



Burnet Presbyterian Church

Newsletter for April, 2025

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These ladies attended the P.W. Spring Gathering at Mo Ranch, March 7-9, 2025. Pictured L-R: Carolee Frampton, Janie Howell, Marilyn Petrick, Nancy Harlow, Margaret Hunt, Alice Anglin, and Ann Hunt. While there were several mother-daughter teams at Mo Ranch, Alice, Margaret, and Ann took the prize with 3 generations attending.

MY FIRST TRIP TO MO RANCH

Women's retreats are special. Unless you have been to one, you might not understand how special they are. It's a combination of things: the women, the leadership, the surroundings, the keynotes, the workshops, and the music. This first trip to Mo, my first as a Presbyterian, was so very special. All these things, including a great group of women from Burnet Presbyterian who have supported and loved me for many years, made it that way.

We started and ended the weekend by eating at Gio's in Llano. I thought that was a good idea because we were going to be eating "camp" food all weekend. This was not the "camp" food I expected. It was unbelievably good with so many choices. Yum!

Mo Ranch is in a beautiful setting and is kept in great condition. Our rooms were clean and comfortable and beautifully deco-rated, although I may work on getting my own mattress delivered for next year.

The great thing about Women's Retreats is that there is something for everyone. If you want, you can sit on a stump all afternoon. This retreat offered great keynotes, workshops, spaces to relax and visit, and certainly time and place to worship God. I never did find the camp rooster, but I will be looking for him next year. We also had the opportunity to meet many women who live throughout Mission Presbytery. When I go to Mo next year, carrying my suitcase and my mattress, I will know more than the women from Lampasas, Burnet, and

Killeen. I will at least recognize many more and maybe remember their names!

What you may not know about me is that music feeds my soul. I love everything else, but the MUSIC feeds me, lifts me up and just fills me with JOY. This year the music was led by a whole group of very talented women playing several different instruments. One of the team was a 23-year-old violinist who was phenomenal on the violin and when she played the “fiddle”, she knocked our socks off!

During our gathering times, we learned and sang so many songs ably led by Beth Mueller who is a distant cousin of our own Sue Hosterman. Beth also led the choir which was the best part of the weekend for me. The song we learned was not long or hard, but beautiful. Singing with that choir was a truly Holy experience.

I hope we can recruit more women to come to Mo with us next year.

YOU WILL BE TRULY BLESSED.

Submitted by Marilyn Petrick



Standing next to the statue depicting Paul on the Road to Damascus are Nancy Harlow, Janie Howell and Marilyn Petrick.

Easter Lily Order Forms

Will be included in the
April 6th & April 13th bulletins.

They will be **\$10.00** each.

Deadline for turning the order forms
and money in is April 13.

Church and Zoom Attendance March 2025

Date	Attend	Zoom	Total
March 2	36	6	42
March 9	28	10	38
March 16	37	6	43
March 23	37	9	46
March 30	37	11	48

Important Dates in April

April 2	Lenten Study, 6 pm
April 6	5 th Sunday in Lent
April 9	Lenten Study, 6 pm
April 13	Palm Sunday Country Oaks, 3:00
April 14	PW Meeting, 1:30
April 15	Session Mtg, 5:00
April 16	Lenten Study, 6 pm
April 17	Maundy Thurs. Serv., 5:30
April 18	Good Friday, Community Service @ First Bapt., noon
April 20	Easter Sunday Luncheon after Worship
April 24	Bookmarks Mtg, 9:30 am
April 27	Second Sunday of Easter

Join Us For
Maundy Thursday Service
April 17, at 5:30

* Burnet Presbyterian Women

March 10, 2025

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

Fourteen women gathered in the Norris Building at 1 PM for fellowship and delicious Butternut Squash Bread baked by Helen Tanner. She also grew the squash!! Hot coffee was provided by Pat Collins and we always appreciate the aroma of fresh coffee as we enter the building.

At 1:30, Alice Anglin opened the meeting with prayer requests and prayers. Armour Shin led us in our study of the Book of Acts, Chapters 15-18. We are learning more and more about Paul's dedication to spread the Gospel.

Alice opened the business meeting with jocularly. Cindy Sharpnack reported that our bank balance as of 2/28 is \$2748.40.

Correspondence included a thank you letter from Erland Schulze, Development Director for Hope House, for our \$360.00 contribution. The letter is posted on the PW Bulletin Board in the Norris Building.

Old Business: We will serve lunch at the Christian Women's Job Corp on Thursday, March 27. Alice Anglin, Nancy Allen, Janie Howell, Linda Weaver, and Jane Zimmerman offered to help with the meal and Alice will meet with them soon to plan the menu.

New Business: We chose May 18 as the Sunday to host the PW Birthday Lunch, pending approval by Session. In addition to a pot luck lunch after worship, we will have an offering for two worthy recipients. Watch for more detailed information as we get closer to May.

The ladies who went to Mo Ranch this year enjoyed wearing their "BPC Church Shirts" but it has been several years since we ordered them and they are getting worn. Marilyn Petrick has offered to visit XLR8 Embroidery & Screen-printing here in Burnet with one of our church shirts to see if they can make shirts for us.

Marilyn will report her findings at the April PW meeting.

On March 28, Burnet will observe Donald Faucett Service Day of Sharing and Fish Fry. Our church is responsible for dessert at the Fish Fry. Linda Weaver has requested that 9x13 frosted cakes in disposable aluminum pans be brought to the church on Friday morning, March 27. These cakes can be a mix with canned frosting – we need lots of cakes! If you don't have a key to the church, let Alice know and she will meet you at the church.

Janie announced that we will serve lunch on May 9 to the BCISD Grandparent Support Group at the Parent Resource Center on Brier. Volunteers for this meal include Pat Collins, Marilyn Petrick, Mary Richmond, Jane Zimmerman, and Janie Howell.

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

Respectfully submitted, Janie Howell, Secretary



**The BB's
Read Again!
Thursday April 24,
2025, 9:30am**

The BB's review an historical novel, *As Bright as Heaven*, by Susan Meissner. Another war story, the Great War, this story takes place in 1918 in Philadelphia. Pauline Bright and her husband and daughters arrive with hope for opportunities for fresh starts. Then the Spanish flu also arrives. Amidst tragedy and challenges this family learns what they cannot live without. . . and what they are willing to do about it.

As always there is coffee, food and fellowship so please feel most welcome to join this and all book reviews. *Pat Collins*

Walkers Needed

If you have a walker that you are not using currently, please bring it to the church building. Thank You!

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

OGHS is one of the special offerings that our church collects to make a difference in the lives of people in need. Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Three programs supported by OGHS— Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%), the Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%), and Self-Development of People (32%)—all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

You and I are not able to work in the mission field, but we can PRAY and we can GIVE to this offering on April 13th (Palm Sunday) and April 20th (Easter). Please make a note on your check to designate your donation to "OGHS."

Jamie Horn, Mission Committee Chair

Christian Education Committee

The Christian Education Committee met in February to (1) Assess what is working, (2) Identify those not being served by Christian study opportunities and (3) Explore new venues for traditional Bible studies and ways to deliver them, in the church's 151st year.

Committee members are Alice Anglin, Cissy Butler, Nancy Harlow, Jamie Horn, Armour Shin and Pat Collins, Chair.

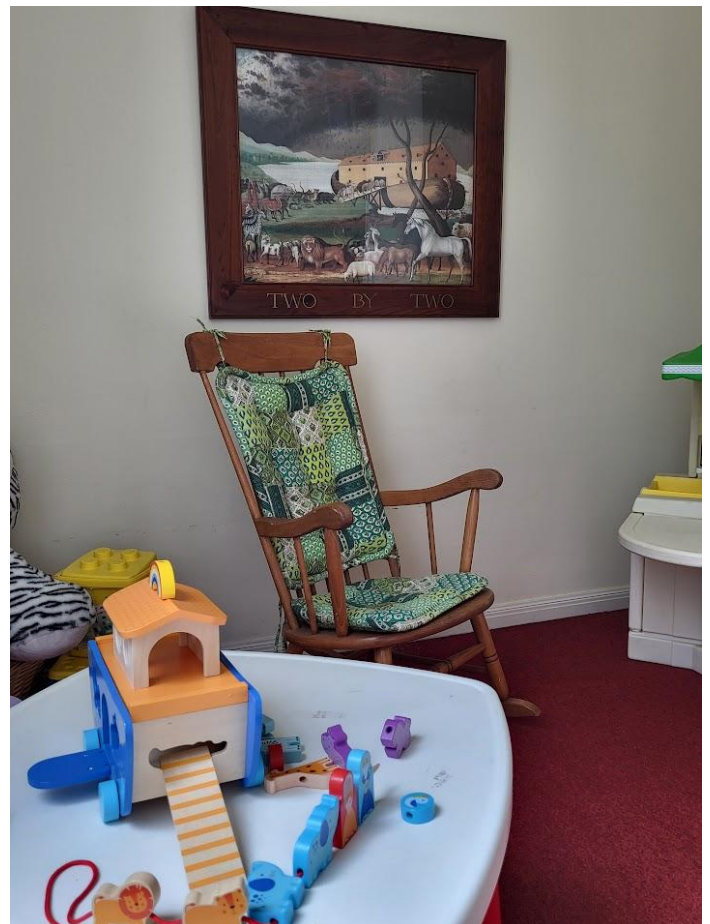
There were two immediate action items. First, Ron Petrick discovered that the church has a Facebook page. It took some work on Ron's part to get the site re-established with current user name and password, but Ron prevailed. Thanks to Ron, and also to Rev. John Brantley of St. Andrews Presbyterian for guiding us to establish the live-streaming. There are still some things to be done before our church services can be live-streamed to our FB site and to the church website. Live-streaming seems to be a better method for delivering church services in that the music, choir and minister can all be heard by listeners. Also, by

streaming services on Facebook and the church website, God's messages are reaching a much broader audience. The trade offs are that there is no interaction or attendance log. Please watch the church website for upcoming sermons/ministers and activities: bpcburnet.org

Secondly, this Committee tackled the Cry Room to make it 21st Century, user friendly for our little darling: 2-year old Josie. Furniture was changed out, a new Noah's Ark toy was added along with other donated toys, and a picture of Noah's Ark, entitled Two by Two was hung. The picture was donated by Pat's daughter Sara; it was Seth's nursery picture. When Julie was a baby, Jane Z reports that she and Hap provided the rocking chair and the congregation bought all new toys for this room. Perhaps that is why Julie keeps returning. Do you think?

Research is being done before you will hear from us again so please stay tuned! If you have suggestions, please reach out to any of the committee members.

Pat Collins



BPC STATED SESSION MEETING AND RETREAT MINUTES

JANUARY 25, 2025

ELDERS: Class of 2027 Fred Shin; Class of 2026 Debbie Weems; Class of 2025, Jamie Horn; Class of 2027 Barry Dawson; Treasurer, Class of 2027 Pat Collins; Moderator: Rev. John Brantley; and Linda Weaver, Clerk of Session. A quorum was present.

AGENDA: Reviewed and duly approved by session.

Rev. John Brantley, Moderator, opened the Retreat meeting with a prayer.

Rev. Brantley presented an Elder Training Program. He informed session to establish a Manual of Operations. He is to send email for a template.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSONS:

CLERK OF SESSION – LINDA WEAVER

TREASURER – PAT COLLINS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – PAT COLLINS

MISSIONS – JAMIE HORN

EVANGELISM – JAMIE HORN

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – PAT COLLINS

BUILDING AND GROUNDS – BARRY DAWSON

CONGREGATIONAL CARE – LINDA WEAVER

STEWARDSHIP – FRED SHIN

WORSHIP COMMITTEE – DEBBIE WEEMS

Rev. Brantley said a current Book of Order should be available to each session member. SESSION adjourned for lunch at 11:30PM.

BPC SESSION MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 25, 2025, 12:00PM

A quorum was present.

SHARING OF CONCERNS OF CONGREGATION

AND DEVOTIONAL: Debbie Weems gave the devotional on Team Building from Mark 2 14-17. Jesus formed the most important He chose those unloved but who had future potential, he chose

fishermen and tax collectors and he called them Apostles. The Apostles were to learn from Jesus and bring the people back to God.

CLERK'S REPORT: Minutes from DECEMBER 17, 2024 were approved on a motion from Pat Collins, seconded by Jamie Horn.

Minutes from Congregational Meeting Held January 19, 2025, were approved on a motion from Pat Collins, seconded by Barry Dawson.

Clerk read thank you cards from Angel Tree – Presbyterian Children s Homes and Services, Burnet Middle School, Peter Crouch, Presbyterian Children s Homes and Services, Joseph's Hammer for \$500.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Collins presented the December 2024 Finance report. The Thanksgiving Offering was \$495. The Lillie's Fund of \$30 was moved to December offering to close out year end account. \$1000 was moved to December Contingency to clear out fund for year end. Investments increase was \$2946 increase for 2024. Paid from Local Needs: \$500 to Highland Lakes Crisis Network; \$500 to Joseph Hammer; and Meals on Wheels \$366. Pulpit Supply payments were Peters 12/1, Poe 12/8, Clarke 12/22, 29. Legal Fund paid 2nd invoice \$2,608.

The Finance report was approved on a motion from Jamie Horn seconded by Barry Dawson. The report was duly approved by Session.

EVANGELISM: No Report

MISSION COMMITTEE: No Report

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Barry Dawson signed a contract for Sanchez to paint exterior of church \$24,000 using high quality paint and work to start in February. The Knox box to be installed once order comes in. Library needs new LED light and has been ordered. He stated laid rocks by repaired leaking spouts near office. Future endeavors to consider is to re-carpet sanctuary.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Fancy Feast given by Bill and Linda Weaver to be Sunday February 23, 2025. 3 other members helping with desserts and bread. Next social is Ash Wednesday Soup Supper, March 5, 2025.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: None

CONTINUING EDUCATION: None

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE: Debbie Weems announced The Chosen, Season II to be shown during lent. Easter Sunday will be Rebecca Whitaker. The Pulpit Supply for January, February, March was presented.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on Interim Pastor – Rev. Brantley said Peter Crouch is coming in February to speak to Session.

2. Siler Trust – Attorney Voelker said we need to decide if we want an endowment trust or a charitable trust. After discussion, **Session voted to continue plea for Charitable Trust to continue to enhance the ministries of this church. Motion made by Fred Shin, seconded by Debbie Weems.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Church Secretary requested increase in pay from \$21 to \$23. Betty is an asset to this church and **Session approved increase on a motion from Pat Collins to begin February 1, seconded by Debbie Weems. Session requested Church Secretary start back at 4 days a week if possible.**

The meeting closed with a prayer by Rev. Brantley. The meeting ended at 1:00pm on a **motion from Barry Dawson seconded by Fred Shin.** The next Session Meeting is Tuesday, FEBRUARY 25, at 5pm.

NEWS FROM LACARE

The need for supplemental groceries continues to grow. In February, 2024, we served 338 families but in February, 2025, we served 410 families even though we were closed for President's Day and an ice day! We are open four hours per day, three days per week and we are averaging 35-45 persons per day.

The amount of food we were able to obtain from Central Texas Food Bank for the month of February was down from 10,431# in 2024 to 6560#. Consequently, Ms. Lottie is purchasing food at HEB and Sysco to supplement the food from CTFB. For a time during and after COVID, food obtained from CTFB was free of charge, but

recently they began charging us a percentage of the cost.

Your donations of food or funds are an enormous help and we appreciate your generosity. We couldn't do it without you.

Submitted by Janie Howell

Praying for Persecuted Christians

According to Open Doors, a Christian Pastor's church in Nepal was attacked by Hindu extremists. His congregation has been threatened and is now afraid to attend church. Please pray for God's intervention.

April Birthdays

3- Nancy Allen

5 – Bill Weaver

12 – Dick Smith

29 – Cary West

EASTER CELEBRATION

Please mark your calendars for an Easter luncheon on Sunday, April 20, following worship service. We will have fried chicken, ham, and all the trimmings. Your families are invited also!