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Friday - Monday, September 2 - 5

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September 23 - October 3

Fall Fellowship Feast  
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Coffee Connections  
All are invited for coffee and refreshments  
at the Custis House on Sundays between  
the 9:15 & 11:15am services.

\*\* Child care may be available for babies  
through elementary-aged children by  
reservation only. Contact Meghan Brewer at  
757-345-6489 or [childcare@brutonparish.org](mailto:childcare@brutonparish.org).

## Worship Schedule

Sunday, August 7  
Holy Eucharist @ 7:30, 9:15 & 11:15am  
Children's Church @ 9:15am \*  
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm

Sunday, August 14  
Holy Eucharist @ 7:30, 9:15 & 11:15am  
Children's Church @ 9:15am \*  
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm

Sunday, August 21  
Holy Eucharist @ 7:30, 9:15 & 11:15am  
Children's Church @ 9:15am \*  
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm

Canterbury Opening Eucharist  
9am (Wren Chapel)

Sunday, August 28  
Holy Eucharist @ 7:30, 9:15 & 11:15am  
Children's Church @ 9:15am \*  
Holy Eucharist @ 5:30pm

Noonday Prayer @ Church  
Monday - Saturday

Holy Eucharist - St. Mary's Chapel  
Tuesdays @ 7:30 am

Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers  
Wednesdays @ 11 am (Church)

Canterbury Evening Prayer  
Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm in Wren Chapel  
when college is in session

\* Held in St. Mary's Chapel in the Parish House.

## Newcomers' Corner

The first Sunday of each month, new members of Bruton are invited to join clergy, vestry and Newcomers Committee members for coffee in the Custis House at 10:30am. This is a great opportunity to become more acquainted with the parish and learn of our many ministries. Join us Sunday, August 7.

## Wednesday's Brown-Bag Bible Study

Bring your lunch each Wednesday to the Coffee, Tea & Thee room upstairs in the Parish House at noon. This Lectionary-based Bible study is centered upon the Gospel for the coming Sunday. The preacher for the week will facilitate these sessions where those in attendance will be able to reflect upon the scriptures that will be the focus of the Sunday sermon. The studies may provide increased insight into the sermon or explore aspects of the passages beyond the scope of the sermon, or both. Take time out of your day and try this exploration!

## Three Reasons to Travel with Father Chris in September

There are a number of reasons to take the Friends of Bruton Tour to Scotland and Northern England this fall from September 23 to October 3. Of these, the top three most likely are:



Reason 1: Iona Abbey is a sacred destination, come along for an inspirational visit to the tiny island and abbey where a vibrant Christian community has worshiped ever since St. Columba arrived there in AD 563. Not on the usual tourist path, this is a site that should not be missed by Christians of any denomination or, for that matter, any who are interested in the history of the faith.

Reason 2: Scotland and Northern England are among the safest places to visit in this time when many popular tourist attractions are considered dangerous.

Reason 3: As a result of the recent Brexit vote in England, the dollar is in its strongest position against the English Pound that it has enjoyed in many years. The UK is presently a great travel bargain.

Sign up for a unique and specially designed tour that combines spiritual experiences with history and just plain fun. Travel with friends and make new ones. The group will be small by design and therefore each participant will be treated with special care.

The tour has been created for Friends of Bruton by Far Horizons, Inc., specialists in custom group travel. In addition to Father Chris, there will be an experienced Tour Director to accompany the group through Scotland and England.

Review the detailed itinerary and download the reservation form at <http://bit.ly/REVISEDFRIENDSTOUR2016>. If you would like more information, please contact Anita Heber at Far Horizons ([anita@fhorizons.com](mailto:anita@fhorizons.com)) or Hilary Cooley ([hcooley@brutonparish.org](mailto:hcooley@brutonparish.org)).

## Friends Name Badges

In response to numerous requests, the Friends of Bruton Committee has arranged for distinctive name badges that feature Bruton's historic weathervane as the symbol of Friends of Bruton. The badges are an ideal way to show your support for Our Worldwide Congregation. They are especially appropriate when worn at Friends of Bruton sponsored events such as Friends Day or faith-based travel programs.

The badges are available to all members of the Bruton congregation and the more than 1,500 out-of-area Friends. Badges may be purchased at a cost of \$10 (an additional \$2 for magnetic pin). To request your Friends of Bruton name badge, either call or email Hilary Cooley ([hcooley@brutonparish.org](mailto:hcooley@brutonparish.org) or 757-345-2252).

## What Is The Cornerstone Circle?

The Cornerstone Circle has been created to provide an annual sustaining membership in Friends of Bruton. Sustaining membership is important to the mission of Our Worldwide Congregation because it will help us support and initiate programs that promote and preserve the historic and spiritual legacy of Bruton Parish Church. Cornerstone Circle was chosen as the name because of biblical references to Christ Jesus as the Cornerstone of our faith. Circle represents God, "whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere".

Those who join the Cornerstone Circle for a minimal donation of \$100 per individual will receive a lapel pin depicting the 1767 Bruton Weathervane that topped the church's steeple for nearly 250 years (pictured below). The weathervane is the symbol of Friends of Bruton, Our Worldwide Congregation, as it points to the four corners of the earth.

There remains no charge to be a member of Friends of Bruton; however, Cornerstone Circle members will know that their sustaining membership will enable the mission of Friends of Bruton to continue to grow. In addition, Cornerstone Circle members will, through their annual membership contribution, receive early opportunities to sign up for travel programs, arrange for private guided tours of the church and graveyard, and be invited to a private reception in honor of the guest speaker prior to the Annual Friends Day Luncheon each spring.

For information about how you can become a member of the Cornerstone Circle, visit our website at [www.brutonparish.org](http://www.brutonparish.org), click on Friends of Bruton in the left-hand column and follow the link to Cornerstone Circle Application, or contact Hilary Cooley at 757-345-2252 or [hcooley@brutonparish.org](mailto:hcooley@brutonparish.org).



# Thank You from the Parish Shop

By Leith Merrow Mullaly

The Shop's Annual Pre-owned Jewelry & Accessories Sale was moved this year to the 4th of July holiday weekend. We want to thank everyone who made this event such a smashing success.

Joanne Alley chaired the sale, and we cannot thank her and her wonderful crew of volunteers enough. You EACH did an awesome job! Because you color-coded every item, it was so very easy and convenient for customers to identify the prices. Even children were adding up the cost of their desired purchases with little help from mom and dad! The prices were so reasonable that spending money was actually fun! Well done, Joanne and your gang!

We sold 1,895 pieces of merchandise and made a profit of \$8,028 (with NO expenditures on our part). In addition to jewelry, we also offered a collection of men's ties and women's handbags. None of this would have been possible without the generosity of so many Bruton members, like you, who donated your gently-used jewelry, pocketbooks and neckties.

We're going to hold the sale again over the Labor Day weekend (see below)!

## Pre-owned Jewelry & Accessories Sale

While looking for books, CDs, DVDs, and puzzles to donate to the Parish Book Sale, please again donate gently-used jewelry, scarves, ties, etc. to the Pre-owned Jewelry & Accessories Sale. We will once again hold this popular event over the Labor Day weekend. As you review your wardrobe for summer or fall, if you wonder why you bought an accessory and haven't worn it, why not donate it for someone else to enjoy? Please bring your donations to the Shop during shop hours. Proceeds benefit outreach ministries. Then come to the sale and shop:

Friday, September 2	10am - 5pm
Saturday, September 3	10am - 5pm
Sunday, September 4	1pm - 5pm
Monday, September 5	10am - 5pm

Throughout this issue are some of the pictures from the parish picnic that Stephen Fitton took for us. Thanks, Stephen!



# Salvation Army Apple Tree Program

The success of The Salvation Army's Apple Tree Program depends on people like you agreeing to "adopt" a child and purchase a **NEW** school outfit and shoes. For many of the families who turn to The Salvation Army for help, the clothing and shoes they receive through this program are the only new items their children will have on that important first day of school! Please help a child get off to a good start this school year.

How does the program work?

1. Stop by the Parish House soon during the week to PICK UP a Salvation Army tag(s), or take a tag after an upcoming Sunday church service (if they're still available). The tag will contain the Family ID and Child Code with your child's name and size information.

FOR EXAMPLE:

Family ID #	106	Age	12
Code	A	Pants/Shirt Size	14
Name	John	Jacket Size	14
Boy/Girl	Boy	Shoe Size	7
Age	12		

2. You then take the tag and SHOP for your child(ren). We ask that you provide NEW clothing and shoes.
3. Once you have shopped for your child(ren), PLACE all of the gifts for each child into his or her own bag. DO NOT COMBINE A FAMILY OR ADD OTHER TAGS INTO ONE BAG. DO NOT WRAP GIFTS. Place the middle part of the tag in the bag, then tie or zip tie the bag, attaching the top section of the ID tag to the outside of the bag.
4. Please KEEP the bottom portion of the tag to attach to your receipts for tax purposes.
5. WHEN AND WHERE can I drop off my bag? Now through August 10 at Christine Britton's office in the Parish House or at Salvation Army offices located at 151 Kristiansand Drive, Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

For more information, please contact

Christine Britton (757-229-2891) or

The Salvation Army of Greater Williamsburg

(757-229-6651).

Thank you

and God Bless You!





## Matthew Whaley Elementary School Initiative:

### We can help children in need.

By Janet Estes

Do you wonder how it must feel to be a child and be hungry?

Do you think about how it must feel to be a child and be too cold or too hot when the weather changes?

Do you imagine what it would be like to be a child and have to sleep with all of your family members in one motel room each night?

Do you wonder how would it feel to be a child, new to this country, and realize you cannot understand what people around you are saying, including your teachers?

It makes all of us uncomfortable to wonder, think, and imagine children in these circumstances, but Robin Ford, principal of Matthew Whaley Elementary for the past three years, knows many such children -- they are attending her school. According to Mrs. Ford, a large influx of second language learners has been arriving at Mathew Whaley for several years now. They are having difficulties adjusting to the academics and culture of their new environment. Additionally, 45 children were deemed to be "homeless" during the last school year. Many of these students are considered to be at-risk.

A small group of women from Bruton calling themselves Matthew 25 has been studying current needs here in the Williamsburg area for about a year, has been in touch with Mrs. Ford about the situation at Matthew Whaley, wants to be involved, and would love our parish as a whole to be involved as well!

Listed below are just a few ideas about how we, as a neighborhood church, can choose to help:

- ❑ Run clothing drives in the fall and in the spring, especially for change of season clothes.
- ❑ Volunteer to fill food baskets at holiday breaks.
- ❑ Tutor children in reading or math (there will be training provided at Matthew Whaley for this).

The clergy and Outreach Committee agree that a partnership with Matthew Whaley would be a great outreach for Bruton, and these programs would be a beginning. We need to learn more about what is needed (students are assessed at the beginning of the school year), be willing to volunteer our time, and work together to help young children in need. When we think about past successes we have had in the area of outreach, such as Bruton Builders and the Winter Shelter, it could be time for another significant opportunity for helping our neighbors.

Matthew 25:  
Diane Abdo  
Jeanne Blount  
Leslie Boye  
Alta Cassady  
Janet Estes  
Sandy Lenthall,  
The Rev'd Lauren McDonald



Coming up:

August 21, between the 9:15 and 11:15am services, members of the small group of women will be available at the Custis House to discuss possibilities and answer any questions you may have.

August 28, between the 9:15 and 11:15am services, a presentation will be held in the church.

September 28, clothing drive.

There will also be more information available in the Bruton Bytes and Sunday bulletins.

For the coming weeks of summer, we hope you will wonder, think, and attempt to imagine what the lives of some of our local children are all about — and together with planning, love, and faith, we can make these young lives a little bit better.

A short history of the group: When Rev'd Sarah Brockenbrough left Bruton last year, she challenged the group to become involved with a local program or project that needs our help and the help of the parish at large. The group began to call themselves Matthew 25, inspired by the Bible verses below.

"for I was hungry and you gave Me food," Matthew 25:35

"for I was naked and you clothed Me," Matthew 25:36

## Bruton Singles

By Heidi Elam, Ruth Mullaney, Eda Martin, and Donna Dodenhoff

Bruton Singles is a fellowship ministry tailored towards parishioners and members of the wider community who are single. We typically get together once each week to attend various events in the parish and the larger community. Each event is accompanied by a meal and/or dessert (paid separately) at which we enjoy fellowship and discussion. To participate in any event, please procure tickets to the function and call the listed coordinator.



### Saturday, August 6, 10am-12pm Butterfly Festival @ Williamsburg Botanical Garden

Meet us at 10am at Freedom Park (5537 Centerville Road) and interact with over 200 butterflies at the Williamsburg Botanical Garden! Visit the butterfly tent with live specimens and participate in fun, educational programs. Learn first-hand about the life cycles of these beautiful insects (\$5 donation suggested). Afterwards, we'll enjoy lunch at Corner Pocket in New Town (donation + cost of meal). Please contact Ruth Mullaney (757-229-6961) to RSVP.

### Wednesday, August 17, 7pm-9pm Summer Breeze Concert: USAF Blue Aces Pop Ensemble

We will gather at 5:30pm for supper at The Cheese Shop and then enjoy a popular free outdoor concert featuring classic, rock, and R&B. Bring a lawn chair (cost of meal only). Contact Heidi Elam (757-897-5012) to RSVP.

### Sunday, August 21, 8pm Free Outdoor Movie: Star Wars: The Force Awakens

Join us at 7pm at Aromas for supper, followed by a free screening on Prince George Street of the movie Star Wars: The Force Awakens. Bring a lawn chair (cost of meal only). Contact Ruth Mullaney (757-229-6961) to RSVP.



## Three Book Clubs Continue

### Women's Theological Book Group

Are you interested in joining other women to discuss works of fiction and non-fiction through a theological lens? If so, bring your lunch and join us about every six weeks from noon to 1:30pm in the Coffee, Tea & Thee room of the Parish House. Child care is available by reservation only by contacting Meghan Brewer (childcare@brutonparish.org or 757-229-2891).

The next meeting of the Women's Theological Book Group is Thursday, August 11, from 1-2:30pm in the Coffee, Tea, and Thee room. We are reading the novel, *The Monk Downstairs*, by local author, Tim Farrington, who will be joining us for the discussion. Please come for what is sure to be a lively conversation of the book, *Mary & Martha of the Bible*, and the intersection of contemplation, action, and romance. If you need help ordering the book, please contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald.

### Words, Wit, Wisdom

This book group meets the second Friday of the month (except July and August) at 9:45am in the Coffee, Tea, and Thee room. For more information, please contact Debbie Rinner (757-345-2467). Child care is available by reservation only by contacting Meghan Brewer (757-229-2891 or childcare@brutonparish.org).

### Evening Book Group

After a summer break, the Bruton Evening Book Group's first fall meeting will be Monday, September 26, at 7pm. New members are always welcome. In September, we will discuss the book *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi, a bestselling memoir that has been one of the most talked about books of 2016.

This co-ed book group meets monthly from September through May, and the reading list is generated by members' recommendations; it includes a variety of genre. We meet on the fourth Monday of each month from 7-9pm. The books selected for October and November are *What Alice Forgot* by Liane Moriarty and *Wait for Signs* by Craig Johnson.

If you are interested in joining the group, or just want to try it for a month, contact Susie Morrison (PMB00KGROUP@brutonparish.org or 757-846-6863).

## ECW Fall Coffee

The long days of summer are drawing to a close and that means that the ECW Fall Coffee will soon be at hand. Please save the date of Wednesday, September 28, at 9:30am in the Parish Hall. Our own Rev'd Lauren McDonald will be our guest speaker. Bring a friend and join us for coffee, conversation and fellowship.



## First Friday Recovery Eucharist

SpiritWorks Foundation, a community recovery center in Williamsburg that works with people healing from addiction, trauma and abuse, hosts a monthly Recovery Eucharist at Bruton on the first Friday of each month. The next service will be held in the church at 5:30pm on Friday, August 5.

This service is designed with prayers and readings that focus on helping people find ways to live faithfully in the midst of any kind of suffering, especially individuals and their loved ones who are living with addiction, co-dependence, mental illness, and trauma. We pray for those who are continuing to struggle, mourn those who have died, and celebrate with those who are experiencing the joy of recovery. This month the Rev'd Lauren McDonald will be our celebrant and preacher, the Rev'd Jan Brown will be our deacon, and Ms. Suzanne Daniel will be our musician.



## Fall Fellowship Festival

Make your reservation early! Join us for shrimp, clams, oysters, crabs, hotdogs with all the fixings, and kids' activities from 4:30 to 7pm on Sunday, October 2, in the parish hall. Just \$10/person or \$20/family (pay at the door). Please RSVP by Thursday, September 29, by either calling 757-229-2891 or emailing [rsvp@brutonparish.org](mailto:rsvp@brutonparish.org). RSVP today!



## It Takes a Team

By Laurie Krebs

Stephen Ministry is a team effort and, as members of that team, there are four areas in which players contribute.

### The Stephen Leaders

Charlie Clapper and Mary Jean Hurst are Bruton's Stephen Ministry leaders. Their position on the team is to:

1. Recruit and train Stephen Ministers.
2. Meet with potential care receivers to assess their needs.
3. Match care receivers with Stephen Ministers.
4. Provide ongoing supervision and continuing education for the Stephen Ministers.
5. Build awareness of the ministry within the congregation and community.

### The Stephen Ministers

Members of the congregation, these are the team players trained to:

1. Offer confidential one-to-one Christian care to someone going through tough times.
2. Meet with that person once a week for an hour.
3. Gather with leaders twice a month for supervision and continuing education.

### The Care Receivers

These are team members in the congregation or the community who:

1. Are struggling with a difficult time, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness or some other life crisis.
2. Want to receive care from a Stephen Minister.
3. Can rely on the confidentiality of the relationship.

### The Congregation

The Stephen Ministry program depends on the fans in the home team's grandstand (aka the Bruton Parish congregation). They can help by:

1. Telling a friend or colleague in crisis about Stephen Ministry.
2. Alerting the clergy to the friend or colleague in need.
3. Sharing the friend's name, with his/her permission, to the Stephen Leaders.
4. Keeping all members of the Stephen Ministry team in their prayers.

It takes all the members of the team to make Stephen Ministry a winner.

If you know of someone who could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact our Stephen Leaders, Charlie Clapper (757-564-6191) or Mary Jean Hurst (757-810-5112). Your call will be kept strictly confidential.



## Living the Gospel Bible Study

Join us on Sundays, August 14 & 28, for this Lectionary-based Bible study that is held at 11am every second and fourth Sunday in the Custis House. Come and examine the impact of the Gospel message on our everyday lives.



## Annual Parish Book Sale

The Bruton Annual Book Sale has become a great Williamsburg tradition, and proceeds this year will be used for Mission & Outreach.

The sale will take place during the Labor Day weekend from Friday through Sunday, September 2-4. Please donate books, CDs, DVDs and puzzles, and take your donations to the Parish



House or contact us for pick-up if you can't get them here. Please, no encyclo-pedias, VCR tapes or cassette tapes.

We will need many volunteers, not only to help pick up book donations, but to help set-up, staff the sale, and clean up afterwards!

If you can help in any way, please email [booksale@brutonparish.org](mailto:booksale@brutonparish.org) or contact Stephen Fitton (757-897-4696) or Judy Collard (757-565-2549) directly.

## Deadline for Mission & Outreach Grants Approaches

Please note that the deadline for grant submissions for the 2016 review cycle is August 15. Organizations interested in applying for a Bruton Parish grant should visit <http://bit.ly/BPCGRANTS>. The applications must be received by August 15 so that the Mission & Outreach Committee can review requests and award grants by mid-Fall.

## Chanco Tuition Assistance

In July, the Mission & Outreach Committee approved a \$5,000 donation to the Chanco-on-the-James camp tuition fund. Camp Chanco is the longest-running summer camp program in Virginia and offers a Christian-based retreat for adults and children alike.

## Shelter Week: February 5-12, 2017

By Leith Merrow Mullaly

Please mark your calendars for Bruton's next Winter Shelter Week from February 5 - 12, 2017. Watch for more information over the coming months and please volunteer!

## Good to be Back in the USA

By Andy Russell

If you ever have the chance to visit Tanzania, probably one of the first Swahili words you will hear is karibu (care-ri-boo). The word means "welcome" and you literally hear it everywhere: when you enter someone's house, when they offer you food or a seat, when you arrive in a new place, when you give thanks to someone for something.

The use and meaning of karibu in Swahili, especially in Tanzania, is one of those instances where the language reflects the culture of the people who speak it. In other words, the widespread use of karibu in Swahili is a reflection of the extreme hospitality with which Tanzanians treat visitors (and one another). You cannot help but feel welcomed in Tanzania; I certainly could not help feeling welcomed in Tanzania. Now I would like to extend a welcome to you!

On Sunday, August 7, from 3-4pm in the Parish Hall, I will be giving a small presentation (including time for questions and answers) on my time in Tanzania. I want to share the excitement, the struggles, the triumphs, and the feelings of God's presence I have experienced with you all, the people who helped make my YASC mission in Tanzania possible. So my brothers and sisters in Christ, karibu! Hope to see you soon.



MISSION & OUTREACH



# Tithe.ly is Timely

By Russ Sheldon

We're using Tithe.ly. What is Tithe.ly? It is the newest, latest and easiest way to pay your pledge or make other online monetary donations to Bruton Parish Church.



You can use your phone or computer to download the Tithe.ly app, click here or visit <http://bit.ly/GIVING2BPC>, or contact Hilary Cooley or Dudley Hoyle at the church office.

When using this new online system, you can enter the amount you wish to pledge or give. You determine how often you wish to contribute (monthly, quarterly, etc.). You receive acknowledgement and thanks for your contribution by email. Bruton benefits and grows by having a predictable, dependable, steady income source which facilitates annual budget planning.

While electronic giving may not be for everyone, some may find it the perfect vehicle to pledge or donate to the church. You may well ask, "Why should I use Tithe.ly? I already am providing a dependable, steady income in support of our church." While that is true, the Tithe.ly method of giving may be easier for you. Think direct deposit in reverse! Once you are set up, having your designated amount drawn from your credit card, your contributions are automatic. Please join us in using Tithe.ly. Then you can rest assured that you are giving with a glad heart to the glory of God in our church.

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Text "Give" to (804) 742-4209

Scan the QR Code below.

Give one-time with or without an account.

Schedule automated giving.

View giving history.

Manage account and payment information.

If you currently use Access ACS through our website, please note this function will very soon be no longer be available. Please contact Hilary Cooley or Dudley Hoyle, and we will work to help you transition.



From The Ministry Of Gift Planning

## Giving While Living Part 3

By Stephanie King

Claude and Lafayette munched on po'boys as Lafayette thought about their conversation.

"You know Claude, all these ideas are great," he said. "But Kitty and I need to have a steady income as we age. How can we give and take care of our own needs?"

"Setting up a charitable trust allows you to give and receive," Claude said. "Through the trust, you receive a steady income and get a tax deduction," Claude explained. "The charity receives whatever's left over after a set number of years. Alternatively, the trust can provide the charity with annual payments, and the remainder is passed down to your heirs, tax free."

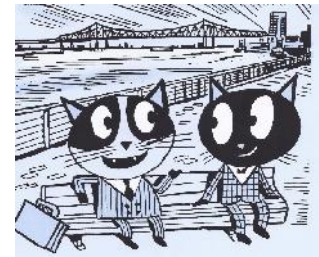
Claude and Lafayette joined the second line and danced all the way back to the French Quarter. After they danced all they could, the two friends headed to the river to watch the sun go down.

"Claude, I'm so glad I ran into you today," Lafayette said. "And thank you for explaining all the ways to give; I never knew there were so many ways to do it."

"There's a gift for everyone," Claude said. "You just have to pick the one that is right for you."

The two friends sat in silence enjoying the moment, watching the day turn to dusk.

I hope you have enjoyed "Giving While Living" and that you consider the future ministry of Bruton Parish Church in your gift planning. For general information, the brochure Gift Planning at Bruton Parish Church is available at the Parish House. You should not rely or act upon any information found in the Ministry of Gift Planning monthly articles without first seeking advice from your attorney and/or tax advisor.



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Close to 300 parishioners enjoyed fun and fellowship at the parish-wide picnic this past June.

# Canterbury Association 2016-2017



## Opportunities for Ministry

Clip and return this form to our College Chaplain, the Rev'd Tyler Montgomery, at the parish office. For more information or details on how you can volunteer to help the Canterbury program throughout the coming semester, please contact Tyler directly at either [tmontgomery@brutonparish.org](mailto:tmontgomery@brutonparish.org) or 757-229-2891.

Please check the events/ministries for which you would like to volunteer:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Committees

- Gala Committee 2017
- Grand Illumination Committee 2016

### Programs

- Adopt-A-Canterburian
- Birthday Ministry

### Feasts/Banquets/Meals

- Welcome Brunch  
Sunday, August 21 @ 10am
- Thanksgiving Feast  
Sunday, November 22 @ 6:30pm
- Holiday Cookies & Cocoa  
Tuesday, November 29 @ 6pm
- Easter Banquet  
Sunday, April 16 @ 6:30pm
- Senior Banquet  
Tuesday, April 25 @ 6:30pm

## Canterbury's Opening Eucharist & Welcome Brunch

Canterbury's Opening Eucharist will be held in W&M's Wren Chapel on Sunday, August 21, at 9am. followed by a Welcome Brunch in Lewis Hall at 10am. Volunteer to help welcome the first-year students and our returning Canterburyans.

Help make these students feel comfortable in their Bruton Parish home! If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Johanna Thompson (email [welcom brunch@brutonparish.org](mailto:welcom brunch@brutonparish.org) or call her at 757-564-5490).

## Committees

Gala Committee 2017 is an opportunity to get involved in the planning and implementation of the spring Gala. It would be wonderful to have a group of parishioners to help plan this large event early in the fall term so that we are ahead of the game in the springtime. Many hands make light work. The more the merrier.

Grand Illumination Committee 2016 is an opportunity to interact with the students as they prepare food on the day before Grand Illuminations, and/or to help them sell the food on the day of the event. Grand Illumination falls on December 4th this year.

## Programs

Adopt-a-Canterburian is an opportunity to "adopt" a student for the course of one academic year. As an adopting parishioner, you are expected to connect with your student at least once during each semester and to prepare a goodie-bag for them during exam time.

Birthday Ministry is an opportunity to let active students know that we love them by baking them some treat on their birthday or half-birthday (if their birthday falls over the summer). Bakers needed!

## Feasts/Banquets/Meals

Welcome Brunch is the first event of the academic year following the "Welcome Service" in Wren Chapel. Parishioners prepare a host of brunch goodies for roughly 30 students. Cooking, serving, and cleaning-up volunteers needed!

Thanksgiving Feast is co-hosted by the Children & Youth Program and is a parish wide event on the Sunday before the W&M Thanksgiving Break. Cooking, serving, and cleaning-up volunteers needed!

Holiday Cookies & Cocoa is a short event following the final Tuesday service of the fall term. Students gather together in Wren Chapel to sing Holiday Hymns and then enjoy cookies/baked goods and hot drinks (cider/cocoa/etc.) in the Wren Building. Cookie bakers, serving, and cleaning-up volunteers needed!

Easter Banquet is a dinner prepared on Easter Sunday for the students following the 5:30pm Eucharist. Cooking, serving, and cleaning-up volunteers needed!

Senior Banquet is co-hosted by the Friends of Bruton, and it is the final event of the year for our students when we recognize all of those students graduating and moving on. The dinner is catered, but we need serving and cleaning-up volunteers.

## Children & Youth Formation

By Meghan Brewer

Nursery is available each Sunday from 8:30am to 12:30pm for newborns through 4-year-olds. The nursery is on the first floor of the Parish House.

Children's Church is age-appropriate worship held at 9:15 am in St. Mary's Chapel, tailored for child(ren) K-5th grade. Drop off your child(ren) at 9 am, then head to the church. Save a seat, as the children join the congregation at the Peace. We will continue holding an age-appropriate service for 3-4 year olds in the room next to the nursery in the Parish House during this timeframe.

If you have any questions regarding the formation for our children and youth here at Bruton Parish, please contact me directly (mbrewer@brutonparish.org or 757-345-6489).

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 14, 28

Children's Church will be held at 9:15 in St. Mary's Chapel in the Parish House.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Children's Church will be held at 9:15 in St. Mary's Chapel in the Parish House. For our families with children and youth, please join us for our Summer Pool Party & Cook Out at Kings Point Pool from 4-6pm. Bring a dish to share and your best diving board skills! Please RSVP by contacting Meghan Brewer at 252-347-7078 (cell), 757-345-6489 (office), or email mbrewer@brutonparish.org.

## School Supply Drive

Right now, millions of Americans are living paycheck to paycheck. These are often hard-working parents, who simply cannot make ends meet and cannot afford to purchase necessary items for their children in the new school year. The Salvation Army of Williamsburg/James City County is working to solve this problem in our community.

Needed items include bookbags, pens, pencils, graphic calculators, paper, notebooks, tissues, paper towels, hand sanitizer, crayons, colored pencils, and flash drives. Please drop off your donations in the designated bins in the Parish House by Monday, August 15.

Help a child start the school year right!

## Family Vacation Bible School

This year our VBS will be held at St. Martin's Church from August 8-12. In the past it has been held in the morning, but we're trying something new this year ... it will run from 5:30 to 8pm with dinner included during the course of the evening!

The theme this year is The Great Protector, and stories will be centered around bullying and the Bible. Ann Meyer has lined up time for parents to have their own time with specialists to discuss bullying with tips on how to approach this subject matter.

Registration closes August 1; registration Forms are available on our website by visiting <http://bit.ly/BPCVBS2016>, or stopping by the Parish House for a hardcopy. We need ALL adult and youth help that we are able to get, so if you can join us, please contact Meghan Brewer (mbrewer@brutonparish.org or 757-345-6489) if you or your youth will be available to volunteer.



## Support the Salvation Army Apple Tree

Make it a family affair by supporting the Salvation Army Apple Tree program this summer. Take a tag(s) and shop together with your child for a child in need.





# Candlelight Concerts Offered by Our Music Ministry to the Parish & Community

Concerts are held in the church at 8pm unless otherwise noted. Parking is permitted on Duke of Gloucester Street in front of the church during the recitals.

Tuesday, August 2  
Organ Recital  
Carina Sturdy, Organist  
from Williamsburg, Virginia

Saturday, August 6  
Organ Recital  
Dr. John Lowe, Organist from Holy Trinity  
Episcopal Church in Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, August 9  
Organ & Harpsichord Recital  
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, August 13  
Harp Recital  
Rachel Knight, Harpist from the University  
of Arizona

Tuesday, August 16  
Organ & Harpsichord Recital  
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, August 20  
Chamber Orchestra Concert  
Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia  
Chamber Ensemble from Washington, DC  
Jeffrey Sean Dokken, Director

Tuesday, August 23  
Organ & Harpsichord Recital  
Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist  
at Bruton Parish

Saturday, August 27  
Organ & Vocal Recital  
Tom Bailey, Organist at Emmanuel Church  
at Brook Hill in Richmond, Virginia &  
Jennifer Piazza-Pick, Soprano

Tuesday, August 30  
Organ & Oboe Recital  
Deborah Carr, Organist at St. John's  
Episcopal Church in Hampton, Virginia  
& Melinda McKenzie, Oboist

## Historical Organ Recitals

William & Mary's  
Wren Chapel  
Saturdays @ 10am

August 6  
Sarah Bland

August 13 & 20  
Thomas Marshall

August 27  
Rebecca Davy



## Cantores, Choristers & Joyful Noise ... oh my!

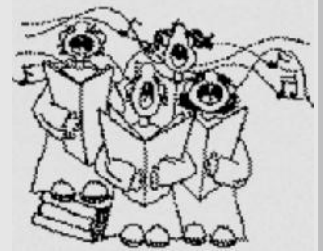
Our childrens' and youth choirs — Cantores, Choristers, and Joyful Noise — will resume rehearsals on Sunday, September 11!

Directed by member Genrose Lashinger (joyfulnoise@brutonparish.org or 757-221-0370), children ages 4 through kindergarten are invited to join the Joyful Noise Choir which rehearses Sunday mornings (tba). The choir usually sings once a month from September through May for the Sunday 9:15am service of Holy Eucharist.

Directed also by Genrose, youth in grades 1 to 3 are invited to join the Choristers (choristers@brutonparish.org) for rehearsal each Sunday during the school year in the choir room of the Parish House. They also sing once or twice a month from September through May for the 9:15am service of Holy Eucharist.

Directed by member Ann Porter (cantores@brutonparish.org or 757-564-7875), youth in grades 4 through high school are invited to join the Cantores. They rehearse each Sunday during the school year in the choir room of the Parish House, sing once or twice a month from September through May for the 9:15am service of Holy Eucharist, and also periodically sing during Choral Evensong.

If your child or youth would like to begin singing in the choirs this year, please contact the appropriate director above for more information or come to the first rehearsal!







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## 2017 Calendar & Card Recycling Program

By Stephanie King

The 2017 calendars are starting to come in the mail. There will be a separate, cardboard box in the workroom at the Parish House for the calendars only. Please continue to put the cards, pads, pens, calculators, etc. in the other box. It would be helpful to keep them until September if you have the room.

Thank you for your generous support of this project! At the end of April, I took 1900 cards to Grove Christian Outreach Center; 90 to the Williamsburg Landing chaplains; 150 pads and 100 pens to Erase the Need; and 950 Christmas cards to send to the troops in October.

## My Fellow Bruton Family

I appreciate all the warm expressions of kindness shown to me during the passing of my mother. I would like to especially thank Father Epperson, Dudley Hoyle, and Father Tyler Montgomery for sharing in the services. The beautiful flowers sent by Christine Britton on behalf of Bruton Parish truly added a special touch. The many cards from staff members offered words of encouragement and truly helped to ease the pain of sorrow. I will forever remember each of you and pray God's richest blessings for you. With sincere thanks, Ronnie Cotman.

## DOK Intercessory Prayers

Part of our rule of life as The Order of the Daughters of the King® is consistent intercessory prayer. Prayers are said for four weeks and may be repeated. Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for them or for others, should fill out a blue request card at the church tower and drop it in the DOK prayer box. The following is offered by Kathleen Rose from the Book of Common Prayer (p. 825). O God, in the course of this busy life, give me times of refreshment and peace; and grant that I may so use my leisure to rebuild my body and renew my mind, that my spirit may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.



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757-645-2050

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Sylvia Saba  
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### Pastoral Emergencies

Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm  
Call 757-345-2250 directly  
or call the church office at  
757-229-2891

After 5pm, call the church office  
and choose Option 6. If necessary,  
please leave your name, telephone  
number and brief message, and the  
clergy-on-call will return your call  
as soon as possible.

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# Pray, Listen, Speak: A Message from Bishop Hollerith

Dear Diocesan Family,

From Orlando to Minnesota to Dallas, these past weeks we have heard the voices of people in pain and anguish, and voices crying out for justice. Regardless of which side of the issues we happen to stand on, we are all affected by injustice and all have a stake in seeing that peaceful resolution and reconciliation are the order of the day across our land.

Given the complexity of the matters at hand and the fact that many of us are physically removed from the unrest, it is easy at times to feel detached and powerless. It is not always clear what, if anything, we might do to make a difference. It is not always clear how we might respond in a way that is faithful to our calling as followers of Christ. And yet I believe that God invites us to be more than passive bystanders.

To that end, I want to suggest three simple things that we can do - both as individuals and as worshipping communities - in response to these events. I offer them as the basis of a spiritual posture which we Episcopalians might assume when faced with social tragedy and conflict.

**Pray!** It's hardly a new, earth-shaking idea, but I think we sometimes forget just how powerful prayer can be. Prayer is the stance we Christians take in the face of our own powerlessness. It is our unceasing faith in the power of God to create healing opportunity. All churches in the Diocese of Southern Virginia and all individuals should be praying regularly for the places and communities where citizens and police officers have been unjustly killed or wounded - and for all communities where strife is present. Pray for those who are in pain or are grieving. Pray for peace.

**Listen!** One of the most important activities we can engage in is that of listening to the feelings and experiences of others. We live in a society where people are generally far more interested in asserting their opinions than listening to what others have to say. Or, in the words of William James, "A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices." As Christians, we must demonstrate an alternative way of being in the world, one that values openness to the experiences of others and acknowledges that the truth is usually a multifold reality. In particular, deep listening involves paying close attention to the stories of those who differ

from us. And a listening posture helps create an environment where healing and reconciliation are possible.

**Speak!** Not all of us are called to speak in public. Not all of us are called to raise our voice in the midst of a public protest. But God calls every one of us to speak against injustice as we experience it in the day to day, ordinary contexts of our lives. Evil is all around us no matter where we live - however subtle, however soft-spoken it may be. It's just a matter of our opening our ears to hear it and opening our eyes to see it in our own communities. The most powerful witness we can ever make as baptized Christians is one of risking to "speak the truth in love" to others on behalf of what is right and what is of God. This is especially important to do when we hear others - even those who are close to us - articulate hate or indifference or prejudice - the very tinder of social violence. It is part of the promise we make in the Baptismal Covenant when we say that we will "...strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being." (BCP p. 305)

It is impossible to know whether further acts of violence will take place across our country this summer. But I think it is relatively certain that we are seeing only a glimpse of the terrible unrest that lies beneath a great portion of our American society. We have some very hard work ahead of us as a country. My hope is that all of us who are part of the Episcopal Church in Southern Virginia will find some way to be more than just armchair Christians and will actively exercise our faith in the service of God's justice. After all, who can better address these issues than those who follow Jesus? Who could possibly be better equipped to demonstrate the power of love to the world? So, I invite you to find your way to pray, listen and speak.

In Christ,

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The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith



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