

**CONGREGATIONAL E-MAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
Unit 100, 2020 Estevan Road, Nanaimo, BC, V9S 0C9  
**BRECHIN UNITED CHURCH OFFICE HOURS (and church entry)**  
9:30 a.m.–12:00 noon and 1:00–3:00 p.m., TUESDAY – FRIDAY  
Phone - (250) 754-9212



**WORSHIP WITH BRECHIN UNITED CHURCH**

Everyone is welcome Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in person or join us on livestream at [www.youtube.com/@BrechinUnitedChurch-of8yz](https://www.youtube.com/@BrechinUnitedChurch-of8yz) and look for the live tab.

For those livestreaming, you can meet for a Zoom "Coffee Chat" following the service.

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89260121063?pwd=TPiL6lwYgUjfqSv1T6OxasVlqU0qb.1>

Later the service will be posted to our home page where past services can still be viewed. Parking is available across the road at École Océane elementary school or at Zougla Restaurant

**MAKE YOUR REGULAR DONATIONS TO BRECHIN BY ONE OF THESE METHODS:**

- Bring your offering to regular Sunday Service
- Mail your cheque to Brechin United Church, Unit 100, 2020 Estevan Road, Nanaimo, BC, V9S 0C9
- Send an Interac E-transfer to Brechin United Church using [donatebrechin@shaw.ca](mailto:donatebrechin@shaw.ca)
- Use the CanadaHelps button on our website
- Apply for PAR (application forms are available at the Office)

When making your donation on-line, please include how you wish your donation to be allocated: Local Expenses of Brechin or Mission & Service Fund. It would be helpful to also add your e-mail address. Thank you.

**Link to Brechin Calendar:** [Calendar | Brechin United Church](#)

For a complete list of activities at Brechin this month please open the calendar link above. Click on any event for more information.

To print a copy of the calendar, remember to change to landscape setting.

A copy of the calendar is also posted on the bulletin board at the church.

**Dec. 7th:**      **Reader:** Eileen Carolan  
**Greeters:** Judy & Henry Wiebe  
**Power Point:** Presented by Ian Gartshore,  
Prepared by Eileen Carolan  
**Audio Visual:** Matt Haapala  
**Coffee Servers:** Bonnie Haapala & Salome Carey

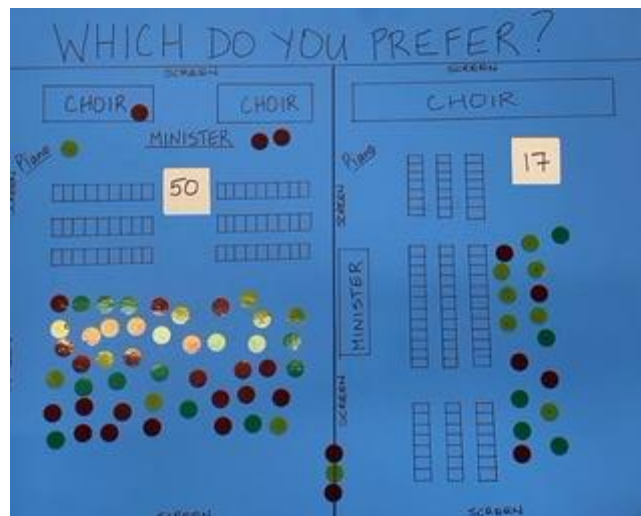
**Dec. 14th:**    **Reader:** Bonnie Haapala  
**Greeters:** Linda & Garth Whittome  
**Power Point:** Jim Boggs  
**Audio Visual:** Matt Haapala  
**Coffee Servers:** Jenny Wilson & Peggy Jensen

**COMMUNION NOTICE:** Our worship service on **December 7<sup>th</sup>** will include Communion. The congregation will be offered Communion by intinction (grape juice); however, we continue to offer grapes for those who prefer that option. We also provide a gluten free station. The Worship Team at Brechin is striving to provide a safe, meaningful worship experience for all who attend in person and from home. In whatever way you join us, know that you are welcome.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:** Happy birthday to you, Happy Anniversary to you  
May God bless and keep you the coming year through.

**FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** - It is with deep sorrow that we announce that Kathryn Baverstock has died. Her funeral will be held at Brechin on **Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 p.m. Kathryn's obituary can be found at <https://www.arbormemorial.ca/en/sands-duncan/obituaries/kathryn-baverstock/151531.html> .

**WEBSITE** - We are looking for a volunteer to take over our website. This involves posting items as needed with a weekly job of posting our announcements, Order of Service, etc. All items are prepared and sent to you so you do not need to be a writer. If you are interested, please chat with Doug Cochrane or Martha Hardy about the requirements or Gloria Le Gal (236) 238-1652.



The Worship Team is grateful for the feedback received on how the Cedar Room is set up for Sunday services. In the near future, we will be trying a couple of new ideas. It is always our intention to provide worship in as meaningful and comfortable way as possible.

**SCAM ALERT:** There are still scam texts and emails going around. Just a reminder that Rev Katherine will never send a text or email asking for money or gift cards. If something looks odd, please delete that text or email, and let the office or Rev Katherine know that you've received it. Be sure to check the email address - often it's easy to spot a different name and address in the "from" line. Please do *\*not\** send the directory via email to anyone, especially since we have not tracked the source of the leak from last week.

**SAVE THE DATE:** **Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** Pastoral Care Workshop; Rev Katherine and Tim Weger facilitating. We invite anyone in the congregation to come and join us; we all do Pastoral Care and this is an opportunity to learn how to be even more effective in our daily lives.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGALONG:** at Brechin in the Cedar Room, Friday, December 5th, 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Tim Weger will be playing the piano leading us in our Carol Singalong. The Brechin Ukelele group will also entertain us with some Christmas tunes. All are Welcome! Admission by donation.

**COOKIE WALK BAKERS:** Please pick up trays and ingredient sheets in the Birch Room every Sunday. Questions? See Linda Braid or Val Neilson. Please deliver your treats, on trays, with the completed ingredient sheets, on **Saturday, December 6th**, from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Many thanks!

**WHITE GIFT SUNDAY-DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**- A suggested list of small items that can bring joy and warmth to each individual can be found posted on the bulletin board in the hallway, and in the Friday email announcement link for the Island Crisis Care Society. Please bring your unwrapped gift to church on **Sunday, December 7th**. See ICCS poster in attachments.  
[www.islandcrisiscareociety.ca](http://www.islandcrisiscareociety.ca)

**LADIES BRUNCH:** the **second Tuesday of the month** at Smitty's restaurant (Rock City). If interested in joining please contact Susanne at [sbody@shaw.ca](mailto:sbody@shaw.ca) before noon on Monday.

**ST. ANDREW'S COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS HIGH TEA:** Join us for delicious sandwiches, cakes, desserts and musical entertainment! This is sure to be a festive Christmas Event for the Holiday Season, that you won't want to miss! Christmas Tea on **Saturday, December 13th** from 3:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00. To reserve your tickets, please call: (250) 753-1924 or email: [office.stauc@shaw.ca](mailto:office.stauc@shaw.ca)

**"A CHRISTMAS CAROL":** Unity Vancouver Island invites everyone to a Dramatic Reading of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" – 7 p.m., **Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** in the Cedar room.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND POSTERS REMINDER:** Please note that announcements **Must be sent by a Team Leader** and be in before 2:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY to be included in that week's bulletin. Please send posters as attachments. If you wish posters on the bulletin board as well, **please specify, do not post yourself**. Announcements must be 50 words or less and include a link to the appropriate website or other contact information. **Ensure there is a title included**, and, if possible, use No Spacing and Calibri 12-point font. Thank you for your understanding. Also, announcements are to be sent to both Cindy at the office [brechinuc@shaw.ca](mailto:brechinuc@shaw.ca) and Marilyn Huffman. Thank you.

**Please Wear Your Brechin Name tag**  
**It's a gift you give to others.**  
**If you need one, please order it at the Welcome Table**  
**as you enter the Birch Room;**  
**indicate if you would like a free paper one**  
**or a \$10.00 metal one and specify magnetic or pin attachment.**  
**Please pay at the office or by e-transfer at: [donatebrechin@shaw.ca](mailto:donatebrechin@shaw.ca)**  
**Then remember to pick up the name tag.**

**PRAYER CIRCLE:** The Pastoral Care Team's Prayer Circle will be continuing to meet. Please contact Mary Boyd at (250) 797-8346 or [marytb2@hotmail.com](mailto:marytb2@hotmail.com) with pastoral concerns or prayer requests.

**BETHLEHEM CENTRE:** Upcoming Workshops – See website <http://bethlehemcentre.com>

**CAMP PRINGLE:** For updates check here: <http://www.camppringle.com>

**FIRST UNITED:** For information - <https://firstunited.ca>

**GLOBAL VILLAGE NANAIMO:** Our website is: [www.globalvillagenanaimo.com](http://www.globalvillagenanaimo.com)

**ISLAND CRISIS CARE SOCIETY:** For information - webpage at [www.islandcrisiscaresociety.ca](http://www.islandcrisiscaresociety.ca), follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#), or give us a call at (250) 585-5505. Access the newsletter on our website [islandcrisiscaresociety.ca/heart to heart](http://islandcrisiscaresociety.ca/heart_to_heart). For questions, please email [development@iccare.ca](mailto:development@iccare.ca)

**LOAVES & FISHES:** You can find more information on our website: <https://viloavesandfishes.org/>

**NARAMATA CENTRE:** Ongoing programs, check out website: [www.naramatacentresociety.org](http://www.naramatacentresociety.org)

**OUR PLACE SOCIETY:** An opportunity for you--see more at [Our Place Society](#) and [New Roads Therapeutic Recovery Community](#)

**VANCOUVER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY:** For up-to-date event information visit, [www.vst.edu/events](http://www.vst.edu/events)

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