

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. 21st:
Reader: Val Neilson
Greeters: Lenore Thomas & Salome Carey
Power Point: Kathy Torhjelm
Audio Visual: Matt Haapala
Coffee Servers: Catherine Eck & Colleen Weir

Dec. 24th:
Readers: Clare Brittain; Eileen Carolan, Bonnie Haapala, Val Neilson, Rob Russell, Judy Wiebe
Greeters: Marilyn & Rob Russell & Anne Harris-Freed & Betty Vieira
Power Point: Prepared by Matt Haapala
Presented by Angela Donaldson
Audio Visual: Matt Haapala

Dec. 28th: **Reader:** Judy Wiebe
 Greeters: Brent Richardson & Justine Etzkorn
 Power Point: Mary Boyd
 Audio Visual: Matt Haapala
 Coffee Servers: Bonnie Haapala & Garth Whittome

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

See attachment. One note – Advent Four Sunday service date is actually December 21st.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM JOEL AND FRIENDS who will be blessing us with some 'Festive Tunes', during our pre-service music this Sunday morning. They'll begin about 9:40 a.m., and continue until the service starts at 10 a.m. Come early, grab a coffee/tea, and enjoy some Christmas music before worship.

LOAVES AND FISHES FREE FOOD MARKET:

Thanks so much for answering our call for egg cartons - we are good now!

BUT: if you have some spare grocery bags please bring them on Sunday. Although we remind our clients to bring their own, some forget. Reusable bags are preferred but paper won't be turned away.

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

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

WORSHIP SERVICE: Our worship service on **December 28th**, 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 **SOUTH** Rona parking lot 1250 Island Highway South, Nanaimo. By donation. (Suggested minimum \$10.00).

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will be hosting a "Blue Christmas/Longest Night of the Year" service on **December 20th** at 2 p.m.

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