



Burnet Presbyterian Church

Newsletter for April 2026

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Upcoming Luncheon

Date to be announced.

To be 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. The more the better. Feeding about 50 people.

Sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall or text Linda at: 713-705-7753.

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

The BB's Read Again!

April 23, 2026

9:30 am

Somewhere in the church

The BB's will be discussing *The Ride of Her Life*, by Elizabeth Letts.

I don't remember who recommended this true story of a woman, her horse, her dog, and their last-chance journey from Maine to California, but oh boy, am I glad someone did.



In 1954 Annie is mostly family-less and penniless and has been given 2-4 years to live. Her doctor recommends that she could, as a charity patient, finish out her time in the charity rest home. Instead, Annie sells her multi-generational family farm for under \$60!!!!, buys a horse and with her little dog (no room for a map or the dog on this saddle) heads south and then west to California. . . . leaving out in November. Oh, and she has less than \$100 cash in her pocket. Much less. Along the way she occasionally meets kind people who offer her a place to sleep, and maybe a barn or a field for her horse to overnight. She also deals with highways and cars, no easy feat for an old woman riding a horse trailing a dog tied to a clothesline. Sometimes the animals take it upon themselves to take charge and get them all to safety.

Please come to discuss this book or hear the discussion, to enjoy (hopefully) Cinnamon Baked French Toast, bacon and coffee. Or just accept this book recommendation. We don't at this time know where we will meet due to the kitchen renovation, so head towards the scent of coffee.

Submitted by Pat Collins

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 (OGOS), 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!

Submitted by Janie Howell

Presbyterian Women

March 9, 2026

Present: Cissy Butler, Jane Zimmerman, Nancy Allen, Peggy Hammond, Marilyn Petrick, Cindy Sharpnack, Alice Anglin, Nancy Harlow, Janie Howell, Danielle MacDonald, Pat Collins, Charlsie Bremer, Katie Do, Karen Brock, Faye Monast, and Helen Tanner. Sixteen women met in the Norris Building at 1:00 PM for great coffee, cookies, and brownie bites courtesy of Pat. As always, it was a good time of fellowship

and food. At 1:30 Alice opened the meeting with prayer. Karen Brock, sitting in for Armour Shin, presented our lesson in Proverbs. We covered Chapter 22:18 through Chapter 24:34, whose pages were filled with wisdom.

Alice began the business portion of the meeting with jocularly. Cindy reported that the balance in our account as of February 28, 2026, was \$2447.55, which includes \$100.00 designated for bereavement dinners. Our spendable balance is \$2347.55. Cindy also reminded us to remember to contribute to the Fellowship of the Least Coin fund as our small change really does add up over time.

In October 2025, PW voted to contribute \$1000.00 to the church to purchase a tall commode for the last bathroom in the Norris Building. This project has been completed, and the cost was under \$1000.00. Pat, as Treasurer of BPC, asked if the PW wanted the balance or if we would want to add it to the kitchen project. After a brief discussion, Cindy moved and Janie seconded that the money be applied to the kitchen project. Motion carried.

Correspondence included a Thank You note from the Christian Women's Job Corp for providing lunch for the Spring class.

OLD BUSINESS: Marilyn and Janie will bring a tray of cookies to the staff at Quest High School on March 10. Thanks to Marilyn, Jane Zimmerman, and Janie for baking. The Grandparent Support Lunch is scheduled for March 30. Marilyn and Janie will provide sandwiches, Peggy will provide cookies, and the PW will purchase coleslaw and chips from HEB.

NEW BUSINESS: Alice reminded us about Donald Faucett Day on Saturday, March 28. BPC has volunteered to provide ten 9x13 frosted cakes for the Fish Fry lunch that will be served. To date, Alice, Nancy A., Nancy H., Katie, Peggy, Jane Z. and Janie H. have signed up. There is room for 3 more! Let Linda or Alice know if you can provide a cake, please. Thanks to everyone for helping out.

The PW Birthday Lunch is tentatively set for Sunday, May 17 after worship. Pat will get Session approval to be sure this is a good date.

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

It was a pleasure to welcome Rev. Ken Peters to the LACare Board meeting. The first order of business after introducing ourselves to Ken was to award the Volunteer of the Year plaque to Theresa White, a wonderful helper, who has picked up produce and bread from HEB every morning for many years. Teresa is retiring from that job now and Pat Shorter is taking her place. He is the Co-Volunteer of the Year.

The needs at LACare continue to grow. The number of new families registering tripled in February while the number of individuals more than doubled. We are serving 40 to 50 families each time we are open. On our busiest day in February, we served 60 families, which represented 168 people. We thank everyone who helps with this project – whether it is funds, groceries, or volunteer hours, we couldn't do it without you.

Submitted by Janie Howell

VISIT TO QUEST HIGH SCHOOL

You may have noticed that Quest High School appears on our Bulletin Prayer List every Sunday. Two years ago, the Ministerial Alliance of Burnet asked area churches to choose a school to adopt and pray for. At that time, Danny and Nancy Harlow's granddaughter, Kennedy, was a student at Quest and that connection, along with the fact that Quest and BPC are both small, made Quest a logical choice for our church. Each Monday we pray for the school in Prayer Group, and I hope some of you are praying through the Prayer List as well. The Prayer Group has sent an occasional card to the staff, but that was the extent of our participation.

It was decided in 2026 that we would visit the school and learn more about how we could pray for the staff and the students there. With a beautiful cookie tray furnished by PW, Marilyn and I set off to find Quest High School and speak with the principal. Shannon Meyer, Coordinator for Quest High School, welcomed us warmly and helped us understand Quest's goals for the students. She explained that each student comes to them with a different set of circumstances and needs, which is why the classes are small with individual attention given to each student. Students must be 16 or a sophomore to attend, and each is required to complete an entrance application to gain admittance.

When we asked how we could pray for the school, here are the guidelines that she gave us:

1. Pray that each student will feel valued.
2. Pray that the students will be able to resist temptation.

3. Pray that they will recognize good choices from bad choices and make the right choices.

Mrs. Meyer did not ask for prayers for the staff which tells you where their hearts are focused, but prayers will be appreciated. As we were leaving, Mrs. Meyer mentioned that her daughter had just started working as a Secretary at Burnet Presbyterian! Yes, Brittany Loch is Mrs. Meyer's daughter! How's that for a Holy Spirit moment?!
Submitted by Janie Howell

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 date at

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2025 Congregational Giving

The congregation of Burnet Presbyterian Church is a very giving congregation. In 2025, giving beyond pledges was quite extraordinary. Total outside giving (other

than to church funds) totaled \$12,299.53. Here is a breakdown:

• LACare	\$1,460
• Joy/OGHS/Peace	\$2,490
• Spinner Scholarship	\$2,350
• Texas Flood	\$550
• Thanksgiving	\$810
• PW	\$4,639.53

It is with thanks for God's gifts to us, that we are able to share these blessings, to share "our harvest", so to speak.

For 2026, Session budgeted ½ of the Siler Trust towards

Special Local Needs: \$32,774.13.

Evangelism/Missions will be researching those needs, meeting with local organizations throughout 2026 with the goal of getting the funds, as much as possible, directly to the end user. If you have knowledge of a person or family in need, this committee would welcome your input.

BPC CALLED SESSION MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2026 12:03 p.m.

Present: Class of 2028 Ron Petrick; Class of 2027 Pat Collins; Class of 2027 Barry Dawson; Class of 2026 Debbie Weems; Rev. Ken Peters, Moderator; Jane Zimmerman, Clerk of Session. A quorum was present.

Opening: Rev. Ken Peters, Moderator opened the meeting with a prayer. The purpose of the called meeting was to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2026, meeting, that had not been approved at the February 8, 2026 meeting. Debbie Weems moved and Barry Dawson seconded that the minutes of the January 18, 2026, meeting be approved. Motion passed. Moderator, Ken Peters closed the meeting

with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

March 1, 2026 11:59 a.m.

Present: Class of 2028 Ron Petrick; Class of 2027 Pat Collins; Class of 2027 Barry Dawson; Class of 2026 Debbie Weems; Class of 2026 Karen Brock; Rev. Ken Peters, Moderator; Jane Zimmerman, Clerk of Session. A quorum was present.

Opening: Rev. Ken Peters opened the meeting stating the purpose of the called meeting was to discuss the upcoming hiring of a church secretary. Pat Collins and Karen Brock gave a review of the applicants. Debbie Weems moved and Barry Dawson seconded to hire the applicant named Brittany Loch. Motion carried. Applicant will have a ninety-day trial period which will be followed by a review.

Moderator Ken Peters closed the meeting with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

BPC STATED SESSION MEETING

February 8, 2026 at 12:13 p.m.

PRESENT: 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; Rev. Ken Peters, Moderator; Jane Zimmerman, Clerk of Session. A quorum was present.

Opening: Rev. Ken Peters, Moderator opened the meeting with a prayer. Karen Brock moved, Debbie Weems seconded a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting as presented. Motion passed.

Sharing of Concerns of congregation and devotional: Prayer concerns for the Congregation including Cleo Dulls, Kay Lambert, Dawson family. Debbie Weems gave the devotional based on Ephesians

4:13. Ron Petrick will have devotional at March meeting.

Clerk of Session report: Minutes of December 7, 2025, have not been approved. This will be done after each Session member has seen the minutes. Motion made by Pat Collins and seconded by Barry Dawson to approve the minutes of the December 24, 2025 Called Session meeting that were taken by Debbie Weems. Motion passed.

Also, need to locate minutes for the ad hoc meeting held on January 4, 2026, to approve Jane Zimmerman as elder and Clerk of the Session.

Ministerial Alliance report: No report; Ken's wife Marilyn was in hospital and he was unable to make the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Collins gave report on the change in format of the Church Financial Report. The congregation will be given a three month window report. The 2025 financial report will be reviewed by Stewardship Committee at their February 21, 2026, meeting. Ron Petrick moved and Debbie Weems seconded for Pat Collins to contact accountant for an audit. The last audit was made at the end of 2024. Motion passed.

Building and Grounds: Barry Dawson and Ron Petrick reported on updates and progress made on the Fellowship Hall remodel project. Ron is optimistic about the project completion by Easter. Continued work coordination of demo team, carpenters, electrician, plumber. New appliances and cabinets will be delivered so they are ready for installation.

Christian Education: Pat Collins. Time to begin thinking about scholarships. Grandchildren of members applying for scholarships deadlines should check with Pat for due dates and information. If no grandchildren apply by March 31, open

scholarship(s) to BCISD seniors attending a trade school.

Congregational Care: No report.

Evangelism: No report.

Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing information brochures will be in pews and weekly reminders in church bulletins. Ash Wednesday, February 18 and Easter Sunday, April 5.

Stewardship: Ron Petrick reported that Stewardship Committee would meet 2/21/2026.

Personnel: Pat Collins and Karen Brock will schedule interviews for Church secretary.

Worship and Music: Debbie Weems reported dates for pulpit are filled through April 12th. Next meeting of the Worship and Music committee will be 2/16/2026 10:30 a.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Committee rearrangement for 2026:

Building and Grounds – Barry Dawson

Christian Education – Pat Collins

Congregational Care – Debbie Weems

Evangelism – Pat Collins, Jane Zimmerman

Mission – Pat Collins

Nominating – Barry Dawson

Personnel – Pat Collins, Karen Brock

Stewardship – Ron Petrick

Worship and Music – Karen Brock

2. Approve minutes of Stated Session meeting December 7, 2026. Debbie Weems moved, Barry Dawson seconded to approve minutes for the December 7, 2026 meeting. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Karen Brock moved and Pat Collins seconded that the meeting

adjourn. Moderator Ken Peters closed the meeting with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Important Dates for March

April 2	Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm
April 3	Good Friday Service @ New Life, 12 pm
April 5	Easter Sunday Service, 11 am
April 8	LACare Board Meeting, 8:45 am
April 13	Presbyterian Women, 1:30 pm Refreshments at 1 pm
April 14	Session Meeting, 5 pm
	Prayer Group every Monday at 10:30 am

Picture of the Sanctuary on Palm Sunday



Submitted by Linda Weaver