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 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
- 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. 14th: Reader: Bonnie Haapala

Greeters: Linda & Garth Whittome

<u>Power Point</u>: Jim Boggs **Audio Visual:** Matt Haapala

Coffee Servers: Jenny Wilson & Peggy Jensen

Dec. 21st: Reader: Val Neilson

Greeters: Lenore Thomas & Salome Carey

<u>Power Point</u>: Kathy Torhjelm **Audio Visual:** Matt Haapala

Coffee Servers: Catherine Eck & Colleen Weir

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

See attachment

<u>OFFICE CLOSURES</u>: Office will be closed Christmas Day, **Thursday**, **December 25th**, Boxing Day, **Friday**, **December 26th** and New Year's Day, **Thursday**, **January 1st**.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Happy birthday to you, Happy Anniversary to you May God bless and keep you the coming year through.

NEW 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.**

ANNUAL "MONTH 13 DONATIONS" DRIVE: As we approach year end at Brechin, we invite you to top up your 2025 contributions by giving an extra month's donation. You will increase the amount of your tax receipt for 2025 which is a plus. Tax receipts will be generated in late January. Thanks from your Stewardship & Finance Team

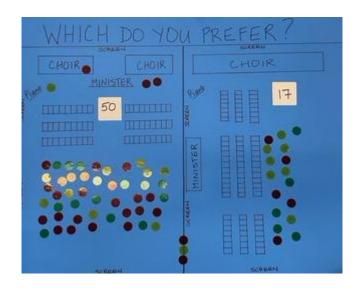
<u>WEBSITE</u> - We are looking for a volunteer to take over our website. This involves posting items as needed with a weekly job of posting our announcements, Order of Service, etc. All items are prepared and sent to you so you do not need to be a writer. If you are interested, please chat with Doug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

<u>WORSHIP SERVICE</u>: Our worship service on <u>December 28th</u>, will be casual and cozy. You are invited to wear your Christmas jammies, or socks or ugliest Christmas sweater that morning, as we share stories of our favourite Christmas traditions and rituals.

BRECHIN UC TREE CHIPPING FUNDRAISER: for the Cookie Jar Campaign. Saturday, January 3rd, 2026 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 4th, 2026, 1200 noon-5:00 p.m. at the <u>SOUTH</u> Rona parking lot 1250 Island Highway South, Nanaimo. By donation. (Suggested minimum \$10.00).

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

<u>GLOBAL VILLAGE NANAIMO POP-UP STORE</u>: Open October 4th to December 24th, 2025, Nanaimo North Town Centre, Nanaimo. For more information go to http://www.globalvillagenanaimo.com/</u>



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.