CONGREGATIONAL E-MAIL

LECTIONARY READINGS: for November 28th: First Sunday of Advent - Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36; **for December 5th:** Baruch 5:1-9; or Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT: To join us live for worship, use this link to sign into Zoom between 10:15 and 10:30 on Sunday morning. A recording will be posted to the Online Worship section of our website on Sunday afternoon (the time this is complete does vary).
Brechin United is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Worship with Brechin United Church
Time: This is a recurring meeting: 10:15 am Sunday Mornings
Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84190105197
Meeting ID: 841 9010 5197
Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcPoIS1Olx

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

- Mail your cheque to Brechin United Church, 945 Waddington Road, Nanaimo, BC, V9S 4V1
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Local Expenses of Brechin, Mission & Service Fund, Loaves & Fishes or Refugee Fund.
Your regular donations are still needed and very much appreciated. Thank you.

ADVENT

Advent is the season of preparing for the birth of Jesus Christ. There is so much commercialism around Christmas that we can lose sight of the original story. So the Christian church focuses on this Advent time and celebrates the four Sundays before Christmas. The themes this year are:

Waiting with Hope; Watching for Peace; Wishing for Joy; Welcoming Love

You are invited to make an Advent wreath at home. Last year we decorated small containers with blue paper and put teas lights inside, maybe you have those to use again. Traditionally there is one pink candle for joy and three blue candles to remind us of the hope Christ brings to the world. The round shape of the wreath reminds us of the unbroken love of God. The green branches speak of new life. We place one white candle in the center to remind us of the light which came into the world with Jesus Christ. Please find attached separately an Advent liturgy that you can print in book-let form to use at home. Advent blessings to everyone.

ALASTAIR ANGUS PASSING: It is with sadness that we share the news of the passing this past weekend of Alastair Angus. The family is grateful for the support and love of Alastair's friends at Brechin. A small memorial will be held this coming **Monday, November 29th**, at 11:00 at Sands. Brechin friends are welcome. If you wish to share your stories and condolences, cards and letters can be sent to: Angela & Terri Donaldson, 538 Deering Street, Nanaimo, V9R 1C1. Catherine's mail is going there as well. It's possible that cards sent to her via Eden Gardens would get to her directly, or they might be forwarded to Angela. Let us continue to hold the family in prayer in this time of grief, and gratitude for Alastair's life.

PRAYER CIRCLE: Thank you to Betty Avaiki and Carol Hayashi for their faithful dedication in carrying on the Prayer Circle for so long! They will be stepping back from it at the end of December and we are looking for people to take up this worthwhile ministry. Please consider this and call Marilyn Huffman if interested.

FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY: The Mission and Outreach Committee encourages Brechin members and the entire church to sign the **Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty** to be found at: https://www.brechinunited.ca/news/fossil-fuel-non-proliferation-treaty

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REACHING OUT NANAIMO: is holding their annual Holiday Celebration via ZOOM, **Wednesday, December 1st**. Join us at 6:45 (check-in) for 7 p.m. start.
Topic: Reaching Out Monthly Meeting
Time: Dec 1, 2021 06:45 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82070672400?pwd=OVRsbjlwV0wvUjJoMkJjVS9CVlR0Zz09
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VERA BELL'S MEMOIRS: Available from Heather Bell at heatherbell.ca or phone (250) 734-0408. Cost is $25 and all proceeds go to Loaves and Fishes food bank.

TAIZE: **Sunday, August 28th** at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The order of service is on the Taize Nanaimo Facebook page. Limin will send the link out to you if you were on the list--If you have not received a link but would like one, please email Limin at cbjyulimin@hotmail.com.