



# Burnet Presbyterian Church

## Newsletter for May 2026

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## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIRTHDAY OFFERING

The PW Birthday Luncheon and Offering is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 17, after worship, IF the kitchen is finished. The Birthday Offering has a long history of helping projects world-wide that better the lives of women and children. This year is no exception.

Below are brief outlines of the projects that will benefit from our generous contributions to this offering.

City Mission of Findlay Women and Children's Crisis Shelter, Findlay, Ohio - \$125,000. One of the services of Findlay Mission is Martha's Home, a haven of compassion and support for women and children in crisis. This Birthday Offering grant will include roof and window replacements, an upgraded water heater, and a new air conditioning unit.

Haywood Christian Ministry Rural Food Assistance Project, Waynesville, North Carolina -\$125,000. Haywood Christian Ministry believes that everyone deserves access to high-quality, healthy food. Their anti-hunger programs include a plan to have food where and when it is needed. The Birthday Offering grand will equip a commercial kitchen within the HCM hub, facilitating the preparation of food products

market to expand food access and reduce food waste.

We look forward to contributing to the Birthday Offering and helping to bring these projects to fruition. If you are writing a check, please make it to the PW Burnet, and note Birthday Offering on the Memo Line.

Thank you.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Janie Howell, Secretary*

## PW RECEIVES SERVICE AWARD FROM BCISD



Darlene Denton, pictured above at right, presented the 2026 Volunteers in Public Schools award to Burnet Presbyterian Women for their dedication to the Grandparent Support Group. Receiving the award on behalf of the PW were Janie Howell, Marilyn Petrick and Nancy Allen. Also pictured is Stacy Rush, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services.  
*Submitted by Janie Howell*

## **BPC to Give Invocation at School Board Meeting**

Burnet Presbyterian Church has been invited to give the invocation at the final school board meeting, May 18, 2026. A member of our church will deliver the invocation. It was requested that we pray for guidance of school board members in making decisions and for the safety of students, staff and faculty during summer break. This is another way in which BPC is stepping beyond church walls into the community to share the word of God and to listen to the needs of others.

## **Presbyterian Women Meeting Minutes**

April 13, 2026

**Present:** Armour Shin, Katie Do, Danielle McDonald, Mary Richmond, Becky Buttery, Faye Monast, Alice Anglin, Helen Tanner, Cindy Sharpnack, Marilyn Petrick, Peggy Hammond, Alice Gray Serralta, Jane Zimmerman, Cissy Butler, Nancy Allen, Charlsie Bremer, and Janie Howell. Seventeen women met in the Norris Building at 1:00 PM for absolutely decadent Best Ever Texas Chocolate Sheet Cake prepared by Pat Collins who also had great coffee hot and ready to enjoy! Thank you, Pat.

Alice opened the meeting with prayer requests and prayer at 1:30. Armour led us in an introduction of King Hezekiah, and we also studied Chapters 25-27 in Proverbs. After our traditional jocularities presented by Alice, we began our business meeting with the Treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$1872.98.

Correspondence included an Easter card from Pastor Carol Clarke, a thank you note from Erland Shultz from Hope House for our contribution of \$360.00 and an email from Jane Zimmerman noting the March 16 mailing to Project Cure in Houston as follows:

24 hospital gowns

110 baby shirts

12 baby caps

9 flat sheets used as room dividers

The cost of the mailing was \$53.05 and Jane thanked everyone who contributed to the boxes and the PW for paying the postage. Alice announced that the Christian Women's Job Corp is preparing a booklet of the recipes that have been served at the lunches to the Spring Semester. Nancy Allen has agreed to collect the recipes and get them to the Job Corp. If you prepared a dish for the Spring Semester, please send your recipe to Nancy soon as graduation is the end of April.

**Old Business:** Birthday Potluck lunch is tentatively set for May 17 pending the completion of the kitchen remodeling. Our offering at that time will be sent to two worthwhile projects. Read about them elsewhere in this newsletter.

### **New Business:**

It is time to select our Bible Study for the 2026-27 year. Cissy, Armour, and Pat will be considering the choices and will make a recommendation to the PW in the next month or two.

Fellowship of Church Women will meet on Thursday, April 30 at 2 PM in the Norris Building. It will be a meet and greet and sharing of each church's mission projects.

Faye announced that the Burnet County Fair will be June 12-13 at the AgriLife Building in

Burnet. Faye will be running the County Store at the Fair and would like some volunteers to sit with her during the days. Further information is posted on the Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall or you can call Faye at 512-234-0770.

The PW will provide lunch for the Grandparent Support Group on Monday, April 20. The menu is set and ready to go. The last lunch for the 2025-26 school year will be Tuesday, May 5. Since it is Cinco de Mayo, we will have a Mexican theme. If you would like to help with the May 5 lunch, please contact Janie or Marilyn.

Marilyn told us about the wonderful work that Weakday Ministries is doing for the children of Burnet. All the proceeds from the Divine 29 store on Hwy 29 go towards funding their projects. A brochure is posted in Fellowship Hall explaining the many ways Weakday Ministries help the children and ways you can help this worthwhile organization.

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 rising cost of almost everything continues to be reflected in the increased numbers of people needing food assistance from LACare. In the month of March, we saw 117 more families than we saw in March 2025!

Plans are underway to reevaluate our areas to provide better use of the existing space.

Lottie McCorkle, our director, learned that she could order milk through Dollar Tree at a reduced price. We are fortunate to have Lottie who is always open to different ways to serve the clients at LACare most efficiently. The Central Texas Food Bank conducted the annual site visit, and the only suggestion was to put a thermometer in the storage room.

We do have a pressing need regarding Central Texas Food Bank deliveries to our warehouse. CTFB has changed their route and are coming at 6:00 AM on one or two Tuesdays per month. Our need is for able-bodied people who are early risers and can lift heavy boxes. Lottie would like to have a list of people to contact when this need arises which would be separate from the regular volunteers. If you are a strong, early riser or if you know someone in your neighborhood who might fit this description, please let me know. It generally takes one to two hours to finish this task.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support LACare with time or funds. We couldn't do it without you!

*Submitted by Janie Howell*

## **BPC STATED SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

**March 17, 2026 at 4:57 p.m.**

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

**Opening:** Rev. Ken Peters, Moderator opened the meeting with a prayer. Pat Collins moved, Ron Petrick 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 Kay Lambert, Dawson family, Dick Spinner, Steve McCoy and his airmen, Rev. Ken Peters. Ron Petrick gave the devotional based on Mark 12:28. Barry Dawson will have devotional at April meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Pat Collins and seconded by Karen Brock to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2026 Called Session meeting that were taken by Karen Brock. Motion passed. Motion made by Karen Brock and seconded by Ron Petrick to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2026 Stated Session meeting. Motion passed. Motion made by Karen Brock and seconded by Ron Petrick to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2026 Called Session meeting. Motion passed. Motion made by Pat Collins and seconded by Debbie Weems to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2026 Called Session meeting. Motion passed.

**Clerk of Session report:** Read notes of thanks and acknowledgement from LACare, Helping Center Marble Falls, Stewardship and Funds Development for 2025 contributions and thanks from Hilda Smith for flowers after Dick Smith's passing. Notable dates were:

Elder Dick Smith passed away 1/27/26  
Training of newly elected elders 1/10/26,  
clerk 1/18/26  
Wedding of Mark Griggs and Danielle Graham in BPC 2/13/26  
Communion served by Rev. Ken Peters 3/1/26

**Ministerial Alliance report:** Ken Peters reported that the Good Friday Community Service will be April 3, 2026 at the New Life United Pentecostal Church. Time and details will be in the weekly bulletins.

**LACare Board meeting report:** Ken Peters reported that he attended the LACare Board meeting. Was very complimentary of the facility and its management.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat Collins reported that there was \$397 remaining from PW \$1000.00 donation to toilet/bars project. Motion by Ron Petrick seconded by Karen Brock to move this amount to the kitchen fund. Motion passed. The December 2025, January and February 2026 financial reports were reviewed and approved by the Stewardship Committee and will be in the April newsletter.

**Building and Grounds:** Barry Dawson reported some issues with the WIFI system. He will monitor it and also review the security system. Next project for the lawn is fertilizer and will have the sprinkler system checked before it is run. Other possible projects are a digital sign. Ron will explore.

**Christian Education:** Pat Collins reported two grandchildren applications received for the Spinner Scholarships. Funds are available for adding a third scholarship for Quest High School Trade school attendance. Pat Collins moved and Karen Brock seconded to provide these three scholarships. Motion passed. Pat also reported that effective 4/1/2026, the Disciples Class will stop collecting offering.

**Congregational Care:** Debbie Weems reported two subcommittees will be Bereavement, Alice Anglin chairman; Hospitality, Linda Weaver chairman.

**Evangelism:** Pat Collins reported a request from BCISD that the invocation for the May 18, 2026 School Board meeting be led by a representative from the Burnet Presbyterian Church. The PW Birthday lunch will be May 17 th after church. It will be Pot Luck and the annual PW Birthday Offering will be taken.

**Mission:** One Great Hour of Sharing

information brochures will be in pews and weekly reminders in church bulletins through Easter Sunday, April 5.

**Stewardship:** Ron Petrick reported that Stewardship Committee met 2/21/2026 and did make a 2025 review. Were complimentary of Pat Collins, Treasurer.

**Personnel:** Pat Collins and Karen Brock reported that Brittany Loch had been hired as new BPC secretary.

**Worship and Music:** Karen Brock reported that the committee met 2/23/26. Homilies will be led by church members on the fifth Sunday months, and possibly other Sundays if needed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Pat and Jane reported that the BPC 2025 Statistical report had been completed and submitted on 2/20/26. Karen Brock moved and Debbie Weems that the report be approved. Motion passed.

2. 2026 Kitchen Project update-Ron reported that some of the cabinets were damaged in shipping, and had to be reordered. Project cannot be completed by Easter as hoped.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Ron Petrick moved and Debbie Weems seconded to elect Pat Collins to serve as church Treasurer and Jane Zimmerman as Clerk of Session for 2026. Motion passed.  
2. Pat Collins moved and Debbie Weems seconded a member transfer of Danny Allen to Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton, N.J. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Moderator, Ken Peters closed the meeting with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

*Submitted by Jane Zimmerman,  
Clerk of Session*



Rev. Ken Peters delivered the sermon and presided over Communion on Easter Sunday at BPC. Submitted by Linda Weaver

## **BPC STATED SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

**April 21, 2026 at 5:02 p.m.**

**Present:** Class of 2026 Karen Brock; Class of 2026 Debbie Weems; Class of 2027 Pat Collins; Class of 2027 Barry Dawson; Class of 2028 Ron Petrick; 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, Pat Collins 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 Kay Lambert, Linda and Bill Weaver, Mary Richmond, Marsha Roberts. Barry Dawson gave the devotional based on Galatians 6:2. What can we do for others to help bear other's burdens. Karen

Brock will have the devotional at the May meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Karen Brock and seconded by Ron Petrick to approve the minutes with corrections of the March 17, 2026 Stated Session meeting.

**Clerk of Session report:** Read letter from Stewardship and Funds Development noting receipt of Christmas Joy Offering contribution on 2/5/2026.

Notable dates were:

Furnished 10 cakes for Donald Fawcett community scholarship fund raiser 3/28/26

One Great Hour of Sharing collection during Lent (2/18/26-Easter Sunday 2/5/26)

Communion served 4/2/26 Maundy Thursday Service, Rev. Ken Peters

Community Good Friday Service 4/3/26 Rev. Ken Peters read scripture

Communion served 4/5/26 Easter Sunday, Rev. Ken Peters

Country Oaks Assisted Living devotional led by Ron Petrick, Communion served by Rev. Dick Spinner 4/12/26

Burnet Consolidated Independent School District appreciation reception, BPC PW received Volunteer of the Year Award 4/14/26, for providing lunch for the Grandparents Support Group monthly during the school year.

**Ministerial Alliance report:** Ken Peters attended meeting and reported how well the ministers in the group worked together.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat Collins gave the March 2026 financial report. Building insurance will be

\$17,362 annual (paid quarterly), not including Workers Comp. Budgeted \$18K. Debbie Weems moved, Ron Petrick

seconded to approve the financial report. Motion passed. Treasurer will submit report for May newsletter.

**Building and Grounds:** Barry Dawson reported lawn fertilized, weed kill in places, weed eat in back of church. Outside lights were repaired by placing LED lighting in the sign and uncovering electric eye of another.

**Christian Education:** Pat Collins reported the committee will meet May 7, 2026. Two grandchildren applications received for the Spinner Scholarships. Funds are available for adding a third scholarship for Quest High School Trade school attendance. To date, no applications have been received from Quest High School. Some have been received from Burnet High School. Barry Dawson moved, Debbie Weems seconded that if no applications from Quest by the appointed date, to consider ones from BCISD that will be used for trade school be considered. Motion passed.

**Congregational Care:** Debbie Weems reported waiting on kitchen updates before further plans for Fellowship Hall are made.

**Evangelism/Mission:** Pat Collins reported that Ron Petrick will represent BPC in leading opening prayer for BCISD School Board meeting on May 18, 2026. Devotional time for Country Oaks Assisted Living was changed from 3 pm to 2 pm and resident attendance increased.

**Stewardship:** Ron Petrick reported no meeting since last Session meeting.

**Personnel:** Pat Collins reported that Secretary has failed to be at work in a timely manner, paying an appropriate attention to details and follow up.

**Worship and Music:** Karen Brock reported dates for ministers and homilies.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. 2026 Kitchen Project update-Ron reported on cabinets and oven arrival and installation. Updates on electrical plugs, options for flooring in kitchen, Fellowship Hall and History Hallway. Information about acoustic sound treatment options for kitchen and Fellowship Hall. Decision was made to have an outside contractor install the flooring instead of Lowe's installation service.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Ken Peters suggested that Session give thought to a mid-year Saturday event to think about activities and plans for the remainder of the year.

2. Time and method for Session minutes approval and path to BPC newsletter. In order for information from Session meetings to be more timely in newsletter, Ron Petrick moved and Pat Collins seconded that Clerk

prepare minutes, email to Session members for reading, additions, corrections, and the deadline for needed changes. Clerk will make any changes, will send corrected minutes to Session members with a deadline for approval. After return email of approval, Clerk will then email approved minutes to church secretary appear in the next month's newsletter. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Moderator, Ken Peters closed the meeting with prayer. Motion by Pat Collins seconded by Debbie Weems that meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

*Submitted by Jane Zimmerman,  
Clerk of Session*



Prayer Group meets every Monday at 10:30 a.m. Pictured: Nancy Allen, Karen Brock, Helen Pierson, Jane Zimmerman, Janie Howell, Cissy Butler, Alice Anglin, and Nancy Harlow. *Submitted by Karen Brock*