

# THE BURR RIDGE MESSENGER

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*Gospel Gab*  
with PASTOR ALICIA



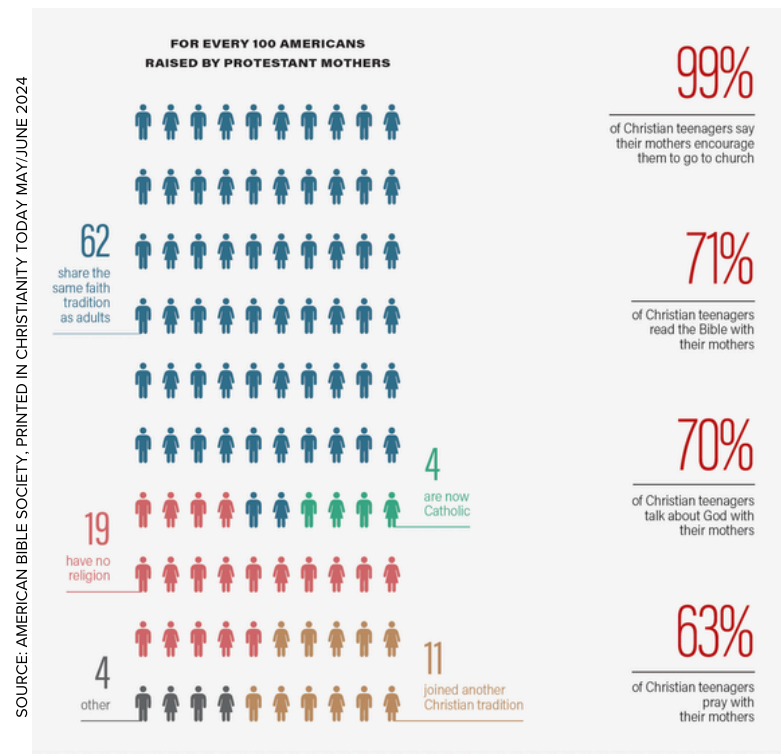
## MOTHERS OF THE FAITH

"WE ARE BORN OF LOVE, LOVE IS OUR MOTHER" -- RUMI

Mother's Day is just around the corner, and it's a perfect time to think about the amazing role that mothers play in our lives—not just as the ones who gave us life, but also as spiritual guides. These women are often the unsung heroes of faith, showing us through their everyday actions what it means to love, serve, and have faith.

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A 2023 study done by the American Bible Society “found that a majority of believers remain in the same religious tradition as their mothers. This agrees with a large body of mainstream social science research dating back to the 1970s that says the active faith of mothers is a strong predictor of religious transmission.”



Mothers take an active role in our faith formation. Sometimes these are our biological mothers, but many times there are other mother figures who have had an impact on our faith: grandmothers, aunts, teachers, pastors, mentors and more. There have been many women in my life who have “mothered” my faith.

The Bible is full of stories about mothers whose faith changed the course of history. Think about Sarah, who became the mother of many nations, and Hannah, who entrusted her son Samuel to God’s service. These women showed incredible faith even when things got tough. Deborah, is called a Mother in Israel.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, is another great example. She embraced God's plan with humility and courage, teaching us all what true obedience looks like. In Acts 9, Dorcas (also called Tabitha) was a mother of faith in her community. In Romans 16:7, Junia is named as an apostle - a mother of faith, indeed.

In honor of mothers, here is some motherly advice on faith I’ve gleaned over the years from many mothers of faith:

*“Follow your own way of speaking to our Lord, sincerely, lovingly, confidently and simply, as your heart dictates.” – St. Jane Frances de Chantal*

*“The opposite of faith is not doubt, but certainty. Certainty is missing the point entirely. Faith includes noticing the mess, the emptiness and discomfort, and letting it be there until some light returns. Faith also means reaching deeply within, for the sense one was born with, the sense, for example, to go for a walk.” – Anne Lamott, [Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith](#)*

*“Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.” – St. Therese of Lisieux*

*“I really only love God as much as I love the person I love the least.” – Dorothy Day*

*“Imagine if every church became a place where everyone is safe, but no one is comfortable. Imagine if every church became a place where we told one another the truth. We might just create sanctuary.” – Rachel Held Evans, [Searching for Sunday](#)*

*“With God, nothing is wasted.” – Lisa, my mentor and a spiritual mother to me*

We give thanks for all the mothers of faith in our lives! Peace, Pastor Alicia

# BRCC UPDATES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

May Sunday Volunteers				
Week	Greeter/Opener	Usher	Worship Assistant	Coffee Minute
5/5	1. Carrie Delzer 2. TBD	1. Carrie Delzer 2. Michelle Fore	Susann Pedersen	Tina Wolf
5/12	1. Carrie Delzer 2. TBD	1. Michelle Fore 2. TBD	Michelle Fore	Kathy Alvisu
5/19	1. TBD 2. TBD	1. Janet Suva 2. TBD	Tom Fong	Tom & Ann Fong
5/26	1. TBD 2. TBD	1. TBD 2. TBD	BRCC Kids	Debbie Sanford

## TRUSTEE UPDATES

- Installation of the new electrical panel is complete!!  
Check the cork board soon for before and after photos.
- Exterior waterproofing project still ongoing
- AC unit will be serviced for the season
- Front door handle reinforced
- Caulked gap in lounge where floor meets wall on north side
- We now have a lawn service, and they are doing a wonderful job! We are so blessed and grateful.  
Trustees will keep BRCC tractor in working order for any use around property as needed.

## MANNA ORDERS

You can submit your upcoming *May 5* Manna Gift Card order any of the following ways:

- Submit completed order form and payment at worship, Sunday, May 5;
- Call the church office with your order and submit payment via mail or on-line giving;
- Send an email with your order and submit payment via mail or on-line giving.

All payments must be submitted at the time the order is placed. ***\*\*please be aware if you use a credit card for your Manna purchase, there is an additional processing fee charged to BRCC by the bank.\*\****

Next Manna Order date: June 2

## RESERVE ACCOUNT FUNDING

Thank you everyone for supporting our Reserve Account Fundraising! The balance is as follows:

Interior Reserve: \$757

Can be used for sound system, interior updating & repairs.

Exterior Reserve: \$0

Can be used for exterior projects such as parking lot sealcoating and new outdoor church sign.

Total Reserves (including the above): \$83,478

Feel free to either mail or drop off your donation to the church. Please indicate where you would like your donation applied.



# COUNCIL UPDATES

## BOARD OF ELDERS

Ken Suva recently passed away. Lillian Suva (Rick Suva's aunt) passed away. Janet's Florida friend Howard passed away suddenly and her friend Marilou was involved in a fatal pedestrian/auto accident and was killed. Phil Adler passed away after an aggressive form of cancer. We had been praying for Phil and his young family recently. Liz Sanford (sister in law of Bill and Debbie) passed away recently.

Please pray for the following families for good health, support and protection for as follows: Tiffany, Jerry, Ashley, Mario, Sandy, Trenton, Micah, Owen are going through health and financial problems. Chris McNally continues treatments. Stacy & Debbie(sickness), Kim(cancer treatment is working), Michelle & Family(healing & strength) Walt McCarty(Lori's husband), Peter Hui, Mark Suva, Brandon Suva, Preston Suva. Chris Bollnow(medical issue). Phil Chavez family.

Carol Greenstadt, spouse of our member Marv Greenstadt passed away last week. Marv had passed away suddenly on Thanksgiving Day 2023. Although she was not a member of BRCC, Pastor Alicia was asked to officiate at Carol's funeral service. God bless Marv and Carol together again in Heaven.

The Board of Elders recently met with Pastor Alicia on Monday, April 23rd. We inventoried the Sacristy, cleaning or disposing of very old and damaged materials. At this time we do not need replacement of communion items. We said prayers and good intentions to all on the prayer wall.

We will be asking members for an alternate or 2 to assist Kathy or me on Communion Sundays setting up and cleaning up. If you would like to help us, please see Kathy or me.

The Elders and Council pray for our church congregation and friends always. We pray for Pastor Alicia, Courtney, Julia and James and family this Spring together at BRCC. May be continued to embrace and enjoy everyday together.

Gift cards are needed to be donated to our Benevolence Fund. I was at church one morning and a man visited needing a food gift card. The only card available was a Jiffy Lube Card and a Walmart card. PLEASE consider donating a gift card for food, gas, and Uber. Any questions regarding the Benevolence Fund, please contact Pastor Alicia or Susann Pedersen.

The Board of Elders will be assisting as Worship Assistants this May and also assisting Pastor Alicia and Christian Education Chair, Deb Sundwall with Confirmation Sunday on May 19th. A celebration cake will be provided.

Happy May! Bring on the flowers!  
Kathy Alvisu  
Susann K. Pedersen

## BOARD OF STEWARDS

### (FUNDRAISING)

The Summer event is just around the corner! The date has been pushed to Saturday, June 22, 2024. Save the Date! As you consider Spring cleaning, downsizing, relocating, home sale... please think of donating your unwanted, gently used items to our Rummage Sale. We need volunteers and donations. The Summer Festival will only concentrate on the Rummage Sale and Bake Sale this season, leaving the children entertainment, concession, raffle... saved for the Fall Family Festival. Rummage donations accepted between 6/1 - 6/19. Drop off your donations at the church during office hours, 9-1 pm and Sundays, 9:30 - 12 pm. Also, items can be left under the church's overhang during out of office and non-office hours. Let your family, neighbors and friends know of our needs. A list of accepted items is found on our website, [www.brucc.org](http://www.brucc.org). Bakers needed! The Bake Sale department will be accepting small portable items, i.e. cookies, bars, cupcakes, and breads (No whole cakes please). All bake goods can be dropped off Friday, 6/21, after 4 pm. Volunteers needed! Sign up as event volunteers! We need your help with sorting donations, hanging up clothes, pricing, and baking. Most importantly, we need you for 6/22/24. There's plenty to do.

## MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

### Month of April 2024

Income	\$ 9,707.63
Expenses	14,902.78
Deficit	(\$ 5,195.15)

### Year-to-Date as of 4/30/2024

Income	\$ 35,518.52
Expenses	49,167.80
Deficit	(\$13,649.28)

April expenses were a little inflated with some March invoices paid in the month. Overall, the year-to-date deficit is very close to what we budgeted. With the summer months coming, we pray that you continue to give if you are away . . . don't forget about online giving and please see me about "Direct Deposit".

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

Join us for Worship every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. either in-person or on Facebook Live or YouTube. If you are worshipping with us at home, follow along with the weekly Worship Folder found on our website. You can find the worship live stream by following the link below:

[Facebook Livestream](#)

[YouTube Livestream](#)

## WOMEN'S WELLNESS

Women of the congregation are invited to attend Women's Wellness on **Thursday, May 16th at 6:30 pm.**

Anyone who is or has gone through an emotional or physical situation and would like to come, relax and enjoy each other's fellowship are welcome. All conversations are personal and confidential. What is spoken at the gathering, stays at the gathering.



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

We wish Happy Birthday to those that celebrate this month. We hope you have a wonderful day!

Jackson Fong May 4  
Neal Puthumana May 9  
Max Mendoza May 11  
Bryan Fong May 14  
Lori Culen May 14  
Jeanine Kirby May 18  
May Fonacier May 17  
Deb Sanford May 20  
Courtney Reese May 23  
Kyle Sanford May 24  
Deana Miller May 25  
Bill Sanford May 25  
Barb De La Van May 30  
Brian Hill May 30



Please join us after service on May 26 for cake as we celebrate all our birthdays this month!

## HEAVENLY BIRTHDAYS

Arlene Orisek May 21

*If anyone would like a Heavenly Birthday added, please email [office@brucc.org](mailto:office@brucc.org).*

## MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 pm - BRCC Council

**SAVE the DATE**

**Rummage & Baked Goods Sale**  
JUNE 22 2024  
9AM - 2PM

**Featuring:**

- Clothing, Shoes
- Furniture, Household Items
- Miscellaneous Treasures
- Baked Goods, Beverages

**BARGAIN BAGS \$20 EACH**  
*Bargain Bags can be purchased from one of our volunteers. Fill them with clothing from the tent area!*

**Burr Ridge Community Church**  
At the corner of Plainfield and County Line Roads

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# RESERVE ACCOUNT DONATION

If you would like to donate to the Reserve Account Fundraiser, please complete the below information and return with your donation to the church office. If you prefer, you can make your donation on our website, and select the funds category to which you are supporting.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Select the project(s) you are supporting and the amount of the pledge.

General Operating Expenses

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior Projects (Parking Lot Preservation, Building Stain, New Church Sign)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Interior Projects (Lounge Updates, Office Technology, Boiler Maintenance)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# MAY

# 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
<b>5</b> Manna Due! 10am Sunday Worship	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>12</b> 10am Sunday Worship	13	14	15	16 6:30pm Women's Wellness	17 7:30 pm Recovery Service	18
<b>19</b> 10am Sunday Worship	20	21 6:30 pm BRCC Council Meeting	22	23	24	25
<b>26</b> 10am Sunday Worship 11am May Birthday Celebration	27	28	29	30	31	



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