



# Burnet Presbyterian Church

## Newsletter for March 2026

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## Meet Our New Secretary

**We are happy to let you know that our new church secretary, Brittany Loch, started work this week. Stop by the church office to say Hi!**

## Easter Egg-Stravaganza Lunch

Mark your calendar for Easter Sunday. Held in the new kitchen in the Norris Building.

### Sign Up Sheet Menu

Fried Chicken- Bill & Linda Weaver  
Mashed Potatoes -  
Baked Beans - Linda  
Corn/corn casserole-  
Mac and Cheese-  
Fruit Salad -  
Green Salad-  
Slaw-  
Deviled eggs (36)-  
Relish Tray -  
Texas toast -  
Desserts (need 3)-  
Tea, ice, plates, napkins, cups- Linda

Add anything else you wish to prepare.  
More the better. Feeding about 50 people.

Sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall or  
text Linda 7137057753.

Thank you awesome cooks so much. Linda Weaver, Hospitality Chairman

(Date subject to change if kitchen remodeling not complete)

## Carl Spinner Scholarships

Carl Spinner Scholarships are available to BPC members' grandchildren who are seniors graduating from high school and planning to attend college. Applicants must submit a one-page essay about college choice, intended major, and personal history to Pat at [pcollins14@verizon.net](mailto:pcollins14@verizon.net). Please email Pat for further info. Application deadline is March 15.

*Submitted by Pat Collins, Christian Ed  
Chair, 2026*

## One Great Hour of Sharing February 18 – April 5, 2026

Presbyterians have a history of working to build a more just, resilient, and sustainable future. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGOF), you are supporting the gifts and talents of people and communities all over the world and offering opportunities for partnership, learning and witness that profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

Brochures and contribution envelopes are in your church pew.

*Please give generously. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!*

## **Presbyterian Women**

February 9, 2026

Present: Alice Anglin, Nancy Harlow, Cindy Sharpnack, Fay Monast, Karen Brock, Peggy Hammond, Becky Buttery, Cissy Butler, Mary Richmond, Danielle McDonald, Katie Do, Armour Shin, Linda Weaver, Marilyn Petrick, Jane Zimmerman, Pat Collins and Janie Howell.

Seventeen women met in the Church Parlor for luscious brownies ala mode prepared by Pat Collins. Thank you, Pat!

Alice opened the meeting with prayer and Armour led us in our study of Proverbs. We discussed Chapters 19:1 through 22:17. As always, it was a lively discussion.

The business meeting began with jocular. Correspondence included an email from Jane Zimmerman detailing the latest mailing to Project Cure as follows:

72 hospital gowns 115 baby shirts  
10 flat sheets (room dividers)  
4 receiving blankets 3 baby caps

Total cost for shipping was \$93.40. Cindy Sharpnack pointed out that Jane had delayed shipping the items until after Christmas. We learned that the post office increases rates for the holidays. Thank you, Jane, for preparing the boxes and for being a good steward!

Cindy reported that the balance in our account as of January 31, 2026, is \$2189.55.

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

Alice thanked the ladies who prepared and brought lunch to the Christian Women's Job Corp on February 5.

Alice reminded the Lifetime Membership Committee that it was time to meet to select the Lifetime Member Award for 2026.

Members of the committee include Nancy Harlow, Karen Brock, and Alice Anglin who will be sitting in for Bette Roberts.

Janie mentioned that our church has adopted Quest High School for the 2025-26 school year. They are named each week on our Bulletin Prayer List. Marilyn and Janie will visit the school in the next few weeks to see if they have any specific prayer requests or other needs we can support.

There being no further business, Alice closed the meeting with our Friendship Circle and prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Janie Howell, Secretary*

## **NEWS FROM LACARE FOOD PANTRY**

The busyness of the LA Care Food Bank continues with a record day of 68 families representing 209 individuals in one 4-hour period! As a result, Director Lottie McCorkle will be purchasing more shopping carts and hand-held baskets for those coming in for bread and produce.

There have been several discussions regarding the layout of the shopping area which will lead to better use of our space. Initially, more shelves are being ordered and will be used as room dividers to accommodate access to more products. Spring Break is coming quickly, and LA Care has a policy of treating the children who come during this time to a special surprise - each child will receive a \$10.00 Gift Card to McDonald's. We began this practice last year, and the kids loved it!

At the end of each Board meeting, there is a time for each church representative to share any news. Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church announced that they will be having a Fish Fry each Friday during Lent until Holy

Week. Dinners are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children.

Thank you for saving bags and egg cartons! You can take a break from egg cartons this month, but please keep the bags coming! Thank you, as always, for all the ways you support this worthwhile and necessary project.

*Submitted by Janie Howell*

### **Important Dates for March**

Mar.8	Country Oaks, 3 pm
Mar.9	Presbyterian Women, 1:30pm Refreshments at 1pm
Mar.11	LACare Board Meeting, 8:45 am
Mar.17	Session Meeting, 5 pm Prayer Group every Monday at 10:30pm

## **JOHN KNOX RANCH**

Join us at CAMP!

Faith – Friendship – Fun in God’s Creation

- Resident camp

June- August, our overnight camp invites children to unplug, build confidence, and grow in faith.

- Day Camp

For ages 4-9, Day Camp is a weekday program (9am -3pm) filled with games, crafts, and learning.

- Family Camp

A weekend at camp where families come together for worship, play, and meaningful connection.

Check out Spring and Summer dates at [www.johnknoxranch.org](http://www.johnknoxranch.org)

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## **PRAYING FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS**

March 8 is International Women’s Day. In observation of this day, Open Doors, the ministry that helps persecuted Christians around the world, is featuring ways to pray for Persecuted Women. Listed below are some of their suggestions:

1. Your intercession is a lifeline – pray for Beatriz, a missionary in Central Mexico’s highly persecuted area known as the “Circle of Silence.” Ask God to protect her and her family.
2. Beatriz disciples a group of women who are discovering their identity in God. She asks: “Pray for the Circle of Silence, that one day we can call it the Circle of Hope.”
3. Intercede for mothers who are raising their children to love Jesus where faith is rejected. Pray for wisdom and patience.
4. Pray with women displaced from their homes. Ask God to fill them with peace when fear or doubt arises.
5. Lift up Open Doors ministry partners who work alongside persecuted women. Ask God to protect them as they serve God’s people.

([www.opendoorsus.org](http://www.opendoorsus.org))

*Submitted by Janie Howell*

## **BPC CALLED SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

DECEMBER 24, 2025

ELDERS: Class of 2027 Pat Collins; Class of 2027 Barry Dawson; Class of 2026 Debbie Weems; Class of 2025 Jamie Horn; Class of 2025 Fred Shin. Moderator: Rev. Ken Peters. Clerk of Session was absent. A quorum was present.

Rev. Ken Peters, Moderator, opened the meeting with a prayer.

**INTRODUCTION:** Pat Collins brought a recommendation to Session for hiring

Theresa Bailey as the new Church Secretary with a 90 day trial period.

Motion was seconded by Jamie Horn.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 6:30pm on a motion from Debbie Weems, seconded by Fred Shin.

*Submitted by Jane Zimmerman, Clerk of Session*

## **BPC CALLED SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

JANUARY 18, 2026

**ELDERS:** Class of 2027 Pat Collins; Class of 2026 Karen Brock; Class of 2028 Ron Petrick and Moderator, Rev. Ken Peters. A quorum was present. The meeting began at 10:20 a.m., after Sunday School and before the service. Minutes by Karen Brock.

Opening prayer by Rev. Ken Peters.

Called Session meeting for the purpose of approving Jane Zimmerman as Clerk of Session and having her ordained as an Elder the same day during church service.

## **BPC STATED SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

JANUARY 18, 2026

**ELDERS:** Class of 2026 Karen Brock; Class of 2028 Ron Petrick; Class of 2027 Pat Collins; Class of 2027 Barry Dawson; Class of 2026 Debbie Weems; Jane Zimmerman, Clerk of Session. A quorum was present.

**OPENING PRAYER:** - Rev. Ken Peters, Moderator, opened the meeting with a prayer.

**AGENDA:** Debbie Weems moved and Barry Dawson seconded to approve the agenda for the meeting. Motion passed.

**INTRODUCTION:** - None.

**SHARING OF CONCERNS OF CONGREGATION AND DEVOTIONAL:** -

Rev. Ken Peters gave the devotional.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** - Minutes of the January 4, 2026, congregational meeting were approved. The minutes of the called Session

meeting on December 14, 2025, are missing. Will have those for the next meeting.

Minutes for the December 24, 2025, that were taken by Debbie Weems were circulated to Session members. No action taken. Can be approved at next meeting.

**MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE:** Rev. Dick Spinner has been representing Burnet Presbyterian Church at these meetings. Rev. Peters will now attend these meetings. The next meeting will be January 22, 2026, at the Vanderveer Street Church of Christ.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** - Pat Collins. December report will be given at the February 2026 meeting.

**KITCHEN 2026 REPORT:** - Ron Petrick. Committee has been meeting, collecting and assembling bids for parts of the project. The funded budget amount is \$26,000. Total cost estimate is \$38,524.10. Unfunded amount \$12,524.10. Unfunded additional projects include vinyl plank flooring \$7,923.20. Debbie Weems moved and Karen Brock seconded to accept the report of the committee and seek additional financial help. Motion carried.

**SECRETARY POSITION:** Pat Collins and Karen Brock have been working on documentation of unsatisfactory attention to detail. Pat Collins, Karen Brock and Debbie Weems will meet with secretary 1/19/26 in follow-up.

**EVANGELISM:** - No report.

**MISSIONS:** - No report.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:** - Barry reported winterizing and will soon be followed by fertilizing.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE:** - No report.

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:** - No report.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** - No report.

**MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE:** - Debbie reported that Rev. Ken Peters would be preaching 2/8/26 and 2/15/26 and Rev.

Bill Poe would be preaching 2/22/26.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**: - No report.

**OLD BUSINESS**: - None.

**NEW BUSINESS**: - Committee Chairs for 2026 are as follows:

Building and Grounds: Barry Dawson

Christian Education: Pat Collins

Congregational Care: Karen Brock

Evangelism: Jane Zimmerman, Pat Collins  
committee member

Mission: Pat Collins

Stewardship: Ron Petrick

Worship & Music: Debbie Weems

Nominating: Barry Dawson.

The meeting closed with prayer led by Rev.

Ken Peters. Pat Collins moved and Karen

Brock seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Next meeting will be February 8, 2026, after church.

*Submitted by Jane Zimmerman, Clerk of Session*

### **Thank You Note**

Thank you to my Presbyterian Church family for your cards and prayers, and especially the lovely Ficus plant to honor Dick's passing. In Christ, Hilda