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Newsletter for June 2022

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Grace to you and Peace in the name of Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. We are entering, for me, one of the most interesting and special times in the church

calendar. We are leaving the season of Easter – when we celebrate and remember that Jesus rose from the dead, and we are entering the season of ordinary time, but it is anything but ordinary.

We are about to, once again, witness and experience the power and might of Pentecost, where we will witness the power and majesty of the Holy Spirit and what can happen when we are filled with the spirit, and hopefully the fire will grow in us and lead us to change how we do things and how we look at things.

As the season of Easter comes to its close, Jesus' final word to his disciples is a prayer for unity. I cannot imagine anything more needed today, in the church, the nation, and the world. Division faces us everywhere; it seems to deepen by the day. We seem hellbent on separating ourselves from the "other," dwelling rabidly and proudly in our differences of tribe, race, political viewpoint, economic class, national identity or, perhaps most tragically, faith. Who is the "true" Christian? Who understands and follows Jesus "rightly"?

The unity for which Jesus prays could not be deeper or more intimate. He prays that we may be one even as he and God are one. "As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The

glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one as we are one" (vv. 21-22). In this prayer to his Father, Jesus brings us into the very heart of the Trinity. He prays that we may indwell with God Godself, even as Jesus so indwells.

This "ordinary time" is a time for change as we see the world changing before our very eyes. This time is the time for growing – the crops are all in full swing and growing, and we, hopefully, embrace God's plan for our lives and we are busy sharing this Good News with the world.

Unfortunately, Society is not the Society that most of us were born into. When we were growing up, God was a major part of our lives and our world. We prayed in school and Sunday found the majority of people in Church. Today, so much has changed – and not for the better, as God has been relegated to the background and the fundamentals on which this nation were founded are muted and almost non-existent.

For this unity to be restored, change must be experienced. Now the majority of Society are not in church, in fact the majority do not even have a relationship with God, therefore, changing the world is an even bigger task which will require us to change as well. We must do more than acknowledge that we are guilty of this or that. If we are to change the world, we must be willing to change ourselves.

Then with that change, we must act on what God has convicted us and demonstrate for the world a new and improved way of loving our neighbor. One that includes changing ourselves so we can change the

way the world experiences life. This intimate relationship, this deep unity, is who God is — a God of relationship. We are inextricably and lovingly bound into God through Jesus, while we are also inextricably and lovingly bound to one another. In John, the oneness of the Father and Jesus is synonymous with love. Or in another way, I would say, the meaning of the Trinity is that we dwell innately in the heart of God where Jesus also dwells. In this same way, Jesus says, we dwell in each other.

Then perhaps, if we do our job well enough and with enough faith, then as we tell the world about the reality of this amazing Grace we have been provided, perhaps those we have, or will witness to, might see Jesus in our actions just as we see Jesus in the actions of the Apostle Paul who saved a family by not escaping. Then, just as the church began with the first Pentecost, then this Pentecost can be the beginning of how Society views the Church today.

Embrace the change and watch the world bloom in faith and unity.

Sincerely,

Pastor Josyph

Pastor's Report

Miles Driven Last month - 0

Miles driven month to date – 125

YTD Miles driven to date for 2022 – 308

Visits –12

Home/office – 6

Hospital Visits –

Nursing Home -

Phone Visits – 6

Please sign up to be a greeter on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, talk to Alice Anglin.

Burnet Presbyterian Women

May 9, 2022

Present: Nancy Harlow, Pat Collins, Armour Shin, JoAnn Holt, Katie Do, Linda Weaver, Peggy Hammond, Marilyn Petrick, Jamie Horn, Alice Anglin, Carolee Frampton, Cissy Butler, Jean Andrews, Jane Zimmerman and Janie Howell.

Fifteen women met at approximately 1:00 PM in the Norris Building to enjoy a time of fellowship and dessert. Moderator Alice Anglin opened the meeting at 1:30 with prayer requests and prayer.

Armour led us in Lesson 8 of our Horizon Bible Study What My Grandmothers Taught Me by Merryl Blair. This lesson was about Mary, the mother of Jesus, and included the many ways that the world and religions view this special lady. Armour brought many photos of artistic renditions of Mary through the years for us to review. We are blessed to have Armour as our Bible study leader.

Alice opened the business portion of the meeting with jocularity. In the absence of treasurer, Mary Richmond, Alice reported that our bank balance is \$3,411.82.

Correspondence included the MoRanch Messenger which is posted on the PW Bulletin Board in the Norris Building.

Old Business: Cissy Butler reported for the Bible Study Selection Committee that we will use the Horizon Bible Study for 2022-23 beginning in September. The title of the study is Celebrating Sabbath, Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight, written by Carol M. Bechtel.

Alice reminded us that the PW Birthday Offering/Pot Luck lunch will be Sunday, May 22 after worship. The Weavers will furnish fried chicken, birthday cake and ice cream!

☺ We only need to bring a side vegetable or salad. The birthday offering recipients are

Mission at the Eastward -McCleary House Transitional Housing in Farmington, Maine, and Iglesia Presbiteriana de Lares, Puerto Rico – Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand. This is the 100th Anniversary of the Birthday Offering!

Announcement: Pat reminded us that we have Cookbooks for sale in the back hall of the Norris Building – it is self-serve – a payment pouch is on the table next to the books. The cost of the books to the PW was \$8.00 per book, but we will “let” you round it up to \$10.00 if that is easier. They make wonderful wedding or graduation gifts.

There being no further business, Alice closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Janie Howell, Secretary



PW Birthday Offering and Pot Luck Lunch

Session Review

The Burnet Presbyterian Church State Session Meeting took place on May 17, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the Library. In attendance were Alice Anglin, Pat Collins, Treasurer, Barry Dawson, Fred Shin, Billy Don Weaver, Rev. Josyph Andrews, Moderator, and Marsha Spinner, Clerk.

Pastor Josyph opened the meeting with a prayer.

After a time for “Sharing and Caring,” Fred gave a devotional based on 2 Peter 1:5-8.

The following occurred:

- Josyph gave the Session his Pastor’s Report.
- Marsha read her letter of resignation to the Session which the Session accepted.
- Pat gave the Treasurer report.
- Fred sent the Session a copy of the Financial Review from Shayne McBride.

These decisions were made:

- To select Clayton Zinz to receive the \$1,000 Carl Spinner Memorial Scholarship for Texas State Technical Institute on May 19 at the High School Scholarship Award Ceremony.
- That the scholarship for Clayton Zinz be \$1,155 to zero that budget line item.
- That from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Sundays, the church doors will be locked and a doorbell will be installed.
- To elect Linda Weaver as Clerk of Session. A Congregational Meeting will be scheduled for her election as an elder.

While other issues were discussed, no other decisions were made.

The meeting was duly adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for June 21.

Josyph closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Spinner

**** Men of the Church**

The Presbyterian Men of the Church met at Storm’s Restaurant at 8:00 a.m. Sunday, May 1, 2022.

Present were Jack Butler, Barry Dawson, Fred Shin, and Billy Don Weaver. The meeting was opened with prayer.

Treasurer Jack Butler reported a balance of \$554.00 in the Treasury.

There was no business to consider. The devotional Bible reading was Psalm 63:7: "Lord, you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings, I sing for joy." Commentary about that verse was read from The Upper Room, written by Montra C. Weaver. Montra told of a long walk he made in the hot Texas sunshine, and what a relief it was to find shade under a large oak tree. Ge then compared it to an extended period of our lives when we have suffered from illness or other difficulties, until the Lord came to help us. With the protective help of our Lord, we find relief from serious difficulties. Through Christian fellowship, worship, and Bible study, we can rejoice in God's goodness.

All men of our congregation are invited to meetings of the Men of the Church. The next meeting will be at 8:00 a.m. Sunday, June 5. We gather at the church, then go to Storm's Restaurant for breakfast and the meeting. Ladies may also come and they dine at Crazy Gal's Restaurant.

Submitted by Richard A. Spinner

****Praying for Persecuted Christians**

The country featured this month is Laos which is #26 on the World-Wide List of Persecuted Christians. While there are only 203,000 Christians in Laos out of a population of 7,262,000, their numbers have been growing. The main religion is Buddhism, but the threats to Christians come from the Communist government who declare that worshipping in a home church is an "illegal gathering". Therefore, those found worshipping are arrested.

The good news is that 250 believers in Laos received their first Bibles, something they never thought would happen. Imagine trying to keep your faith alive in secret with no church and no Bible!

Please pray that Christians imprisoned in Laos will be strengthened in body, mind and spirit. Pray also for house churches and pastors. Ask God to hide them from surveillance, attack and detainment and embolden them as His faithful witnesses. Thank you.

Submitted by Janie Howell

NEWS FROM LA CARE

While we were appreciative that the Capital Area Food Bank was not going to charge LA Care for groceries until September, problems are arising due to shortages of food items, especially fresh meat. Director Lottie McKorkle is spending between \$500.00 and \$600.00 per month at HEB for meat. If monthly donations fall short, Lottie has to use funds reserved for emergencies to purchase additional groceries.

When the pandemic was at its height, the client needs at LA Care were minimal and we did not need to supplement with our gifts. However, with needs in the community increasing and donations decreasing, it is time for us to consider giving once again to LA Care.

For your information, HEB donates all their leftover breads, bakery items and packaged produce to LA Care, but they do not give a discount on purchases. Needs for this month include Ramen, saltine crackers and cash to buy meats. Thank you for your continuing support.

Submitted by Janie Howell

Friends,

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, visits, food, and most of all, for your prayers for us the past few months. We thank you so very much.

**Jane and Hap Zimmerman
Julie and Joe Morris**

BPC GAME DAY

June 11, 2022, Noon Kickoff

Game Day returns to BPC, beginning with a pizza lunch. There will be sodas, tea, coffee and water; side dishes, snacks, and desserts. Game tables will be set up for Mexican Train, cards, Mah Jongg, and games of your choice.

Please invite friends, neighbors, and game-lovers to participate in BPC's outreach fellowship.

Evangelism Committee

One Great Hour of Sharing

A check was mailed in May to Mission Presbytery for Burnet Presbyterian's contribution to One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering was collected March-April 2022. The amount of the check was \$715, a good amount of sharing.

Pat Collins, Treasurer

More photos from PW Birthday Offering and Potluck Lunch Photos and Decorations by Linda Weaver



Coming in the July Newsletter, an article from the Burnet Citizens Gazette, featuring our own Richard A. Spinner as "Foot Soldier, Walking in the Way of the Lord, One House At A Time", by Rick Espitia of the Citizens Gazette.