

THE BURR RIDGE MESSENGER

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Gospel Gab

with PASTOR ALICIA

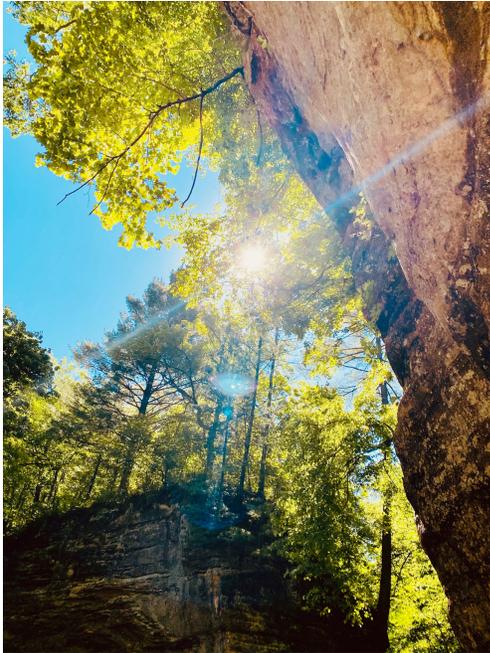


LET THE FOREST SING FOR JOY

This past weekend my family went for a hike through the forests of Starved Rock State Park. It's a favorite hiking destination of ours and our family loves walking together in God's creation, One of my favorite parts of hiking Starved Rock is standing in the canyons and looking up. Something about noticing my smallness in contrast to the great canyons and seeing the sun shine through the trees brings me great joy.

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As I was walking through the forests and canyons, I was reminded of the following verses:



Psalm 94:11-12:

*Let the heavens rejoice,
let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound,
and all that is in it.*

*Let the fields be jubilant,
and everything in them;*

let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

Isaiah 55:12:

*You will go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;*

*the mountains and hills
will burst into song before you,*

*and all the trees of the field
will clap their hands.*

Both texts celebrate God's glory in nature as a reminder that God is working to set all things right. Both texts look forward to a time when God's righteousness and peace will reign forever. I was reminded of God's peace and promise as I walked with my family through the splendor of God's creation, but especially when I paused to take a picture of one of the waterfalls. My camera must have caught the light and water just right, because a rainbow emerged in my photo (see below).

Creation sings the praises of God (Psalm 66:4). The cycle of renewal in nature reminds me that God is always at work, recreating and renewing. The warmth of the sun reminds me of God's love. The rainbows remind me of His promise. The wind rustling through trees sings a song of peace and presence. My smallness in nature reminds me that God is bigger than I can even imagine. As I walked, I was reminded of this poem by Steve Garnaas-Holmes:

*Soul, do you feel a tinge of awe?
Praise the Holy One, who is.
Do you feel the balm of an unseen companion?
Thank the Son, who is present.
Do you feel the courage, the rising of love?
Honor the Holy Spirit, who breathes in you.*

Whatever we are walking through right now,
I pray we might find moments to hear the song
of hope that creation sings and join in.



Peace, Pastor Alicia



BRUCC UPDATES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

June 6 - Kathy Alvisu
June 13 - TBD
June 20 - Susann Pedersen
June 27 - Sandy Petsche

AMAZON SMILE

When you shop on Amazon, using the link below, Amazon will donate to Burr Ridge United Church of Christ.

smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2591671

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

Susann Pedersen - June 2
Sandy Petsche - June 9
Pat Gebauer - June 10
Matt Fong - June 12
Julia Reese - June 20
Henry Mendoza, Sr. - June 26
Pastor Alicia - June 29

June birthday celebrants, please join us after service on June 27th for cake as we celebrate all our June birthdays!



PARKING LOT MAINTENANCE

Thank you for your patience and generous support for maintaining our fabulous parking lot!



COUNCIL UPDATES

BOARD OF ELDERS

Please keep the following friends and family of the congregation and website requests in your prayers: Chris Mc., Ron C., Sandy P., Lina F., Kelly, Ruth Rohr, Pam, Ruth, Gerald Reese, Kerry Wright, David Matts family. We pray for our church, our community, and our Country as we move forward from the Covid 19 pandemic.

Don't forget about our beautiful prayer wall outside the Sanctuary to post a prayer for you or someone. We monitor the requests weekly.

If you are in need of prayer or a visit from Pastor Alicia, please feel free to contact her directly through the church office at 630-654-4544, her email at pastor@brucc.org or cell at 734-637-5979.

Feel free to reach out to us with any questions or volunteering opportunities with the Board of Elders.

Happy June!

Kathy Alvisu: 630-325-5612
Susann Pedersen: 630-863-5736,
susannkpedersen@gmail.com
Sandy Petsche: 630-887-8424, usonpark@aol.com

MANNA ORDERS

You can submit your upcoming June 6th Manna Gift Card order any of the following ways:

- Submit completed order form and payment at worship, Sunday, June 6,
- 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 payment must be submitted at the time the order is placed.

Next Manna Order date: July 4th.

BOARD OF STEWARDS

Back by popular demand....we will be hosting another Double Good Popcorn sale in June. Keep watch for the dates. You'll have another chance to order your favorite treats!

July 15 - Mod Pizza fundraiser.

We thank everyone for all their support in our fundraising efforts. If you have any ideas, we are always open to suggestions.

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

May 2021 Finances

Income: \$7,401

Expenses: 10,229

Deficit: (\$2,828)

2021 Year-to-Date Finances

Income: \$45,304

Expenses: \$45,080

Surplus: \$224

If you have any questions about our current financials or how you can help, please reach out to Bill Sanford at treasurer@brucc.org.

RESERVE ACCOUNT FUNDING

Thank you everyone for supporting our "Reserve Account Fundraising! So far, we have the following balances:

Interior Reserve: \$6,950

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

Exterior Reserve: \$758

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

Total Reserves (including the above): \$47,784

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Join us for Worship every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. either in-person or on Facebook Live.

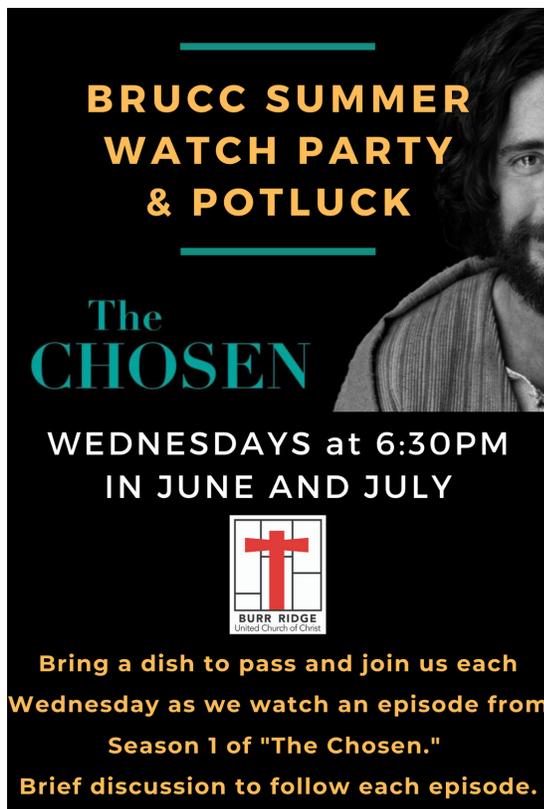
If you are worshipping with us at home, follow along with the weekly Worship Folder found on our website.

You can find the worship live stream by following the link below:

https://www.facebook.com/BurrRidgeUnitedChurchofChrist/live_videos/

In-person worship follows protocols set forth by the CDC, Illinois Department of Public Health Guidelines and UCC.

SUMMER WATCH PARTY & POTLUCK



**BRUCC SUMMER
WATCH PARTY
& POTLUCK**

**The
CHOSEN**

**WEDNESDAYS at 6:30PM
IN JUNE AND JULY**



**Bring a dish to pass and join us each
Wednesday as we watch an episode from
Season 1 of "The Chosen."
Brief discussion to follow each episode.**

Join us as we watch and discuss "The Chosen" - June 2, 9, 16 & 23

MEETINGS

June 21st - 6:30 p.m. - Council Meeting

WOMEN'S WELLNESS

Women of the congregation are invited to attend Women's Wellness, on Thursday, June 17th at 6:30 p.m. We will be following CDC guidelines.

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.

ONLINE GIVING

Thank you for your vital support of God's ministries at Burr Ridge United Church of Christ.

You can continue to give to the church by sending your contribution to the church office or donating online at the link below.

<https://www.brucc.org/online-giving>

JOIN US THIS SUMMER...



Join us!
**Reese Summer Open
House Potlucks**

Join Pastor Alicia and family for a laid-back potluck party at their home! We will provide the main dish, please bring a side or dessert for the potluck (but it's not necessary). We will play some games and spend time eating and getting to know each other!

Check your email or call the office to sign up!

*July 11th and Aug 22nd
12-2pm*

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: \$ _____

