A Sabbatical: Rest, Refresh, Reflect, Restore & Relationship
The Rev’d Chris Epperson

Sabbath is a theological concept that finds roots in the Hebrew Bible. The observance of the Sabbath is one of the Ten Commandments. The idea is that the believer takes time to rest into relationship with God. This extends from Judaism into Christianity.

Sabbath is the word at the core of Sabbatical. A sabbatical is an extended period of sabbath commonly found in academic circles and the Church. It is a period of rest and refreshment where an individual refocuses and seeks growth.

In the Diocese of Southern Virginia, clergy are expected to take a sabbatical in the fifth year of service to a congregation. I have not taken a sabbatical because the timing has not been right. Now is the time for me.

Clergy often take sabbaticals as a single chunk of time of three months, combined with continuing education and some accrued vacation. I have decided to take a slightly different approach. My sabbatical will be in two parts in the calendar year. I will take two months in the Spring and the Fall.

There are a couple of different reasons for this. I want to be here for the organ installation and related work, and I also want to be present for the planning we do for the Fall. I also want to be here for the beginning of the Fall kick-off of the program year. So, I will be out May and June, and then again in October and November.

I will divide the time into two parts of restorative work. The first bit will be dedicated to my own spiritual renewal. Part of this will be a pilgrimage to Israel. This will also be part of research for a Friends of Bruton sponsored pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The second part of the sabbatical will be dedicated to my own growth as a leader. I am exploring a number of programs and conferences to do this work.

The sabbatical is intended to be personal as well as providing benefit to the church. My growth is intended to bear fruit in the parish. It is not a vacation. The point is restorative work to help position me to offer more to my ministry among you. It is also time to strengthen the work you do as a parish.

There will be much planning with the clergy and staff to manage in my absence. I am not under the impression that I am indispensable. This will be time for the clergy and staff to grow as well. Life will carry on at Bruton.

There will be more to share in the coming weeks. I look forward to including you in developing details, and I’m grateful for the support of the vestry as we plan together.

Peace, Chris +

The Church Renovates In Preparation for the New Organ
From week to week the chancel is changing as Bruton undergoes the most significant renovation since the 1930s. The result, a new world-class organ and a work of art, will far outweigh any disruption. The church will be physically closed beginning Monday, February 4, through March for painting and for the arrival and physical installation of our new Dobson pipe organ.

Beginning Monday, February 4, through March, the Sunday and Wednesday worship services will be held in the Parish House. Noonday Prayer will not be held during this time.

Parking will still be available in front of the church on the Duke of Gloucester Street during service times. Parking will not be permitted in front of the Gift Shop until the ice skating rink is removed. Please utilize the two-hour parking lot behind the Parish House or the parking garage on Henry Street.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.
FELLOWSHIP & FORMATION

Brown-Bag Bible Study
Wednesdays @ noon

Youth Chili Fundraiser
Order by January 30
Pickup Saturday, February 2, 10am - 12pm or Sunday, February 3 after morning services

Women’s Theological Book Group *
Thursday, January 31 & February 28 @ 1pm

First Fridays Recovery Eucharist
Friday, February 1 @ 5:30pm

Newcomers’ Corner
Sunday, February 3 @ 10:30am

Celebration of the Ministry of The Rt. Rev’d Herman Hollerith IV
Friday, February 8 @ 5pm

The Good Book Club
Thursday, Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28, 7-8:15pm

Women Under 40ish *
Sunday, February 10 @ 1pm

127th Annual Diocesan Council
February 8 - 10

Living the Gospel Bible Study
Sundays, February 10 & 24 @ 11am

Women’s Evening Potluck
Tuesday, February 12 @ 6:30pm

Canterbury Gala & Silent Auction
Saturday, February 23, 6-9pm

Christian Basics
Sundays, March 3 - April 14

Women of Bruton’s Silent Lenten Lunch
Wednesday, March 27 @ Noon

Lenten Program: Explorations of Different Forms of Prayer
Thursdays, March 14/21/28 & April 4 & 11
Soup Supper @ 6:30, Program @ 7:15pm

Women of Bruton’s Silent Lenten Lunch
Wednesday, March 27 @ Noon

Donations for Easter Lilies
Due by Friday, April 5

7th Annual Friends of Bruton Day
Saturday, May 4 @ Jamestown

Order by January 30

YOUTH CHILI FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT MISSION & PILGRIMAGE TRIPS

Our youth will be attending the Mission Trips this summer to Navajoland, NM and the Appalachian Folk Life Center in Pipestem, WV. They will be gathering on Saturday, February 2, to make two types of chili - Meat & Vegetarian - as a fundraiser in support of these trips. The cost is just $10/quart. To place an order, please call the church office at (757) 229-2891, call Meghan Brewer at (252) 347-7078 or email her at mbrewer@brutonparish.org. Make this a great addition to your Super Bowl Party, while also supporting our youth programs!

Orders will be available for pick-up at the Parish House on Saturday, February 2, from 10am - 12pm and on Sunday, February 3, following the morning services.
FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE
Ed Emery, Nancy Nelson, Marty Easton

Thank you to all who have submitted a pledge for 2019. Regular pledge payments provide a stable financial base for the parish, and make giving a regular, intentional practice for each of us. Thank you for your commitment. New individuals or couples may make a pledge at any point during the year.

Pledge payments may be made weekly, monthly, quarterly or in a lump sum. Numbered green offering envelopes are no longer necessary for checks in the offering plate. A check folded in half will suffice. To discontinue envelopes, contact us and we will do that for you. We also understand that some people prefer them and that's fine, too. Cash may be placed in any ordinary envelope with your full name written on the outside.

Online giving by credit card is another option for pledge payments and contributions to several other funds.

1. Click on GIVE from the home page of our website at www.brutonparish.org.
2. Follow the instructions, by entering the amount, selecting the desired fund, and entering your email address. Pledge payments are received into the Annual Fund.
3. On the next screen, confirm your email address.
4. Proceed to the giving/payment details screen. For recurring payments, you can select the frequency and date of credit card charges.

We are in the process of phasing out Tithely. All online contributions will come through ACS Pay+ via our website which will help streamline functions of the finance office in 2019.

Many pledges toward the new organ were made two or more years ago. Any organ pledges and gifts made in 2018 are noted on the year-end contributions statement. Please take a moment to review yours, if applicable. We are happy to give reminders or updates on organ pledge amounts outstanding.

Thank you for your support. Two ways to reach us: finance@brutonparish.org or (757) 345-2256.

SUNDAY USHER MINISTRY
This important ministry is in need of ushers to form two new usher teams for the 7:30am services. You would be serving only one Sunday about eight times a year. Please volunteer, we really need your help. Contact Ginny & Bill Dugge at ushers@brutonparish.org.

WEDNESDAYS BROWN-BAG BIBLE STUDY
Bring lunch on Wednesdays at noon to the Coffee, Tea & Thee room upstairs in the Parish House. 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.

FIRST FRIDAYS RECOVERY EUCHARIST
First Fridays will celebrate its 6th anniversary with a Recovery Eucharist on February 1 in the chancel of the church. SpiritWorks Foundation and Bruton host this monthly service with prayers and readings that focus on helping people find ways to live faithfully in the midst of any kind of suffering, especially addiction, codependence, mental illness, and trauma. During the service participants may light candles and write prayer requests. Join us in praying for those still struggling, mourning those we’ve lost, and celebrating with those experiencing recovery. All are welcome, whether or not you’re in recovery. We are also delighted to announce that we baptized two children during the January First Fridays service!

LIVING THE GOSPEL BIBLE STUDY
This adult Lectionary-based Bible study is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 11am in the Custis House. The study looks at the impact of the Gospel message on our everyday lives. Please join us Sundays, February 10 & 24, in the Parish House until further notice.

WOMEN OF BRUTON’S SILENT LENTEN LUNCH
Mark your calendar and save the date for Walking the Sacred Path: Using the Labyrinth to Deepen Your Lenten Journey on Wednesday, March 27, at noontime in the Parish Hall (cost $5). After a silent lunch with soup from the Carrot Tree, the Rev’d Lauren McDonald will give a short presentation on the history and meaning of the labyrinth and then facilitate a labyrinth walk in Lewis Hall. Finger labyrinths will also be available for those who do not wish to participate in the walk.
**Canterbury Sunday Night Fellowship Dinners**

For the last several years, a dedicated handful of parishioners have supported Canterbury’s Sunday Night Fellowship Dinners by preparing and serving meals after our Sunday evening services. We are now in need of new volunteers to help continue this wonderful ministry to the William & Mary community. If you are interested in supporting this effort by helping prepare one meal a semester, please visit bit.ly/canterburydinners. Thank you for your support!

**A Great December in The Gift Shop**

Sally McConnell

We are very excited to report that the Bruton Gift Shop had a very successful December resulting in an increased donation to Mission and Outreach! This is a result of the festive Christmas merchandise which was a mix of gifts and decor, the growing number of parishioners now shopping and enjoying their 10% discount, and the hard work of our shop volunteers who worked extra shifts to support our busy sales floor.

Our managers, Diane Koun and Pam Michael, attended the Atlanta Wholesale Market in January. Believe it or not, they were meeting with vendors to select merchandise in preparation for the next holiday season! While they were in Atlanta, our new shop assistant, Tori Hern, was at the helm along with seasoned shop volunteers such as Leith Mullaly.

Speaking of Leith, everyone involved in the Bruton Gift Shop from staff, to volunteers, to the Gift Shop Committee, joins me in thanking Leith for her extraordinary service as Chair of the Shop Committee. Leith has done a remarkable job leading many changes over the past few years including the shop renovation, the hiring of our new managers, and the integration of the shop with the Heritage Center. As most of you know, Leith leads with enthusiasm, humor and grace, and we are all grateful for her contribution to the Shop’s continuing success.

If you haven’t been in recently, do come by to see the handmade crosses by Jerry Draper. Considered collector’s items by many, the crosses are exquisitely carved by Jerry who was a fine cabinet maker. The Bruton Gift Shop is the only place to find these crosses which are carved from butternut and signed by the artist and can be personalized for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays or christenings.

A black tie charity event.

**6-9PM | February 23**

**Historic Christopher Wren Building**

Tickets are $75/person.

Purchase tickets online now at [http://bit.ly/CANTERBURYGALA-2019](http://bit.ly/CANTERBURYGALA-2019) or contact Alex Narducci at anarducci@brutonparish.org or 757-645-2056

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. If you are interested in compiling a gift basket, please contact Alex Maneval directly by email at armaneval@email.wm.edu

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

If you cannot attend the event but wish to make a monetary contribution, you may donate online at [bit.ly/ONLINEGIVING](http://bit.ly/ONLINEGIVING) and please choose CANTERBURY GALA 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.
**Women’s Evening Potluck**

The Women of Bruton are having a Potluck Supper on **Tuesday, February 12**, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Susie Morrison. All are invited and welcome to attend! To RSVP and get directions, please contact Susie directly at (757) 846-6863 or womenspotluck@brutonparish.org. Kindly plan to bring a dish to share.

**Women Under Fortyish**

The WUF Pack group of young adult women will gather on **Sunday, February 10**, from 3-4:30pm in the Coffee, Tea & Thee Room on the second floor of the Parish House. We will be viewing and discussing a video of Brené Brown’s work on vulnerability. No homework! Bring yourself and enjoy the fellowship. Childcare is available — it’s helpful if you let us know how many “cubs” will be attending. If you are interested in more information, please contact the Rev’d Lauren McDonald at lmcdonald@brutonparish.org.

**Women’s Theological Book Group**

There’s still time in January to join the Women’s Theological Book Group on **Thursday, January 31**, from 1-2:30pm in Room 206 of the Parish House. We are reading *Here If You Need Me*, by Kate Braestrup. Upcoming books and dates are: **February 28 - Seven Spiritual Gifts of Waiting** by Holly Whitcomb; **April 11 - Holy Solitude: Lenten Reflections with Saints, Hermits, Prophets, and Rebels** by Heidi Haverkamp. All women welcome. For more information, please contact the Rev’d Lauren McDonald.

**Women’s Lentent Retreat: March 8-10**

**Finding Our Niche: Exploring Our Spiritual Gifts**

The Rev’ds Lauren McDonald and Jan Brown will facilitate this retreat on discovering our spiritual gifts and putting them to use in God’s service. In the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians, Paul writes about the variety of gifts that we receive through the Holy Spirit. Some gifts are clear to us; others take time to discover. Join us as we explore the gifts the Spirit has given us and answer God’s call to use them.

Space for up to 40 women has been reserved at Camp Chanco. Meals will be provided. $175/person covers food/lodging for a double room. Single occupancy is $225. Please make checks payable to Bruton Parish. If cost is prohibitive, please contact Lauren regarding the possibility of a scholarship by contacting her at (757) 229-2891 or lmcdonald@brutonparish.org. Rooms are motel-style with two beds plus a bathroom. Linens are provided.

The retreat will begin on Friday, March 8, at 6pm for dinner and end Sunday morning, March 10. To attend, you must commit to the full retreat. The retreat will be alcohol-free.

Registration forms are available on our website, in the Parish House, or email hcooley@brutonparish.org to have the form sent to you.
EPIPHANY, A FEAST OF LIGHT AND FOOD
The Rev’d Josh Stephens

Our children's and youth program tried something different for Epiphany this year. We knew that Epiphany is one of seven Principal Feasts of our Lord, and it’s always a joyous occasion. Often times, we don't gather for food, fellowship, and fun since Christmastime was just filled with so much feasting.

Meghan Brewer and I wanted to include a bit more of the "feast" in this Feast this year. We gathered on Epiphany in the Parish House for a banquet potluck with a touch of formality. Families in attendance brought Wise Men from their home nativity sets which journeyed down the middle of the tables, illumined by candlelight. English crackers were enjoyed by all as we got started.

Kate McClain baked a King Cake with a bean inside that the kids eagerly searched for, and Fr. Dan McClain blessed chalk and taught the kids to mark the doorways of the Parish House (and their own homes) in a traditional Epiphany style. It was a wonderful occasion as this ancient Feast of Our Lord lighted our way.

WE NEED YOUR HELP ON SHROVE TUESDAY

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 6:30pm on Tuesday, March 5, is being hosted by our Youth Group this year in support of their summer mission trips. We would like YOU to volunteer to help set up, serve, and/or clean up by emailing Meghan Brewer at mbrewer@brutonparish.org.

Please see the full article on page 8 with details about the supper and be sure to rsvp by Friday, March 1, by contacting the Parish Office at rsvp@brutonparish.org or (757) 229-2891 and let us know how many adults/children will be attending.
Children & Youth Formation
The Rev’d Josh Stephens & Meghan Brewer

Saturday, February 2
Our youth attending the mission trips this summer will be gathering from 10am to noon to make two types of chili — meat & vegetarian — as a fundraising effort in support of these trips. If you’ve ordered, be sure to pick them up at the Parish House on Saturday or that Sunday following each of the morning services.

Sunday, February 3
Children’s Church, Sunday School and Children & Youth Choir Rehearsals will be held at their regularly-scheduled times.

Sunday, February 10
No Children’s Church because our children and youth choirs will be singing during the 9:15am service in the Parish House. Sunday School and Children & Youth Choir will be held. Youth Group will begin at the Parish House at 4pm for middle schoolers, followed by combined dinner at 5:30pm, with our high schoolers meeting from 5:30 - 7:30pm.

Sunday, February 17
Children’s Church will be incorporated into the 9:15am service in the Parish House. Sunday School and Children & Youth Choir Rehearsals will be held at their regularly-scheduled times.

Sunday, February 24
Children’s Church will be incorporated into the 9:15am service in the Parish House. Sunday School and Children & Youth Choir Rehearsals will be held at their regularly-scheduled times. Middle and high schoolers will meet for Youth Group at the Williamsburg Bowling Lanes from 4-6pm for pizza and bowling.

We have three newly trained and ready-to-go acolytes!

Two Youth Mission & Pilgrimage Trips

July 6-17, 2019
Navajoland, New Mexico & Cataract Canyon, Utah
High School students are invited to help organize and attend a trip to work with a Navajo congregation, St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, to host a Vacation Bible School from July 8-12, 2019. On July 12, we will travel to Moab, Utah for a wilderness pilgrimage of five days and four nights of rafting through the remote Cataract Canyon in Canyonlands National Park. We will learn about Navajo culture along the way and spend time with God, our creator. Bruton Parish’s current high schoolers and their friends are invited, and they will be expected to gather for pre-trip meetings and to help with fundraisers. The trip cost is $1,300/person with a $400 deposit due by April 1. If you turn in your deposit by March 1, then you’ll receive a $100 discount on the trip. For more information and to sign up, visit bit.ly/bpchipghighschoolpilgrimage2019.

July 21-28, 2019
To Appalachian South Folk Life Center in West Virginia
Middle and high school students are invited to journey to the wild and wonderful mountains of West Virginia for a week of service work, prayer, cultural experiences, and time with God in creation. This trip will leave on Sunday, July 21, when we’ll spend a week working on local homes with the Folklife Center as our facilitators and home base. Students will be shaped by Morning and Evening Prayer, music, and group conversations, as well as the work completed each day.

On Friday, July 26, we will head to the New River Gorge for two nights of fun and rest including an adventure lake and white-water rafting through the New River Gorge. This trip costs $450/person with a $200 deposit due by May 1. If you turn in your deposit by March 1, you will receive a $50 discount on the trip.

We are grateful for parishioner’s support of our mission trips and pilgrimages. Stay tuned for upcoming fundraisers. Donations are welcome at any time to offset chaperone costs and youth scholarships. Write checks to Bruton Parish with “Youth Mission Trip Donation” in the memo and give to Fr. Josh Stephens. Please visit bit.ly/brutonwestvirginiamission2019 to sign up.
SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

All are invited! 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, March 5, hosted by our Youth Group. The profits from the dinner will support our summer youth mission trips to Navajoland, NM and Appalachian Folk Life Center in Pipestem, WV. The cost is just $10/person or $20/family. Additional donations are welcome as this is a fundraiser to support youth mission trips! Pay at the door; 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 Brewer at mbrewer@brutonparish.org.

Be sure to RSVP by Friday, March 1, by contacting the parish office at 757-229-2891 or email rsvp@brutonparish.org and let us know how many adults/children will be attending.

NEWCOMERS’ CORNER

New members of Bruton Parish are invited to join clergy, vestry and Newcomers Committee members for coffee in the Custis House at 10:30am on the first Sunday of each month. This is a great opportunity to become better acquainted with the parish and learn of the many ministries here at Bruton Parish. Please join us on Sunday, February 3.

DOK LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Joyce Haines

Thank you to all the clergy and parishioners of Bruton Parish who have written reflections for the 2019 Lenten Devotional booklet sponsored by the Order of the Daughters of the King®. An electronic copy will be available on our website by Sunday, March 3. Printed copies can be obtained on Sundays, March 3, 10 & 17; at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper; during the Ash Wednesday services on March 6; and at the Women of Bruton’s Silent Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, March 27. Printed copies will also be available at the Parish House reception area. We are asking $1 donation per copy.

ASH WEDNESDAY & IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days prior to Easter. Sundays are not included in the count. Join us as we prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. Services of Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes will be held on Wednesday, March 6, at 7:30am, 11am and 6pm. If you would like only the Imposition of Ashes, visit between noon and 4pm.

LILIES FOR THE EASTER ALTAR

Dianne Spence

Contributions are now being accepted for the lilies which will decorate the Easter altar. The deadline is Friday, April 5, for receiving the names to be included in the bulletin as a memorial, a thank offering, or in honor of someone special. Please make checks payable to Bruton Parish Church and mail them directly to Dianne Spence at 102 Walnut Hills Drive, Williamsburg, VA, 23185-3427 (please do not send the checks to the church office). Be sure to include your telephone number on the check or correspondence. Contact Dianne directly if you have any questions at (757) 229-4915 or at lilies@brutonparish.org.
United Thank Offering this Lent and Easter
Bessie Bierer

The United Thank Offering (UTO) invites you to:

- **NOTICE** the good things that happen each day.
- **GIVE** thanks to God for your blessings.
- **MAKE** an offering for each blessing.

Each week during Bruton’s 2019 UTO Giving Period (March 3 through April 27), the Bruton Bytes and Sunday bulletins will feature a prayer offered in thanksgiving by Bruton’s Youth & Young Adults as we all learn to “Become the Beloved Community”.

Please think of giving to the 2019 United Thank Offering. Even the smallest donations, when added together, can make a huge difference in the lives of others. Every penny given to the UTO Ingathering creates annual Grants supporting innovative missions & ministry in The Episcopal Church. Through UTO, your Blessings become blessings for others.

United Thank Offering 2019 Grant Applications

Applications are now being accepted for the 2019 United Thank Offering grants. The focus for the 2019 United Thank Offering grants is Go: Cross boundaries created by race, culture, and economics to create communities that listen deeply and learn to live like Jesus. Detailed guidelines for applying for the grants are available at bit.ly/UTO2019. The UTO Grant Committee will offer webinars to answer any questions and go over the application on Wednesday, February 13 at noon and 8pm Eastern at zoom.us/j/8140408194.

2019 Vestry Wardens
Jeanette Cureton

During the Vestry Meeting in January, Dick Estes was elected Senior Warden; Ron Hurst, Junior Warden; Douglas Boller, Register; and Steve Hibbitts continues as Treasurer. O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: enlighten with your grace the Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the missions of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Unique Friends Day Saturday, May 4
Jim Morford

In recognition of the 400th anniversary of the momentous events that took place at Jamestown in 1619, Friends Day activities will take place at Historic Jamestown on Saturday, May 4.

The day’s program will begin with a service of Holy Communion at the site of the original church. In 2010, Jamestown archaeologists discovered the church built in 1608 within the walls of the fort. Archaeology Magazine called the discovery one of the ten most significant archaeological discoveries in the world that year. The church was where Powhatan’s favored daughter, Pocahontas, married John Rolfe on April 5, 1614. Friends Day participants will have the unique opportunity to partake in the Holy Eucharist at this historic site.

The Seventh Annual Friends Day Luncheon will take place at Jamestown’s Dale House on the banks of the James River. Our guest speaker will be The Honorable Judge John Charles Thomas. Please see related articles in the January issue of The Chronicle and the winter issue of The Bruton Fount (both available on our website).

Following the luncheon we, will convene at the site of the church built in 1617. Mark Summers, Manager of Educational Programs at Jamestown Rediscovery, will speak on Religion and Politics: Faith and Faction in Early Jamestown. His presentation will review the “Anglican-Puritan-Catholic politics inside the fort” and compare them with what was happening in contemporary England. Within that frame-work he will discuss the significance of the first representative assembly which met at that site from July 30 to August 4, 1619.

Over the past year, Jamestown Rediscovery specialists have uncovered remains that may be those of Sir George Yeardley, the colonial governor who presided over that first assembly. He died at Jamestown in 1627 at age 39 and was likely buried with special honors. Jamestown archeologists believe the remains are those of Governor Yeardley but are awaiting definitive confirmation through DNA analysis.

Reservation information will be sent shortly. Plan to register early as, due to space constraints at Dale House, the number of registrants is limited.
The forecast for Sunday, January 13, included a “wintry mix, freezing rain and snow with light accumulation possible overnight.” Temperatures hovered in the low 30’s. Dick Estes, the weather watcher for the Bruton Winter Shelter, began sending emails on Thursday, confirming our weather plan. Did every volunteer have access to a four-wheel drive vehicle? Did we have plans in place to shovel the walkways? Were we ready if our guests were snowed in until Monday afternoon? With weather contingency plans in place, 15 volunteers ages 7 to 70 arrived at Bruton that Sunday afternoon to help logistics guru Pete Perkins offload a trailer fondly called the “God Pod” which contained an “instant” overnight shelter — sleeping mats, bedding, intake forms and hygiene supplies.

Thanks to the hard work of Ronnie Cotman, Mike Brown and Mike Wanless, Lewis Hall was arranged into a sleeping area, a common area, and an intake desk. Water and coffee were stocked, and a nursery room was cleared to accommodate personal belongings. By 3pm we were ready for the shelter to open at 6pm. Guests were already lining up on the porch at 4:30pm.

Anna Martin, Bonnie Smith and Stephanie Heller spent days in advance shopping for dinner, breakfast and lunches and organized the kitchen. The refrigerators were overflowing and at 5pm the first wave of volunteers arrived to make and serve dinner.

Meanwhile, the “check in” team was being briefed by Judy Collard and the shelter managers from The Community of Faith Ministry (COFM) on how to process guests, distribute bedding, escort guests to showers and provide supervision during the late evening and early morning hours. These volunteers also took orders for new undergarments to be offered later in the week, signed up guests for haircuts, and offered each guest a pair of clean socks and a new pair of warm gloves.

Claudia Powell and Steve Holms reviewed the fire exits, readied the restrooms, and organized chairs in the lobby of Lewis Hall. At 6pm sharp the doors opened, and 23 cold and tired guests arrived to settle into the Parish Hall for the night.

This process, which started on Sunday evening, January 13 continued around the clock until Sunday morning, January 21, when the last guest departed. Later that day, guests traveled by bus to Walnut Hills Baptist Church to spend their next week in the Winter Shelter there.

How does the Winter Shelter run so smoothly? The simple answer is the skill and
Since this ministry touches every aspect of parish life, it would not have been possible without the support of every member of the clergy, our wonderful staff with special thanks to Hilary Cooley, Christine Britton, Nancy Nelson, Ed Emery, Ronnie Cotman, Mike Brown, Mike Wanless and Diane Koun. Past chairs, Lianne and Douglas Boller, made the transition smooth and Anna Martin and Diane Abdo assisted us as the Bruton Shelter Leaders for next year.

Dedication of nearly 125 parishioners who volunteer, make contributions, and work behind the scenes to support our week. Sue Spooner and David Hurt handled all of the volunteer sign ups and volunteer communications. Hilary Cooley supported parish-wide communications. Ann Porter managed the process of checking guests out in the morning, and Kris Magnusson helped lead the check in process. Steve Hibbitts oversaw one of the most challenging assignments: the volunteers who would stay up all night, ensuring the safety of our guests.

This was our seventh year supporting the Winter Shelter program and, over the course of the week, we saw 23 different individuals with an average nightly count of 21. Across our community, 58 folks have stayed in one of the shelters this winter, including families and mothers with infants. Eighteen faith communities provide hosting and another 26 provide support. This extraordinary community-wide event involves the participation of nearly 2,000 volunteers.

The good news is that through the work of Williamsburg House of Mercy and 3e, more of our guests are finding housing, and each year COFM adds features to the week intended to improve the quality of life for those who find themselves without permanent housing.

This year, Old Town Medical Center gave flu shots to every guest and Whitley Thompson of Whitley’s Hair Studio donated haircuts. Even a ten-year-old boy got in the act by baking a cake which he and his mother brought to Bruton for our guests to enjoy.

Speaking of young supporters, we had several Bruton families helping unload the God Pod and Bruton Youth helped cook and serve the Friday night supper. All during the week, a number of Canterburians volunteered by serving on the kitchen crew and joining the night shift.

It was truly a parish-wide effort including not only an army of volunteers, but also the financial contributions of many parishioners. We are a deeply grateful for all that you did to help those in our community who need extra support, particularly during these cold winter months.

7) Breakfast pros Bonnie & Terry
8) Hairstylist Whitney Thompson (with her grandmother) gave haircuts.
9) The Check-In Team
10) Claudia & Steve welcome guests and manage security
11) Douglas, Lauren and Lori like the look of dessert!
12) A highlight of Father Josh’s week was seeing this faithful crew serve dinner, clean up, wash dishes, and visit with our guests.
13) Diane helps to prepare dinner.
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 (if necessary) and contact the listed coordinator.

Sunday, February 3, 2pm
"Silent Film Showcase" at W&M Global Film Festival
Meet us at 1:45pm in the lobby of the Kimball Theatre. The 2019 W&M Silent Film Showcase features five classic silent film selections, all accompanied by live musical performances from members of the W&M community. This program will feature: Pandora's Box (1929) & Metropolis (1927) with live accompaniment from the W&M Wind Ensemble directed by Richard Marcus. Selections from The Plastic Age (1925) with live accompaniment from DJ Brian Kelley '07. A live accompaniment performance written and performed by members of the W&M Composer's League. The Cameraman's Revenge (1912) with live accompaniment from the W&M Russian Music Ensemble. After the movie we will walk to a nearby restaurant for refreshment ($10 ticket + meal). Please rsvp to Sandy Lenthall at singles@brutonparish.org.

Saturday, February 16, 4:30pm
Dinner at Food for Thought & Movie
Meet us at 4:30pm for dinner at Food for Thought on Richmond Road. We will then pick a movie at Movie Dinner Theatre or Regal Cinema in New Town (cost of meal + $8 ticket). Please rsvp to Spence Witten at singles@brutonparish.org.

Saturday, February 23, 6-9pm
Canterbury Silent Auction & Gala
Historic Christopher Wren Building at W&M
Admission includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment, and tours of the Wren Building. Tickets are $75 per person. Please see page 1 in order to purchase tickets online or physically from Alex Narducci, Canterbury Program Director (anarducci@brutonparish.org) in the church office. If you are interested in donating items for the silent auction, please contact Alex Maneval at armaneval@email.wm.edu. All proceeds benefit Canterbury Missions Fund, which provides grants to various charities and scholarships to W&M students for international trips ($75/ticket). Purchase your ticket and then contact Heidi Elam at (757) 897-5012 to rsvp to join the Bruton Singles group.

Friday, February 22, 7:30pm
"Occidental Gypsy" Concert
Williamsburg Regional Library
Meet us at 7:15pm in the lobby of the Williamsburg Regional Library Theatre. Hailing from New England, Occidental Gypsy plays a dynamic, multi-genre mix of original vocal and instrumental pieces. They are a nationally touring acoustic act championed by critics and fans. "These guys have great singing, fantastic guitar and violin work, and high energy originals that leave the crowd crazy. An awesome band." After the concert we may want to go to the DoG Street Pub for refreshment (tickets $5; friends of Williamsburg Regional Library $4). Please rsvp to Donna Dodenhoff at singles@brutonparish.org.

Candlelight Concerts
For the Parish & Community
Due to final preparations for the arrival of our new Dobson pipe organ, there will not be any concerts or recitals in the church. The series will resume at the end of March after the physical installation of the instrument.

Gala Recital in the Parish House
Tuesday, February 26 @ 8pm
Celebrating the arrival of a newly rebuilt Steinway grand piano purchased with grant money from the E. K. Sloan Foundation and a memorial estate gift. Music will include Liebeslieder Waltzes by Johannes Brahms, performed by Sarah Taylor, Bekah Davis, George Revill, and Chris Mooney, accompanied by Dr. JanEl Will and Rebecca Davy.

Historical Organ Recitals
The College of William & Mary Wren Chapel
Saturdays @ 10:00am
February 2, 9, 16 - Rebecca Davy
February 23 - Thomas Marshall
The 1715 Society: Planned Giving for Bruton’s Future
Marty Easton, Development Director

The 1715 Society is made up of those who have made the Bruton Parish Church Foundation a beneficiary of their estate, or made gifts to the Foundation since its creation in 2003. We note with sorrow the deaths of members Robert B. McClellan and Maude Lees Mettler and happily report that Howard T. Smith, Jr. has become a member. Howard’s deferred gift will endow the Howard T. Smith, Jr. Fund for Canterbury, in appreciation for Sam Portaro, former Chaplain at Bruton Parish. Is Bruton Parish in your will or trust, but your name is not below? To inform us or to learn about planned giving opportunities, please contact Marty Easton, Development Director, by phone at (757) 345-2256 or email measton@brutonparish.org. Thank you!

| Anonymous (6) | J. Lesslie Hall, III | Diane & Robert Petterson |
| Don & Elaine Bogus | Bob & Susan Hardage | Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Randle |
| Douglas & Lianne Boller | Kathy Harper | Chuck* & Bobbe Redding |
| Rick & Leslie Boye | Stephanie Heller | Martha R. Rittenhouse |
| Bill & Michelle Brauer | Bonner & Annie Bettie Herren | Mrs. Harris F. Scherer |
| The Brendel Family | Marcia & Steve Hibbits | Mr. & Mrs. Ray Seward, Jr. |
| Isabel Ware Burch | Bill & Carolyn Hoffman | Howard T. Smith, Jr. ^ |
| Ed & Eleanor Burchianti | Audrey Hoitsma | Dianne & Scott Spence |
| Mr. & Mrs. William H. Carr | Dr. Robert Joyce “Coach” Holliday | Carlton A. & Margaret C. Stockton |
| Tom & Leslie Coe | Janis M. Horne | Carl & Martha Tack |
| Judy Collard | Nancy & John Hummel | Thaddeus W. Tate* |
| Jaymie & Cassie Cook | David L. Hurt, M.D. | Michael+ & Johanna Thompson |
| Tim & Terri Cordle | Dr. Roger & Mrs. Martha R. Jones | Claudia C. Tucker* |
| Suzanne & Carter Cowles | Stephanie & Bob King | Pat Van Zandt |
| Jo Anne & Jeff* Coy | Annette R. & Donald W. * Knoepfle | Judy & Hunter Vermillion |
| Faith S. Croker | Larry J. Kohmescher | Fay L. Weirich |
| Joe & Sallie Cross | Mr. & Mrs. David Lambert | Sherry M. Welter* |
| Nan* & Pete* Cruikshank | Robert V., Jr.* & Cynthia Lee | Dr. Millard E. Whitehead, Jr. |
| Bryant & Jeanette Cureton | David & Alison Lennarz | John* & Joan Whitla |
| Elizabeth Cureton & Shawn Jones | Sally & Bill Libby | The John H. Willis, Jr. Family |
| Janice Vaughn DeGree | Dr. & Mrs. Richard Lodwick | Robert & Jean Winters |
| Margaret & Sean Driscoll | Tessa & Al Louer | Virginia B. Wood |
| Marilyn Duncan* | Fred & Donna Malvin | Bob* & Clarissa Young |
| Robert* & Nancy Dutro | Eda Williams Martin | Benming Zhang |
| Jim & Martha P. Easton | David Mason | * deceased at time of publication |
| Dick & Janet Estes | John* & Janice Matherne & Family | ^ new this listing |
| John A. Fogarty | Mr.* & Mrs. Robert B. McClellan | |
**STEPHEN MINISTRY**
Jackie Polizzi

Ahh, the month of February, hearts and flowers, valentines and chocolates. Sometimes all of that does not happen – think of it as Ralph Waldo Emerson did: “I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and the new.”

And you can think of it this way: chocolates expand the waistline; flowers wilt; valentines are current for only one day; but you may share the needs of your heart with a Stephen Minister one hour a week. We will listen, and your thoughts are kept in our hearts.

Now that the holidays are over, you’re starting to think, “What was that all about?” Give our Stephen Minister Leaders, Mary Jean Hurst or John Fogarty, a call at (757) 220-2087.

**CHRISTIAN BASICS:**
A CLASS FOR ADULTS SEEKING BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, REAFFIRMATION OR RECEPTION INTO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Rev’d Josh Stephens

For those seeking to join the Church or wishing to renew their commitment to Christ and his Church, our adult class will be held from 2-3pm on Sundays beginning March 3 and will continue each Sunday at that time with the final class on April 14. We will work through biblical basics, liturgy and the Book of Common Prayer, Anglicanism, prayer and discipleship, and more. The class is required for those wanting to receive baptism, confirmation, reaffirmation, or reception into the Episcopal Church, but all are welcome to join in the conversation and learning. Adults will be baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday, April 20. Bishop Jay Magness will be visiting to confirm, reaffirm, and receive adults on Pentecost Sunday, June 9. To sign up, email Christine Britton at cbritton@brutonparish.org or call her at 757-229-2891. The class will take place in the Parish House with the exact location to be determined based on enrollment.

**HELP CHANCO WIN BEST SUMMER CAMP**
Help make Chanco the number one summer camp in Virginia Living magazine. As they say, "Without you, Chanco is just a bunch of sticks". Visit www.virginialiving.com/vote2019 to vote. Choose "eastern region", then scroll down to number 27 "Best Summer Camp" category and enter “Chanco on the James, Spring Grove”. You may vote in other categories as well if you choose, or you may bypass the others, only vote for Chanco and submit! **Voting closes January 31!**

**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. This month’s prayer is offered by Donna Marshall. It is the Order of the Daughters of the King® **Prayer for Healing.**

Our Heavenly Father, by whose loving kindness and mercy our souls and bodies are renewed, look upon your children for whom we pray. Knowing you are interested in personal needs, we bring to your altar those who are perplexed or afraid, as we ask you to take away fear; those who face physical suffering, as we ask you to give them courage to endure; those who seem burdened with indecision, as we ask you to lift the pall of confusion.

We also bring those who are lonely, for whom we ask companionship. We ask guidance and comfort for those to whom death has brought sorrow and despair.

Renew the strength of those who care for the sick and the lame, so their ministry can reflect your glory and give joy and a sense of holy contentment to those who are steadfast.

Heal all our infirmities according to your holy will and in your holy wisdom.

We give thanks to you through service to Him who brings the fullness of life to all believers, in His Name and For His Sake, our King and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY**

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

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

Stephen Ministry
Mary Jean Hurst & John Fogarty
757-220-2087 confidential
Online registration to attend 2019 Council at the Williamsburg Lodge Convention Center on February 8-9, 2019, has begun. You can find more information about council on our diocesan website at bit.ly/2019diosovacouncil.

There are two keynote speakers this year!

**Gannon Sims**

Gannon Sims serves as Director of Ministry Formation at Fresh Expressions, an international movement of missionary disciples cultivating new kinds of church alongside existing congregations to more effectively engage our growing post-Christian society. He coordinates the Fresh Expressions efforts of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, an association of 1400 churches in Virginia and 16 other states. Sims earned the Bachelor of Arts Degree from Baylor University and the Master of Divinity degree from Duke University. Prior to entering seminary, he worked as a legislative aide in the U.S. Senate and as a public affairs officer in the anti-human trafficking office at the U.S. State Department. He has served in various roles at several churches, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Anglican. Gannon and his wife, Carey co-direct The Center for Faith and Leadership, an incubator for fresh expressions of church among the collegiate and young adult community in Fredericksburg.

**The Rev’d Bobbe Fitzhugh**

The Rev. Bobbe Fitzhugh is the Missioner for Fresh Expressions of Church for the Diocese of Wyoming. Bobbe ministers to parishes across the Diocese to help discern how the Holy Spirit may be leading Christ’s church in fresh, new ways. She steers efforts to recognize and develop Fresh Expressions of church by practicing the Great Commission and the Great Commandment – loving God and loving people and helping build communities of faith in the world in which we live. The Rev. Fitzhugh has a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from the University of Wyoming and a certificate in Theological Studies from the Seminary of the Southwest Wyoming Iona Initiative. She was ordained into the priesthood in 2015 and is a life-long Episcopalian. The Rev. Fitzhugh continues to serve Christ Church Douglas as one of its priests.

The registration fee covers the expense to convene Council. When you register, you may pay by credit card or check. Credit card payments are processed through PayPal. You do NOT need a PayPal account to make a credit card payment. If you are interested in attending Council, please contact Susan Allen at sallen@diosova.org or (757) 213-3391 for cost and details.

Cancellations through January 28, 2019 will receive a full refund. Cancellations received after January 28, 2019 will not be refunded. Non-refundable registration fees are transferrable to another participant.

Materials for Annual Council will be posted at www.diosova.org as they are available.

**Nominations for Elections at Council**

The following elections will take place at Annual Council: Standing Committee (one lay and one clergy); Disciplinary Board (one lay and two clergy); and for Provincial Synod (one lay and one clergy). Nomination positions, requirements, and the nomination form are also available at bit.ly/2019diosovacouncil.

**Volunteers Needed at Council**

If you are interested in helping with Council this year, please email Mrs. T.J. Cardwell as soon as possible at council@brutonparish.org.

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**Celebration of the Ministry of The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith IV**

The Diocesan Transition Committee invites you to please join them at the Williamsburg Lodge Colony Room on during the 127th Annual Council on Friday, February 8, at 5pm for a reception and special presentations as we honor Bishop Hollerith and give thanks for his ministry in Southern Virginia. If you are NOT registered for Annual Council and plan to attend, please RSVP to sallen@diosova.org by January 28. Council registrants need not RSVP.
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CELEBRATES AT THE HAWKINS FAMILY’S RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Isabel Burch

Many people gathered to celebrate the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Thursday, January 15, where the key to the Hawkins Family’s newly-completed house was given to them. Markisha Hawkins spoke of how this moment was a dream-come-true for her, and she is looking forward to having all of her children grow up in a home of their own.

Markisha completed 400 hours of "sweat equity" by both helping with the construction of the house as well as working at the Williamsburg Habitat for Humanity ReStore. This is a requirement for future Habitat homeowners who must also have good credit. At the same time, Markisha is employed in the Head Start Program. Habitat provides its homeowners with 30 year interest-free mortgages.

A number of people from Bruton spent time helping to build the house starting with the roof raising as well as working on various other stages of the construction. The Mission & Outreach Grants committee gave a grant to Habitat to help with the construction. This is the third house that Bruton Parish has helped to build here in Williamsburg.

Bruton Parish Church joined with the following faith communities to help Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent Financial build the house for the Hawkins family: Denbigh United Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church Williamsburg, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, King of Glory Lutheran Church, Olde Yorke Chapel, Richard Russell, St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, United Christian Brotherhood, Walnut Hills Baptist Church, Wellspring United Methodist Church, and the Williamsburg Community Chapel.

BRUTON BUILDERS WORK CLOSE TO HOME

Isabel Burch

This month has found Bruton Builders working close to home. Their first project took place in the Bruton Parish Shop. There was a need for shelves in the office area of the shop, and Lou Nucci, Bill Porter and Alice Erickson collectively designed, installed and painted the shelves. The head of the Shop, Diane Koun, said that their work was fabulous. She went on to say that she is delighted with the new shelving and lighting which Bruton Builders provided for the shop.
Bruton Builders Renovate the Sacristy in the Church

After completing the shelving project, the group was asked to help with renovations in the Sacristy in our Church. We aren’t certain, but we suspect that Bruton’s Sacristy may be the smallest one in the worldwide Episcopal Church! With the help of Marty Jones, head of Bruton’s Altar Guild, a plan was designed to increase the usable space in this very small area.

So far, cabinets have been redesigned and moved, shelves installed and a partition was removed. Another cabinet has been ordered and will be installed when it arrives. After a professional plumber puts in a new sink and hot water heater, the walls will be painted and a new rug installed. Once the work is completed, the Clergy, Altar Guild and all who work in the area will enjoy the space which has been renovated by Bruton Builders.