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Welcome to the 2025/26 Program Guide. You will find in these pages a whole host of programs that will help you deepen your faith, engage your curiosity about the world, and connect you with others at Broad View United. Our theme this year is “Deep Listening and Radical Hospitality”. At our staff retreat this summer, this theme emerged as a grounding place many have been seeking amidst our tumultuous worlds. This theme will be explored through different scriptures in worship and through a variety of programs offered here.

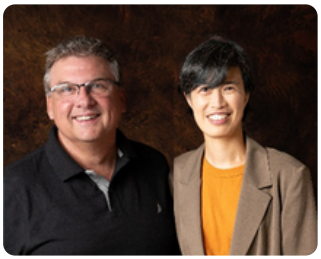
While we have done our best to lay out the programs we are offering, there will be changes and additions that occur as a response to our world and opportunities that emerge. The online version of this guide will be updated on our webpage.

You will find within these pages a wide variety of program offerings for learning, connecting, growing, and serving. We have tried to offer a wide variety of programs that engage a diverse set of needs, interests, and learning styles. Some programs meet in person, some online, some meet regularly, others as a one-off or time-limited experience. Most of the programs are free, and those with a cost are eligible for bursary support, as money should not be a barrier to participation. Speak with any staff member for confidential support if you need a bursary

As we continue to grow, some programs will have limits to the number of participants that we can accommodate. It's important where noted in the guide that you register for the programs to ensure that we can meet the needs of those expressing interest.

We are grateful to the many who have offered their time and leadership for these offerings and we hope that you will help spread the word about what is being offered. These programs and events are without barriers and open to anyone.

We look forward to sharing this year with you.



Mark Green and Ha Na Park

ADULT GROUP

The Art of Listening Deeply and Calling In



Dates: 4 Tuesdays, October 14 to Nov 4
Time: 2:30 – 4:30 pm or 7 - 9 pm
Place: BVU Commons
Leadership: Mark Green REGISTER NOW

The Art of learning to listen deeply in an ever increasingly polarized world will be a critical skill for us to learn if we are to overcome the barriers to human community. Yet to learn to "call someone in" as opposed to "calling someone out" is a much harder task for those who seek justice and right relationships. And yet to truly be agents of transformation, we will need to learn to listen deeply, find common ground, and offer alternative narratives to the polarizing ones currently on the table.

These 4 sessions will help us explore theory and practice through the lens of folks like Margaret Wheatley, Loretta Ross, and others. Handouts for reading and small group practice, and discussion will enable you to wrestle with these questions and more. 2 separate class times will be offered for you to choose from – afternoon or evening. A minimum of 10 people is needed for either time to be a go.Registration in advance is mandatory.

Water is Love (Documentary Film)



Date: Saturday, October 18th
Time: 7 - 9 pm
Place: BVU Sanctuary
Leadership: Mark Green with Earth Literacy and panel of local watershed leaders

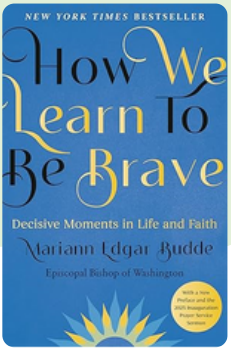
This documentary film **"Water is Love"** explores the critical role of water in climate change and the potential for community-driven water management to restore ecosystems. The film follows a group of young people grappling with the climate crisis while we journey around the world to share inspiring stories.

Following the 1-hour film will be a facilitated discussion with a panel of local watershed leaders.

ADULT GROUP

Women Exploring Spirituality

Date: Every fourth Monday of the month
Time: 1 pm - 3 pm
Place: BVU Narthex



You are warmly invited to join our monthly Women Exploring Spirituality group as we read and reflect together on **How We Learned to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith** by Mariann Edgar Budde, Episcopal Bishop of Washington. Each gathering begins with a time of check-in, followed by conversation around a portion of the book, as we share our insights, our questions, and the wisdom of one another's lives. Together we explore how these stories of courage speak into our own experiences and the realities of the world we live in today. All women are welcome — come and be part of the journey.

The Evolving Church Team

Date: Every first Wednesday of the month
Time: 10 am to noon
Place: BVU Cedar Room

The group has two main focuses: **First,** following the way of Jesus by supporting needs in the community, such as the North Park Neighbourhood Hamper Programme, The Annual vigil for The International Overdose Awareness Day, special Teas for the Seniors at Our Place. We also support other teams such as the Justice Animation Team. **Second**, wrestling with our faith with our questions and doubts, and having discussions within our group, or offering sessions like this to others.

ADULT GROUP

Flatlanders Walking Group



Date: First Saturday of each month
Time: 1 pm
Place: Various locations in and around Victoria
Leadership: Vicky Attwell and Earl Jenson

Looking for an easy afternoon stroll and some good company? Join the Flatlanders walking group. The walk, rain or shine, is led by rotating volunteers from the group on flat terrain for about one hour followed by coffee at a local cafe. All are welcome.

Broad View Knitters



Date: Second Tuesday of each month
Time: 1 to 3 pm
Place: BVU Cedar Room
Leadership: Liane Clark

Beginners and advanced creators gather for knitting, crocheting, advice and conversation. Our group makes items for donation to charitable organizations as well as for ourselves, family and friends.

Movie Night



Date: Fourth Saturday of the month (Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar and April)
Time: 7 pm - 9:45 pm
Place: BVU Sanctuary
Leadership: Mark Green and Phil Foster

Join us each month for an exploration of our monthly worship theme through a variety of award-winning movies. Some are funny, some are well known, some are emotional but all of them cause us to think and engage our faith through the magic of cinema. Each month the movie title will be published in the newsletter, and you are invited to join us. Popcorn, beverages, and other snacks provided. Discussion follows the film.

ADULT GROUP

Broad View UCW Group (United Church Women)

Date: Meeting on first Tuesday of each month
Time: 11 am - 2 pm
Place: BVU Narthex
Leadership: Marie McKee at mariemckee37@gmail.com

BVU UCW is an open and welcoming group of women who meet monthly, and who would love to welcome visitors or new members to join them. Our time together includes the themes of Witness, Study, Fellowship and Service.

BVU UCW meetings include discussion and support of programs such as Angel Gifts, ROTOM, the BVU Sunday School, and other outreach programs. We also host special events throughout the year. October 7 is the date for the "Least Coin" service, a service with an international tradition and perspective. In the Spring, the annual Ecumenical Service for the "World Day of Prayer" will held.

All are invited to these special events. All women of the Church are "United Church Women".

Circle CHAT

Date: Meeting on second Wednesday of each month (Starting September 10)
Time: 1:30 pm - 3 pm
Place: BVU Cedar Room
Leadership: Margaret Harper



A drop-in group for women elders who delight in conversation. Each session there will be time to share our stories, support each other, laugh, visit and of course, refreshments.

Come to connect with old friends, and make new ones. Registration is not required. If you need a ride or would like more info. please direct to margaret@broadviewunited.com or valbauld5@gmail.com

ADULT GROUP

Then Let Us Sing — a gathering for deep spirituality and NEW songs

Date: Second Tuesdays, beginning this November
Time: 6-8 pm
Place: BVU Commons
Leadership: Ha Na Park

Then Let Us SING!

REGISTER NOW

Good news! The United Church has just released its third new songbook, *Then Let Us Sing.* Every song comes with a music sheet available both online and in print, making it easy to play on piano, guitar, or other instruments—and the collection is filled with pieces that truly stir the heart and speak to the soul. The melodies are beautiful and moving.

Do you have an instrument you can play? Or perhaps, with your voice—even gently—you'd like to learn new songs, reflect on their words, and deepen your spirituality?

We'll share more updates and details soon—please stay tuned.

Guys' "Water into Wine" pub night



Date: Every second Tuesday of the month
Time: 7 pm – 9 pm
Place: The Monkey Tree, 4025 Borden St. (near McKenzie and Quadra)
Contact: David Bray davidbray@shaw.ca

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.

RECONCILIATION

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Vigil

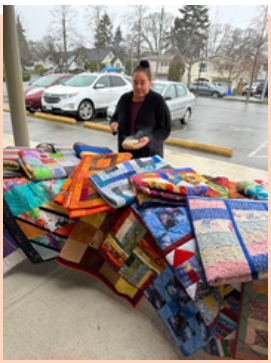
Date: Tuesday**,** September 30, 2025
Time: 10 am
Place: BVU Sanctuary

(You are encouraged to wear your orange shirt and there are orange shirts for sales in the BVU Thrift Store)



This short Vigil will help us mark the beginning of Truth and Reconciliation Day to remember the genocide and loss related to Residential Schools and the overall effects of Colonialization. This 20 minute service will be a time of lamenting, remembering, honouring and re-committing ourselves to the path of Reconciliation. Participants will be invited to then head to the Royal Athletic Park to attend this year's South Island Powwow to celebrate First Nations culture. Grand Entry at 12 noon and 6pm.

BVU Quilts for Survivors



Monthly Sew and Social:
Second Saturday of the month, in The BVU Commons from 10 am to 4 pm.

Weekly Drop–In Workshops in the Cedar Room:
Mondays - drop in between 9am and 12pm
and Fridays - drop in between 11am and 2pm

Contact: Vivian Skinner **E-mail:** vivianskinner@shaw.ca

At Broad View United the BVU Quilters are making quilts and gifting them to survivors of the residential school system through the QUILTS FOR SURVIVORS Project. Please join us, no experience necessary. We're all learning together as we have fun creating. For additional details, please visit https://www.quiltsforsurvivors.ca/

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation Rain Garden Initiative at BVU

REGISTER NOW



What if the grassy area on the southwest side of our building could become something more? We are exploring a vision to transform this space into a *Reconciliation Rain Garden*—

—a place that as a reconciliation garden reconciling with Earth (rain garden) and reconciling with Indigenous Peoples (sacred indigenous plants, perhaps medicinal and a place of ceremony). Imagine a garden that gathers rainwater from our church roof, restores the ecosystem, and nurtures life with plants that are happy with wet soil condition. Drawing inspiration from the Indigenous Medicine Garden at Royal Roads, along with the guidance of BVU members and Friends of Bowker Creek, we see the possibility of creating a living space that honours sacred Indigenous plants and provides room for ceremony and reflection.

How wonderful it would be to have our own sage for smudging, or to give bundles of herbs as gifts to elders and Indigenous visitors? On every Orange Shirt Day or on Red Dress Day, part of this garden could become a special place of commemoration and a visible sign of reconciliation to the greater community. As we consider this initiative, we invite the whole intercultural BVU community to dream with us. Your ideas, energy, and care will be essential as we take these steps together toward becoming a people rooted in justice, relationship, and hope.

Sign up for email updates on the journey. REGISTER NOW

RECONCILIATION

Decolonizing Bible Study

(10 sessions · Jan 2026 – May 2026)
When: 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings on Zoom
Time: 7 – 8:15 pm (includes a 15-minute journaling break)
Registration required via Jotform — you may register at any time.
Leadership: Ha Na Park

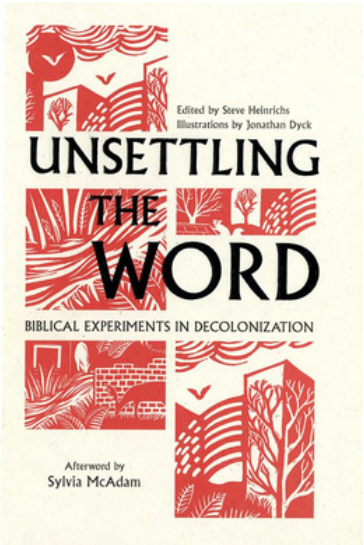
REGISTER NOW

In this biweekly Sunday evening Zoom Bible Study, we will explore 10 passages—from Genesis to Revelation—through three learning objectives:

1. **Learning how to read the Bible *(exegesis)***
2. **Courageous conversations with Scripture through a decolonizing lens**
3. **Reflective questions for deepening spirituality**

For generations, settler colonial societies used the Bible as a weapon to dispossess Indigenous and racialized peoples of their lands, cultures, and spiritualities. Because of this devastating legacy, many today want nothing to do with the Bible. But is it possible for the exploited—and their allies—to reclaim it from dominant powers?

In *Unsettling the Word*, over 60 Indigenous and Settler authors come together to wrestle with Scripture, re-reading and re-imagining the ancient texts in the hope of reparative futures. Created by Mennonite Church Canada's Indigenous-Settler Relations program, *Unsettling the Word* invites us into courageous conversations with the Bible and with the Church's call to costly peacemaking.



You may order your copy through the church office, but **purchasing a book is not required.**

CHILDREN AND FAMILY

Drop In Playgroup

Date: Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Time: 9:30 am - 11 am
Place: The Hub

REGISTER NOW

Monday: Sing and Play Group - Rhymes, songs and stories, followed by snack and free play.



Wednesday: Playgroup offers art activities, stories, dress up, and other activities. For children up to five years of age. A family support worker is there to answer any parenting questions, to provide referrals and to assist families.

Friday: Playgroup offers art activities, stories, dress up, and other activities. For children up to five years of age. A family support worker is there to answer any parenting questions, to provide referrals and to assist families.

This is a shared initiative between BVU and SNP. No registration is required but parents must attend and interface with their children.

There will be no session on the following dates:
Mon, Oct 13 - Thanksgiving
Fri, Oct 24 -Staff Pro D
Wed, Dec 24 to Jan 4
(with the last session on Dec 22 due to Winter Break)

CHILDREN AND FAMILY

Family Dinner and Messy Church

Date: Every second Friday of the month
Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Place: BVU Commons
Leaders: Micia Kanstrup, Meadow Dykes and Mark Green

REGISTER NOW



This is an opportunity for families with children to join with other BVU families to connect, share a meal, engage in some crafts and activities and end with story time and songs. A child friendly meal is provided and special dietary needs will be accommodated where possible.

Pre-registration each month is helpful for knowing how much food to prepare but there is always extra for those who join last minute.

BVU Camp Spirit 2026

An Intercultural Summer Day Camp
for Children (ages 6-11),
Level Up Youth for Young Teens (ages 12-14),
and YouthCrew for leadership (ages 14-17)

Dates: Monday-Friday, one week in August
Time: 9 am - 3 pm
Place: BVU (3703 St. Aidan's St.)

REGISTER NOW



At Camp Spirit, we cherish listening to Sacred Stories, engaging in creativity and science, enjoying music, sharing meals, and building community and friendships. We proudly create an inclusive environment that embraces God's diversity.

In 2026, once again, Camp Spirit's intercultural afternoon activities will guarantee plenty of fun and learning!

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sunday Morning Creche



Ages: 6 months - 2
Date: Sundays
Time: 9:30 am & 11 am
Leadership: Meadow Dykes

A caregiver will be available in the creche most Sundays for infants and toddlers who are ready to be left in care. Parents are also welcome to hang out in the creche room with their child where toys and stories are available while the service is livestreamed into the room for the adults.

Sunday Morning Children's Program



Ages: 3 - 10
Date: Sundays
Time: 9:30 am & 11 am
Leadership: Micia Kanstrup

Welcome to an exciting year of faith exploration with our programs for toddlers on up! Following the Children's Time in the sanctuary, we move to our own space to explore the stories and teachings of Jesus, and the many ways that God's love and gift of hope encourage and guide us. We gather in small groups by age, with stories, crafts, conversation, fun activities, science and games to learn and connect our faith with everyday life.

Sunday Morning Youth Gathering

Grades: 6 - 12
Date: Sundays
Time: 11 am only

Youth grades 6-12 have the option on Sunday morning to stay in worship after the children's conversation or to join their peers for an exploration of the biblical passage for the month through conversation, games, activities, and art. This is a time for asking questions and digging into matters of faith, and curiosity is welcome.

YOUTH

BVU Youth Groups

Junior Youth Group (Gr. 6–8) REGISTER NOW
Fridays (1st & 3rd), 6:30–8 pm

Senior Youth Group (Gr.9-12) REGISTER NOW
Fridays (2nd & 4th), 7-9 pm

Opportunities for youth to meet with peers in their same age group are provided on a bi-monthly basis. This is a time of fun, engagement, laughter and the development of friendship in a safe and supportive environment.
Please register to receive updates on dates and programs.

KPop Spirit Hunters:

Kpop Social & Conversation

- Sept 26, 7-9 pm
- Oct 3, 6:30–8 pm

KPop Bible Hunters

- Oct 17, 6:30-8pm
- Oct 31, *Halloween* at BVU, 7pm
- Nov 28, 7pm-9pm



K-POP *For all Jr. and Sr. Youth*

Are you a youth who loves K-pop? Or even if you don't, what if we used K-pop lyrics and music as a way to explore the personal, social, and faith issues you experience as youth?

In the newest film KPop Demon Hunters, different characters come together, using their strengths and courage to find their voices and their place in the world. Along the way, they discover the gifts within themselves and learn to face fears, challenges, and injustices—supported by the friendship that reminds them they are never alone.

Whether you're a full-on K-pop fan or just someone who can "tolerate" your friend's fandom, you are warmly invited to join!

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adults Sunday Lunch

Date: First and Third Sundays of the month

1. **1st Sunday:** Lunch & Conversation
3. **3rd Sunday:** Lunch & BYO-BIBLE (Bring your own Bible)

Time: 12:15 pm
Leadership: Mark Green, Shawn Jung, Ha Na Park

REGISTER NOW



Young adults at BVU are deeply valued and full of potential. BVU seeks to support and walk alongside young adults in their God-given agency, gifts, voices, talents, and stories.

Join with other young adults from BVU for a time of conversation and faith exploration. Lunch is provided after the ConXion service, with opportunities to connect and get to know other young adults aged 18–30. Our gatherings include a check-in and a "question of the day," followed by conversations that naturally grow from there.

On the third Sunday of each month, we engage directly with the Bible. It doesn't have to be overly serious—just authentic. (BYO-Bible on third Sundays!)

In addition to these lunches, a variety of other young adult events happen throughout the year on occasional Friday evenings. Sign up for the young adult contact list to receive updates as they come.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Children's Drum Circle

REGISTER NOW

Dates: Thursdays in 6-week blocks, beginning November 6th
Time: 4 pm - 5 pm
Place: BVU Sanctuary
Leadership: Cheryl Dennett



Children 6-12yrs are invited to join our Children's Drum Circle. This is a free percussion ensemble for children to come as they are and to experience an inclusive musical space where we will drum, sing, and play a variety of percussion instruments.

Drum Circle time will be 45 minutes with a 15 minute snack and community building time beforehand. Five sessions of approximately 6 weeks from November to June will be offered. The group will share their music during worship a few times during the year.



Cheryl Dennett, our resident drummer, is a specialist in leading children of all ages. Check out Cheryl's website for more information about her experience and approach to music education. www.cherylmusic.ca

Pringle Handbell Choir

Dates: 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, Nov - June
Time: 7 pm - 8 pm
Place: BVU Sanctuary
Leadership: Cheryl Dennett



REGISTER NOW

Have you ever played a handbell before? Curious to learn? This is an opportunity to join a joyful and inclusive music group. You don't need to be able to read music, basic skills needed will be taught. This group will share their gift of music a couple of times during the church year during a service.

MUSIC MINISTRY

BVU Community Choir

REGISTER NOW

Date: Thursday
Time: 7 pm - 8:30 pm
Place: BVU Sanctuary
Cost: $95 / semester 1 & 2 $50 for semester 3
Leadership: Brian Tate

- **Semester 1:** September 11, 2025 - December 4, 2025
  Concert: December 7th at 3 pm
- **Semester 2:** January 8, 2026 - April 9, 2026 (excl. April 2)
  Concert: April 12th at 3 pm
- **Semester 3:** April 23, 2026 - May 21, 2026

The Broad View Community Choir is a 90-voice non-auditioned mixed-voice choir open to all. The choir is sponsored and managed by Broad View United Church, which recognizes that community singing is a spiritual practice unto itself, and that singing together creates joy, fun, connection, and improves physical and mental health. We sing a variety of music: swing standards from the 40's, classic pop, folk, and R&B from the 60s and 70's, gospel, folk and world music.

The choir is led by popular choir director **Brian Tate** and is accompanied by jazz pianist **Ashley Wey**. We offer a fall and spring concert accompanied by a combo of piano, bass, and drums. Although sheet music is provided, music-reading ability is not necessary as there are practice tracks provided for all parts and the music is easy to learn. You are welcome to come and try us out before making a commitment.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Chancel Choir

Dates: Thursdays, September through May
Time: 6:30 pm - 7 pm
Place: BVU Chapel
Leadership: Kelly Orr and Cheryl Dennett



BVU Chancel Choir meets prior to the community choir at 6:30 pm on Thursdays for 30 minutes to work on a 4-part anthem to share with the congregation on the last Sunday of the month at the Bridge service. This year they will be practicing in the chapel and working with a new model of singing in the round. All are welcome to sing just in the chancel choir or carry on with singing.

BAPTISM

Poetry, Baptism and Holy Spirit (It's a BVU Baptism Course)

Date: June 2026 **Register by March 30**

REGISTER NOW

Curious about baptism? Or perhaps you've already been baptized but would like to renew your faith, remember your baptism, and deepen your spirituality?

This June, those who are interested will gather for baptism preparation through reflection on selected poetry, the Psalms, and readings from Thich Nhat Hanh and Marcus Borg's The Heart of Christianity.

Please register by March 30. The schedule will be shaped around participants' availability.

Two Spirit & LGBTQIA+

Pride Week at BVU

1 Queer Film Festival

Dates: TBD in the first week of July
Time: 7 pm (Doors open at 6:30 pm with concession)
Place: BVU Commons

Come both as members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and Allies to explore the joys and challenges of queer life and love through the eyes of cinema. Experience a thoughtful balance of film and discussion. Concession will be provided.
For the latest updates, please visit our website: www.broadviewunited.com

Pride Week at BVU

2 Pride Sunday

Date: July 5, 2026
Place: Sanctuary
Time: 11 am

3 Victoria Pride Walk



Each Year BVU is proud to march in the Victoria Pride Parade in support and celebration of 2SLGBTQIA+ members of our community and Victoria as a whole. We also walk together with other United Churches of Southern Vancouver Island. A planning group will come together in late May. Register via **Jotform** to receive the latest updates by email.





Two Spirit & LGBTQIA+

Trans Family Dinner

REGISTER NOW



Date: Every 3rd Wednesday of the month
Time: 5:45 pm - 7:30 pm
Place: BVU Commons
Cost: Free
Leadership: Saanich Neighbourhood Place, Gender Spectacular and BVU with the support of Transcare BC



An opportunity for families with 2S/Trans/Non-Binary family members to join us for dinner in a warm and welcoming space. Whether you're a parent, child, youth or individual looking to connect, we invite families of all kinds – biological, chosen, foster, extended, blended or otherwise – to come together in a supportive community. Registration is required but there is no cost.

Queer and Trans Choir Night

Dates: Oct 29, Nov 26, Dec 10, 7-9 pm
BVU Sponsors:
Free for Youth and Young Adults



REGISTER NOW

Queer & Trans Choir Night – "One Night Choir" welcomes everyone at BVU Sanctuary. Join one, two, or all three nights. Each 2-hour gathering includes vocal and heart warm-ups, community building, and learning a new song together. BVU sponsors 8 free spots per night for Youth & Young Adults, in partnership with Sweet Flag Voice Studio and the Gay4Nature Collective, to strengthen queer and trans community and resilience. Led by Em Postl with Anna Bigland-Pritchard, a queer, non-binary voice teacher specializing in welcoming beginners and offering gender-affirming coaching.

Please contact HaNa@broadviewunited.com—we don't want finances to be a barrier for anyone of any age.

Two Spirit & LGBTQIA+

Affirm Team Monthly Meeting for Conversation (and Planning)



Time: 4th Thursday of every month · 6 pm

Place: At BVU or on Zoom REGISTER NOW

There are no fixed roles—no set team members, chair, or staff. Whoever you are—Two Spirit, LGBTQIA+, queer or trans youth, young adult, Millennial, Baby Boomer, or Elder—you are welcome.

This monthly meeting is a space where conversation and planning meet. **Bring your ideas!**

Whether it's the Pride Parade, the Queer Film Festival, the Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil, BVU's ongoing Affirming ministry, or new initiatives—you are invited. Anyone who brings their voice, identity, and story, and who longs to create change, even in small ways, belongs here. Come whenever you feel called. **Register to receive email updates about meeting locations or schedule changes.**

2026 New Year's Retreat

Time: Sat, Jan 24, 10am–2pm (Doors open 9:30am)

Place: Lutheran Church of the Cross REGISTER NOW

Host: Queer Spiritual Collective *(Free · Donations welcome)*

Queer Spiritual Collective is an affirming ministry of Broad View United, Lutheran Church of the Cross, the Unitarian Universalist Community of Victoria, and other spiritual leaders. It creates an ecumenical, interfaith, and intergenerational safe space for 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals and allies to explore faith and spirituality. Through retreats, gatherings, and shared practices, the Collective offers calm, connection, and belonging.

We invite you to the Collective's New Year's Retreat on Sat, Jan 24, 10am–2pm (doors open 9:30am) at Lutheran Church of the Cross. Lunch provided.

HEALING PATHWAY MINISTRY

What do we mean by healing?

Healing is a term that indicates the process of restoring harmony and wholeness to body, mind and spirit.

What is the Healing Pathway Ministry?

The Mission of the Healing Pathway Ministry within the United Church of Canada is:

- To renew the Church's role in healing
- To reach out to those in need of healing in body, mind and/or sprit
- To encourage its practitioners in their persona, Spirit-centered healing journey

Healing Sessions

Both distance healing (when recipient not physically present to the healer) and "in-person" healing sessions are offered by the practitioners. Both are equally powerful because the essential transmission of healing energy happens through intention and meditation.

How do I book a session?



Sessions begin on Monday, September 8th at 7:pm in the Chapel at Broad View United Church. We have booked the room for Mondays from 1:00 to 3:00 in the afternoons and 7:00 to 8:30 in the one evening session which is the first Monday of the month (except for the first one). The schedule for September is Monday, September 8th at 7:00, Monday, September 15th at 1:00, Monday, September 22nd at 1:00 and Monday, September 29th at 1:00. People who are interested in joining the group should have taken the first Phase of Healing Pathways or are planning to take the course, in the near future. If you want to book a treatment or would like more information. contact Eileen Campbell: eileen.c.campbell@outlook.com

INTERCULTURAL

Greetings from Broad View United's Intercultural Space!

Here, we embrace belonging, nurture friendships, and encourage mutual transformation. We invite you to explore our diverse intercultural programs as we seek to live into an intercultural reality. Everyone is welcome, and all are invited to participate.

Saturday Social

Date: Saturdays

Time: 5:30 NEW! – 8:30 pm

Place: BVU Commons, The Hub

Leadership: Min-Goo Kang

REGISTER NOW



Saturday Social is a place to connect, learn, and share. For many—especially newcomers to Canada—it has become a kind of Saturday "church," a welcoming community even for those who didn't grow up in church. Our aim is to create a space where everyone, regardless of cultural background or language, can feel at home—not just as a place, but as a feeling.

Now three hours long, the evening includes cooking, eating, games, conversations, and meaningful rituals. Embrace the intercultural spirit and make your Saturday nights truly special!

- Please register to sign up to the intercultural newsletter to get weekly updates.
- More volunteers are always welcome as conversation partners and kitchen helpers.

INTERCULTURAL

Programs Within the Saturday Social

Each Saturday we explore a different theme.

All programs are free and open to drop-ins (registration recommended for Taste of Home).



Language Café NEW! **– 1st Saturday**
A relaxed space to practice new languages, enjoy traditional snacks and drinks, and exchange cultural stories. Each table is hosted by someone fluent in the language and culture, creating a friendly and supportive atmosphere.



Cultural Market – 2nd Saturday
A free exchange of talents and treasures! Vendors bring items such as Swiss cookies, homegrown vegetables, kimchi, tortillas, books, or even offer services like computer help. Instead of money, participants "pay" by agreeing to activities suggested by the vendors.



Learning Party – 3rd Saturday
An evening of learning together! Topics have included tax clinics, yoga, qigong, and photo-documentaries. Guest speakers and community members share their skills and passions in an accessible, engaging way.





Taste of Home – 4th Saturday
A beloved program now part of Saturday Social! Community members teach dishes from their childhood memories while sharing the stories behind them. Everyone cooks together, then enjoys the meal as a celebration of culture and connection. *"Everyone has a story, and so does every dish."*



INTERCULTURAL

Mentorship Program



Newcomers to Canada face many challenges—language, transportation, shopping, housing, health care, parenting, and more. A simple friendship with a local can make all the difference.

Would you be willing to meet regularly with a newcomer, on a schedule that works for both of you? You might both discover the joy of mutual learning and growth through this new friendship.

If you're interested, please contact Min-Goo at min-goo@broadviewunited.com.

Intercultural Bible Study

Date: 1st Wed of the month – September-May
Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm
Place: BVU Chapel
Leadership: Min-Goo Kang

REGISTER NOW



You don't need a degree to understand the Bible—you need a community to explore and grow together. This study is rooted in the belief that our lived experiences help us interpret the Word. Gathering in a circle, we create a respectful and sacred space where every voice is heard and honoured. Each month we reflect on the same Scripture passage used in Sunday worship, using approaches like Mutual Invitation and the Kaleidoscope Bible Study Process (Eric Law). Come and share in the feast of the Word.

INTERCULTURAL

Queer DnD (Campus United Program)

Date: Sessions run every other Sunday, starting September
Time: 3 - 6 pm
Place: BVU Chapel



Create your character, meet new friends, and explore the magic of collaborative storytelling! This beginner-friendly Dungeons & Dragons program is for Queer and 2SLGBTQIA+ folks from UVic and Broad View United, with **registration priority for UVic students**. Snacks, drinks, and supplies are provided.

For more information, contact Soph (they/them) at sophphelm@gmail.com

Craft Night (Campus United Program)

Date: Sessions run every other Tuesday, starting September
Time: 5 - 6:30 pm
Place: UVic Multifaith Centre



A relaxed, inclusive space for UVic students to explore art in their own way—together. Held at the Multifaith Centre, this Campus United program offers a chance to create, connect, and unwind from student life. Whether you're new to crafting or already experienced, you'll find a supportive space to play and imagine. All materials are provided—just bring yourself!

CONTEMPLATIVE MINISTRY & SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

Walking In a Good Way with Earth

Thursday, September 25, 10:30- 11:30 am at BVU Garden
Thursday, October 30, 10:30- 11:30 am at Horner Park
Thursday, November 27, 10:30- 11:30 am [**TBA**]
Leadership: Susan Draper, Elaine Perry, Margaret Harper
For more info, contact Susan: graceful@shaw.ca.



Many live so deeply disconnected from Earth that they cannot imagine speaking to a tree, let alone feeling the tree's presence. But even in concrete jungles, seeds of reconnection can be planted. Knowing that every living thing is related to every other living thing, can we re-capture those feelings of love for our Earth and for all the beings sustained by her? Join us for a time of nurturing our relationship with Earth using all our senses, ancient spiritual practices and story-telling.

What to bring: a small cushion or campstool to sit on if you are not comfortable standing or sitting on the ground and weather approriate clothing. With open minds and hearts, we will "re-member" life, not as a system to be managed and controlled, but as a garden for tending and learning from. **These sessions will be held outdoors, rain or shine.**

Gentle Yoga on Mondays and Chair Yoga on Wednesdays

Place: BVU Narthex
Leadership: Elaine Duke

REGISTER NOW



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

CONTEMPLATIVE MINISTRY & SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

Sacred Pause at Day's End

Date: Mondays starting Sept 8 (excluding holidays)
Time: 8:30 - 9 pm via Zoom
Leadership: Margaret Harper and participants



Living in this world requires much of us. The ebbs and flows of life can leave us longing for a quiet place to simply be with no agenda than to listen to the still, small voice within and to honour the experience of the day that has been. Sacred Pause at Day's End is an opportunity to gather 'together' online. We will ground ourselves with a poem, a reading from a sacred text or an excerpt from a wide body of spiritual literature, and then enter into a brief time of contemplation, guided meditation and silence. NO previous meditation experience is needed, only the desire to enter a space of calm and quiet.To receive the zoom link or to inquire further please contact margaret@broadviewunited.com

Tai Chi Chih

Date: Every Tuesday
Time: 9:30-10:30 am
Place: BVU Commons
Leadership: Eileen Campbell



Tai Chi Chih is a gentle form of Tai Chi which concentrates on health and balance rather than the martial aspects of Tai Chi. There are only 20 positions in this form, so it is easy to pick up and no special clothing is needed, just comfortable clothes. The group meets on Tuesday at 9:30 starting September 2nd. The sessions begin with self-massage, a few stretches then followed by the form. The class ends at 10:30 and is free. We meet in the BVU Commons room. If you would like more information, contact Eileen Campbell: eileen.c.campbell@outlook.com

CONTEMPLATIVE MINISTRY & SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

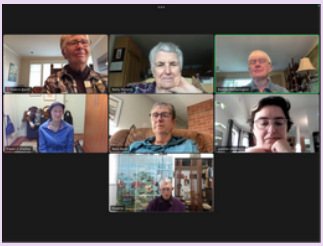
Labyrinth Walking



Place: Courthyard
Time: Any time you wish
Leadership: Self lead

We are pleased to announce that this fall the Labyrinth will be painted in the circular courtyard near the entrance to the sanctuary. Labyrinth walking is an ancient meditative spiritual practice that has one making their way through a pathway that twists and turns like life. Unlike a maze which one can get lost in, a labyrinth always leads you to the center where rest, renewal and a connection to God can be found.We will offer a few guided opportunities to introduce folks to the labyrinth later in the year and a guide will also be available online and in the brochure rack once it is installed.

Lectio



Date: Every Thursday
starting September 11
Time: 8:30-9:30 am via Zoom
Leadership: Eileen Campbell
eileen.c.campbell@outlook.com

Lectio is a meditative spiritual practice involving the repeated reading of a passage (scripture, poem, etc.) aloud three times. Participants first identify a word or phrase that resonates with them, focusing on personal attention rather than the overall meaning. After sharing feelings or visions related to their chosen word, they reflect on the week's invitation it evokes. All are welcome to participate.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

It's all about



- Are you looking for a place to get to know others -a place of spirituality and nurture?
- Are you new to Broad View United and want a place to meet and connect with others?
- A place where friendships can deepen, and support can be given and received?
- A place where you can be known, valued and loved?

It can be difficult to get to know one another in a big community such as BVU. Being in a Small Group gives you the opportunity to get to know others in a way that is not possible in a larger gathering.

Small Groups consist of 5-10 people who meet regularly (usually once/month) either in-person, (church or participant homes) or online.Small groups provide a place to develop relationships of caring based on authentic communication, learning together and deepening one's commitment to living with passion and integrity.

We are a large sized faith community. Joining a Small Group is an ideal entry point to get to know others at a deeper level.

WATCH for the Fall Date for an in-person gathering to learn more about joining a small group!

To speak to someone now about joining a small group, please reach out to Margaret Harper margaret@broadviewunited.com or click here to express interest.

PASTORAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE

Pastoral Care was at the heart of Jesus' ministry as he journeyed beside the hurting and suffering. He cared deeply for those bowed down with pain of mind, body, spirit and emotion. We are blessed with many exceptional folks who offer their love, nurture and care on a daily basis as their commitment to this shared ministry. We affirm that times of transition and change are tough to navigate, thus we find comfort in the reality that 'where two or three are gathered', we are not alone.

Exploring Grief and Loss Together: Sessions for Those Who Are Grieving

Date: TBA by group members
Leadership: Margaret Harper

REGISTER NOW



We will **meet beginning late September.** Start date and time will be chosen by registered participants. Please reach out to BVU Pastoral Care Minister for more information.

To be human is to know that inevitably we will all face situations of loss and grief, sorrow and change, heartbreak and despair. Learning to navigate the complexity of emotions as a result of the grieving process is a path that can be lonely, difficult and often overwhelming. Joining with others who are on a similar path can provide tremendous relief and the sense that we are not alone.

If you have experienced a death loss, please know you are welcome to gather with us in a safe and confidential place to process the feelings and phases of grief.

PASTORAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE

Parkinson's Support Group

If interested, please contact:
Margaret Harper: margaret@broadviewunited.com
Louise Booth: louisebooth2@gmail.com



Are you a person currently living with Parkinson's disease, or a family member/friend to someone with Parkinson's? This group meets once every two months (approx.) for support, friendship and spiritual nurture. Many people living with Parkinson's are well connected to local resources. This group is meant to augment other activities and is designed to provide participants with a safe space within the faith community for conversation with others who are traveling on a similar path.

We currently meet on a Sunday morning, every second month.

Prayer Connection Ministry

Team Lead: Jean Margison
Confidential request:
jean@jampot.ca or
prayer@broadviewunited.com

REGISTER NOW



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 Team Lead Jean Margison: jean@jampot.ca; prayer@broadviewunited.com or via the Jotform on the BVU website.

COMMUNITY RITUALS, CELEBRATIONS AND VIGILS

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Vigil

Date: Tuesday**,** September 30, 2025
Time: 10 am
Place: BVU Sanctuary

(You are encouraged to wear your orange shirt and there are orange shirts for sales in the BVU Thrift Store)



This short Vigil will help us mark the beginning of Truth and Reconciliation Day. We need to remember the genocide and loss related to Residential Schools and the overall effects of Colonialization. This 20 minute service will be a time of lamenting, remembering, honouring and re-committing ourselves to the path of Reconciliation. Participants will be invited to then head to the Royal Athletic Park to attend this year's South Island Powwow to celebrate First Nations culture. Grand Entry at 12 noon and 6pm.

Pet Blessing

Date: Sunday, October 5, 2025
Time: 2 pm
Place: BVU Sanctuary



You and your beloved pets are warmly invited to a Pet Blessing Service, a joyful celebration of the animals who share our lives. Bring your pets on a leash or in a carrier to receive a special blessing, or bring along a photo of a pet if that's easier — including those who now live on only in memory and love. Together we will give thanks for the creatures who are truly part of our families, honour those we miss, and share in the joy and comfort our pets bring. This non-denominational service is open to all — a chance to celebrate, remember, and bless the bond between humans and animals.

COMMUNITY RITUALS, CELEBRATIONS AND VIGILS

All Saints. Our Saints.

A Service of Remembrance and Celebration

Date: Sunday**,** November 2, 2025
Time: 2 pm
Place: BVU Sanctuary



Each year, we pause to remember with tenderness the saints of our own lives—those whose love, laughter, and presence shaped us, whether their passing is recent or held in memory from long ago. At this gentle service of music and candlelight, we honour their stories and give thanks for the light they brought into our lives. You are invited to share the names and photos of those you would like remembered by sending them to the church office. Together, we will hold their memory in community, with gratitude and hope.

Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil

Date: Wednesday, November 19th
Time: 6:45 pm
Place: BVU Sanctuary



Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is an annual observance that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. A vigil is offered each year at BVU as a time for folks to come together to light a candle, to remember and to stand together in solidarity and resistance. Together we will both mourn the losses and lift up the brave voices of resilience and resistance.

COMMUNITY RITUALS, CELEBRATIONS AND VIGILS

National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women



Date: Saturday, December 6, 2025
Time: 6 pm
Place: BVU Sanctuary

On Friday, December 6, we will gather for the annual National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. This service remembers the fourteen women killed at École Polytechnique in Montréal, and all missing and murdered women whose lives were taken by violence.

With candlelight and silence, reflection and community, we will stand together in grief and in hope. This is a non-denominational, ecumenical service, part of a Canada-wide observance that has been honoured here for decades.

We invite you to join us on December 6 as we remember, lament, and renew our commitment to end gender-based violence in all its forms.

Blue Christmas - A Service of Solace



Date: Sunday, December 14, 2025
Time: 7 pm
Place: BVU Sanctuary

Christmas is not a joyful occasion for everyone. There are many reasons why this season can be difficult: loss of a loved one, broken relationships, loss of health, loneliness, painful memories, feeling overwhelmed by the preparations for and busyness of the season, expectations of others, seasonal affective disorder (SAD).

The service features gentle readings and reflections, music and candle lighting, giving those attending the opportunity to acknowledge and live into some of these feelings and make room for hope and new life to enter. Through ritual, participants can grieve and prepare to experience Christmas anew. Everyone is welcome, and inviting a friend or neighbor who might benefit is encouraged.

COMMUNITY RITUALS, CELEBRATIONS AND VIGILS

International Overdose Awareness Day

Date: Monday, August 31, 2026
Time: 7 pm
Place: BVU Sanctuary



On Sunday, August 31 at 7:00 pm, we will gather in our sanctuary for an ecumenical service of remembrance and hope. With candlelight, music, and readings, we will honour those whose lives have been lost to drug-related deaths. There will be time to speak their names aloud, to grieve together, and to hold one another in compassion. All are welcome to this tender space of remembrance, healing, and solidarity.

Life Transitions : Weddings, Funerals, Baptism, Memorial Service, Re-covenanting and more.



At BVU, we recognize that life is full of many transitions and that ritual can play an important part in marking these changes in our lives. It could be a celebration of a new birth, a marriage, or re-covenanting that is bringing you joy. It could be the loss of a friend or family member whose life you wish to memorialize. It could be a personal transformation, like a change in gender identity and name or adult baptism to mark a new spiritual awaking. Regardless of the life transition, BVU has a dedicated team of ministers that can help you create a ritual to mark the occasion, and you are welcome to reach out to any of them to talk about what you are looking for.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Dinner Church *(with a Beginner's Mind)*

November, January, May

REGISTER NOW



Stay tuned and mark your calendars! If you'd like to get closer to BVU, learn more about The United Church of Canada, or simply experience church in a more intimate way, you are warmly invited—bring a friend or family member along.

Dinner Church for Church Beginners is a gentle approach and a fresh interpretation of being church together—through multicultural food, music, and meaningful conversation.
Come with an open heart and a spirit of welcome. It is a place to practice "Beginner's Mind."

Qi Gong



Date: Winter classes run on Nov 22, Nov 29, Dec 6, and Dec 13, 2025
Place: The Hub
Certified Instructors: Sandra Der and Eric Hartley

Experience the ancient art of Qi Gong through meditation and healing exercises that restore balance, boost energy, and promote well-being. Rooted in traditional Chinese medicine, this gentle practice combines breathing, movement, and mindfulness to support self-healing and reduce stress. Certified instructors Sandra Der and Eric Hartley, trained under Master Hing Cheung, will guide participants in Bone Marrow Washing and the Six Healing Sounds. Suitable for all levels. Winter classes run on Nov 22, Nov 29, Dec 6, and Dec 13, 2025 in The Hub (registration required). A one-time suggested donation of $20 is appreciated. For more information, contact Sandra Der at slder@telus.net.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Broad View Exercise Group



Date: Thursdays
Time: 9 – 9:50 am
Place: The Hub
Contact: Agnes Knowles

The Broad View Exercise Group is for seniors who wish to improve or maintain their range of motion, flexibility and balance. 45 minutes of standing and sitting exercises using hand weights and resistance bands with a stretch and relaxation component at the end. A friendly and supportive social group.

Shrove Tuesday / Ash Wednesday Lenten Celebration

Date: TBA
Time: 5:30 pm dinner and 6:45 pm Ash Wednesday service
Cost: $10/person and $20/family for the dinner



Come celebrate the beginning of Lent by sharing a pancake supper with your BVU family. This time-honoured tradition of using up fats and sugars as lent begins helps us connect with one another and then draw our time together in a short worship service with the ritual of being marked with ashes. You are welcome to join in either or both of these offerings. We have combined the two days into one for the ease of families with busy lives.

Weekly Friday e-mail
Bits & Bytes
REGISTER NOW

After signing up, please confirm your subscription by clicking the link in the email sent to your registered address.

Broad View United Core Values

Our core values as inspired by the teachings of Jesus and affirmed by this community are:

PROGRESSIVENESS

- Transformative
- Innovative
- Responsive

INTEGRITY

- Relationships
- Partnerships
- Youth Engagement
- Growing Church Community
- Combating Social Isolation

CONNECTEDNESS

- Safe and Welcoming (inclusive)
- Accessible
- Sustainable
- Intercultural
- Reconciliation
- Affirming



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