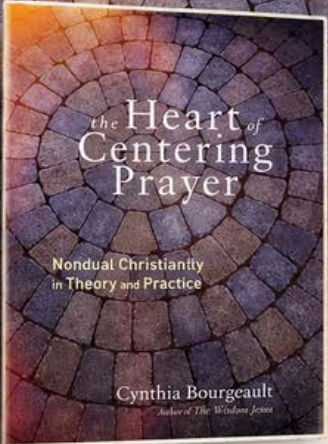
PROGRAM UPDATES

Broad View UCW

Tuesday, September 1 and Tuesday, October 6 at 11 am

Meetings resume September 1 in the Narthex at 11 am. Guest speaker at our October 6 meeting will be Dan Levitt who heads up the Office of Seniors Advocate, Province of B.C. This office monitors and analyzes senior services and issues in B.C. and makes recommendations to Government and service providers. OSA monitors services in five key areas: health care, housing, income supports, community supports, and transportation.

Plan to come with your questions, concerns, and recommendations. All are welcome.



the Heart of Centering Prayer
Nondual Christianity in Theory and Practice
Cynthia Bourgeault
Author of *The Wisdom Jesus*

Word into Silence:

A MONTHLY BOOK STUDY

of

The Heart of Centering Prayer

— BY CYNTHIA BOURGEAULT —

**WHEN:**
3rd Wednesday of the month
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Starting September 16, then:
Oct 21 • Nov 18 • Dec 16
Jan 20 • Feb 17 • Mar 17 • Apr 21

**WHERE:**
BVU Chapel

**MATERIALS:**
A copy of *The Heart of Centering Prayer* by Cynthia Bourgeault, available from Henri Lock.

**COORDINATORS:**
Henri Lock and Rick Mickelson

**REGISTER:**

[Registration LINK](#)

Bourgeault—an Episcopal priest, modern mystic, and best-selling author—demystifies this popular Christian meditation method.

Far from being just an act of devotional piety or a Christianized form of other meditation methods, Centering Prayer offers a practical path of deep interior transformation.

Bourgeault shows how this practice helps us switch to a new “operating system” of nondual perception, helping us awaken to our True Being in God and live into the healing of our lives and the world.

Whether you are completely new to contemplative prayer or a seasoned practitioner looking to refresh and deepen an established path, this gathering offers a **warm, supportive environment** to learn, share, and reflect together.

What to Expect Each Gathering

Each 60-minute session balances thoughtful discussion with practical, experiential insight:

- **CENTERING PRAYER PRACTICE:**
A short period (5–10 minutes) of silent prayer to ground our time together.
- **GUIDED BOOK DISCUSSION:**
Exploration of key themes, the Christian contemplative tradition, and insights from the assigned chapters.
- **SMALL GROUP REFLECTION:**
Open, supportive conversation around the joys, struggles, and real-world integration of Centering prayer.
- **TAKE-HOME INTENTIONS:**
Simple invitations to integrate contemplative awareness into your daily life.



Stay for Practice!

After our book study concludes at 10:00 AM, you are warmly invited to stay for the regularly scheduled BVU Meditation and Contemplative Practice Group.

This offers a seamless opportunity to put the teachings into immediate practice through Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina.



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Families with Children Dinner Night

Friday, September 11 at 5:30 pm



Join other families with children from BVU for a child friendly supper on a Friday night where the cooking and dishes are all taken care of for you and your family. Enjoy dinner, crafts, activities, good conversation and a closing time of stories and songs. GF and Vegetarian options are always provided. This month we will have BBQ burgers, hot dogs, potato salad and veggie trays. Ice cream sandwiches for dessert. Registration is not required but helps us plan for food if you are able. Register at www.broadviewunited.com.

Trans Family Dinner

Wednesday, September 16, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

The Trans Family Dinner is a warm, welcoming space for all Trans, non-binary, and Two-Spirit families and is hosted jointly by SNP, BVU and Gender Spectacular. Whether you're a parent, child, youth, or simply looking to connect, we welcome families of all kinds—biological, chosen, foster, extended, blended, or beyond—to come together and share good food and good company.

New this fall is the opportunity to participate in a program following the dinner, beginning at 6:15pm. Some programs will be for everyone, others will be focused on older youth and adults (childcare will be provided for those sessions). Topics will include Q & A's, Trans 101 and shared art activities - feel free to join us for either food or program or both!!



Registration helps us know amounts for food. Scan QR code to register or visit our website at www.broadviewunited.com.

BVU Community Choir and Chancel Choir

BVU Community Choir will resume it's rehearsals starting Thursday, September 10 at 7 pm . The community choir serves as a spiritual practice for those who love to sing. With about 100 folks gathering each week under the leadership of Brian Tate, the time together is both uplifting and rejuvenating. All are welcome to try it out. Cost is \$95 per term but you are welcome to try it out a few times before committing

BVU Chancel Choir meets prior to the community choir at 6:30 pm on Thursdays to work on an anthem to share with the congregation on the last Sunday of the month at the Bridge service. They practice in the chapel and then many join the chancel choir afterwards. Kelly Orr and Cheryl Dennett will be sharing the leadership for this choir.

You are welcome to attend either or both. See the Program guide for more information.



SPIRITUAL CARE TEAM

IN MEMORIAM

Shelagh Hamerton

Died July 18, 2026

Celebration of Life
September 12 at 1 pm
Broad View United

*Shelagh has asked guests (if possible)
to wear bright colours, especially pink,
for breast cancer*



Claire Hunter

Died July 15, 2026

Celebration of Life
September 28 at 2 pm
McCall Gardens

We give thanks for the lives of Shelagh and Claire; for joy shared and the gifts they gave to so many. Our love and prayers will remain with their families.

CELEBRATIONS

Barbara Johnstone

September 26

96th Birthday

Jacquie
Henderson

September 28

91st Birthday



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, via prayer@broadviewunited.com, or from the Broad View United website.

Requests can also be passed along to staff members.



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SPIRITUAL CARE TEAM

ONGOING PASTORAL CARE NEEDS

Did you know that BVU has a solid Pastoral Care Team that oversees a number of responsibilities of that ministry? These include but are not limited to:

- Tracking shut ins and those in care facilities – arranging visits for some
- Updates and visits to those who are ill, grieving or in need of pastoral care
- Sending of cards and notes to congregants who have suffered a loss or have a special Birthday or Anniversary
- Some hospital and long term care visitation
- Prayer chain
- Circle chat coordination

All these ongoing oversight elements will continue. What changes is how crisis and emergency pastoral care will be handled for the next while. In the interim, you can call on any of the three ministers or reach out to the office and your name will be passed along. Ministers will still be present to those in hospital or hospice or who are in crisis. Some of the ongoing needs will be shared among the team and other visitors who are a part of this ministry. What's most important for you to know is... ***You matter and your needs will be attended to in similar ways to what they have been in the past.***

CONNECT CARDS

Are you recently new to the BVU Community?
We'd love to be able to welcome you.

Connect Card

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**Welcome to
BVU!**

Name: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Home Phone: _____
Email: _____
Kids Names & Ages: _____

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.



*Back to School
Stock Up*



**BARBEQUE
FUNDRAISER &
FILL THE VAN
FOOD DRIVE**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
11AM - 2PM
THRIFTY FOODS - TUSCANY VILLAGE
1626 MCKENZIE AVE
(while supplies last)
THRIFTY FOODS
Eat happy

**BACK TO
SCHOOL
BENNY AT
THE
VILLAGE**

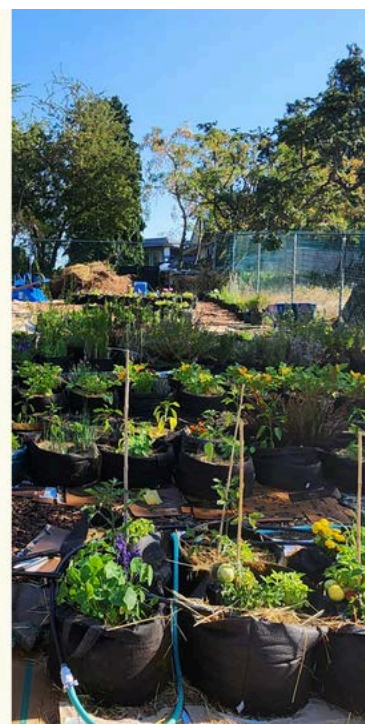
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TORQUAY LOCATION ONLY
\$2 FROM EVERY PURCHASE OF A BACK
TO SCHOOL BENNY IS DONATED TO
OUR CAMPAIGN

September 12th, 2026







JUSTICE FAIR SUNDAY

September 13 following both services

Come to the Commons following both services on September 13! Meet people committed to making our world better for all. It's an opportunity to learn, to be inspired and to join actions that interest you and to connect with others! Take time to be curious. Ask questions.

Orange Shirts will be available in time for The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation South Island Pow Wow at Royal Athletic Park on September 30. Support farmers in Palestine! Purchase gift certificates for the tree program in Palestine and buy products such as olive oil, dates, olive oil soap and za'atar seasoning to take home or to give as gifts. Sign petitions and letters to politicians. Learn about different BVU groups. Are you a knitter or a want-to-be one? BVU has a knitting group. There will be an opportunity to subscribe to the UCC Broadview magazine at the group rate.

Cash, E-transfers and cheques are accepted for all sales and donations.

To participate, please contact either Barbara at bmhansen@telus.net or Robin at robin.breckon@gmail.com by Wednesday, September 9.

GREATER VICTORIA ACTING TOGETHER

Broad View is a member of Greater Victoria Acting Together (GVAT), along with about 15 other faith-based, union, community, environment and student organizations in Victoria. GVAT provides training and leadership to support our community organizations to identify shared interests and work towards the common good.

GVAT offers training in community development and leadership. Our next training on Foundations of Community Organizing is coming up Sept 25-26 at the Anglican Church of the Advent in Colwood. Registration is free for BVU members but you must register in advance. For more information and to register, please see the GVAT Events website www.gvat.ca/events.

To learn more about GVAT and to meet members from other community organizations, come join our annual potluck picnic: Sept 6, 5 p.m. at Beaver Lake Park – Filter Beds picnic site. See the events website above for more details or contact stephen@adaptiverm.ca.



APARTHEID-FREE COMMUNITY PLEDGE

Throughout the past 2 years, the Palestinian Solidarity working group has been organizing various educational events for the congregation. These have been well attended and for the most part the congregation has come alongside the aims for the Apartheid -Free goals.

At the 2025 AGM of the Pacific Mountain Region of the United Church of which BVU is a part, the Region as a whole signed on to the pledge and asked delegates to encourage the consciousness raising in their local congregations and have each Community of Faith also sign on to the pledge.

At it's August meeting, the board voted to affirm their commitment to the pledge as consistent with the values of BVU and inline with where the majority of the congregation is aligned. The Pledge is as follows:

WE AFFIRM: our commitment to freedom, justice, and equality for the Palestinian people and all people;

WE OPPOSE: all forms of racism, bigotry, discrimination, and oppression; and

WE DECLARE: ourselves an Apartheid-free community and to that end,

WE PLEDGE: to join others in working to end all support to Israel's Apartheid regime, settler colonialism, and military occupation.

WHERE STREAMS MEET (CAMPUS UNITED PROGRAM)

Dates: Mondays, starting September 14 (no program when the university is closed)

Time: 5:00–7:30 pm

Location: Multifaith Centre, University of Victoria

Leadership: Jade Sia and Min-Goo Kang

A gentle, affirming community space where queer people of colour can build relationships, honour their cultural identities, and explore belonging, spirituality, and faith through conversation, creative activities, and shared food. Come as your whole self.

Contact Min-Goo (min-goo@broadviewunited.com) for more information.



INTERCULTURAL UPDATES

SATURDAY SOCIAL HAS RETURNED!

It was wonderful to gather again for Intercultural Saturday Social. We began by making kimbap together, creating rolls in many different shapes, sizes, and flavours. Each one was unique, yet all the ingredients blended beautifully together—much like our intercultural community.

Thank you to everyone who cooked, shared stories, helped in the kitchen, and made the evening so joyful.



Thank You, Camp Spirit Volunteers!



A heartfelt thank-you to the volunteers from our intercultural community who helped with Camp Spirit's afternoon community-engagement activities.

Throughout the week, campers enjoyed dumpling making, pickleball, table tennis, drama and improv, a Chinese cultural performance, and a creative recycling activity. Your generosity,



enthusiasm, and willingness to share your gifts helped make the week meaningful and fun for everyone.

September Saturday Social Programs September 12 - Language Café



Practise conversation, learn from one another, and connect across languages and cultures.



September 19 - Lantern Making

6 pm - 8 pm

Free drop-in event. All ages welcome.

Join us for a creative evening of making lanterns together and learning about their meaning in different cultures.





TASTE OF HOME

MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 26 - SCHEDULE

12 PM: DUMPLING MAKING

Limited Space — Registration is Required by Sep 23

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



SCAN TO
REGISTER

5 PM: LANTERN FESTIVAL

Go to Lambrick Park together

4139 Torquay Dr, Victoria, BC V8N 3L1

❁ SATUDAY SOCIAL AT BROAD VIEW UNITED IS CANCELLED

min-goo@broadviewunited.com | Instagram: bvuintercultural

LANTERN MAKING

Saturday, September 19 | 6 pm - 8 pm

Make a lantern, enjoy food, and celebrate together!
FREE DROP-IN EVENT - ALL AGES WELCOME



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THRIFT STORE UPDATES

Hello Community!

Autumn welcomes red and orange tag sales as well as select items. Students will receive a \$5 voucher off of their purchase in September with a valid student card. Vouchers cannot be used on our fundraising items.

Our fundraising items: Peace by Chocolate, Level Ground Coffee, Hearts and Hands Pins, Olive Oil for Palestine, or any of our T-shirts

Our fall and Halloween stock are out on the floor for sale now. With Christmas soon to follow!



Come on in and check out our store's new trinket trading box. You can find it inside the front door on the right. Leave something or take something. Made by one of our new volunteers, Emma. Pictured here. Please give her a warm welcome if you see her in the store.

The **general meeting** will be held on **September 18** in the Narthex at 10 am. All thrift store volunteers are welcome. The general meeting is a good opportunity to catch up on store updates and with friends. There will be time to socialize at this event. Thank you for reading, shopping and for your generous donations. Our volunteers work hard to honor the full value of your donation. Funds go to support the programs offered to the community by the church.

- 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





National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Vigil

September 30, 10 am
BVU Sanctuary
3703 St. Aidan's St., Victoria, BC

50th Annual South Island Powwow

September 30,
12 pm (gates open at 10 am)
Royal Athletic Park
1014 Caledonia Ave., Victoria, BC

WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO
WEAR AN **ORANGE SHIRT**.

BVU Office will be closed on
September 30

