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*Newsletter for January 2022*

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As this newsletter goes to print, Pastor Josyph is undergoing shoulder surgery. From the Desk of the Pastor will return to this space in February.



## **\*\* PW CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Thirty-one women gathered at High Noon on Monday, December 13 for the Presbyterian Women's Christmas Party at the lovely home of Armour Shin. God smiled on us by providing gorgeous warm weather and plenty of sunshine. The atmosphere was especially merry and bright

since we were unable to have our 2020 Christmas party due to COVID-19.

Moderator Alice Anglin thanked Armour for once again hosting. Alice also reminded us that we had one item of unfinished business. At the November meeting, Jamie was tasked with contacting the Crisis Center to discuss their needs as we had \$500.00 to distribute. Jamie was unable to reach anyone at the Center. After a short discussion, it was decided that we send the \$500.00 to Joseph's Hammer. Peggy Hammond motioned and Janie Howell seconded that we send the \$500.00 to Joseph's Hammer. Motion carried.

After a blessing delivered by Armour, it was time to eat! The feast was beautiful as well as plentiful – we are very good cooks! While we all enjoyed feasting and our table talk, the real fun was just around the corner.....The White Elephant Exchange!

The exchange started pleasantly enough, but after several gifts were unwrapped, some people just could not contain their





mischievous side and the stealing began! It does seem appropriate that one of Armour's paintings titled Rahab should be stolen 3 times! Other popular items for stealing included a beautiful Christmas table runner and pillow, candles, and several pounds of shelled pecans! It seemed that Alice and Peggy could not keep a gift for very long before it was stolen. All in all, it was a great gift exchange!

A word about attire: While everyone was dressed in their Christmas finery, it should be noted that Betty Carpenter and Marsha Spinner took the festivities to new heights with the addition of antlers on their heads!! They brought a new sense of fun to our party and I have an idea that we will see more antlers next year – maybe a Santa hat or two! Who knows?

We did remember that the reason for our party was a gift to the Red Stocking which will help support our many

contributions throughout 2022. Our grand total for the day was \$1,491.00! Thank you to everyone who contributed, but remember that if you didn't have an opportunity at the party, you can still make a contribution. The more we collect – the more we can give😊

ONE MORE THING: One of the joys of actually being together and visiting face to face is that we get to know each other better. So it was that Debbie Weems and I had a chance to chat and it came to light that her aunt, Reverend Rebecca Whitaker, was serving as the pastor of Highland Presbyterian Church in El Paso when my family lived there. Rebecca presided over my ordination as Elder, baptized my granddaughters, Natalie and Katie, AND married Carolee and Travis! Debbie's family



Thank you for all the calls, food, and prayers. Please continue to pray for my speedy recovery.  
Sue Hosterman



also has ties to Jordan Everett, a long-time member of BPC. You can read about that connection in the article below!

Our next PW meeting will be January 10 in the Norris Building – coffee time begins at 1-ish – the meeting starts at 1:30 when Armour will lead us in Chapter 4 of our Horizon Bible Study. Until then, we wish you the Merriest Christmas and Blessings of Health and Peace in the New Year.

*Janie Howell, PW Secretary*

### **IT'S A SMALL WORLD!**

At the PW Christmas Party Debbie Weems mentioned that her grandfather had a connection to our long- time member, Jordan Everitt, through the Western Auto Store in Burnet! Below is the history to this amazing story:

"My grandfather, Laurence (Jack) Jackson decided during WWII that a Western Auto would be a good investment after the war. He partnered with Andy Miller to bring the first Western Auto to Burnet. He also opened Home Furniture on the square.

Grandad worked in Austin as an executive with American Founders Life Insurance during the week, and would come to Burnet every Saturday to do the books for both stores, getting home in time to be an elder at University Avenue Church of Christ in Austin.

Andy went on to run the furniture store and Grandad brought in Jordan Everett for the Western Auto. They were childhood friends from Lampasas. He brought in Francis Farquhar to take over the furniture story when Andy moved to Marble Falls.

My dad, Larry Jackson, and uncles all have great memories of Fry's Drug Store's comic book selection and the double feature at Burntexas Theater. My grandfather passed away in March, 1960, and my grandmother,

Ruth Jackson, continued to "keep the books" well into the 1980's. I remember going to the Everett's lake house as a child and also getting my first bike from Western Auto...purple with a glitter seat!

*Submitted by Debbie Weems*

### **\*\* LACare Update**

After many years of serving as the Burnet Presbyterian Church's representative to the LA CARE Board, Hap Zimmerman has retired from his duties. We thank Hap for his years of dedicated service and for keeping us informed about the needs and happenings at LA CARE.

As your new board member, I attended my first meeting in December and was pleased to see what an organized group they are. It was recommended that we keep the same format for serving our clients due to the COVID variants. Clients do not come into the building but receive their items at their car where they unload their own groceries.

The current needs include sugar and canned meats.

Thank you for your continued support of LA CARE, both in volunteering and financially.

*Submitted by Janie Howell*



### **BB's Ready to**

### **Read in 2022**

Thursday Jan. 27, 2022

9:30 am, Fellowship Hall

A Prayer for Owen Meany, by John Irving. This is an older book, a long book, a "pure genius" book. Allow yourself reading time. A quick review: A PBS Great American Read Top 100 Pick I am doomed to remember a boy with a wrecked voice--not because of his voice, or because he was the smallest person I ever knew, or even because he was the instrument of my mother's death, but because he is the reason I believe in God; I am a

Christian because of Owen Meany. In the summer of 1953, two eleven-year-old boys—best friends—are playing in a Little League baseball game in Gravesend, NH.

One of the boys hits a foul ball that kills the other boy's mother. The boy who hits the ball doesn't believe in accidents; Owen Meany believes he is God's instrument. What happens to Owen after that 1953 foul ball is extraordinary.

Breakfast and coffee will be served. There should be some laughs over this book. Fellowship is always the best part.

### **\*\* MOC Minutes for December**

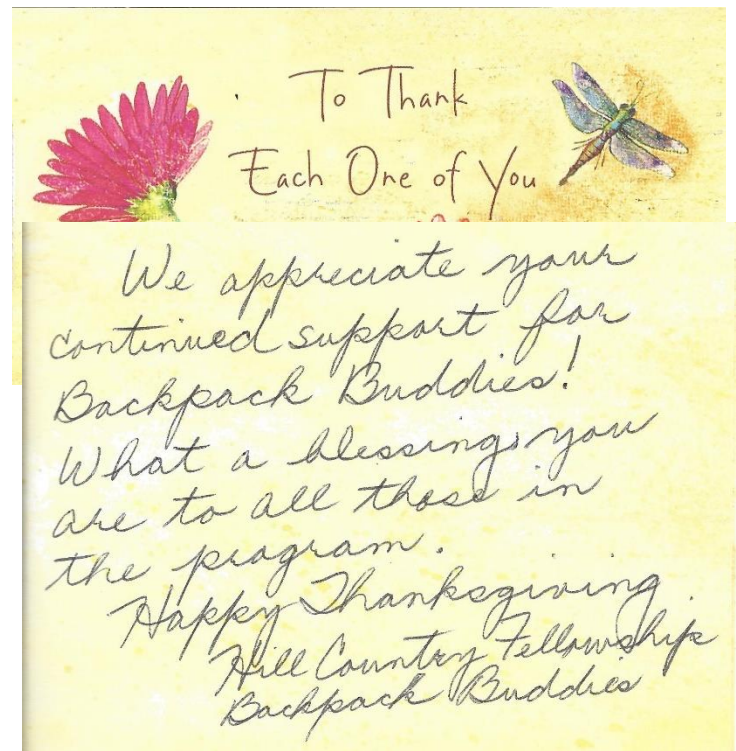
The Men of the Church met for breakfast at Storm's Restaurant on December 5, 2021. Those attending were Josyph Andrews, Jack Butler, Fred Shin, Dick Spinner, and Bill Weaver. Pastor Josyph opened the meeting with prayer. Treasurer Jack Butler reported a treasury balance of \$894.00. It was decided to send gifts to: Boys and Girls Club, \$500.00; Joseph's Hammer, \$100.00; PEB (Pakistan), \$100.00.

Our Advent Devotion was drawn from "A Grand Miracle", by C.S. Lewis. The subject was "Strength in Weakness". The scripture text was II Corinthians 12:9: "My Grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." When God says that, we can believe it. When we learn to rely on God's Grace, instead of our own strength, God works in us. We are set free to leave matters in the Lord's hands. He is able to do far more than we can ask or imagine.

Dick Spinner worded the closing prayer.

Our next meeting will be at 8:00 a.m. on the **SECOND** Sunday in January on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at Storm's. All men of the church are invited. (Wives sometimes come to the church with their husbands and go to breakfast at another location.)

Respectfully submitted by Richard A. Spinner



### **\*\* Praying for Persecuted Christians**

Our country this month is Mauritania, located on the East Coast in Northern Africa. Mauritania has a population of 4,784,000 people, only 10,800 are Christians. The official religion of the country is Islam and persecution of those who do not follow this faith is high.

Christians are not permitted to gather openly. This is especially true to converts from Islam who face enormous pressure from their families and their communities. Leaving Islam is considered not only a religious betrayal but also a betrayal of the tribe and family. Those leaving Islam can face prosecution since it is illegal to leave Islam.

Open Doors supports the church through distribution of Christian literature, providing training, and organizing advocacy support. We help through our prayers. Please pray that the law in Mauritania will change so that it is no longer illegal to leave Islam. Ask for strength and protection for all converts, and that families will increasingly

honor and respect the decision of any member to follow Jesus. Thank you.

*Submitted by Janie Howell*

## **\*\* Session Review**

The Burnet Presbyterian Church State Session Meeting took place on December 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the library. In attendance were Pat Collins, (Treasurer), Jamie Horn, Fred Shin, Billy Don Weaver, Rev. Josyph Andrews, Moderator, and Marsha Spinner, Clerk. Sue Hosterman was unable to attend. A quorum was present.

Pastor Josyph opened the meeting with a prayer.

After a time for "Sharing and Caring," Pastor Josyph gave a lesson based on readings from Isaiah 12:2-6 and Philippians 4:4-7.

Josyph gave the Session his Pastor's Report. The Session received the Treasurer's Report from Pat.

The decision was made to pay Marsha Spinner for the time since she returned as choir director (September, October, November, and December).

While other issues were discussed, such as the terms of call and the budget, no other decisions were made.

The meeting was duly adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for January 18.

Josyph closed the meeting with a prayer.

*Respectfully submitted, Marsha Spinner*

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## **GAME DAY IS BACK**

**Saturday January 22, 2022**

**12:00PM Kick Off**

**Fellowship Hall**

Mexican Train, Dominoes, Bridge,  
Mah Jongg, Rummikub, card games,  
let the dice roll!

Pizza and drinks provided.

Bring a dish of your choice, if you choose.  
Mostly, bring yourself and your friends.

## **New!!! Lending Library in the Mavericks' Classroom** (Sponsored by PW)

Do you love to read? Do you have any books at home you really enjoyed reading, but now your bookshelves are overflowing? Beginning in January (and continuing throughout the year), bring your well-loved books to the Mavericks' classroom (next to the choir room). PW will organize the books by genre and place a donation box for an optional Buck-a-Book. You may borrow a book, trade a book for a book, or donate a buck for a book, your choice. Happy reading!

## **PW MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 1:00 PM**

Happy New Year! Presbyterian Women will have its first meeting for the new year on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 1: 00 pm. 'Coffee time' is at 1:00 PM—lesson and meeting will follow. Please read Chapter 1 from the Book of Ruth and, if you have time, Lesson IV in your study book "What My Grandmothers Taught Me". This year's study is proving to be especially interesting --we are reading stories about women of the Bible who are the ancestors of Jesus Christ! Do come --and invite your friends and neighbors to come too!

Armour

## **\*\* Pastor's Report**

Miles Driven Last month	--	167
Miles driven month to date -		81
YTD Miles driven to date for 2021		1,666
Visits - 17		
Home/office - 8		
Hospital Visits - 3		
Phone Visits - 6		

