

**April 2, 2026**

**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](http://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 [donate@brechinunited.org](mailto:donate@brechinunited.org) (NEW)
- 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.

**Palm Sunday, Mar. 29th:**

**Lay Leader:** Linda Braid  
**Greeters:** Linda & Bruce Wilson  
**Power Point:** Eileen Carolan/Mary Boyd  
**Announcement Preparation:** Mary Boyd  
**Audio Visual:** Ian Gartshore  
**Coffee Servers:** Linda Braid & Chris Carolan

**Maundy Thursday, Apr. 2nd:**

**Greeters:** Bonnie Haapala & Barbara Schuemann  
**Power Point:** Matt Haapala

**Good Friday, Apr. 3rd:**

**Lay Leader:** Val Neilson  
**Greeters:** Lenore Thomas & Peggy Jensen  
**Power Point:** Mary Boyd  
**Audio Visual:** Justine Etzkorn  
**Coffee Servers:** Linda Braid

**Easter Sunday, Apr. 5th:**

**Lay Leader:** Christine Robertson

**Greeters:** Judy & Henry Wiebe

**Power Point:** Jim Boggs

**Announcement Preparation:** Matt Haapala

**Audio Visual:** Rob Stredulinsky

**Coffee Servers:** Mark & Alison Jarvis

**April 12th:**

**Lay Leader:** Eileen Carolan

**Greeters:** Marilyn & Rob Russell

**Power Point:** Kathy Torhjelm

**Announcement Preparation:** Jim Boggs

**Audio Visual:** Ian Gartshore

**Coffee Servers:** Bruce & Linda Wilson

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT BRECHIN

**Maundy Thursday** - April 2nd - Dinner Church 5-6:30 p.m.

A simple soup dinner with worship woven throughout

**Good Friday** - April 3rd - 10:00 a.m.

A joint service with St. Andrew's Cedar and Trinity United Churches

**Easter Sunday** - April 5th - two options

8:00 a.m. early service at Departure Bay Beach. Meet at the Kin Hut around 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Worship and Celebration. Bring flowers (*no lilies please*) to decorate the church and bells to ring as we sing Hallelujah.

**BRING A MUG TO CHURCH:** Our kitchen dishwasher is not working. While we are waiting for a replacement part, it will assist the coffee volunteers if you bring your own mug to Brechin, reducing time spent with washing and drying the cups. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

**COMMUNION NOTICE:** Our worship service on April 5th 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.

**SECOND ANNUAL VEGETARIAN POTLUCK DINNER:** An evening of delectable vegetarian dishes ranging from sweet to savoury. **When:** *Saturday, April 18th*, Doors open at 5 p.m. Potluck dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. followed by a discussion on actions we can take to enhance local food security and reduce carbon emissions.

**Where:** *595 Townsite Road*, Nanaimo at the First Unitarian Fellowship Hall. Carpool if possible.

**What:** Bring your favourite vegetarian dish to share.

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:**

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

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Office will be closed **Friday, April 3rd**, for Good Friday holiday.

**THEN LET US SING:** we are welcoming Bruce Harding, one of the music editors of the new United Church music resource, on May 2nd and 3rd. Join us for a day of singing on **May 2nd**, then as Bruce leads us in worship on **May 3rd**. May 2nd is from 9:30- 3 p.m., suggested donation of \$20 and please bring your own lunch.

**Please Wear Your Brechin Name tag**  
**It's a gift you give to others.**  
If you need one, please order 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: [donate@brechinunited.org](mailto:donate@brechinunited.org)  
Then remember to pick up the name tag.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** If you wish an announcement included in Friday mail-outs, please e-mail announcement to office **before Wednesday at 2:00 pm**, including:

- title/heading
- brief announcement (50 words or less)
- dates to be included in announcements (up to 3X)
- posters as an attachment in e-mail

**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)  
Friday June 17 – Victimization and victimhood in the addiction world

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