

# THE BURR RIDGE MESSENGER

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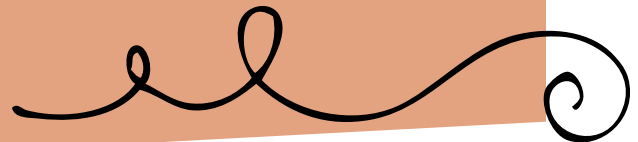
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## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Members and Friends of Burr Ridge Community Church,

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The vibrant colors of spring are all around us in Burr Ridge, and we're feeling a similar sense of renewal and growth within our church. May is a beautiful month, full of the promise of warmer days, blossoming life, and opportunities to connect and make a difference. I hope you're doing well and enjoying this lovely time of year. We have much to be thankful for and a lot to look forward to at Burr Ridge Community Church.

I want to start by expressing my sincere appreciation for your continued support. Your generosity, in whatever form it takes, is essential to our church and enables us to continue our important work in the community and beyond. Just as we see new life emerging this month, let's also consider how we can continue to grow and support each other as a community. Let's extend kindness and support to those around us and continue to be a source of positivity in Burr Ridge.

Lastly, let's keep in mind those who are facing challenges, both within our church family and in the wider world. May we offer them comfort and support in meaningful ways. I look forward to seeing you at our gatherings and upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Hannah Sundwall President

Burr Ridge Community Church

# COUNCIL UPDATES

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## BOARD OF ELDERS

Michelle Fore - Back Pain

Liana & Collin McMahon - Strength and Courage and hopes for fertility

Donald Arthur Sandstedt

Brenda - Back surgery completed - Healing prayers

Javier

Foster Children & Families Everywhere

Bruce Petsche - Grieving Janet Petsche

Sandy & Lee Petsche - Grieving Janet Petsche

Michael Fleming & Fleming Family

Mark - Heath issues

Prayer for all those in Fear who need Faith

Prayers for Peace in our world

Here are the prayer requests from our website:

Sally - Prayer for numerous of health issues

Seth - Needs prayers of guidance and support to do well at school

Pray for the cats P, K & B who need adoption from an overcrowded shelter.

William Walker - Navigating grief from his mother's recent death

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# COUNCIL UPDATES CONT.

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Hey everyone, make your appointment to chat with Pastor Joe Mills who will be available in office from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 8th, 22nd, and 29th. Walk-ins are welcome, however you may want to email [office@brucc.org](mailto:office@brucc.org), or call the office and set up an appointment with Christian for any of these dates. Even if you have chatted with Pastor Joe before, you are always welcome to come back for more and no conversations are off limits. Note: If you would like to meet up with Pastor Joe and a daytime appointment is not possible, please contact Susann Pedersen for Pastor Joe's personal contact info.

There is a copy of Janet Petsche's obituary in the Lounge on the bulletin board. Janet had a very interesting life and appeared to never stop learning. She served on many boards here at Burr Ridge Community Church. Services will be private. Memorials may be made online to League of Women Voters at [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org). Bruce was sent a cookie package as a Thinking of You/ Sympathy gesture from our membership.

Welcome to the month of May and all that this Spring season brings.

Blessings & Prayers,

Kathy Alvisu

Michelle Fore

Susann K. Pedersen - Chair



# BRCC UPDATES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

## April Sunday Volunteers

| Week | Greeter/Opener | Usher         | Worship Assistant | Audio/Livestream | Coffee Minute  |
|------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 5/4  | TBD            | TBD           | TBD               | TBD              | Carrie Delzer  |
| 5/11 | TBD            | TBD           | Michelle Fore     | TBD              | Kathy Alvisu   |
| 5/18 | TBD            | Michelle Fore | Tom Fong          | TBD              | Ann & Tom Fong |
| 5/25 | TBD            | Michelle Fore | TBD               | TBD              | Deb Sanford    |

## RESERVE ACCOUNT FUNDING

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

Interior Reserve: \$793

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): \$97,289

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Month of April 2025

Income \$ 12,655.91

Expenses 9,616.63

Over \$ 3,039.28

Year-to-Date as of 4/30/2025

Income \$ 34,386.15

Expenses 37,523.48

Deficit (\$ 3,137.33)

"A wholehearted thank you to each and everyone of you for your remarkable gifts during Holy Week. April giving was truly inspiring, and a reminder that "He Is Risen", and the Holy Spirit is alive and well at BRCC.

Remember that if you cannot make it on any given Sunday, please consider giving online. Better yet, why not sign up for Direct Deposit! Please see Bill Sanford if you need any help giving online or would like to sign up for Direct Deposit."

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE - JUNE 21ST!

Get ready! Our biggest fundraiser of the year, the annual Burr Ridge Community Church Rummage Sale, is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 21st.

This is a fantastic opportunity to find some hidden treasures and support our church's ongoing ministries and outreach. We'll have a wide variety of items available, so you won't want to miss it!

We will also need volunteers to help us on the day of the event. If you are able and interested in helping, please contact Deb Sanford ([SanfordDeb58@gmail.com](mailto:SanfordDeb58@gmail.com)) and Hannah Sundwall ([president@brucc.org](mailto:president@brucc.org)). Stay tuned for more details about the sale itself in the coming weeks, including the times and any special features we might have planned.

In the meantime, we're getting ready to collect your generous donations! You can begin dropping off items at the church starting on Sunday, June 1st. Your gently used goods help make this fundraiser a success!

To ensure we can make the most of your contributions, please email us at [office@brucc.org](mailto:office@brucc.org) for a list of acceptable donation items.

# UPCOMING EVENTS & COUNCIL UPDATES

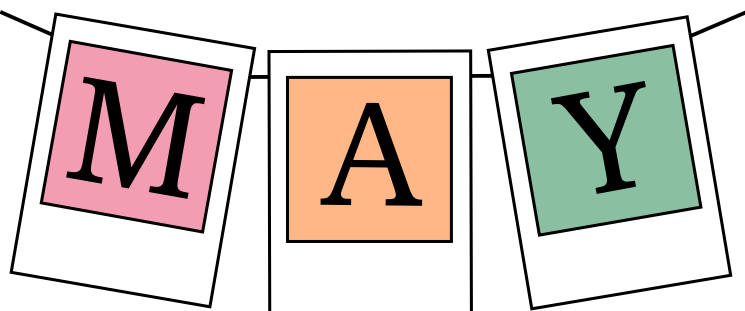
## MANNA ORDERS

You can submit your upcoming June 1 Manna Gift Card order any of the following ways:

- Submit completed order form and payment at worship, Sunday, June 1
- 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: July 6



## 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  
May Fonacier - May 17  
Jeanine Kirby - May 18  
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 25 for cake as we celebrate all our birthdays this month!

## 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](#)

## TRUSTEE UPDATES

- boiler needs a new diffuser. This will fix issue where boiler shuts off periodically. We submitted our boiler to be a "test site" for Weil McIn, where we would only pay for parts and not labor. We will have those results regarding approval this week.

- Meeting with a gardener regarding our two garden beds at entrance with pretty, and low maintenance plants.

- AC turn on for the season and service by Alan Energy Services

## WOMEN'S WELLNESS

Women of the congregation are invited to attend Women's Wellness on **Thursday, May 15th 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.





# UPCOMING EVENTS & COUNCIL UPDATES



## GUEST PASTORS IN THE MONTH OF MAY

As we journey through the beautiful month of May, we are blessed to experience a rich tapestry of perspectives and voices guiding our worship services. We believe that hearing from a variety of pastors enriches our spiritual growth and offers us new insights into God's word.

We are delighted to welcome several guest pastors and leaders to our pulpit throughout May, alongside our regular pastoral team.

Each individual brings their unique gifts and experiences to share, and we encourage you to join us each Sunday as we are nourished by their messages.

Here is a look at our May worship leadership schedule:

- **Sunday, May 4th:** Rev. Janet MacLean
- **Sunday, May 11th:** Rev. John Thomas
- **Sunday, May 18th:** Rev. Steve Wright
- **Sunday, May 25th:** Rev. Steve Wright

We are grateful for the willingness of these individuals to share their wisdom and lead us in worship. We believe this month will be a time of spiritual refreshment and growth for our entire congregation. We look forward to seeing you on Sundays!

## SHARE THE LOVE THIS SUMMER: SUPPORT HINSDALE HUMANE SOCIETY'S SUMMER CAMPS!

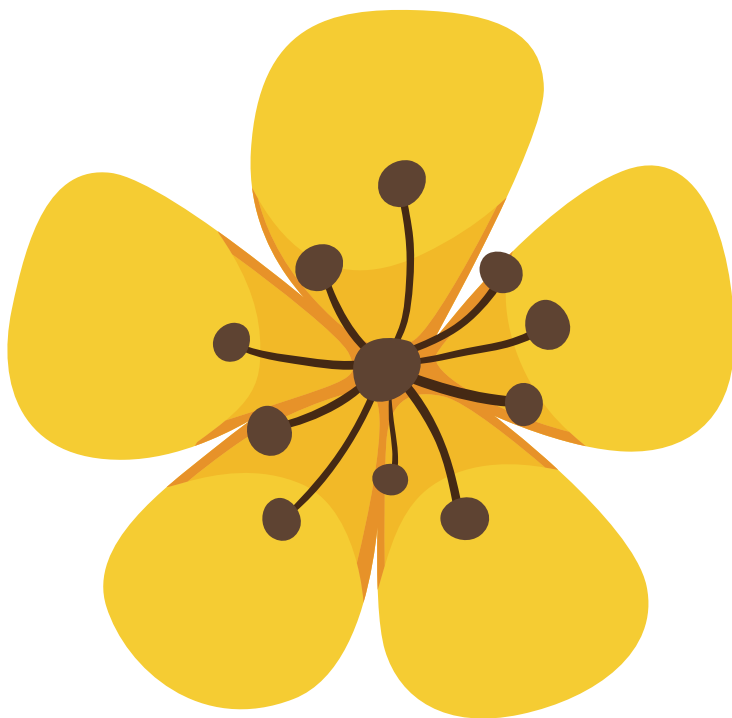
Imagine the joy of children learning about and interacting with animals during the Hinsdale Humane Society's summer camps! We have a wonderful opportunity to support these enriching programs by donating much-needed supplies.

To make it easy, the Hinsdale Humane Society has created an Amazon Wish List filled with items that will directly benefit the campers:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1IV57EN3R022B?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1IV57EN3R022B?ref=wl_share).

Please consider purchasing an item or two and bringing your donations to the church office by **Sunday, May 18th.**

Your generosity will help create memorable and educational experiences for young animal enthusiasts!



## 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

2025

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