

## **Burnet Presbyterian Church**

### **Newsletter for October, 2025**

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# Fancy Meal and Piano Recital by John Roberts

Friends, we are in for a treat! Following worship services on Sunday, October 19th, we will have a fancy meal (coat and tie, if you choose) and time to visit before returning to the sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. for a PIANO RECITAL presented by JOHN ROBERTS. You already know of John's talent from the inspirational music he plays during worship. At this recital, he will perform classical music by composers of different time periods and a range of styles.

A native of Texas, **John Noel Roberts** received early piano studies with Sister Mary Elaine Gentemann, C.D.P. at Our Lady of the Lake University in

San Antonio. He later graduated from the Eastman School of Music and continued graduate studies at the Yale University School of Music. He has had the privilege of performing in Canada, Great Britain, India, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Italy and Japan. In recent years, he has performed in Perth, Australia and participated in The Friends of Alec Wilder annual concert in New York City.

Formerly Artist in Residence and Head of Music at the Western Australian Conservatorium of Music of the Edith Cowan University, John Noel Roberts has also served on the faculties at Furman University SC, Mercer University GA, Concordia College, MN, Stephen F. Austin State University TX, and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Currently, Roberts enjoys serving as pianist/organist on Sunday mornings at the Burnet Presbyterian Church. Roberts is a Steinway Artist.

First, John will play "Sonata in B," by the Austrian composer Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809). Because of Haydn's contributions to

musical form, he was given the title of "Father of the Symphony." He was a friend and mentor to Mozart, teacher to Beethoven, and elder brother to composer Michael Haydn.

The next two musical pieces by American author and composer Alec Wilder



**John Noel Roberts** 

(1907-1980), have a jazzier beat: "Such a Tender Night" and "Dance Man Buys a Farm." As you listen to this music, it will not be a surprise that Wilder was close friends with Frank Sinatra, Peggy Lee, and Tony Bennett. Wilder's compositions vary in style and content, writing songs and music for operas, musicals, films, and chamber music. The following choice, "Malegueña," was composed by the Cuban composer and pianist Ernesto Lecuona. Like George Gershwin's influence on music in the United States, Lecuona influenced Latin American music, raising Cuban music to classical status. If you grew up watching the sitcom "I Love Lucy," you have probably listened to Desi Arnez perform some of Ernesto Lecuona's work. Following a brief intermission, John Roberts will perform "Pictures at an Exhibition," by Russian composer Modest Mussorgsky (1839-1881).

This piano suite was written in ten movements with a recurring and varied Promenade. The inspiration of this musical depiction was a tour of an art exhibition of works by architect and painter Viktor Hartmann. Each movement is a musical illustration of an individual work of art, with the Promenade suggesting a stroll through the exhibition. **Peter Andrew** has provided the paintings that were inspired by the music of Modeste Mussorgsky. He received a BFA from the Rhode Island School of Design and MFA from the University of Massachusetts. Professor Andrew heads the Department of Art's Advertising Design program at Stephen F. Austin State University.

We hope you will invite your friends and family to worship, dinner and/or recital. The recital will be 2:00-4:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Linda Weaver so we can plan the meal accordingly. We encourage all attendees to bring a few canned goods for LACare in support of those in need.

Submitted by Jamie Horn, Chair of Evangelism and Missions

#### **Important Dates for October**

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Oct. 5	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost			
	World Communion Day			
Oct. 10	Presbyterian Children's Home			
	Luncheon in Austin			
Oct. 12	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost			
	Country Oaks, 3:00			
Oct. 13	PW Meeting, 1:00			
Oct. 19	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost			
	Lunch & Piano Recital			
Oct. 23	BB's Reading, 9:30 am			
Oct. 26	Men of Church Meeting, 8 am			
Oct. 28	Session Meeting, 5:00			
Oct. 30	Fellowship of Church Women,			
	2:00			



# Important Notice to the Congregation

Since April of this year, The Building and Grounds committee has been working with electrical contractors and Session to update the electrical systems. This is necessary due to the age of the systems that have no electrical ground wires and could cause issues with fire and equipment failures.

There were 3 electricians that gave estimates for updating the systems. During Session in September one of the contractors was approved. The timing of the project has been scheduled to begin Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the project will be around \$15-18K and the expense will be covered by an anonymous donor from the congregation.

This will not impact worship services. During that timeframe, electricity will be cut off to the sanctuary, offices, and parlor areas of the church. The Fellowship Hall, kitchen, and classrooms will have electric service and can be used.

#### **NEWS FROM LA CARE**

The LACare Board met on Wednesday, September 10, at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church. Director Lottie McCorkle reported that August was an especially busy

month adding that in one week we served 142 families representing 441 individuals!

The Battle of the Cans between Burnet and Marble Falls will run from September 24 through October 8 with the winner announced at the Burnet/Marble Falls Football Game on Friday, October 10.

The big news is that our local HEB is participating in a Food Rescue Program sponsored by the federal government. In addition to the bread and desserts we have been receiving from HEB, we are now receiving produce, packaged Simple Meals, and meats weighing between 300-400lbs daily. This food is on the HEB dock for us to pick up each

morning at 8:30, and HEB employees help load it into the pick-up. That's the good news!

The bad news is that we have one older lady who was capable of picking up the bread and produce and unloading it at the LA Care warehouse but is not capable of picking up this much weight each day. We spent time brainstorming possible solutions to this problem to no avail. We need a strong, reliable person with a pick-up truck and two hours to spare each morning. They would be compensated for this work. If you have any ideas about solving this dilemma, please let me know.

Meanwhile, thank you for supporting LA Care with your time, resources and prayers.

Submitted by Janie Howell

#### **GRANDPARENT SUPPORT GROUP**



On Monday, September 8, the Presbyterian Women provided lunch for the first meeting of the Grandparent Support Group for 2025-26. It was great to see over 20 people in attendance, most were grandmothers, one grandfather, and several BCISD staff members. Darlene Denton and Shannon Franklin warmly welcomed the group and invited them to fill a plate and enjoy the program.

Stacy Rush, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, presented a helpful program detailing the many resources available to help parents and grandparents contact the appropriate help at school for a problem their child may be having. She gave many scenarios to illustrate her point. There was a time for Q&A after her presentation and that is when the

grandparents begin sharing stories of their experiences with their grands. It is uplifting and heartbreaking all at once and it certainly illustrates how important this group is to these grandparents.

Many thanks to Alice Anglin, Janie Howell, Marilyn Petrick, and Jane Zimmerman for providing a wonderful lunch. The group really appreciated our efforts, and we will certainly do it again soon.

Submitted by Janie Howell

# BPC CALLED SESSION MEETING FOR PART TIME INTERVIEWS MINUTES

AUGUST 30, 2025

ELDERS: Class of 2025 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. The meeting began at 9:30 am.

**OPENING PRAYER** – Rev. John Brantley **AGENDA:** Reviewed and duly approved by Session.

**INTRODUCTION:** Rev. Scott Nowack called in to cancel his interview due to illness. Session took his time slot to discuss a concerned matter. Dr. Ken Peters is scheduled for an 11AM Interview

**NEW BUSINESS**: Session discussed the possibility of having 2 part time pastors and discussed adding 2 options (B & C) to the original option A, Terms of Call. Option B would be one lead pastor and one being an alternate pastor. The title for the lead pastor would be "Stated Supply Pastor and Moderator". The alternate pastor would be Pulpit Supply Pastor and would coordinate pulpit supply for the months that have 5 Sundays.

**Option B** – Stated Supply Pastor and Moderator for Session and Shared Pastoral Care would be 22 Sundays, 12+ Sessions, and 4 events a year for a salary of \$20,000 per year.

The Pulpit Supply Pastor would be paid \$300 a week for 30 Sundays totaling \$9,000 per year. Coordinate pastoral care with Stated Supply

Pastor and Moderator.

**Option C** - The Stated Supply Pastor and Moderator would be paid \$13,000 per year for 22 Sunday Services, 4 other services, 12 Moderator of Session, Pastoral Care and Coordinator of 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

The Pulpit Supply Pastor would be paid \$1,200 per year to cover 4 -5<sup>th</sup> Sundays or those Sundays could be filled in by membership. In addition to 30 Sunday Services at \$300 each would receive \$9,000 per year. Coordinate pastoral care with Lead Pastor.

Dr. Ken Peters received a copy of the Options at his interview to review and Debbie Weems emailed Rev. Scott Nowack a copy of new Options to review.

The meeting adjourned and Rev. Brantley closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next meeting is September 16, 2025 at 5PM – Interview with Rev. Scott Nowack.

# **BPC STATED SESSION MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 19, 2025**

ELDERS: Class of 2025 Fred Shin; Class of 2026 Debbie Weems (via Zoom for first hour of session); 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. The meeting began at 5:00 pm.

**OPENING PRAYER** – Rev. John Brantley **AGENDA:** Reviewed and duly approved by Session.

**INTRODUCTION:** None

#### **SHARING OF CONCERNS OF CONGREGATION**

<u>AND DEVOTIONAL:</u> Prayers\_for Cindy Sharpnack whose husband, Phil Sharpnack, passed away on August 18.

Barry Dawson gave a devotional on "laughter" and how important it is in our lives. Without it, we have a joyless existence. A joyful heart radiates positivity while a burdened heart is sadness and discouragement. Spirit and fun go together. Proverbs 15:13. Jamie Horn will give the next devotional on September 16, 2025. **CLERKS REPORT:** The Session minutes for

June 17, 2025 and July 22, 2025 were approved

on a motion from Jamie Horn, seconded by Pat Collins. No other correspondence or reports. TREASURER'S REPORT - Pat gave the following report for July: UNRESTRICTED: transferred for accounting purposes \$10,831 into Designated Reserve per Session agreement on July 22, 2025. Designated Reserve is "set aside" funds in the event of financial shortage; JOY/PEACE/FLOOD- added Flood designation for contribution received which was designated to go to Flood/Disaster; SPECIAL PROJECT FUND: New fund established by Session to account for congregational donations towards special projects for the church. fund along with the JOY/PEACE Fund and the new Flood Fund will all be on a separate tab of the Financial Report spreadsheet which is labeled SPF. FLOOD FUNDING: Special fund created by Session for the purpose of transmitting congregation donations to victims, as designated by the donor. INTEREST INCOME: \$459.14 in dividends from Edward Jones, EFTtransfer from Edward Jones into church checking account. Session duly approved Treasurer's report subject to year end audit. Pat stated the Church needed to order new stationery. Session duly approved and authorized Pat to send a copy of invoice by email to Session members. On a motion from Fred Shin, seconded by Jamie Horn, Session directed treasurer to pay any outstanding legal

**MISSIONS:** Jamie Horn announced Back to School Luncheon and Undie Sunday scheduled for August 24.

fees.

**EVANGELISM:** Jamie Horn stated the following upcoming dates for special events:

September 21, 2025 Game Day and Pizza
October 5, 2025 World Communion
October 19, 2025 John Roberts Recital

with Art after a Black Tie Luncheon
November 16, 2025 Thanksgiving Lunch
Pat asked for directions in helping the needy
who come to the church. Jamie stated that she
would visit the Ark of Highland Hills, LACare,
and The Community Resource Center in Marble
Falls, to acquire brochures for the church office

to hand out. Jamie also said it would be a good time to ask each of them, what are their needs. BPC donates to each of these organizations. These resources can help with food, gas, utilities, or housing and any other needs. BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Barry Dawson stated Ron Petrick is overseeing the water sprinkler, and lights for the steeple. It takes a special crane to reach the steeple. Spray Rite was let go and Ron is getting a new company to bid. At this time, Barry is not available to oversee the building and grounds problems, but Ron Petrick has stepped up to help. Barry asked Ron Petrick to headup the Kitchen Renovation Committee.

**CONGREGATION CARE** – As Jamie Horn gave the dates for the upcoming events, Linda Weaver said she was on board to carry the functions out. A new Congregation Care List is in the works and will be reported next meeting. **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE** - No report **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** - Pat reported to Session that the survey for a Men's Class has been received and there is an interest. The first Men's meeting is scheduled 8AM, September 28, 2025 in the Church Parlor to iron out all the details of the structure of a Men's Group whether it is a Devotional or Bible Study. **Session duly approved.** Pat stated the Church is in Medical equipment overload. Debbie Weems volunteered Tracy Weems to haul off unused equipment. Church will keep 1 wheelchair, 1 cane, and 1 walker as storage is

MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE – Debbie Weems reported Rev. Scott Nowack will present a sermon series on Faith the month of August. Dr. Ken Peters and Dr. Bill Poe, along with Rev. Carl DeLine are scheduled for Sunday services throughout September.

limited. Session duly approved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Pat stated that Fred Shin and Jamie Horn would be rotating off Session. A meeting is planned to select their replacements. She indicated there is a need for elder training and Rev. Brantley invited BPC to join St. Andrews in Marble Falls for a training session together.

OLD BUSINESS: SILER TRUST – The Charitable Trust declared by the judge is almost complete. We are waiting on the funds to be transfer to our account from former Trustee, Rockafellow Law Firm to First Financial Trust, Grant Seabourne, Trustee. As soon as the former holder completes his paperwork and we obtain an EIN number, and funds are wired to our account, BPC will have control, the Siler Trust expected to close within two weeks. Once the amount is known, it will be announced to the congregation.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**:

Cissy Butler would like to donate Pastor Robes to the Church. **Session duly approved.**The meeting adjourned and Rev. Brantley closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next meeting is September 16, 2025 at 5PM. Interviews for part time Pastor is scheduled for August 30, 2025, at 9:30AM.

#### The BB's Read Again Thursday, October 23 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall

#### Breakfast, Coffee, and Fellowship Served

We invite all, not just women or members of the church, but all joyful readers to attend the review of <u>The Lion Women of Tehran</u>, by Marjan Kamali.

Gathering begins at 9:30am and that means lots of chatter, pouring of coffee and eating. Eventually, talk of the book evolves.

Marjory Brown left but one instruction: make sure all who want to discuss the book get their chance. We do!

October is the meeting for choosing books for 2026 so bring your wish lists.

Please feel welcome, even if it is only for a "test drive" visit.

Most importantly, keep Priscilla Schaefer in your prayers.

### **Burnet Presbyterian Women**

September 8, 2025

Present: Charlsie Bremer, Katie Do, Danielle McDonald, Peggy Hammond, Marilyn Petrick, Cindy Sharpnack, Alice Anglin, Janie Howell, Kathy Frankum, Jamie Horn, Karen Brock, Cleo Dulls, Jane Zimmerman, Esther Morales, Pat Collins, Cissy Butler, Armour Shin and Nancy Harlow.

Eighteen women gathered in the Norris Building at 1:00 PM for the first PW meeting of the 2025-26 season. Pat provided scrumptious Apple Pie Bars and fresh coffee. Delightful!

At 1:30 Alice opened the meeting with prayer. Armour led us in our first lesson of Proverbs, Chapters 1-4 and 8-9. We are studying straight from the Bible this year. If our first lesson was an example, it will be a wonderful year of learning and discussing. Thank you, Armour.

Alice opened the business meeting with jocularity. Cindy reported that our spendable balance is \$1923.97 plus \$100.00 for bereavement for a total of \$2023.97. Correspondence included a Thank You note from LACare for our \$300.00 donation.

Alice reported the following information regarding Project CURE received from Jane Zimmerman:

July 14<sup>th</sup>, the following boxes were shipped to Project CURE:

1. 130 baby shirts, 17 baby caps, 1 bear \$16.30

2. 24 hospital gowns \$17.203. 11 flat sheets for room dividers \$18.55

4. 1 book of 20 stamps \$15.60 \$67.65

August 11<sup>th</sup>, the following boxes were shipped to Project CURE:

1.	24 hospital gowns	\$19.15
2.	24 hospital gowns	\$18.55
3.	20 hospital gowns	\$17.85
4.	1 book of 20 stamps (cards)	<u>\$15.60</u>
		\$71.15

There was no Old Business.

New Business: The Christian Women's Job Corp classes are in session, and they would like us to prepare a lunch. We chose Wednesday, October 22 and that was accepted by CWJC. Volunteers to bring food include Alice, Nancy H., Jane Z. and Janie.

The Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services luncheon benefiting the children of

PCHAS will be Friday, October 10 at noon at Hotel Viata, 320 S. Capital of Texas Hwy, Austin. This is a lovely lunch and a chance to hear how our mission dollars are used. We have 5 ladies attending and we can take 3 more thanks to Nancy H. and Carolee offering to drive. Please let me know by Friday morning, September 12 so that I can RSVP for the group.

Marilyn and Janie gave a brief report on their visit to Hope House in July.

Cindy reminded us that our treasury has \$1923.97 in spendable funds and suggested that we think about how we would like to spend that money. Several thoughts were offered, and we decided to bring it up next month after we have had time to think about it.

There being no further business, Alice closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Janie Howell, Secretary



Bill and Linda Weaver accepted a certificate and recognition on Monday, September 15, at the Burnet ISD Board Meeting on behalf of BPC for the donations of school supplies and undies.

#### **Peace and Global Witness Offering**



On **World Communion Sunday, October 5**<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate unity and diversity in the body of Christ, which is The Church. Peace and Global Witness Offering brings us together to pursue peace in our own communities and around the world. Our church will retain 25% of this offering to address **local** needs; 25% is retained by mid-councils to support peacemaking efforts at the **regional** level; and 50% supports peacemaking, reconciliation, and **global** witness of God's love through Jesus Christ our Lord. You may donate to this Special Offering on October 5<sup>th</sup>-October 12<sup>th</sup>. On checks, please make a note of the amount you would like directed to **P&GW**.

Colossians 3:15 "And let the Peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which you were indeed called in one body. And be thankful."

Submitted by Jamie Horn, Chair of Missions Committee

### **October Birthdays**

Oct. 11 - Lonnie Anglin
Oct. 11 - Armour Shin
Oct. 23 - Delaney Dawson

### Church and YouTube Attendance September 2025

Date	Attendance	YouTube	Total
Sept. 7	38	4	42
Sept. 14	34	4	38
Sept. 21	40	5	45
Sept. 28	40	5	45

#### **GAME DAY**

Members and friends of the church enjoyed Game Day on September 21<sup>st</sup>. After homemade French pizza and salad furnished by Bill and Linda Weaver, chicken spaghetti prepared by Nancy Allen, and cookies baked by Nancy Harlow, Jane Zimmerman, Cary West, and Linda Weaver, a fun time of Bingo was enjoyed. Winners were Cary West, Karen Brock, Nancy Harlow, Lonnie Anglin, Danny Harlow, Alice Anglin and 2 of the Anglin grandchildren, and Marilyn Petrick, Janie Howell won the grand prize! Bill Weaver was the Bingo caller. It was a fun time of fellowship!



John and Marsha Roberts performed a duet, John on the piano and Marsha on the oboe, for a special prelude at Sunday service, September 14.