



Burnet Presbyterian Church

Newsletter for March, 2024

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MEN OF THE CHURCH BPC-150



The Men of the Church (MOC) organization has been a vital part of Burnet Presbyterian Church for most of its 150 years and exists to provide an opportunity for fellowship and mission support.

Meetings of the MOC have been held at various times and places. The first meeting of this century was held in the Norris Building on January 9, 2000. Eight men were present. Bordie Garner served a breakfast of pastries, sausage, and fruit. Carl Spinner led a devotional based on the parable of the Laborers in the vineyard. An offering was taken for LACare.

Most meetings opened with breakfast. Some meals were prepared at the church and others were prepared by Emma Scott and brought to the church. Regular meetings were suspended during COVID, but only for a few months. Recent meetings have been held at Storm's Restaurant.

One interesting meal was served way back in October 1997 when Carl's son, Richard, made chocolate waffles. (See recipe last page.) Also, during some summers, the men grilled hamburgers under the shade of the big oak tree out front.

Over the years from 1999 to 2023, records show that the following men participated in the Men of the Church:

Bordie Garner, Sam Greenlees, Walter West, Jack Butler, Dick Furlong, George Horn, Hap Zimmerman, Billy Frankum, Carl Spinner, Lonnie Anglin, Richard M. Spinner, John Brown, Dick Smith, Henry Carroll, Ken Mosher, J. T. Howell, Fred Shin, Alvin Nored, Greg Hosterman, Billy Don Weaver, Pastor Josyph Andrews, and Rev. Richard A. Spinner.

Mission support has been a significant portion of MOC's serving our Lord. Available records show cash donations to the following recipients: BPC signs for the four highway entrances to Burnet; Food certificates to needy families; LA Care Food Bank; Meals on Wheels; Christmas gifts for Pastors; Vet Rides; Boys and Girls Club; Josyph's Hammer; and Friends of the Pakistan Education Board.

The photograph above this article depicts the gift to Vet Rides by the Men of the Church.

After the recent unfortunate deaths of all three of our MOC officers: Carl Spinner, Jack Butler, and Hap Zimmerman; meetings of the MOC have been suspended.

Submitted by Rev. Richard A. Spinner based on information supplied by Cissy Butler and Jane Zimmerman.

Important Dates for March

March 3	3 rd Sunday in Lent	March 19	Session Meeting, 3:00
March 6	Lenten Study 6:15	March 20	Lenten Study, 6:15
March 10	4 th Sunday in Lent	March 21	BPC 150, 1:00
	Country Oaks 3:00	March 24	Palm Sunday
	Daylight Savings Begins	March 27	Lenten Study, 6:15
March 11	PW Meeting, 1:30	March 28	Holy Thursday
March 13	Lenten Study 6:15	March 29	Good Friday
March 17	5 th Sunday in Lent	March 31	Easter Sunday
			Easter Lunch

* Session Minutes

December 19, 2023

The Burnet Presbyterian Church Session Meeting took place on December 19, 2023, held in the Library at 3:05pm. Those present were: Class of 2025, Mary Richmond; Class of 2024, Bill Weaver; Class of 2024, Barry Dawson; Class of 23, Fred Shin; Pat Collins, Treasurer, Rev. Regina Maas, Moderator, and Linda Weaver, Clerk. A quorum was present.

Rev. Maas opened with a prayer.

Agenda: The Agenda was duly approved by Session.

Sharing and Caring:

Devotional: Barry Dawson gave the devotional on Mary and Martha with guests as opposed to being busy fixing things.

Clerk's Report: The Session Minutes for November 21, 2023 and the Congregational Meeting for December 3, 2023 were approved on a motion from Mary Richmond.

Pastor' Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Pat Collins gave the Treasurer's Report. Thanksgiving offering collected was \$701, one memorial received for \$50, \$400 sent to Boys and Girls Club and \$500 sent to the Helping Center. The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Fred Shin.

Mission Committee: Mary Richmond reported \$701 collected for Thanksgiving Offering and proposed to buy \$50 HEB gift cards to be distributed to those in need. She said \$50 was sent to LA Care for gas, \$250 in gift cards will be sent to Meals on Wheels, and \$300 in gift cards will be sent to the Community Kitchen.

Evangelism Committee: None

Membership Growth/Outreach: One new member joining our church in January

Building and Grounds: No issues to report. Women's restroom light is working properly.

Congregational Care: Bill Weaver reported upcoming social in January will be BBQ and Trivia.

Christian Education: None

Worship and Music: No Report. Fred Shin stated Robert Centeno will continue his services thru January 31. Church will honor him at January 28 social. Fred stated that the approved salary for the replacement for Robert Centeno may need to be adjusted to meet the standard salary for a musician. Fred will discuss this matter with Choir Director

Marsha Roberts and report back to session.

Stewardship Committee: Fred Shin presented the 2024 BPC Budget, Pledge Summary, and Time and Talent Report to Session to review. A modification will be corrected to Security Line Item. The Budget Reports will be submitted to the Congregation for review.

Nominating Committee: None

Unfinished or Ongoing Business: Update on search for interim Part-time/Full time Minister from PCUSA to be on January 16 Agenda. Elder Training and Retreat to be on Agenda for next scheduled Session Meeting.

New Business: It was reported that there are issues with Zoom. Fred Shin stated he would check it out so it is working properly.

The meeting ended at 5:10pm. Rev Maas closed the meeting with a prayer. The next Session Meeting is January 16, 2024 at 3pm.

* Called Session Minutes

January 2, 2024

The Burnet Presbyterian Church Called Session Meeting took place on January 2, 2024 in the Library at 5:00 pm. Those present were: Class of 2025 Mary Richmond; Class of 2024 Barry Dawson; Class of 2023 Fred Shin; Class of 2023 Alice Anglin; Class of 2024 Bill Weaver; Class of 2026 Debbie Weem; Pat Collins, Church Treasurer; Rev. Regina Maas Moderator by Zoom; and Linda Weaver, Clerk.

Fred Shin opened the meeting with a prayer.

New Business: Session was asked to approve a voluntary congregation Love offering for Christmas Bonuses for the Church Staff. The amount collected would be divided by 4, Church Secretary, Organist, Building Cleaner, and the lawn service. Fred Shin made the motion to approve, seconded by Bill Weaver.

Announcement to the congregation will be made following Sunday.

Fred Shin introduced Debbie Weems to the Session and to Rev. Regina Maas on Zoom. Debbie gave her faith journey including Deacon training. Debbie was raised in a Christian family and is Baptized. She is familiar with the Book of Order. She gave a history of her faith background and stated she is willing to serve as an Elder and glad to work for the church. Her dedication to BPC is remarkable.

Debbie Weems passed the examination and Fred Shin made a motion to accept Debbie as a

new Elder of Session and BPC. The motion was seconded by Alice Anglin. Debbie will be installed on January 14 by Rev. Carol Clark.

Rev. Regina Maas gave Debbie advice if she needed any help or had questions to contact her or Laura Palmer at Presbytery.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

*** Session Minutes**

January 23, 2024

The Burnet Presbyterian Church Session Stated Meeting took place on January 23, 2024, in the Library at 3pm. Those present were: Class of 2025 Mary Richmond; Class of 2026 Debbie Weems, Class of 24/26 Fred Shin, Pat Collins, Church Treasurer; Rev. Regina Maas, Moderator. In absence of Session Clerk, Pat Collins took notes for minutes and presented them to Clerk. A quorum was present.

Rev. Regina Maas opened the meeting with a prayer.

Agenda: The agenda was duly approved with one correction from Fred about Stewardship agenda items.

Devotional: January devotional was not assigned. **Fred Shin volunteered for February devotional.**

Rev. Maas shared a personal story which gave members something to think about. She stated she has a china cabinet and table, made by her grandfather of orange crates with the stamp till visible. Over the years, all the family kids have played with it, painted it and found all kinds of uses for it. This furniture piece has made its mark in her family. Rev. Maas asked what kind of lasting legacy do we want this church to leave in our community and what kind of legacy do we want to personally leave? Jesus had no church for which to care but his legacy was left in the world. There are other things in the world besides our buildings with which we can be concerned. What do we want the Burnet Community to know about this church which is in transition?

Reception and Introduction of Visitors: Kay Lambert was not able to meet with Session tonight due to virus. **Session agreed to form a small committee to meet with Kay outside of Session. Debbie Weems made the motion, Fred Shin seconded.** Debbie Weems said she had not experienced this formality of meeting with new members before joining the church. Rev. Maas

stated some churches have informal, impromptu gatherings to meet with potential members. Various churches handle this process in different ways. She stressed that the point is to make potential members feel welcomed. Fred Shin added that we also need to know in what form a member is joining the church, such as by transfer of letter from another church in which case the former church needs to be notified of the member transfer by letter. Some have not had church membership nor been baptized. In that case baptism would also be required. Also a date to join the church needs to be established. **Fred Shin and Mary Richmond will be the committee to visit with Kay Lambert.**

Sharing and Caring: Asked about the Weavers and discussed COVID experiences.

Clerk's Report: Linda Weaver Session Clerk was absent due to COVID. The Clerk's report will be given in February. Session agreed to postpone approval of December minutes until February Session meeting. **An Action item is to review and approve the minutes for the special called Zoom Meeting for Debbie Weems interview as new Session Member. A resolution was made during that called meeting and a vote approved.**

Statistical Reports: The reports are being completed by Clerk of Session. These reports are due February 11 and need to be approved by Session before submitting. Rev. Maas asked that Treasurer, Clerk, and 2 other people review statistical reports before sending. We will make this adjustment. Rev. Maas mentioned that she needs to sign the Minutes of the meeting she has moderated for BPC.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Collins gave the December Finance Report. **Mary Richmond moved to accept the report. The Treasurer's report was duly approved.**

Committee Reports: Fred Shin stated Session needs to formalize who will be assigned to each committee for 2024. Debbie Weems agreed to take vacated Worship Committee position but had concerns about handing Christian Education. Fred Shin will continue as Stewardship Committee and Mary Richmond will continue with Evangelism. Barry Dawson and Bill Weaver were absent so their committee assignments will be finalized in February.

Evangelism: No Report

Mission Committee: Mary Richmond received an email from the Presbyterian Pan American

school thanking us for the money sent in December which went towards their Giving Tuesday Campaign. The email stated the campaign was the most successful campaign in recent history and that a formal thank you letter will be mailed to us within the next few weeks.

Membership Growth/Outreach - No Report

Building and Grounds: - No Report

Congregational Care: - No Report

Christian Education: - No Report

Worship and Music: Debbie Weems has a Worship and Music Committee meeting scheduled in early February to plan events up to and through Easter. Debbie proposed presenting The Chosen Season 2 for Lenten Study. Last year's study drew 12-18 attendees for each session with many of whom were not BPC members. Until such time as we have an Interim Pastor, Debbie will schedule Pulpit Supply for the first Sunday of each month for communion and one for other Sundays in the month. In between we can continue to use Homilies from past services delivered by church members. In addition to the list of Supply Pastor we have been using, Debbie will reach out to Seminary for students who are willing to preach. Debbie contacted the Abilene Presbyterian Church to get specific details on how they ran their Choir Scholarship program. Debbie is working with Marsha Roberts to develop an application which would be relevant for Burnet. She will schedule an appointment to meet with BHS choir director in order to present the new program. Concerning our organist situation, there have been few responses to our ad due to the low rate of pay. **Debbie made a motion to increase organist pay from \$150 to \$200 per event. There are 54 events in the church calendar. Fred Shin seconded the motion, and it was duly approved.**

Stewardship Report: Fred Shin distributed the updated Time and Talent Report which includes data previously not available. **Fred stated that we need to inform the congregation of the 2024 Budget. Session decided to present the Budget February 4.** Bill Poe is scheduled to preach that Sunday. Meeting announcements will be made January 28 and again at the beginning of the February 4 service.

Nominating Committee: No Report

Unfinished or Ongoing Business:

Rev. Maas stated the Interim Pastors nationwide are hard to find. Over the past months she worked

through COM to compose a brief list of potential interim candidates and their contact information. This is very confidential information. Rev. Maas explained the situation with each of the candidates. Debbie Weems asked if we could invite these candidates as Pulpit Supply. Rev. Maas said yes. Fred Shin asked if we have a COM liaison assigned to our church. Rev. Maas replied that by February 5 session should be informed.

New Business: Session agreed to have a Session Retreat away from church with the following goals: 1) better know our Session members and fellow congregants; 2) discuss the various committees and complete committee chairman assignments; and 3) identify objectives for each committee. Rev. Maas talked about the pastor role to help guide Session in the retreat as a resource person to help Session attain the goals by following the Book of Order protocol. **Rev. Maas offered to lead the retreat. The retreat will be held at the Shin Home, Saturday February 24, beginning at 11am. The February Session meeting originally scheduled for February 20 will be combined with the retreat.** Rev. Maas asked that the minutes which she has moderated be brought to retreat for her signature. This date will be shared with Bill Weaver and Barry Dawson. The church will pay Rev. Maas \$120 for mileage for leading the retreat.

The meeting ended at 4:00 pm on a **motion from Fred Shin, seconded by Mary Richmond.** Debbie Weems closed the meeting with a prayer. The next Session Meeting is February 24, 2024, at 11:00 am.

*** Burnet Presbyterian Women**

February 12, 2024

Present: Cindy Grant, Peggy Hammond, Jane Zimmerman, Helen Tanner, Charlsie Bremer, Jamie Horn, Mary Richmond, Alice Anglin, Nancy Harlow, Cindy Sharpnack, Kay Lambert, Pat Collins, Linda Weaver, Cissy Butler, Armour Shin and Janie Howell.

Sixteen ladies gathered in the Fellowship Hall at 1 PM for fellowship and delicious cake baked by Alice, and great coffee prepared by Pat. Thank you, ladies!

At 1:30 Alice opened the meeting with prayer concerns and prayers. Armour led us in our Bible Study written by Shannon Bream titled **The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak.** This lesson was

about Bathsheba and the eventful life she led. Alice thanked Armour for her efforts in preparing the interesting Bible studies. Next month we will study Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Alice opened the business meeting with jocularly. Our treasurer, Mary, reported the following:

Total contributions to projects for 2023
\$4,466.18

Total Red Stocking Offering 2023
1,061.00

Anonymous Gift to Red Stocking, 100.00

The total in our account is \$2,263.67 plus \$100.00 in the PW Bereavement Fund.

There was no old business.

New Business:

Jane Zimmerman reported that she mailed four boxes to Project Cure as follows:

3 boxes - 67 hospital gowns

1 box - 10 Flat Sheets used as room dividers

Total for postage was \$67.45, paid by PW.

Alice reported that we had been invited to prepare lunch for the Christian Women's Job Corp for the spring semester. The date chosen was March 21. Jamie, Linda, Helen, Jane Z., and Alice volunteered to provide food.

As part of our Community Outreach for our 150th Anniversary, the BPC-150 Committee has chosen the Burnet Fire Department and the Burnet Volunteer Fire Department as recipients of the March basket. The congregation has been invited to participate in an offering to be used to purchase four HEB gift cards – one for each shift that works in Burnet. Pat Collins moved and Linda Weaver seconded that the PW would add to the offering collected in the congregation, if needed, to bring the total to \$600.00. This would result in four cards purchased for \$150.00 each. After much thoughtful discussion, the motion passed.

Our No-Host Summer Lunch will be Monday, July 8. At that time, we will award the Lifetime Member Certificate and pin. The past three recipients are traditionally on the committee to select the new recipient, however, this year two of the past recipients are unable to participate. Alice suggested that Linda Weaver (2022) and Jamie Horn (2020) choose the 2024 recipient. Both ladies agreed to serve.

Alice announced that our April PW meeting would fall on Eclipse Day, April 8. We decided to have our April meeting on Monday, April 15. Jane

handed out a flyer titled A Locals Guide to Prepare for April 8, 2024. Extra flyers can be found in the Fellowship Hall. Pat explained that care should be given when purchasing or using the special eclipse glasses as some of them do not protect your eyes adequately. There is information on the back of the glasses which explains who approved the glasses for use. Her eye doctor suggested buying a Welder's Shield to hold up in front of your eyes when viewing the eclipse.

There being no further business, Alice closed the meeting with our friendship circle and prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Janie Howell, Secretary



Ash Wednesday Service had record attendance! Debbie Weems gave the devotional, including service of ashes. Rev. Dick Spinner served communion. A soup supper was shared afterwards. It was a spiritual event enjoyed by all.

*** BPC-150 Review**

For those who are new to our church, the BPC-150 committee was asked to write a brief review of our work during the last six months:

Burnet Presbyterian Church's official 150th Anniversary is August 12, 2024, certainly a cause for great celebration! Of course, we had to have an anniversary committee! Stepping up to help was Alice Anglin, Karen Brock, Cissy Butler, Nancy Harlow, Janie Howell, Linda Weaver, and Jane Zimmerman. Many others have helped and we are grateful, but these ladies have been the faithful planners.

The Committee first met in June and discussed a schedule of events that would take us from September, 2023 through August 2024. We planned to publish an article in the newsletter each month with information about our church history and the many ways we worship and serve our Lord. In addition, we wanted to give back to our community by honoring a service organization or group that helps make life a little easier for the residents in Burnet. We decided on Gift Baskets and have been overwhelmed with the response from the congregation!

The Committee continues to meet monthly to arrange and rearrange plans as the situations warrant. To date BPC has provided Gift Baskets to the Burnet Police Department, the Sunshine House, and the Burnet VFW. This month we are sending gift baskets to the Burnet Fire Department and Volunteer Fire Department.

Articles in the newsletter have featured the history of our church property and our church building, Thanksgiving mission projects, the history of the Chrismons, a tour of the History Hall, and marriages that have taken place in our sanctuary.

March will feature the Men of the Church and our gift basket will go to Country Oaks and Oaks Nursing Center staffs. An article regarding the Men of the Church, written by Rev. Richard Spinner, can be found in this newsletter.

April 21 will be our Children of the Church service. Susan Liljestrand will be our guest pastor and Alice Gray Shin Serralta (the Shin's daughter) will be our guest organist. Plans are for a picnic lunch with sandwiches and ice cream sundaes following worship. Please tell any children who were raised in this church to come for this Sunday. Helen Pierson will be writing an article for the newsletter about her memories visiting our church with her grandparents. Our Gift Basket will go to the Boys and Girls Club of Burnet. Details will be in the April newsletter.

Building and Grounds Committee will have a **work day** on **March 16**, 9:00 am to noon, weather permitting. Anyone who is able, please come and help. For information, see Barry Dawson or Billy Don Weaver

At this point, May will feature Women of the Church, and June will feature Music of the Church. Stay tuned! The best is yet to come!!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please see any one of the committee members. Thank you.

Important Announcement

Our Session held a retreat, elder training, and Session meeting on February 25. Session voted to **not hold church service** on Sunday, April 7, due to the anticipated large crowd of people expected to come to Burnet for the April 8 eclipse. We are searching for an alternate Zoom site and will announce when we have found one. We also voted to change the April 7 communion service to March 31, which is also Easter Sunday.

*** News from LACare**

The new glass-fronted freezers arrived and were installed in early February. Thanks to all the generous donors in the Burnet area, the freezers were fully stocked with meat and ready for customers. From the first day that the clients were able to shop for their own food, there has been nothing but praise for the new system from the clients as well as the volunteers who help them navigate the "store".

During Spring Break, LACare prepares goody bags for any children who might come in. The most favored gift in the goody bags are McDonald's gift cards! This year the Board decided to increase the value of the cards from \$10.00 to \$15.00 and eliminate the bag.

As always, thank you for your continuing support for LACare. We couldn't do it with you!

**Church and Zoom Attendance
February 2024**

Date	Attendance	Zoom	Total
Feb 4	30	7	37
Feb 11	32	6	38
Feb 18	33	3	36
Feb 25	32	9	41

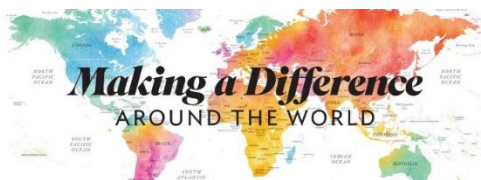
Lenten Study
Beginning February 21st
In the Parlor, from 6:15-7:30
The Chosen, Season 2, for 8 weeks

* Children of the Church

Children of the Church Sunday is April 21. We will have worship followed by a picnic lunch featuring sandwiches, sides, and plenty of ice cream! It is time for you to RSVP for your children so that we can provide name tags for everyone and have enough seating for lunch.

The sooner you can RSVP – the better!! There is a clipboard in fellowship hall where you can add your children's names or just let someone on the BPC-150 Committee know. Thank you!

(In case you forgot – the committee is Alice Anglin, Karen Brock, Cissy Butler, Nancy Harlow, Janie Howell, Linda Weaver and Jane Zimmerman)



Burnet Presbyterian Church has participated for many years in the **"One Great Hour of Sharing"** which has connected us in God's healing, tending and growing to create a world where all needs are met.

We will again join others this year until Easter Sunday.

Envelopes may be found in pews or designate your check to OGHS.

You can find daily activities for the entire Season of Lent

here: pcusa.org/oghs/sharingcalendar

* BPC-150 March Gift Baskets

For the month of March, we will be honoring the men and women who serve so faithfully on the staffs of Country Oaks Assisted Living and Oaks Nursing Center. Both facilities are in Burnet and many in our congregation have or are benefiting

We are nearing the end of this school year and time for scholarships. If any church member has an immediate family member who is eligible for a scholarship, please send a letter to the clerk of Session, Linda Weaver, by March 15 to notify Session of this person.

from their services. How fortunate we are to have these facilities close by.

Our idea is to provide little snacks or treats that they can enjoy on their breaks. Individually wrapped candies, granola bars, or chips would be great. If you are inclined to bake cookies, snack bags with two cookies each would be welcome. Linda Weaver has graciously provided two large baskets for our goodies – the baskets are in fellowship hall.

We would like the staffs to know that BPC thanks them and appreciates how hard they work to provide care to so many people.



The sanctuary is beautifully decorated for Lent.

RICHARD SPINNER'S* CHOCOLATE WAFFLES

*(Carl and Marsha's son, Dick Spinner's grandson)

1 c. all -purpose flour

$\frac{3}{4}$ c. sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$ c. cocoa

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. baking power

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. baking soda

$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt

1 c. buttermilk

2 eggs

$\frac{1}{4}$ c. butter or margarine, melted

In large bowl, stir together flour, sugar, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add buttermilk and eggs; beat just until blended.

Gradually add butter, beating until smooth.

Bake in hot waffle iron according to manufacturer's direction. Serve warm with pancake syrup. For dessert, serve with ice cream, fruit flavored syrups or sweetened whipped cream.

EASTER LUNCH

Mark your calendar for March 31, Easter Sunday, for church family and friends Easter Lunch with fried chicken and all the trimmings. Bring your Easter guests to enjoy a great meal and fellowship.