

THE BURR RIDGE MESSENGER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear BRCC Family,

As the calendar turns to February, we are often reminded of the quiet strength that lies within the depths of winter. This month, we look toward the promise of spring, and more importantly, we are called to reflect on the enduring strength of our faith and community.

I know that for many of us, this period has been challenging. We are keenly aware of the ongoing financial pressures facing our community, and the sight of fewer faces in our pews on Sunday can be disheartening. I want to address these realities not with fear, but with a message of inspiration, grounded in our shared mission.

This is a season for resilience and intentionality. Low attendance and financial strain are not failures; they are calls to action—to refine our focus and deepen our commitment.

As we continue to examine what it means to be good stewards of the resources we do have. We may need to trim budgets and simplify operations, but this exercise compels us to ensure every dollar is aligned with our most vital ministries—caring for each other and sharing the Gospel. Our giving is an act of faith, not a transaction. Even small, consistent gifts collectively sustain us.

The measure of our church is not the size of the crowd, but the depth of the connection among those present. If you are here, you are the church. Prioritize being present—whether physically or virtually—and engage fully. Your presence is the truest gift you can offer, and it fuels the spirit of those around you. Let's focus on the quality of our fellowship and service, trusting that vitality, not scale, is what truly draws people in.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The Bible tells us in 2 Corinthians 4:16, "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day."

We are in a time of inner renewal. The current challenges are an opportunity to prove the strength of our faith, not to question it. Think of this season as a time when God is planting a seed:

Trust the Process: Just as a seed lies dormant and unseen, preparing for growth, so too are we being prepared for a powerful future. The growth may not be visible in the offering plate or the attendance numbers today, but the spiritual and emotional roots we are developing right now will sustain us through any storm.

The Power of Two or Three: Jesus reminded us, "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:20). Our strength is not derived from the multitude, but from the presence of Christ in our midst. Let us celebrate every small gathering, every act of kindness, and every prayer shared, for these are the true signs of God's work.

Let us resolve to look beyond the temporary statistics and commit to nurturing the heart of our community. It is a blessing to walk this journey with each of you. Let us press forward with a spirit of hopeful expectation and unwavering faith.

With much love and prayer,

Pastor Kim

COUNCIL UPDATES

BOARD OF ELDERS

Our prayer wall is a very good way of making a spiritual connection between those in need of prayer, healing, support, understanding and love. The following need our love and prayers at this time. Prayer works. Try it today and everyday.

Amen

Stephanie Suva
Mark Suva - Living with Bipolar Disorder
Roberta Schwinn
The Fong Family & Ann's Father
Carrie Delzer & Robert
Aunt Noel - Healing from Breast Cancer
Kim Duque - Remission prayer from Breast Cancer
Harry Bull - Heal from pneumonia
Carole Bull - Caregiver of Harry Bull
Danielle & Rachel Healing prayers
Mike Gambill - Physical Therapy after accident - Healing
Deb Sanford - Healing prayers
Chris McNally - Healing prayers
Jack - Recovery from arm surgery
Kathleen Bessey - Healing prayers
Drew McMahon - Healing from hip surgery
Kiruba needs prayers of strength & empowerment
Marty Haas - Serious aneurysm - Recovery prayers
Dawn & Curtis - Congratulations on their marriage
Curtis' mother is in her final days - Please pray for her
Jesse Shulyer passed away - Please pray for his family(Kim & Brian & Carolyn Stewart)
Theresa Ciccarelli passed away - Prayers for her family

COUNCIL UPDATES

Pray for Doug(Kelsey & Mark's doggie) who is not feeling well - He is on weeks of treatment. Get well Doug!

Prayers for those less fortunate and in poverty.

Please pray for our country and world. We need to respect, understand and love each other more.

Website prayer requests:

John has requested a miracle in healing for his cancer

Seth has requested prayer for overseas teaching applications

The Burr Ridge Community Church Board of Elders for 2026 are Kathy Alvisu, Carrie Delzer, and
Susann Pedersen.

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BRCC UPDATES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

January Sunday Volunteers					
Week	Greeter/Opener	Usher	Worship Assistant	Audio/Livestream	Coffee Minute
1/4	Janet Suva	Michelle Fore	Tom Fong	TBD	Kamal Puthumama
1/11	Carrie Delzer	Carrie Delzer	Michelle Fore	TBD	Kathy Alvisu
1/18	Carrie Delzer	Michelle Fore	Tom Fong	TBD	Ann & Tom Fong
1/25	Carrie Delzer	Carrie Delzer	BRCC Kids	TBD	Carrie Delzer

February Sunday Volunteers					
Week	Greeter/Opener	Usher	Worship Assistant	Audio/Livestream	Coffee Minute
2/1	TBD	Carrie Delzer	Michelle Fore	TBD	Kamal Puthumama
2/8	Michelle Fore	Michelle Fore	Kathy Alvisu	TBD	Kathy Alvisu
2/15	TBD	Carrie Delzer	Michelle Fore	TBD	Ann & Tom Fong
2/22	TBD	Michelle Fore	BRCC Kids	TBD	Carrie Delzer

SOUP & SOUL CARE WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6PM BRCC IN THE GATHERING PLACE.

Please join us every Wednesday night during lent starting 2/25 for Soup and Soul Care, starting at 6PM in the The Gathering Place. Come enjoy a nice hot delicious bowl of soup while we watch episodes from The Chosen season 5. This season is a moving betrayal of the final week leading up to the last supper. Hope to see you there.

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 worshiping 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, February 19th 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.

MANNA ORDERS

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

- Submit completed order form and payment at worship, Sunday, February 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: March 1st

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Month of December 2025

Income \$ 21,727.01
Expenses 16,010.92
Over \$ 5,716.09

Year-to-Date as of 12/31/2025

Income \$ 131,147.68
Expenses 134,080.77
(Deficit) (\$ 2,933.09)

"God Bless one and all for their generous gifts in 2025. The money saved in the first 8 months of 2025 without a Pastor allowed us to use those funds to address many repairs and projects. We have a large list of repair and capital items that will need funding in 2026, so please continue to give."



UPCOMING EVENTS & COUNCIL UPDATES

RESERVE ACCOUNT FUNDING

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

Interior Reserve: \$816

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): \$118,493

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

TRUSTEE UPDATES

- Sorensen will be retrieving their trailer from the lot soon. Was delayed due to severe snow storm where they reside
 - shed electrical happening in spring, likely in March
- Keep an eye out for our spring clean up date. Will be tidying up inside and outside (branch pickup, organizing, throwing away of items no longer needed, trash removed from grass areas)
- gutters will be cleaned out by our roofer in the upcoming weeks
- stumps have been grinded down by Davey Tree
 - trustees are coordinating the ballot drop off/retrieval and facility access for the election judges
- AC unit yearly maintenance will be scheduled for spring
- boiler will have some new parts installed in the coming weeks
- ComEd has made a visit and viewed the meter and re tagged it

Thank you,
Madelyn Pedersen-Stiltner

JANUARY & FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

Carson Abrahamian - January 4

Linda McMahon - January 8

Ron Culen - January 9

Taylor Madden - January 15

Mike Gambill - January 16

Carmen Puthumama - January 20

Constantine Puthumama - January 20

Madelyn Pedersen-Stiltner - January 21

Elisabeth Schei - January 25

Pete Gebauer Sr. - January 31

Jean Casper - February 3

Lee Petsche - February 7

janet Fleming - February 15

Scena Sanford - February 16

Bethany Brewer - February 16

Michelle Fore - February 20

Piper Fong - February 22

Matt Petsche - February 23

Jeff Sundwell - February 26

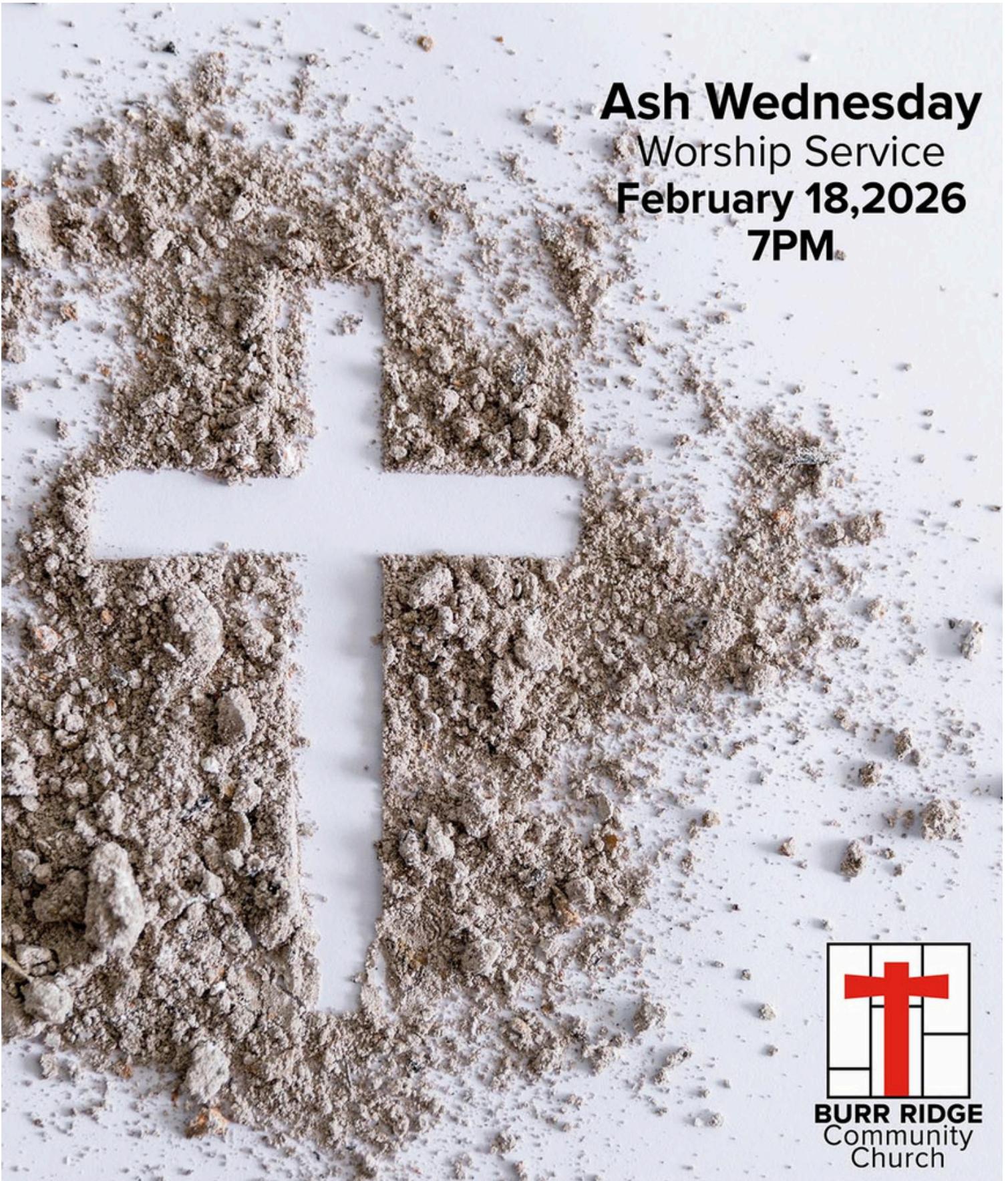
Please join us after service on January 25 & February 22 for cake as we celebrate all our birthdays these months!

BOARD OF STEWARDS

Welcome new committee members to the Board of Stewart: Vicki D., Carrie D., Ann F., Linda M., Janet S., and Hannah S. We're pleased to have a full board and look forward to working together to raise funds for our church. Our first committee meeting will be Sunday, 2/15/2026, after Sunday service.

Giving ensures we always have enough.

UPCOMING EVENTS & COUNCIL UPDATES



Ash Wednesday
Worship Service
February 18, 2026
7PM



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: \$_____



JANUARY

2026

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



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FEBRUARY

2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 10am Sunday Service Congregational Meeting	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Manna Due 10am Sunday Service 11am Chili Cookoff	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 10am Sunday Service	16	17	18 Change for Change Begins	19 6:30pm Women's Wellness	20	21
22 10am Sunday Service 11am Birthday Celebration	23	24	25	26	27	1



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