

May 1, 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 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 (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.

May 3rd: **Lay Leader:** Susan Ward
Greeters: Sue Davis & Chris Carolan
Power Point: Angela Donaldson
Announcement Preparation: Jim Boggs
Audio Visual: Ian Gartshore
Coffee Servers: Linda Braid & Ab Barrie
Welcome Table: Marilyn Russell

May 10th: **Lay Leader:** Stan Baker
Greeters: John & Susan Ward
Power Point: Eileen Carolan/Ian Gartshore
Announcement Preparation: Mary Boyd
Audio Visual: Rob Stredulinsky
Coffee Servers: Lynn Burrows, Jim Boggs, Sue Dilawri
Welcome Table: Gloria Le Gal

COME AND SING! We are excited to welcome United Church musician Bruce Harding, music editor for Then Let Us Sing! on Saturday. This event is for everyone, whether you're in the choir or not. He will be leading worship on Sunday so Saturday is the day to come and learn some of the new music that will be part of Sunday worship. Suggested donation \$20, please bring a bag lunch. Doors open at 9:30, singing starts at 10.

GUEST WORSHIP LEADER: A warm welcome and thank you to guest Worship Leader, (Dr. Bruce Harding), for his leadership this morning.

COMMUNION NOTICE: Our worship service on **May 3rd** 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.

CALLING ALL DRIVERS: If you have room in your car for one or two more passengers, please consider offering a ride to Brechin Sunday service. There are those at home who would love to join in the fellowship! Contact Maureen Smith or any pastoral care team member. Thank you!



REACHING OUT: Join us for Reaching Out, **Wednesday, May 6th** – 7 p.m. It's a panel discussion on 'Endeavoring to understand PRIDE'! It's history, how and why it's celebrated! Then we'll break into small discussion groups to talk about our individual views, expressions and observances. Coffee/Tea are always ready by 6:30 p.m. Come early!

ART THERAPY WORKSHOP: Spring "Inspired by Nature" Land-based Therapeutic & Art Exploration Workshop facilitated by Lauren Aldred, **Friday, May 8th** 9:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, [2174 Departure Bay Rd.](#) Cost is \$25 per person. (This covers art supplies, snacks, drinks. Please bring your own bagged lunch). Pre-registration is required as number is limited. Hosted by Circle of Friends (this includes several Brechin 4 ACTION team members). See poster for more details.

KNITTERS AND CROCHET EXPERTS: We have an abundance of yarn! Please help yourselves to it, if you are thinking of creating a prayer shawl soon. The yarn can be found on the shelves in the copy room. Thank you 💜

GLOBAL VILLAGE NANAIMO: Spring Pop-Up Store, Open **April 6th - May 16th**, store is located inside Country Club Centre adjacent to JYSK. Mall hours are: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - Monday to Thursday, and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. – Friday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Sunday

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
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

ISLAND CRISIS CARE SOCIETY: For information - webpage at 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. For questions, please email development@icare.ca

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

NARAMATA CENTRE: Ongoing programs, check out website: 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
Friday June 17 – Victimization and victimhood in the addiction world
