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Charting Our Financial Course: Where We Have Been, Where We Are Going

John Fogarty & Bill Brauer

We write to thank the parish for the outstanding response to the Campaign for the Fourth Century and provide some early results. The figures shared here reflect Campaign progress as of this writing.

One accomplishment of note is that besides exceeding the Campaign total goal of \$8.0 million, we exceeded the goal set for every objective where it was possible to do by December 31. Here is a rundown on the objectives and where they stand:

The Organ Fund

Cash or pledges exceed the goal by 12%. Thus the amount contracted with the organ builder is either in hand or pledged over several years. Funds above the contracted amount are needed for renovation within the building to prepare for the installation of the new organ, and to insure its future care. Organ music in the church is not only an everyday blessing, but also a central and lasting enhancement of our 1715 building, dedicated to the greater glory of God. Bruton Parish continues to welcome contributions of any amount toward the organ project.

Church Interior Work

Cash and pledges exceed the goal by 7%.

The Bruton Parish Church Foundation

The Foundation definitely benefited from its emphasis as a Campaign priority, exceeding its goal by 22%. During the past two years, many people confirmed that the Foundation is named in their estate plan, by completing and returning a letter of intent. While stating intent in such a letter is revocable, it serves to let Bruton Parish know your wishes and to recognize you properly. The Campaign helped reinforce the rationale for planned gifts and their potential impact on Bruton's financial well-being in the future. If there were no Endowment Fund, our ability to fund current operations, let alone significant projects such as the organ, would be severely diminished. Planned giving is an excellent way to make a real difference far into the future. We hope that others will join in taking this step.

Special Projects

Special Projects incorporates gifts toward other initiatives, including Campaign discernment, renovation of the Rectory, needlepoint kneelers and chair seats in the church, and creation of the Heritage Center. The amount given for these projects stands at 85% over its goal. Even while this is the smallest part of the campaign, this demonstrates parishioners' commitment to important projects and improvements that keep Bruton vibrant.

Annual Giving 2016

The Campaign set an ambitious goal of \$1,725,000, which was reached and exceeded in December. Moreover, at year-end, annual giving exceeded the previous year (2015) by \$275,000. After meeting budget requirements, we established a much-needed maintenance reserve and made a greater contribution to mission and outreach, thanks to this increase. But the need to increase the maintenance reserve and support our community are ongoing, not simply one-year events.

Annual Giving 2017

As pledges come in, we grow closer to our goal of \$1,750,000. Just as we were able to meet the 2016 goal, we must reach the 2017 goal, and therefore start an upward trend, reversing the years-long pattern of flat giving. Annual giving — the regular, reliable giving from the households of this congregation — is vital to Bruton's operation and future.

In closing, successful completion of the Campaign will bring about several things. It will strengthen the annual fund, for proper and timely maintenance of our property and meaningful impact in our community through mission and outreach. It will increase assets of the Foundation, to assure the financial stability of our parish for the future, continuing God's work here and beyond. It will result in a new organ, to enhance our wonderful music program and serve as an important asset for many, many years. Certainly, these are accomplishments we as a parish can look on with pride. Thank you!

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First Fridays Recovery Eucharist
Friday, February 3 @ 5:30pm

Newcomers' Corner
Sunday, February 5 @ 10:30am

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COFM Winter Shelter Ministry
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BBQ for Emerson Brooks'
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Sundays, February 26, March 5, 12 & 19
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Bruton's UTO Giving Period
March 5 - April 23

Lenten Program:
Spirituality of Ignatius Loyola *
Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22 & 29
Soup & Salad @ 6:30pm - Program @ 7:15pm

ECW Lenten Luncheon *
Thursday, March 9 @ 12:30pm

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Sundays, March 26, April 2 & 9 @ 12:30pm

Canterbury Gala & Silent Auction
Saturday, April 22

Fifth Annual Friends Day
Saturday, April 29

* Child care may be available for babies through elementary-aged children by reservation only. Contact Meghan Brewer at 757-345-6489 or email childcare@brutonparish.org.

Worship Schedule

Sunday, February 5

Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15
11:15am & 5:30pm

Sunday, February 12

Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am

Children's Church @ 9:15am *

Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15
11:15am & 5:30pm

Sunday, February 19

Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am

Children's Church @ 9:15am *

Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am

Choral Evensong @ 5:30pm

Sunday, February 26

Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15
11:15am & 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)

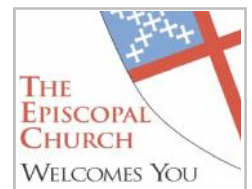
Canterbury Evening Prayer
Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm in Wren Chapel
when college is in session

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

Newcomers' Corner

New members of Bruton Parish are invited to join clergy, vestry and Newcomers Committee members for coffee in the Custis House at 10:30

am. This is a great opportunity to become more acquainted with the parish and learn of the many ministries here at Bruton. Join us on Sunday, February 5



What is Old is New: Spirituality of Ignatius Loyola

The Rev'd Chris Epperson

For our Lenten study, we will look at the wisdom of another age. You will remember last year a discussion of the Benedictine approach to life. This year we will explore the approach of another monastic movement.

St. Ignatius of Loyola is the founder of the Society of Jesus. The Jesuits, as they are commonly called, formed in 1540. The community is defined by poverty, chastity and obedience as principles. We will explore all of this in greater detail in the class.

Ignatius developed a retreat to deepen the spiritual life. He drafted the Spiritual Exercises to enable the faithful to follow Jesus. The Exercises, like any work, are shaped by the times in which they were created. The focus of this study will be exposure to the Exercises as constructed by Ignatius, and to modernize them for our devotion.

Come and hear about the life and witness of Ignatius with an eye toward your own spiritual journey. Join us in the Parish House on Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22 & 29, when we will gather at 6:30pm for our Lenten Soup & Salad Supper and then begin our Lenten program at 7:15pm. Make this a part of your Lenten practice!



Christian Basics: A Class for New and Old Episcopalians

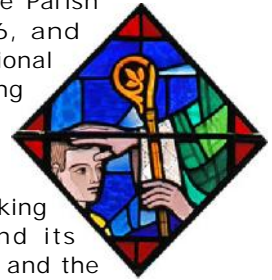
The Rev'd Josh Stephens

This four-week course will be held at 1:30pm in Coffee, Tea & Thee Room upstairs in the Parish House beginning Sunday, February 26, and continue March 5, 12 & 19. An additional meeting will be scheduled for those desiring baptism, confirmation or reception when Assisting Bishop Jay Magness visits Bruton on Sunday, March 26.

This course is designed for those seeking to understand the Christian faith and its expression through the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. This class is required for adults who desire to be baptized, or confirmed by the Bishop, or received into the Episcopal Church. It is also appropriate for those who would like to know more about the Episcopal Church or take the class as a refresher!

Everyone in the parish family is invited to join us on this journey. Topics will include: Introduction & Overview, The History of Anglicanism and the Episcopal Church, The Book of Common Prayer, and the Sacraments.

If you have any questions about the series, please contact me at 757-229-2891 or jstephens@brutonparish.org. If you have any questions regarding membership at Bruton, please contact Mrs. T.J. Cardwell, Volunteer Membership Coordinator, by calling 757-345-2256 or emailing membership@brutonparish.org.



Class for Parents of Children to be Baptized

Our next dates for baptisms of infants and children are April 23 and June 4. A class will be held for parents on Sundays, March 26, April 2, and April 9 from 12:30-1:30pm upstairs in Room 206 of the Parish House. Classes will explore the baptismal liturgy and life, and how to encourage children in their faith. Contact The Rev'd Josh Stephens to sign up by either emailing jstephens@brutonparish.org or calling 757-229-2891.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Rev'd Tyler Montgomery & Meghan Brewer

It is traditional to prepare and eat pancakes for supper on the night before Ash Wednesday, which is known by many names, including Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday, and Shrove Tuesday. The tradition is tied to the practice of using up stores of milk, butter, and eggs before Lenten fasting begins. This year's pancake supper will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, February 28, hosted by the Canterbury Association and Family Ministry. The cost is \$5/person or \$10/family (children under five eat free). If you'd like to volunteer to help set up, serve, and/or clean up that evening, please send an email to Meghan at mbrewer@brutonparish.org.

Be sure to RSVP by contacting the parish office and let us know how many adults/children will be attending. Please respond by Wednesday, February 21: email rsvp@brutonparish.org or call 757-229-2891.

Winter Shelter at Bruton

Leith & Chuck Mullaly

The time is upon us! From February 5-12, the congregation at Bruton Parish is hosting the COFM Winter Shelter. It is not too late to contribute to the program. Monetary donations continue to be accepted for bus tickets, laundry cards, hats, gloves, and scarves our guests need, as well other operating expenses required to host our 25-30 guests for the week. Please visit us on our website at www.brutonparish.org or visit www.bit.ly/GIVE2BPC to make your donation online. You may also place your check in the offering plate at church or send it to the Parish House with "COFM" written in the memo line.



Thank you to the many volunteers who have signed up already for the various roles to serve our guests. We still need help filling about 15% of the slots, so please sign up today if you haven't already or sign up for another slot!

Have a Four Wheeler? In the event of snow during the Shelter Week, could you help with your four-wheel drive vehicle or could you work with our guests at the Parish Hall after 7am in the morning? If so, please contact

Dick Estes 757-253-1682. Many thanks!

All of these actions help to convey God's grace and love by providing physical warmth and nourishment to those dealing with fear, uncertainty, and homelessness.

Lenten Devotional

Donna Marshall & Mary Kafes

Thank you to all clergy, parishioners and friends of Bruton Parish who have written reflections for the 2017 Lenten Devotional booklet sponsored by The Order of the Daughters of the King. An electronic copy will be available on our website on Sunday, February 26, and printed copies can be obtained at church on Sundays, February 26, March 5 & 12; at the Shrove Tuesday Supper on February 28; and on March 1 during the Ash Wednesday services. Printed copies will also be available at the Parish House reception area. We are asking \$1 donation per copy. Again, our thanks to all who participate in this ministry.

Volunteers Needed to Knit and Crochet

Judy Collard

The Eucharistic Visitors would like to have prayer shawls to give to the approximately twenty parishioners whom we currently visit monthly, and to have a supply available for the clergy for those who are in need. Since its founding in 1998, Prayer Shawl participants have lovingly donated their time and talents by creating hand-knitted and crocheted shawls as a gift of comfort, support, hope and peace.

Once completed, the Prayer Shawl will be blessed by our clergy and presented to the recipient. If you are interested, please email prayershawls@brutonparish.org or contact Judy Collard at 757-565-2549 for additional information and patterns.

Evening Book Group

This co-ed book group has selected *The Gospel of Judas* by Rodolphe Kasser, editor, and will meet for discussion on Monday, February 27, at 7pm. Please contact Susie Morrison at 757-846-6863 to join the group, as we love to have new members!

Thank You from Chanco



Dear friends:

On behalf of myself, the Chanco Board of Directors, our staff, and the numerous campers who are supported each year through scholarships, I want to say thank you! Each year Chanco on the James receives numerous requests from children who could not attend summer camp without financial assistance.

This year we were blessed to be able to award scholarships to 46 individuals including ten boys from Boys' Home and seven children from ForKids homeless ministry. The impact of your investment in our ministry is highlighted by the words of Rachel Newnam, annual fund and special projects manager at ForKids:

"From sleepless nights spent in shelters to nights spent in cars and on the streets these campers have not had a fairy tale childhood. Each year our staff continue to be amazed at the newfound confidence, focus and determination the kids return from camp with. I wanted to let you know that because of you all, this year's campers' lives have been changed forever."

Hearing statements like this and seeing how campers respond to time spent in Christian community surrounded by His creation, I can say without hesitation that your generosity is making a difference here in the spiritual heart of southern Virginia!

Sincerely,

Gareth Kalfas, Executive Director

The Search for the Historical Jesus

Bill Bynum, Library Committee

Councils in the first four centuries of the development of the Christian church established the theological dogma that Jesus was both fully human and fully divine. When copies of the Holy Bible became generally available in the 17th century, Christians went back to the Gospels to try to find out more about the exact nature of the Jesus of history, Jesus of Nazareth, the fully human being who lived among us. The Gospels wonderfully proclaim the Good News of God in Christ, as they were written to do, but their information about the Jesus of history is difficult to discern.

The search for the historical Jesus continues to this day and has generated in the intervening four centuries a vast collection of literature on the subject. The Hennage Library has over 90 books written in this general area. If you are interested in the search for the historical Jesus, it is daunting to choose a place to start. My personal preference for a starting point is the book by Marcus Borg, *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time: The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith*.

Marcus Borg was the Hundere Distinguished Professor of Religion and Culture at Oregon State University until his retirement in 2007. The 1992 annual meeting of the Northern California Conference of the United Church of Christ at Asilomar, California asked Professor Borg to lecture to them on the topic "Meeting Jesus again for the first time." Professor Borg decided to structure his lectures around his own personal spiritual quest to understand the life of Jesus. Professor Borg expanded the content of his lectures into this book.

Professor Borg grew up in a Scandinavian Lutheran family in North Dakota. His interest in the Christian tradition took him first to a Lutheran college, then to study at the Union Theological Seminary, and finally a PhD at Oxford University. His view of the Christian life shifted gradually from believing in a prescribed dogma to an active relationship to the Spirit of God, a journey of spiritual transformation. He came to believe that the gospels are neither divine documents nor straightforward historical records, but represent the developing traditions of the early Christian movement. In his study of Jesus, he began to understand fully the distinction between the pre-Easter Jesus, the fully human Galilean of history, and the post-Easter Jesus, the Risen Christ. He grew into the belief that the Christian life is about entering

into a relationship with God, or the risen living Christ, or the Spirit, rather than believing in God or believing in the Bible or believing in the Christian tradition.

In this eloquent and inspiring book, Professor Borg describes an image of the Christian life as a relationship with God, one which transforms us into more compassionate beings, into the likeness of Christ, rather than just a life of faith or works.

What is in the Hennage Library?

Our parish is blessed with The Hennage Library, a small (1,400) but carefully chosen collection of faith-based materials available to educate, enlighten and entertain members of our congregation. The Library is located in the lower level of the Parish House and is open

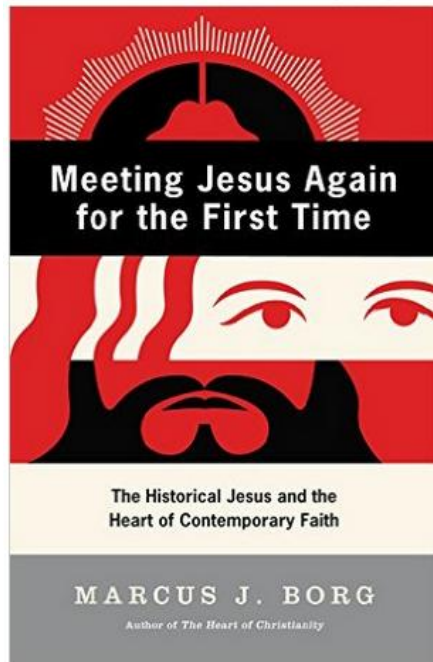
from 9am to 5pm on Friday and daily whenever meetings are not scheduled there.

Because there is no librarian, we have provided catalog reports to enable members to find the volumes they are seeking. A listing of books by Title, by Author, or by Subject are available. There are some collections that need to be accessed with the assistance of one of the members of the Library Committee. These include a collection of DVDs. The library also has on CDs the entire Bible read by notable personalities. A listing of the audio visual, CDs and DVDs is available.

There is also a Special Collection of rare books that, while they may not be checked out, may be read in the comfort and quiet of the Library. To access any of these resources, please email library@brutonparish.org

The Link Library: A Service of the Library Committee

As a supplement to the collection of physical books and other material in the Hennage Library, the Library Committee maintains a collection of links to online resources that may be of special interest to members of the parish and others. Visit our website, choose Link Library from the left menu, then Enter the Link Library ... to a "virtual" world brought to you by the Library Committee!



2017 Vestry Wardens

During the first Vestry Meeting on Tuesday, January 17, John Fogarty was voted Senior Warden, Bill Greaf was voted Junior Warden, and Jeanette Cureton was elected Register, while Steve Hibbitts continues as Treasurer.

Bruton Singles

Heidi Elam, Ruth Mullaney, Eda Martin
& 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, February 4, 8pm
Six Degrees of Separation

@ Williamsburg Players Theatre

Meet us at Second Street Bistro at 5pm, followed by the 8pm performance of this entertaining play. Six Degrees of Separation presents the idea that all living things and everything else in the world is six or fewer steps away from each other. It proceeds to show that a chain of "a friend of a friend" statements can be made to connect any two people in a maximum of six steps. It was originally set out by Frigyes Karinthy in 1929 and popularized in an eponymous 1990 play written by John Guare (\$20 ticket price + meal). Please call Ruth Mullaney at 757-229-6961 to RSVP.

Saturday, February 11, 6:30pm

Dinner & Movie @ New Town Regal Cinema
Join us at Paul's Deli in New Town at 4:30pm, then we'll pick a movie at Regal Cinema (\$7.50 ticket + meal). Please call Eda Martin at 757-532-8721 to RSVP.

Saturday, February 25, 5:30pm

Global Film Festival, "The Double"

@ Muscarelle Museum

Come join us for the screening of "The Double," as part of The William & Mary Global Film Festival's celebrating its tenth anniversary. Special Guest Production Designer David Crank (W&M '82) will be present for a Q&A session directly after the film. "A clerk in a government agency finds his unenviable life takes a horrific turn with the arrival of a new co-worker who is both his exact physical double and his personality opposite - confident, charismatic and seductive with women." After the movie, we will stop at Berret's Restaurant for dessert. Please email singles@brutonparish.org to RSVP to Donna Dodenhoff.

Tuesday, February 28, 6:30pm

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

@ Bruton Parish Fellowship Hall

We'll save you a place at our Singles table (\$5/person), if you'll call Heidi Elam at 757-897-5012. Be sure to RSVP for the Shrove Tuesday dinner by emailing rsvp@brutonparish.org or calling the Parish House at 757-229-2891.

CANTERBURY GALA & SILENT AUCTION

April 22, 2017



Historic Christopher Wren Building
at William & Mary

Admission includes heavy hors d'oeuvres,
an organ concert in Wren Chapel,
live entertainment,
and tours of the Wren Building, open bar

Tickets are \$75/person or \$120/couple.

Buy your tickets online now through Bruton's
website at <http://bit.ly/canterburygala>

Please consider donating a gift basket to the Canterbury Association for the silent auction. We welcome collaborative gift baskets from committees or groups of people. Please contact Jon Rigby at jdrigby@email.wm.edu if you are interested in compiling a gift basket.

All proceeds go to the Canterbury Missions Fund, which provides grants to various charities and scholarships to William & Mary students for international trips.

If you cannot make the event but wish to contribute, you may donate online or write a check payable to Bruton Parish Church with "Canterbury Missions Fund" in the memo and either: 1) place it in the offering plate on Sunday, 2) mail it to the Church Office at P.O. Box 3520, Williamsburg, VA 23187-3520, or 3) drop it by the Parish House.

*Childcare is available by appointment only,
please send an email to
childcare@brutonparish.org.*

Living the Gospel Bible Study

This Lectionary-based Bible study is held at 11am every second and fourth Sunday in the Custis House and examines the impact of the Gospel message on our everyday lives. Join us on Sundays, February 12 & 26.

Needlepoint Project Continues at Bruton Parish

Isabel Burch & Marty Jones

The newly completed needlepoint Wedding Kneeler, stitched by Mollie Turner, has arrived. As you can see from the picture, it is absolutely beautiful and is ready to be used at weddings in Bruton Parish Church. In the near future, we will display it so that all will see how exquisite it is.

We also recently received four newly designed canvases for the chair seats in the Rector's Pew. These chairs seats are the next phase of the Needlepoint project started as part of our 300th Anniversary Celebration. The nine altar rail kneelers, which were the first phase of the Needlepoint project, have added to the beauty and comfort at our communion rail.

For the seats in the Rector's pew, our rector, Chris Epperson, recommended we use the symbols of the four apostles, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John on the chair seat canvases. Each symbol is surrounded by a blue shaded damask background, color-coordinated with the background of the altar rail kneelers.

We would like to thank the many generous donors who have already supported this next phase of the Needlepoint project. We give special thanks to the member who donated the entire cost for one of the cushions in honor of her mother who loved to needlepoint and appreciated its beauty in a church setting. We hope that anyone who is interested in supporting this project will use the card below to donate in honor or in memory of someone.

If you should have any questions, please contact Marty Jones (757-810-4293) or Isabel Burch (757-253-0074) or send an email to needlepoint@brutonparish.org.

Pictured above are the Wedding Kneeler and the chair canvases to be stitched by Sally Riley - St. Matthew, Barbie Siegel - St. John, Toni Webb - St. Mark, and Grace Martien - St. Luke.

If you'd like to make a monetary donation to the project, you may do so online through Tithely by visiting www.bit.ly/GIVE2BPC or complete the pledge card below and return it to the Parish House.



The Wedding Kneeler stitched by The Rev'd Mollie Douglas Turner as part of the 300th Anniversary Celebration.



St. Mark



St. Luke



St. John



St. Matthew

Needlepoint Pledge Card

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

I/We pledge a total of _____ I/We wish to remain anonymous
 \$ _____

Enclosed is a gift of \$ _____ (paid in full)

Enclosed is the first gift installment of \$ _____

In memory of: _____
 In honor of: _____
 Given by: _____

Fifth Annual Friends Day at Bruton on April 29

Jim Morford

It's not too early to begin planning to attend Friends Day at Bruton on Saturday, April 29. The day will feature exceptional programs as we celebrate the Fifth Annual Friends Day.

The day will begin at 10am at the church with a debate on religious liberty between Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson. The event is made possible through the cooperation of Colonial Williamsburg. Friends of Bruton

(which includes all members of Bruton's local congregation, too!) will be able to reserve seating, but the performance will also be open to the public.

Therefore, it will be wise to both reserve and arrive early for this event.

The guest speaker at the Friends Day Luncheon in the Parish Hall at 12:15pm will be Valarie Holmes, an Actress and Writer in Special & Evening Programs at Colonial Williamsburg. She will present characters by making connections to today and will help people to have a better understanding of how history relates to us today.

Following the Friends Day Luncheon, there will be an opportunity at 3pm to join a special Pilgrimage to Holy Ground at Jamestown, the site of the 1608 church – the first protestant church in the New World. The

pilgrimage will include visiting the 1907 brick church which was built on the foundations of the 1617 and 1639 churches. Participants will learn of recent discoveries and plans for further investigations at the site. Many parishioners who wanted to participate in last fall's pilgrimage, but couldn't due to limitations of the group size, will have another opportunity. The group size is, again, limited and preference will be given to those who attend the Friends Day Luncheon.

Once again Friends Day will conclude with the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Concert in the church at 8pm.

All Friends Day events will require advance reservations. Look for the reservation form inserted in this issue or visit our website online. Reserve early to enjoy all of the events of the Fifth Annual Friends Day at Bruton!



Watch your email inbox for a Friends of Bruton Every Member Survey coming next month!



Friends of Bruton

THE UNITED THANK OFFERING



Bruton Parish Church's 2017 UTO Giving Period

March 5 through April 23

The United Thank Offering (UTO) of the Episcopal Church has funded Mission and Ministry desperately needed in communities around the world when funding wasn't available anywhere else.

Learn more about the history of the United Thank Offering in the March Chronicle.

Join Bruton's Youth & Family Ministry activities and programs exploring "Offerings of Gratitude for God's Blessings". The blessings we recognize when we put a coin into our blue boxes truly bless others.

Every penny given to the Ingathering is given away the following year to support innovative Mission and Ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion (learn more at www.episcopalchurch.org/uto).

2016 Grant Awards Funded New and Outside-The-Box Ideas:

Domestic and Overseas Grant Awards	\$ 1,227,934.00
Young Adult Grant Awards	24,946.00
Seminarian Grant Awards	12,460.00

Follow Facebook & Twitter Coverage of the 125th Annual Diocesan Council

February 10-11, 2017

This year's keynote speaker during the 125th Annual Diocesan Council will be The Rev'd Canon Timothy Dombek, Canon for Stewardship in the Diocese of Arizona, and Priest in Charge of Church of the Advent in Sun City West, Arizona. Dombek serves as an officer of The Episcopal Network for Stewardship and has created an online Steward-ship University called "Stew U." He will give three presentations at Council: Building Relation-ships = Increased Giving; How to Talk About Money & Pledges; and The Most Overlooked Aspect of Congregational Stewardship.

If you plan to attend Council this year, the diocese hopes that you will register by Thursday, February 7, but you can register at the door if necessary. If you'd like to come as a visitor to just hear the keynote speaker, come to the Williamsburg Lodge for the meeting; you don't have to register. Materials, agenda and the schedule for Annual Council are posted on the diocesan website at www.diosova.org as available.

Exhibitors at this year's Annual Council include: Bruton Parish Shop; Epiphany Studios; African Team Ministries; Crafts from Jerusalem; BK Textiles; GraceInside; VIPCare; Ministering to Ministers Foundation; Tri-Diocesan Council on Aging; Mission of the Holy Spirit; Jackson-Feild Behavioral Health Services; Episcopal Relief & Development; Cursillo; Episcopal Church Women. The Parish Book Store will be at Council again this year, offering a wide variety of books, resources and gifts. They will carry a complete selection of titles on stewardship, including those recommended as "essential reading" by our Diocesan Stewardship Commission and those recommended by the keynote speaker.

A Volunteer Choir will sing during the opening worship service on Friday, February 10, at 11am in celebration of our 125th annual Diocesan Council and will include a brass quintet and volunteer singers from around our Diocese. Rebecca Davy, Music Director and Organist will direct the volunteer choir and is looking for singers to participate in this special service. If you'd be interested in singing, please contact her at bdavy@brutonparish.org or 757-645-3431. In addition to hymns and service music, the anthems will be Friedell's "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" and Stopford's "Locus iste,"



which will be performed with brass. All singers will need to obtain copies of those two anthems. There will be two optional rehearsal opportunities. Contact Rebecca Davy if you would like to attend either of these: Saturday, February 4, at 10am at Christ & St. Luke's, Norfolk; Wednesday, February 8, at 7pm in the Bruton Parish House. Attendance is required at a 9:30am rehearsal on Friday, February 10, in the Bruton Parish House choir room.

Many volunteers are still needed! Please contact Mrs. T.J. Cardwell at either 757-220-4868 (home), 757-207-4868 (cell) or you may email her directly at council@brutonparish.org.

Follow both the Diocese's and Bruton's Facebook pages for coverage of this year's activities, photos, and lots more during Council. You can also follow #diosova125 on any social media!

Stewardship:
It's not about
money ...
It's about
relationships

BBQ for Emerson Brooks' Medical Fund

Laura Geddy

Emerson Anne Brooks, the daughter of Mason and Alex Brooks, great granddaughter of Suzie Brooks, granddaughter of Nancy and Charles Brooks, Bill Fallon and Barbara Fallon was a month old when she was rushed to a Denver, Colorado hospital December 22, 2016 in liver failure. After being transferred to the Children's Hospital of Denver and put on the national donor list, she received a new liver on January 1, 2017. She is still in ICU, but is a fighter, and is recovering.



To assist with uncovered medical expenses a BBQ dinner, sponsored by Old City BBQ and friends, will be held on Wednesday, February 22, from 5:30-8pm in Lewis Hall. Tickets are \$50 per person; all proceeds will go to Emerson's medical fund. Please make your reservation by mailing a check made out to the "Emerson Brooks Fund" and mail to Charles Brooks at 518 South England Street, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185.

ECW Lenten Luncheon

Jane Filz



Lent begins on Wednesday, March 1, and we will be preparing soon! As we move into this devotional season, the Episcopal Church Women invite all ladies of the parish to join together for a silent, reflective luncheon. Gather with us in the Parish Hall from 12-2pm on Thursday, March 9, when our guest speaker will be the Rev'd Jan Brown. Her presentation will serve both as a follow-up to the recent women's retreat and as a stand-alone mini retreat for those who were not able to attend. Please rsvp to Agnes Serena by emailing ECWlentenlunch@brutonparish.org or call the church office at 757-229-2891.

Wednesdays' Brown-Bag Bible Study

Bring lunch on Wednesdays in 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.

Women's Theological Book Group

The Women's Theological Book Group will be meeting on Thursday, February 23, from 1-2:30 in Room 206 of the Parish House. We will be discussing Walter Brueggemann's book, *Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now*. Brueggemann's book teaches and challenges about Sabbath and its place in our modern context. Child care is available by reservation by contacting Meghan Brewer directly at childcare@brutonparish.org or 757-229-2891.

First Fridays Recovery Eucharist

On Friday, February 3, SpiritWorks Foundation and Bruton will celebrate the 4th anniversary of the First Fridays Recovery Eucharist at 5:30pm. Please join us for this candlelit service in the chancel that includes readings and prayers 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. The Rev'd Jan M. Brown will be the preacher. The theme of the service is recovery, but you do not need to be in recovery to attend.

The picture below is from the First Friday Epiphany Service held on January 6.



Daughters of the King 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.

This prayer is titled 'We Live Above Nature' and is from the book, "Thou, Dear God": Prayers that Open Hearts and Minds, a collection of sixty-eight prayers by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We thank thee, O God, for the spiritual nature of man. We are in nature but we live above nature. Help us never to let anybody or any condition to pull us so low as to cause us to hate. Give us strength to love our enemies and to do good to those who despitely use us and persecute us.

We thank thee for thy Church, founded upon thy Word, that challenges us to do more than sing and pray, but go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers depended on us and not upon thee.

Then, finally, help us to realize that man was created to shine like stars and live on through all eternity. Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace; help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live together until that day when all God's children, Black, White, Red, and Yellow will rejoice in our common band of humanity in the kingdom of our Lord and of our God, we pray. Amen.

All women of the parish
are cordially invited to a

Baby Shower

in honor of

Josh & Rosanna

Saturday, February 25

High Tea from 3-5pm
in the Bruton Parish Hall

Kindly reply by February 15
by calling Meghan Brewer
at 757-345-6489
or email mbrewer@brutonparish.org.

Sunday
attire

Children & Youth Formation in February

Meghan Brewer

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

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

Sunday School is held from 10:30-11am for children through 5th grade in the Parish House, and in the Custis House for middle and high school youth. We meet in the church tower after communion and then walk to classes together.

Joyful Noise, Choristers & Cantores Youth Choirs typically rehearse in the Parish House at 11am (unless there is no Sunday School) in the choir room.

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Children's Church & Sunday School will NOT be held, as the Youth Group will be on their ski trip. Joyful Noise, Choristers & Cantores choir rehearsal will be held immediately following the 9:15am service. Extra hands are needed at the Parish House at 2pm to help unload the COFM Shelter Truck. Please contact Leith Mullaly directly if you can help at 757-345-6538.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

YOUTH SERVING AT WINTER SHELTER

Youth and their families will be making and serving the evening meal from 5-9pm to our guests during the COFM Shelter Week. Meet at the Parish House to welcome our shelter guests by preparing and serving a hot meal. Middle and high schoolers are welcome, parents too! Please contact Meghan to let her know you can help.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 & 19

Children's Church, Sunday School and Children's & Youth Choirs will be held at their regularly scheduled times on these Sundays.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Children's Church will NOT be held this Sunday, as our Joyful Noise, Choristers and Cantores Youth choirs will be singing during the 9:15am service at the church. Sunday School & Choir Rehearsal will still be held this day.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Youth Group will gather this month to help out during the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper for the parish. If you can help set up, serve, and/or clean up, please contact Meghan Brewer for further details (plan to arrive around 6pm).

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Join us for the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper hosted this year by our Canterburians and Family Ministry. It will be held in the Parish Hall at 6:30pm on Tuesday, February 28, for only \$5/person or \$10/family (children under five eat free). It will be a great way for all to come together for fellowship. Contact Meghan at 757-345-6489 or email mbrewer@brutonparish.org if you can volunteer!



Getting ready to rehearse for the Christmas pageant!

YOUTH LENTEN JOURNEY 2017

Each Sunday of Lent, beginning March 5, middle and high schoolers are invited to join us for a Lenten discipline just for them. This time will bring to life our journey towards the cross and empty tomb as we deal with how the Gospel addresses issues teenagers face. We'll talk about things like appearance and self-image, issues of identity, drugs and peer pressure, and more. Middle schoolers will meet at 5:30-7:30pm on Sunday evenings; high schoolers will meet from 7-8pm also on Sundays. Both groups will share in candlelit Compline at 7pm in historic Bruton Parish. In addition to these offerings, we



are going to make our Lent and Easter church services accessible to young people. We will be holding meetings just before the services to discuss how powerful liturgies such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday transform us. Contact Father Josh at jstephens@brutonparish.org to sign up!

Youth with Father Josh visiting several churches in Norfolk and experiencing Taize worship.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO GEORGIA

Our middle and high schoolers are headed to the mountains of Appalachia this summer for a mission trip to north Georgia from June 18-26. If you are interested in participating, please contact either Father Josh at jstephens@brutonparish.org, Meghan Brewer at mbrewer@brutonparish.org, or call 757-229-2891. For more information and to sign up, please visit our website.

Youth Group taking advantage of a snow day!



Candlelight Concerts for the Parish & Community by our Music Ministry

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.

Saturday, February 4
Organ Recital - Dr. JanEl Will, Organist

Saturday, February 10 - Harp Recital
American Youth Harp Ensemble
from Richmond, VA
Lynnelle Ediger, Director

Tuesday, February 14
Chamber Recital for Valentine's Day:
If Music Be the Food of Love
Kontrabande from Williamsburg, VA
Adrienne Lotto, Soprano
Charles Humphries, Countertenor
& Artistic Director
Jane Leggiero, Cello
Daniel Corneliusen, Harpsichord

Saturday, February 18
Choral Concert
Georgetown Visitation Choir
from Washington, DC
David Nastal, Director

Sunday, February 19 @ 5:30 pm
[Choral Evensong - Canticles](#)
by [Daniel Purcell](#) (d. 1717)
Bruton Parish Choirs
Rebecca Davy, Director
& Dr. JanEl Will, Organist

Saturday, February 25
Choral Concert
Trinity Cathedral Choir of Girls
from Columbia, South Carolina
Jared Johnson, Director

Historical Organ Recitals

William & Mary's Wren Chapel
Saturdays @ 10am
February 4, 11, 18 & 25
Rebecca Davy, Organist

Snow closed the schools recently, so our youth got together for ice skating at the rink on the Duke of Gloucester Street! View more pictures and video of their fun on the Facebook page for Bruton Parish Youth Ministry.



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or call the church office at
757-229-2891

After 5pm and on weekends, 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.

Article submissions are due the 10th of each month and may be edited for length and content.

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Fifth Annual Friends Day at Bruton Parish April 29, 2017

Reservation Form (please complete and return by Thursday, April 20)

YES, I/We plan to attend the Fifth Annual Friends Day at Bruton on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Name(s) of those attending:

YES, please reserve _____ (number of persons) for the 10am debate on religious liberty between Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson in the church. Since this program will also be open to the public, it will be wise to both reserve and arrive early for this event.

YES, please reserve _____ (number of persons) for the Friends Day Luncheon at the Parish House at 12:15pm. The cost for the luncheon and the Fifth Annual Friends Day meeting is \$12/person. The guest speaker will be Valarie Holmes, an Actress and Writer in Special & Evening Programs at Colonial Williamsburg. She will present characters by making connections to today and will help people to have a better understanding of how history relates to us today.

YES, please reserve _____ (number of persons) for the special Pilgrimage to Holy Ground at Jamestown at 3pm. The group size is limited and preference will be given to those who attend the Friends Day Luncheon. The cost is \$25/person.

Friends Day will conclude with the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Concert at 8pm at the church.

For our out-of-town Friends, Hotel Reservations may be made by calling 1-800-447-8679. Mention that you are booking your reservation as a Friend of Bruton to receive a discount for your stay.

Please make your reservation check payable to Bruton Parish Church (note Friends of Bruton Day in the memo) and mail it to the address below. Seating is limited, so you are urged to make your luncheon reservation as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Hilary Cooley at 757-345-2252 or hcooley@brutonparish.org.

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