

THE BURR RIDGE MESSENGER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

1 Thessalonians 5:18 reminds us, to "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." This verse doesn't suggest that every circumstance will be easy or joyful, but rather that in every circumstance, we can find a reason to give thanks. It is through this lens of gratitude that we truly experience the fullness of God's love and that surpasses all understanding.

As the vibrant colors of autumn surround us and the air grows crisp, we find ourselves on the threshold of November—a month often associated with reflection, harvest, and the spirit of gratitude. It's a time when we intentionally pause to acknowledge the many blessings in our lives, both big and small. As time has allowed in these most recent days, I have thoroughly enjoyed conversations with those assisting with both our Accessorize Me! & Pumpkin Sale fundraisers. It's been a playful added bonus to engage as the new Pastor with visitors on a quest for the perfect pumpkins!

Thank you to those who carried their coffee outside after worship to share in a liturgy of blessing for our micro pantry this past Sunday. It is being used on a daily basis and I anticipate it will continue to be a helpful resource for those in need in the days and weeks to come. May we cultivate hearts brimming with thankfulness. May we express our appreciation to those around us, and most importantly, may lift our praises to God for the steadfast love and faithfulness we experience through one another here in this community.



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

In preparation for Thanksgiving later this month, I invite each of you to join me in collectively sharing this season of profound thankfulness. In a world that often highlights what is lacking, let us deliberately shift our focus to the abundance that God has poured into our lives. Think of the gift of community we share within these walls, the support we offer one another, and the love that binds us together as a family in Christ. Consider the opportunities we have to serve, to grow in faith, and to experience God's grace daily. Let us be thankful for the simple joys—a warm meal, a comforting conversation, the laughter of a child, the beauty of nature, and the unwavering presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

A reminder to make note of the new email : Kimmerrev@brucc.org and my church mobile: 331.701.5425. I look forward to our sharing in the spirit of gratitude throughout this month.

Yours in Christ+

Pastor Kim

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COUNCIL UPDATES

BOARD OF ELDERS

Happy November BRCC members and friends, As we gobble through this month and also feel such gratefulness for the prosperities we may have had this year, we wish you all nothing but peach and love.

Can't believe the end of the year is near. It's crazy how we are here already almost at the end of 2025. For some of our members and friends it has been a difficult year with ill health or family issues, emotional situations. Those around you may appear okay and well and going through the paces of treatments and rest. Please know that we all need each other in many ways. Be kind. Be caring. Be present. Say a prayer,

Those we know of that need us know in for prayer and comfort are:

Trevor
Linda A,
Noel
Kathy A
Jack
Mike and Eileen G
Mary
Brule Family
Carrie & Robert
Kim D
Preston
Eric
Jesse Shulyer death
Family of Kim and Brian Deltic
Carolyn Stewart
Mark Suva

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COUNCIL UPDATES

Fong Family
Brian, Shannon Felix and Aiden
Nancy K
Michelle & boys

Prayers received from our website:

Willaim Skasick

The outreach groups that visit and meet at our church every week. Please pray for them as they acknowledge their struggles and seek healing and support.

God bless you all.

Kathy Alvisu
Michelle Fore
Susann Pedersen - Chair



BRCC UPDATES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

November Sunday Volunteers					
Week	Greeter/Opener	Usher	Worship Assistant	Audio/Livestream	Coffee Minute
11/2	Greg Meronek	Michelle Fore	Susann Pedersen	TBD	Carrie Delzer
11/9	TBD	TBD	Michelle Fore	TBD	Kathy Alvisu
11/16	TBD	Michelle Fore	Tom Fong	TBD	Ann & Tom Fong
11/23	TBD	TBD	Michelle Fore	TBD	Deb Sanford
11/30	TBD	Michelle Fore	TBD	TBD	TBD

MANNA ORDERS

You can submit your upcoming *December 7* Manna Gift Card order any of the following ways:

- Submit completed order form and payment at worship, Sunday, December 7
- 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: January 4

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, November 20th 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.



Happy fall! Our 4th annual Pumpkin season is coming to a close. We have open our patch every day for business since the arrival of these beautiful gourds.

The church helped our pumpkin vendor sold about \$10,000.00 in pumpkin sale. As of Saturday, 10/25, the church profited \$3,600.00. Thank you all those who dedicated time and energy to make it what it is. Having partners to share in this fun is priceless!

The Accessorize Me jewelry sale was put together by a group of amazing women. The fashion jewelry, the finger foods, and the mini spa treatments were to die for.

What jewelry sale would offer you shopping and pampered fun time and invited to return year after year? Our jewelry sale raised \$840.00. Inviting you to look forward to next year's experience!

Want to know our next project? It's our popup community winter coat giveaway. We will be collecting for people in need of warmth, winter coats, hats, scarves, and gloves starting November 1st. We need Men, women and youth outerwear are needed. The Pop up coat drive will be available in December, January, and February.

UPCOMING EVENTS & COUNCIL UPDATES

November

TRUSTEE UPDATES

All non compliant items from insurance inspection have been rectified. Insurance board confirmed we have "passed". Items included- removing range in kitchenette, installing glass K fire extinguisher in basement kitchen, inspection of fuse box to ensure safety. Fuse box was identified to be "double tapped" meaning two wires were going into single fuse, instead of one wire per fuse each. Outlet at bottom of basement stairs under coat rack was also fixed and is in working order.

Other electrical projects were requested for future including fixing the electric to shed, and work would ideally take place in November once Sorensen is on site since their items need to be removed/moved to make space for the technician to work. And lastly, I received an estimate for identifying all of our breakers as they are not properly labeled.

Sump pump was repaired, as the bulb for water level was not rising, causing the sump to not flush. Will need new sump installed in future- will need to fundraise for this.

Members helped weed the garden areas surrounding front and side entrance, as well as removed the broken and dangling Christmas lights on gutter of front door area. Thank you so much!

Boiler is in working order, however needs a new pilot light.

Julee marked the underground areas so stump grinding will take place within the next couple weeks.

RESERVE ACCOUNT FUNDING

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

Interior Reserve: \$806

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): \$112,600

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

"In an effort to expedite communication of calendar and ongoing event events, please excuse the delay of October financials in this months newsletter. We look forward to having the October financials posted in our next newsletter."

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Debbie Sundwell - November 12

Zeke Fong - November 22

Barbara Jefferson - November 26

Candice Fong Malloy - November 28

Please join us after service on November 23 for cake as we celebrate all our birthdays this month!

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: \$ _____



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