

# THE BURR RIDGE MESSENGER

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As the crisp autumn air settles in, we're excited to welcome you back to Burr Ridge Community Church for a season of gratitude, joy, and togetherness. The holiday season is just around the corner, and we can't wait to celebrate it with you and your family.

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As we turn the calendar to December, we find ourselves entering the sacred season of Advent. This special time invites us to slow down, reflect, and prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christmas.

Advent is a journey of anticipation, a time to ponder the promise of God's love and the coming of Jesus Christ. It's a season to light candles, sing carols, and engage in acts of kindness and service.

Throughout the month, we'll be exploring the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love through our worship services, special events, and community outreach initiatives.

We hope to see you back at Burr Ridge Community Church this December. Together, let's celebrate the birth of Christ and embrace the spirit of the season. May God's grace and peace be with you all.

Blessings,  
Hannah Sundwall  
President, Burr Ridge Community Church



# COUNCIL UPDATES

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## BOARD OF STEWARDS (FUNDRAISING)

### ***BOS News Brief      November 2024***

Congratulations to our two successful fundraising efforts in October. The first was the month-long pumpkin sale, which ended November 1st. The total sales of pumpkins grossed \$16,352.52, our share of the profit was \$6,032.00. Thank you to all who participated in the daily sale. Our second fundraiser, Accessorize Me! event, brought in \$1,200.00. This was a phenomenal jewelry resale and spa event. A huge appreciation to the women of the church for providing their once loved jewelry.

#### SAVE THE DATES

##### Jazz Concert:

Come enjoy an all-inclusive evening with holiday jazz music, ambiance, food, wine, and good cheers! Our 3rd annual Jazz Concert will be Thursday, December 12, 7:00 pm. Tickets are on sale now, \$35.00 pre-sale and at the door price is \$40.00. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the concert begins at 7 pm. In addition, try our popular Wine Pull at \$20.00 a pick\*. Each bottle will be at least that value with hidden gems. For ticket sale please contact the church office 630-654-4544 or go on Eventbrite for online purchase, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-jazz-concert-tickets-1041363214407?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

\*Please consider donating bottles of wine for our Wine Pull. Wine must value at \$20.00 and above. Wine will be accepted from now till 12/10/2024. Bring them to the church during business hours or Sundays. Church office number is 630-654-4544.



# COUNCIL UPDATES CONT.

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Cookie Sale: Cookies for Santa! Christmas cookies symbolize the joy of celebration, the warmth of sharing, and the love that is the main ingredient in every recipe. Our holiday cookie sale will be Saturday, 12/14, 9 am – 2 pm & Sunday, 12/15, 10 am – 1 pm. Come shop at the church to enjoy all the varieties. Give them as gifts to family and friends. Pre-plated cookies will be available.

\*Bakers are needed to create festive favorites! Cookies can be brought Friday, 12/13, after 4 pm. Aluminum half pans will be available in the office for the baked cookies. Please make at least 3 batches for each recipe. We have a limited amount of butter to offer our bakers to make cookies. Please call/text Ann Fong, 630-890-7762 for the product.

Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas.



# BRCC UPDATES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

November Sunday Volunteers					
Week	Greeter/Opener	Usher	Worship Assistant	Audio/Livestream	Coffee Minute
12/1	Janet Suva	TBD	Michelle Fore	TBD	Tina Wolf
12/8	TBD	Michelle Fore	TBD	TBD	Kathy Alvisu
12/15	TBD	TBD	Michelle Fore	TBD	Tom & Ann Fong
12/22	TBD	Michelle Fore	BRRC Kids	TBD	Debbie Sanford
12/24	TBD	TBD	Michelle Fore	TBD	N/A
12/29	TBD	Michelle Fore	TBD	TBD	N/A

## BOARD OF ELDERS

Our prayers and blessings go out to all of you this month of December. Not everyone will celebrate for a variety of reasons, however, we all can be grateful for our church and the loving family of members and friends we have.

Kathy and I would like you to know we care about you and your spiritual needs.

Pastor Joe Mills from Westchester Community Church will visit us from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on December 5th and December 19th for anyone who would like to spend a few minutes in conversation and prayer. Take advantage of this blessed gift pastor Joe has offered to all of us.

Contact the office to sign up for an appointment by calling Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday morning or walk in if you like to say hello to Pastor Mills.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year dear friends.

Kathy Alvisu  
Susann K. Pedersen

## RESERVE ACCOUNT FUNDING

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

Interior Reserve: \$781

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): \$86,374

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

## TRUSTEE UPDATES

The trustees have been working on the below:

- two boiler parts replaced and new thermostat installed in lounge
- -items rectified from fire dept inspection list
- sections of shed sealed up to prevent critter entry
- new exit sign installed on East side main hallway to replace broken unit

Thank you,  
Madelyn Pedersen-Stiltner

## MANNA ORDERS

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

- Submit completed order form and payment at worship, Sunday, January 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: February 2



# UPCOMING EVENTS & COUNCIL UPDATES

## 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](#)

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Nash Madden - December 4  
Blake Madden - December 11  
Kathy Alvisu - December 12  
Larry Lefferson - December 16  
Janet Suva - December 19  
Carly Miller - December 22  
Cheyenne Stiltner - December 27

Please join us after service on December 22 for cake as we celebrate all our birthdays this month!

## MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

### Month of November 2024

Income	\$ 9,498.21
Expenses	7,905.91
Over	\$ 1,592.30

### Year-to-Date as of 10/31/2024

Income	\$100,622.13
Expenses	<u>111,341.00</u>
Deficit	(\$10,718.87)

## WOMEN'S WELLNESS

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

## MEETINGS

Tuesday, December 17th, 6:30 pm- BRCC Council



# 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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# DECEMBER

2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 10am Sunday Worship	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Manna Due! 10am Sunday	9	10	11	12 7:00 pm Christmas Jazz Concert	13	14 10:00 am Christmas Cookie Sale
15 10am Sunday Worship	16	17 6:30 pm BRCC Council Meeting	18	19 6:30 pm Women's Wellness	20	21
22 10am Sunday Worship 11am December Birthday Celebration	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 6:30 pm Women's Wellness	27	28
29 10am Sunday Worship	30	31 New Years Eve	1	2	3	4



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