



Burnet Presbyterian Church

Newsletter for October 2026

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Presbyterian Woman 2026 Lifetime Membership Awarded

Mary Richmond came to us from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Bertram and has served for many years in numerous capacities within our congregation. As church secretary; working on the library's 75th anniversary; a Session member chairing the Mission Committee and as Treasurer of the Presbyterian Women, Mary has contributed much to our church family. On Undie Sunday's she delivered all the collected items to the school. Mary's thoroughness, attention to detail and hard work has been invaluable to Burnet Presbyterian. Our 2026 honored woman enjoys mahjong and is very involved in the Daughters of the American Revolution.



Important Dates for October

Oct. 4 Communion Service	11:00 am
Oct. 4 World Communion Lunch	12:00 pm
Oct. 4 Piano Concert	2:00 pm
Bible Study every Sunday	9:30 am
Prayer Group every Monday	10:30 pm
Oct. 7 Presb. Children's Home & Services Luncheon	12:00 pm
Oct. 9 1 st Lutheran Lunch	11:00 am
Oct. 11 Country Oaks Service	2:00 pm
Oct. 12 PW Mtg. & Bible Study	1:00 pm
Oct. 20 Session Meeting	5:00 pm
Oct. 22 BB's Book Club	9:30 am
Oct. 27 Fellowship of Church Women	2:00 pm

Burnet Presbyterian Women

September 14, 2026

Present: Helen Tanner, Kathy Frankum, Cindy Grant, Cindy Sharpnack, Nell Newton, Jamie Horn, Cissy Butler, Mary Richmond, Rachel Dawson, Karen Brock, Nancy Allen, Alice Serralta, Nancy Harlow, Jane Zimmerman, Charlsie Bremer, Armour Shin, Linda Weaver, Marilyn Petrick and Janie Howell.

Nineteen women met in the Norris Hall for fellowship and yummy chocolate cake and coffee provided by Pat Collins. Thank you, Pat! In Moderator Alice Anglin's absence, Janie welcomed the ladies and opened the meeting with prayer. Armour led us in the first two chapters of Jesus the King by

Timothy Keller, which is a study of the Book of Mark and includes a workbook.

Janie opened the business meeting with jocularity. Cindy Sharpnack, Treasurer, reported that all pledges voted on in 2025 have been paid. The total of the Birthday Offering was \$1240.00 which has been sent to the PW in Mission Presbytery. Our account balance is \$1131.64.

Correspondence by mail:

1. Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services card in recognition of our support for 20+ years.
2. Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services luncheon on Wednesday, October 7 at the Jr. League of Austin.
3. A flyer from Christian Women's Job Corp regarding Fall and Spring lunches
4. A flyer from Mo Ranch with info on the Mo Ranch Spring Gathering

Correspondence by E-mail:

Jane Zimmerman reported the following items were mailed to Project Cure on August 24. Many thanks to Tracy Weems who picked up the boxes from Jane's and took them to the P.O.

3 boxes of hospital gowns totaling 72 gowns
1 box of 100 baby shirts and 35 baby caps
Total paid in postage was \$82.75

Many thanks to Jane and the sewing/crafting ladies who fill these boxes and thanks to Tracy for helping with the heavy lifting.

Old Business: Karen Brock, recipient of the P.W. Woman of the Year for 2025, presented the 2026 P.W. Woman of the Year honor to Mary Richmond who was totally surprised!

New Business: It is with understanding and regret that we announce that Alice Anglin, our Moderator for many years, has retired. Our business now is to move forward and select a new slate of officers. Alice will remain as Moderator Alice Anglin, HR and will be available to answer questions and help when she can.

After much discussion, our slate of officers is as follows:

Moderator Alice Anglin, HR
Janie Howell, Senior Moderator
Rachel Dawson, Junior Moderator
Alice Serralta, Secretary
Cindy Sharpnack, Treasurer

Volunteers for other responsibilities in PW are as follows;

Jocularity – Jamie Horn
Opening Prayer – Rachel Dawson
Christian Women's Job Corp – Nancy Allen
Grandparent Support Group – Marilyn Petrick, Jane Zimmerman, Nancy Harlow, and Janie Howell
Special Events and Dinners – Linda Weaver

Mary Richmond moved and Karen Brock seconded that we accept this slate of officers. Motion passed unanimously. (You can see how many people it takes to do what Alice has been doing!)

Linda reminded us of our World Communion Sunday when we will join Christians around the world to celebrate the Lord's Supper. We will also have an International Lunch AND a piano recital by John Roberts at 2 PM!

Marilyn gave a brief report on the Grandparent Support Group for which we brought lunch today. The meeting was wonderful and heartfelt. Tony Hefferin, the Burnet Chief of Police, gave a talk on keeping our children and our elderly citizens safe from harm.

There being no further business, Janie closed the meeting with our Friendship Circle and Prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,
Janie Howell, Secretary*

The BB's Read Again

October 22, 2026 9:30 am

The Last Restaurant in Paris Paris 1944.
To save her people, she served the enemy.

In enemy-occupied Paris, as the locals go to bed starving and defeated by the war, music and laughter spills through the door of a little restaurant, crowded with German soldiers. The owner Marianne moves on weary feet between its packed tables, carrying plates of steaming, wholesome food for the enemy officers. Her smile is bright and sparkling, her welcome cordial. Nobody would guess the hatred she hides in her heart for the final time. In the morning, the windows are scratched with the words 'traitor and murderer'. And Marianne has disappeared without a trace.

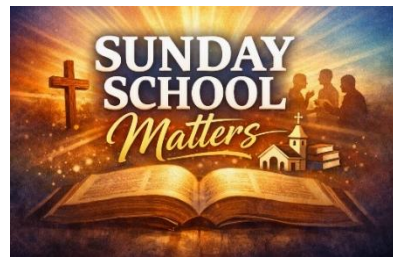
When Marianne's granddaughter Sabine finds a passport in a hidden compartment in the water-stained walls, with a picture of a woman who looks like her grandmother but has a different name, she knows there must be more to Marianne's story.

A haunting and compelling story of love, strength, and sacrifice in Nazi-occupied Paris as one brave young woman risks everything to save the lives of those around her. Fans of *The Nightingale*, *The Paris Library* and *The Alice Network* will lose their hearts to *The Last Restaurant in Paris*.

Hope to see you October 23, 9:30 am, for coffee, breakfast and lots of discussion

The Importance of Attending Sunday School

Sunday School is more than a class—it's one of the ways God shapes us, strengthens us, and anchors us in His Word. Scripture reminds us that spiritual growth doesn't happen by accident; it happens when we



intentionally place ourselves where God's truth can reach us. Sunday School is one of the quiet engines of spiritual growth

in the church. It doesn't always feel dramatic, but it is deeply biblical and deeply formative.

1. Sunday School roots us in God's Word

Spiritual strength comes from Scripture, not from feelings or routines.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. — Psalm 119:105

Sunday School gives us the steady, week-by-week exposure that keeps our path to discipleship.

2. Sunday School builds relationships that sustain faith

Faith grows best in community.

Encourage one another and build one another up. — 1 Thessalonians 5:11

In Sunday School, people learn each other's names, burdens, stories, and victories. That kind of fellowship can't happen in a quick worship service alone.

3. Sunday School strengthens the whole church

A church is only as strong as its discipleship.

"Teach them to observe all that I have commanded you." — Matthew 28:20

Teaching is not optional — it's part of the Great Commission. Sunday School is one of the church's most faithful ways of obeying Jesus' command.

4. Sunday School prepares hearts for worship

When people come from a Bible-centered class into the sanctuary, their hearts are already warmed, focused, and ready to receive.

It's like spiritual "pre-tilling" of the soil so the seed of the Word can take deeper root.

5. Sunday School gives every believer a place to grow

No matter the age, background, or Bible knowledge, Sunday School creates a place where anyone can learn, ask questions, and be discipled.

Attending Sunday School is an act of spiritual availability. It says to God, "I'm

here. Teach me, I want to Grow, Use me." When we show up, He shows up—and He works in ways we often don't expect. and God honors that desire.

WORLD COMMUNION LUNCHEON

Join us on October 4th, World Communion day for an international meal! Members have volunteered to bring over 20 dishes originating in Italy, England, Japan, Bavaria, Alaska, India, Puerto Rico and more!

We will also be celebrating Reverend Ken Peters contribution as lead Pastor!

Let's make this a great celebration of fellowship! If you have questions, contact Linda Weaver at 713-705-7753.

THANKYOU CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you all for the cards, texts, calls and visits while I was in the hospital and undergoing rehabilitation at the Oaks. Alice and I are so thankful for such a wonderful church family

Lonnie Anglin

Thankyou for all the cards, phone calls, text messages and prayers during my accident and recovery. I'm working hard to get back to you all!

Love

Peggy Hammond

SESSION MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2026 at 5:04 p.m., Church Library

Present: 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. **Ron Petrick moved, Barry Dawson 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 Lonnie and Alice Anglin, Peggy Hammond, Terry Vetch. Jane Zimmerman gave the devotional provided by Karen Brock based on John 13:35, supplied by Bill Graham. Ron Petrick will have the devotional at the October meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the August 18, 2026 Stated Session meeting were approved by email and sent to the church office for the September newsletter.

Clerk of Session report: Card from Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services recognizing BPC as a supporter for more than 20 years.

Notable dates:

Stated Session Meeting 8/18/26
Moderated by Rev. Ken Peters

Communion served 9/6/26 by Rev. Bill Poe

Country Oaks Assisted Living devotional led by Nancy Allen, Communion served by Rev. Dick Spinner 9/13/26

Funeral for Joyce Bronaugh, (widow of former pastor Bert Bronaugh) on 9/13/26 in Buda, Tx. Called Session meeting after worship 9/20/26 to meet with prospective new members.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Collins gave the August 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 October newsletter.

Ministerial Alliance Report: No meeting in August.

Building and Grounds: No report.

Christian Education: Pat Collins reported no changes at this time. Dates for devotionals at early Sunday School are filled.

Congregational Care: Debbie Weems reported World Communion Sunday, October 4. Worship followed by a Global Feast Lunch in the Fellowship Hall and John Roberts concert at 2 p.m. Thanksgiving lunch will be November 22nd.

Evangelism/Mission: Pat Collins reported committee decided to support the following local organizations in September using funds from Local Needs budget.....Vet Rides, Hope House, Burnet Boys and Girls Club. In addition, the committee will sponsor an eat

out or order out dinner for Sarah's House residents. Details to follow.

Nominating: Barry reported committee composed of Barry Dawson, Cary West and Jane Zimmerman will meet before October Session meeting.

Personnel: No report.

Stewardship: Ron Petrick reported timeline as follows: hand out/mail Pledge/Time and Talent forms (Oct.18th); return pledge and time and talent forms by Nov. 8th; Stewardship Committee meeting Nov. 14th to finalize 2027 budget with pledge data; present budget to Session at November meeting; then to congregation at Congregational meeting sometime in December. (Note that the Time and Talent form contains a new format).

Worship and Music: Plans for John Roberts' concert 2 p.m., following World Communion luncheon on October 4. At least one announcement will appear in local papers. Advent Season includes Hanging of the Greens on December 2, at 5 p.m. followed by soup supper. Individuals or families will be scheduled to light the Advent candles. Christmas Eve service. In the spring of 2027, Worship and Music plans to have a series of concerts. Rev. Ken Peters updated the committee on the reconfiguration of the pastors' duties after Ken's contract ends October 31.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. The need for a large print hymnal to be used by a member during worship was

discussed. **Pat Collins moved, Ron Petrick seconded to order three copies of large print hymnals. Motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Debbie Weems introduced a discussion of building use for outreach activities. Need to locate the building use policy and guidelines or create a draft of such to be considered at the next Session meeting.

2. Ken outlined new arrangements and preaching schedule for the remainder of 2026. Salary adjustments for these new arrangements are being discussed with the Stewardship and Finance Committee. **Ron Petrick moved and Pat Collins seconded to accept the report and new arrangements for preaching schedule. Motion passed. Barry Dawson moved and Ron Petrick seconded approving the compensation adjustments for new preaching schedule through the end of 2026. Motion passed.**

Planning for 2027, with the expectation that a third pastor can be found for the preaching rotation, Bill Poe will preach twice a month, Ken Peters once a month, and the third pastor once a month. Bill Poe will moderate the Session and Ken Peters will do pastoral care.

3. Due to the fact that Pat Collins has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will be undergoing treatment, there was discussion about how to offload some of her responsibilities. This was tabled until the October meeting.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Debbie Weems moved that meeting be adjourned. Moderator, Ken Peters closed the meeting with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Zimmerman

NEWS FROM LA CARE FOOD PANTRY

LA Care continues to serve more families each month. In the month of August, we served 393 more individuals than we did in August 2025, for a total of 1764! The good news is that the remodeling is complete, and there is more room for the increase in numbers.

To be as efficient as possible, LA Care is hosting the area Hunger Alliance for a round table discussion on Thursday, October 15 in the newly remodeled facility. This is an opportunity for each food bank to share ideas. The food banks continue to share excess food with each other so that everyone may receive the freshest food.

LA Care began with a group of mainline churches over 40 years ago, and the Board members were the pastors of those churches along with a lay representative. As most of the mainline churches have dwindled, so has participation at the Board meetings. A committee has been formed to review the By-laws and understand the requirements to serve on the Board. If you would be interested in serving, please let me know.

Once again, thank you for contributing your resources and time to this very important outreach in our community. We truly couldn't do it without you!

Submitted by Janie Howell

CALLED SESSION MEETING

September 20, 2026 12:04 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 opened the meeting with prayer. Joey and Alice Gray Serralta were also in attendance. Ken Peters stated the purpose of the called meeting was to visit with Joey and Alice Gray as prospective members of the church. Following a discussion, **Debbie Weems moved and Pat Collins seconded to approve and welcome Joey and Alice Gray as members by affirmation of faith to the Burnet Presbyterian Church.** Motion passed.

Moderator, Ken Peters closed the meeting with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Zimmerman