



Burnet Presbyterian Church

Newsletter for November, 2026

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WORLD COMMUNION CELEBRATION AND CHEERS TO REVEREND KEN PETERS

Following the October 4th Communion Services our congregation enjoyed a fantastic meal featuring foods from around the world. Many thanks go to the committee chair; Linda Weaver and those providing the dishes.



Linda Weaver



Rev. Ken Peters

Winners of the global feast selections are:

Best Global Main Dish – Iceland Boiled Shrimp, Linda Weaver. **Runners Up** – Italy, Lasagna, Nancy Allen and Switzerland, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Linda Weaver.

Best Side or Salad Dish – Korean Spinach Salad, Marie Ahn. **Runner Up** - Germany Speckbohnen, Cary West.

Best International Dessert – Puerto Rico Flan de Queso – Alice Gray Serralta. **Runners Up**-NY Cheesecake, Cissy Butler & Nell Newton and Italy Tiramisu, Cher Coleman

Important Dates for November

Nov. 1 All Saints Service	11:00 am
Nov. 1 Daylight Savings Ends	
Sunday School every Sunday	9:30 am
Prayer Group every Monday	10:30 pm
Nov. 8 Country Oaks Service	2:00 pm
Nov. 9 PW Meeting	1:30 pm
Nov. 11 Veterans Day	
Nov. 11 LA Care Board Mtg.	8:45 am
Nov. 14 PW Hill Country Fall Gathering Kerrville, TX	10:30 am
Nov. 15 Session Mtg.	12:00 pm
Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Lunch	12:00 pm
Nov. 22 Comm. Thanksgiving Worship 1 st Methodist Church	4:00 pm

BPC MISSION SEWING PROJECT

For 40 years, church members have been providing handmade items to Project CURE the largest provider of donated medical supplies and equipment to developing countries around the world.

Our contributions consist of adult hospital gowns, baby shirts; baby caps; receiving blankets; stuffed bears and privacy room dividers.

This year they have created and delivered 486 baby shirts; 336 hospital gowns; 76 baby caps; 4 receiving blankets, 25 bears and 23 room dividers. Hats off to Jane Zimmerman; Janie Howell, Helen Tanner, Charlsie Bremer, Denise Tanner, Carolee Frampton, Cleo Dulls, Peggy Hammond, Nancy Harlow and Alice Gray Serralta, for their time and talent. Thanks also, to all who donate shirts, fabric, notions and yarn

to this endeavor! If you know of someone who wants to donate supplies, please let Jane Zimmerman know.

WELCOME NEW BPC MEMBERS



Joey & Alice Gray Serralta

Terry Vetch

THE CLEANEST CHOIR ROBES EVER!

Alice Gray Serralta generously shared her time and talents with us in an unexpected way. She carefully treated and restored our choir robes and they now look better than ever. What a treat. Thank you, Alice Gray!

Burnet Presbyterian Women

October 12, 2026

Present: Armour Shin, Alice-Gray Shin Serralta, Janie Howell, Nancy Allen, Jamie Horn, Nell Newton, Cindy Harlow, Marilyn Petrick, Helen Tanner, Alice Anglin, Rachel Dawson, Kathy Frankum, Cissy Butler, Karen Brock, Jane Zimmerman, Charlsie Bremer and Cindy Sharpnack. The ladies of PW met in the Norris Hall for fellowship, friendship and delicious carrot cake made by Jane Zimmerman. Thank you so much, Jane!! Janie Howell, Senior Moderator, opened the meeting with a prayer and asked for any new prayer concerns. Armour Shin then led the group with an engaging discussion on the third and fourth chapter of Jesus the King by Timothy Keller. Following Bible Study, the business portion commenced with jocularly presented by Jamie Horn.

Treasurer's Report - Cindy Sharpnack, PW Treasurer, announced the most recent bank balance was \$1269.10.

Correspondence - Alice-Gray Serralta, PW Secretary, read two sweet thank you cards — one from outgoing PW Moderator Alice

Anglin, and the other from Mary Richmond, PW's most recent recipient of the Lifetime Member Award. Both cards were posted on the PW bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Janie Howell shared an email from Jane Zimmermann with the following total numbers from the Mission Sewing Project from:

October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026:

- 486 baby shirts
- 336 hospital gowns
- 76 baby caps
- 23 room dividers (flat sheets)
- 4 receiving blankets
- 25 bears

Thank you to all who donated shirts, fabric, notions, bias tape and yarn, prepared shirts for sewing, knitted and crocheted hats and bears and shared knowledge and importance of the Mission Sewing Program. And always a huge thanks to PW and of course, thank you Jane!!!

Janie Howell then shared a brochure concerning the PW Fall Gathering in Kerrville, Texas on November 14th and encouraged everyone to sign up to attend and carpool.

She also shared a brochure about a school/mission program in Pakistani (more on this in New Business).

Old Business - Christian Women's Job Corp — four PW members (Nancy Allen, Janie Howell, Jane Zimmerman and Nancy Harlow) served lunch to the Job Corp members on October 1st and they expressed what an enjoyable experience it was.

Grandparent Support Group — four PW members (Marilyn Petrick, Jane Zimmerman, Janie Howell and Nancy Harlow) served lunch on September 14th to local grandparents. This is such an important and valuable mission for PW and the community.

Janie Howell then talked about the luncheon held at the Junior League in Austin, Texas for the

Presbyterian Children's Home on Wednesday, October 7th. Several women from the group were in attendance and had a lovely time. The group discussed the importance of the Children's Home and in particular, how it has impacted certain members of our own church family.

New Business - It was announced that the next Grandparent Support Group lunch is Monday, October 19th and they will be serving a hotdog and bean casserole made by Janie Howell. Jane Zimmerman said she would provide the dessert, Helen Tanner would bring coleslaw and Nancy Harlow volunteered to bring Hawaiian rolls.

Nancy Allen announced that PW would serve Christian Women's Job Corp lunch on Tuesday, October 20th and invited any members to help with this wonderful cause.

Cindy Sharpnack, PW Treasurer, kindly reminded everyone to turn in their receipts and to make bookkeeping easier, try to ensure only items used for the program/event is on the receipt.

Treasurer's Report- Cindy Sharpnack handed out a copy of the proposed budget for the 2026-2027 year. After some discussion, it was decided to shift \$200 from the Grandparent Support Group fund to Project Cure and another \$200 to Christian Women's Job Corp. This would not increase the total budget amount. Jamie Horn moved and Nancy Allen seconded the motion to approve the amended budget.

Shipping for Project CURE sewing mission and postage for greeting cards	\$800
Graduation gifts for PCHAS students	\$100
Total approved pledges/giving budget for PW for 2027	\$2,560.00

Motion passed unanimously. Following the budget vote, the group discussed what to do with the \$150 slated for a charity to be agreed upon. Nancy Allen shared with PW about a group called PEB (Presbyterian Education Board). One of the services they provide is building security walls around schools in Pakistan so that children can learn in a safer environment. Helen Tanner suggested we hold onto the \$150 until next month and add to it any excess money in the budget to make a larger donation to a charity, possibly PEB. Janie Howell reminded everyone about Fellowship of Church Women being held on October 27th at 2:00 PM at the Methodist Church in Burnet. (This date has been changed from the original date of October 29th). She encouraged everyone to attend, as this is a group that has been in existence for many years and our presence is always appreciated. She also reminded everyone about the Fall Gathering on November in Kerrville and reported that as of now, 7 ladies are potentially going in two cars. There being no further business, Janie closed the meeting with the Friendship Circle and Closing Prayer. Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 9 at 1:00 PM.

Submitted Alice Gray Shin Serralta

Presbyterian Women of Mission Presbytery	\$120
LA Care	\$300
Burnet Meals on Wheels	\$120
Hope House	\$360
Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS)	\$360
BCISD Grandparent's Support Group Lunches	\$200
Christian Women's Job Corp of the Highland lakes/Burnet Lunches	\$200

MANY THANKS TO ALICE ANGLIN



Clay Hunt and Alice Anglin

On October 4th, the congregation expressed its gratitude and appreciation for Alice Anglin's years of contribution to the Presbyterian Women. Alice is stepping down from her role as Moderator and is now Honorably Retired. She accepted gifts accompanied by her grandson, Clay Hunt.

NEWS FROM LA Care

If you have thought about volunteering to serve LA Care for a 2-hour shift each month, as of October 14, there were two Monday positions open. LA Care is open most Mondays from 2PM to 6 PM. Please call Lottie McCorkle if you are interested at 512-756-4422. A recent accident on Highway 29 caused a surge and power outage at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church. Surge protectors have been installed at the church and, since LA Care has so many refrigerators and freezers and is located on the same property as the church, it was suggested that we get a surge protector also. The Board voted to approve the purchase of a surge protector, and it will be installed ASAP. Approval has been obtained for LA Care to give professionally processed wild game to its clients. The clients really enjoy receiving

venison in the winter months. If you would like to share part of your wild game that has been professionally processed, please contact Lottie at the above number. As always, Burnet County has many families who need help with their groceries, and we appreciate all the ways you help fill that need. Thank you!

Submitted by Janie Howell

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: SARAH'S HOUSE

Dear friends at First
Presbyterian Church,
We want to say thank
you so much for your
generosity to us at
Sarah's House.
We so enjoyed our
dinner and our time with
Pat Collins, she is a
beautiful lady inside & out!
We look forward to
getting to know more
of you in the coming
future. God Bless
you all.
Meriam
Micah Judy Parrish

Sarah's House opened in Burnet in July 2024, for the purpose of preparing young mothers with young children to get on their feet both spiritually and responsibly, to lead productive and self-sufficient lives. The goal is to give a hand up, rather than a hand-out. The actual house is located on Hwy 281, in front of Hill Country Fellowship Church. It is an older home which was totally renovated by HCF; there are 5 bedrooms for mothers and their children,

plus a 6th bedroom on the opposite end of the house for the House Mom

Sarah's House was the longtime dream of Sarah; Sarah and her husband are parents of 5 children of their own. Sarah's mother, Judy Parish, is the current house mom. In order to be accepted into Sarah's House, the mother must have a Life Plan. She cannot be a recovering addict of any kind and no male friends are allowed. Due to state licensing requirements, mothers must be between the ages of 20-36; children cannot be over 6 years of age. The Life Plan becomes the contract and bench-marker between the mom and SH Board. Mother's must attend a church and a Bible Study program weekly. They must work, apply for WIC, SNAP and Medicaid. While the mom is working or going to school, HCF provides day care for children up to 4 years of age; after that, they are enrolled in BCISD early school programs. Mothers are required to meet the benchmarks of their Plan as well as the house rules; if not, demerits are EARNED, not given. Demerits can be un-earned but if three demerits are earned with no attempt to learn, that mother is out the door. The Board has a wise motto: They (meaning the mothers) must want it more than we do (volunteers)".

The first mom to come through Sarah's House is now teaching math at BCISD. While in the program, she completed her last 2 years of college to become a teacher. She married a man whom she met at the required Bible Study; they are expecting their first child together. It takes about \$100,000 annually to operate Sarah's House. Many local businesses and churches support the House, including Burnet Presbyterian. Burnet Presbyterian is currently assisting by taking moms, their children and the House Mom out to dinner, using Local Needs

funds. If anyone would like to be a host, please get in touch with Pat Collins.

The Evangelism/Mission Committee is working with Sarah's House Board to identify other ways BPC can offer financial support.

Please keep Sarah's House, the moms and children and the volunteers in your prayers.

Submitted by Pat Collins



The PW provided lunch for the Christian Women's Job Corp. on October 1st. Pictured with Jesus are Janie Howell, Nancy Harlow and Nancy Allen.

PRAYING FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

As you know, Open Doors is an organization that supports persecuted Christians worldwide. As a supporter of this organization, I receive a bi-monthly newsletter as well as a Prayer Calendar which offers daily suggestions for specific countries and situations in those countries.

Here are prayer requests from various countries in Africa and Cuba:

Sub-Saharan Africa: Pastor Josiah lost his wife and three sons in extremist attacks in Nigeria. He asks us to pray this prayer with him: **“Lord, be our encourager....be ever close to us.”**

Burkina Faso: Pray with Nathalie whose husband was killed in an extremist attack on her village: **“Pray for me to be able to provide for my kids.”**

Sub-Saharan Africa: **Pray for perseverance for all trauma care workers in Open Doors-supported Shalom Trauma Center. Pray for their well-being as believers share their traumatic experiences.**

Cuba: **Praise God with Pastor Abdiel today.** He serves a rural mountainous area where communities are scattered. Your support provided a motorcycle, allowing him to minister to multiple churches. Thank you!

From all countries: **Pray that the world will wake up, care about and act against the ongoing violence and injustice that permeates the lives of our persecuted families.**

Submitted by Janie Howell

Carolee Frampton, Cindy Sharpnack, Janie Howell, Nancy Harlow, Helen Tanner and Marilyn Petrick attended the PCHAS fall luncheon titled “Hope Outshines Hardship” in Austin on October 7th, 2026.

BURNET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION MINUTES

October 20, 2026 at 5 p.m. Church Library
Present: Class of 2026 Karen Brock; 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, Karen Brock seconded a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting as presented. Motion passed. Sharing of **Concerns for the Congregation**: Prayer concerns for the Congregation including Lonnie and Alice Anglin, Peggy Hammond, Terry Vetch, Guy Stuart, Pat Collins, Rev. Ken Peters. Ron Petrick gave the devotional based on Matthew Chapter 14. Karen Brock will have the devotional at the November meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 15, 2026 Stated Session meeting were approved by email and sent to the church office 9/21/26 for the October newsletter. The minutes of the September 20, 2026 Called Session meeting were approved by email and sent to the church 9/21/26 for the October newsletter.

Clerk of Session Report: Cards of thanks from the Bronaugh Family, John Roberts and Erland Schulze were read. Notable dates: Stated Session Meeting 9/15/26 Moderated by Rev. Ken Peters. Called Session Meeting 9/20/26 Moderated by Rev. Ken Peters. Communion served 10/4/26 by Rev. Ken Peters. Country Oaks Assisted Living devotional led by Ron



Petrick. Communion served by Rev. Dick Spinner 10/11/26.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Collins gave the September 2026 financial report. Ron Petrick moved, Barry Dawson seconded to approve the financial report. Motion passed. Treasurer will submit report to the church office for the November newsletter.

Ministerial Alliance Report: Rev. Peters reported that they would be meeting the following week.

Building and Grounds Report: Barry Dawson reported batteries had been replaced in monitoring devices, will replace sensor for utility room and add smoke alarm for kitchen.

Christian Education: Pat Collins reported no changes at this time.

Congregational Care: Thanksgiving lunch will be November 22, and Hanging of the Greens/ Soup Supper will be December 2.

Evangelism/Mission Report: Pat Collins reported the contact with Sarah's House went well, and hopes for future plans. Committee recommends that church donate 100 \$100 HEB cards to Ministerial Alliance for distribution at Christmas time.

Nominating Committee: composed of Barry Dawson, Cary West and Jane Zimmerman. Barry presented the nominees: Elder Class of 2029: Kathy Frankum, Linda Weaver Nominating Committee: Bill Weaver, first year of three Names of nominees will be presented at the Congregational meeting in December.

Personnel Report: None.

Stewardship Report: Ron Petrick reported timeline as follows: Pledge/Time and Talent forms have been distributed either by hand or by mail and asked that they be returned by November 8th. Stewardship Committee will meet Nov. 14th to finalize 2027 budget with pledge data; present budget to Session at Nov. 15 meeting; then to congregation at Congregational meeting in December.

Worship and Music Report: Advent Season includes Hanging of the Greens on December 2, at 5 p.m. followed by soup supper. For future Communion, discussed options of loaves or pre-cut squares of bread. Session opinion, keep the pre-cut squares of bread.

Unfinished Business: One of the large print hymnals has arrived and was circulated for Session members to see.

New Business: Ron Petrick mentioned options for serving Communion at Country Oaks Assisted Living in the event that Rev. Dick Spinner cannot.

Next meeting will be Sunday, November 15, 2026, after worship services. Karen Brock moved that meeting be adjourned. Moderator, Ken Peters closed the meeting with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.