Desire for Unity

The Rev’d Chris Epperson, Rector

I hope you have received word that the site of the Bishop's Ordination and Consecration has changed. It is being held at the Williamsburg Community Chapel. I hope many of you will plan to attend.

It became necessary to change the location because of our concern for some, mostly from further afield, opposed to hosting an Episcopal service at St. Bede's. The Diocese of Southern Virginia, and the Catholic Diocese of Richmond have posted joint letters on their respective websites. If you have more questions, please refer to the posted letters.

Bishop Knestout was very generous in supporting the use of St. Bede's for the Ordination and Consecration. He stressed how this is consistent with the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church. Even in the face of resistance, he stood by his decision to extend the hand of friendship.

Bishop-Elect Haynes decided to change locations out of a sense of concern for the ensuing controversy. She did not want to present an occasion for disharmony among our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters. Bishop-Elect Haynes is to be commended for this.

I hope we can all take a deep breath. We are all children of God. We might vary on certain theological points, but we seek to serve Christ. We are all recipients of the charity of Christ. The leadership of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond offered us the charitable hospitality of Christ. We are called to be charitable as well.

Order by January 30

Youth Chili Fundraiser to Support Mission Trips

This summer, Bruton Parish is leading two trips to Asheville to work with Asheville Youth Mission (AYM) in various ministries in and around the unique Western North Carolina city. Each day will be a bit different: one day we might help with a camp for kids with intellectual disabilities, another day we might work at a garden that connects the hungry with fresh vegetables, and yet another day we walk the streets and sidewalks that the homeless walk as they try to find shelter and restrooms, check mail, and simply get by.

Our youth will be making two types of chili - Meat & Vegetarian - as a fundraiser in support of these trips. The cost is just $10/quart. To place an order by January 30, visit bit.ly/bpcchili2020 (where you can pay online also) or call the church office at (757) 229-2891 and pay when you pick it up.

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 1, from 10am-12pm or following the morning services on Sunday, February 2.
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Canterbury Spring Gala & Silent Auction Saturday, March 21, 6-9pm
8th Annual Friends of Bruton Day May 2020
* Child care may be available for babies through elementary-aged children by reservation only. Please contact Meghan Brewer at (252) 347-7078 or childcare@brutonparish.org.

Worship Schedule
Sundays, February 2, 16 & 23
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Children’s Church @ 9:15am ** Holy Eucharist @ 5:30pm
Sunday, February 9
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Children’s Church @ 9:15am **
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm
Ash Wednesday, February 26
7:30am, 11am & 6pm (church) ***
Noonday Prayer @ Church
Monday - Saturday
Holy Eucharist - St. Mary’s Chapel Tuesdays @ 8am
Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers Wednesdays @ 11 am at the Church
Canterbury Evening Prayer Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm in Wren Chapel when college is in session
** St. Mary’s Chapel in the Parish House

Newcomers’ Corner
New members of Bruton 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 learn of the many ministries here at Bruton. Please join us in the Custis House on Sunday, February 2.

Pastoral Emergencies
Monday through Friday (9am-5pm), please call (757) 345-2250 directly or call the church office at (757) 229-2891. After 5pm and on weekends, please call the church office at (757) 229-2891 and choose Option 6. If necessary, leave your name, number and a brief message, and the clergy-on-call will return your call asap.

2020 Vestry Wardens
During the Vestry Meeting in January, Marty Jones was elected Senior Warden; Bill Dugge, Junior Warden; Libby Flowers, Register; and Steve Hribbits 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.
IT’S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE WINTER SHELTER
Diane Abdo & Anna Martin

In just a few short weeks the Bruton Parish family will again open our doors and our hearts for the Community of Faith Mission (COFM) Winter Shelter. This will be the eighth year that Williamsburg churches, including Bruton, have offered warm, safe shelter and nourishing food to our homeless fellow citizens.

Many of our parishioners have already signed up for the various roles available to serve our guests, and the Shelter Steering Committee is most grateful for the enthusiastic response. Yet, volunteers are still needed on some shifts. Please consider contributing your time and talent to this incredibly important ministry. No experience necessary; we will train you. We guarantee that you will find it a most worthwhile experience. Sign up at bit.ly/COFMBPC2020 online!

In addition even if you are unable to contribute your time, there is opportunity for all to have an impact in this ministry. We always need financial support for bus tickets, laundry cards, hats and gloves, as well as funding to help pay for the meals for 25-30 people each night during the week. Please visit our website at www.brutonparish.org to donate online or simply drop a check in the collection plate (mark COFM in the memo line).

We offer our deepest thanks to all those who have already dedicated their time and money to convey God’s grace and love to those dealing with fear, uncertainty and homelessness in the cold winter season. COFM has asked that we not contribute clothing, but your financial support is welcome. If you prefer not to sign up online, please call Diane Abdo at (757) 253-2371 or Anna Martin at (757) 258-9527 directly.

"Warm Up” Williamsburg

"Warm Up” Williamsburg will be dishing out delicious soups, stews and chowders at their soup tasting dinner at Williamsburg Community Chapel (3899 John Tyler Highway). This event on Friday, January 31, from 5:15-8pm, benefits the Community of Faith Mission (COFM) Emergency Winter Homeless Shelter. Local band Elderberry Jam is back by popular demand and their Bake Shop offerings are going to be more delicious than ever. For further information, please follow COFM on Facebook or go to COFM.info. If you have questions or wish to volunteer or provide items for their bake shop, contact Warmupwilliamsburg@gmail.com or (757) 903-7031.
ENQUIRER’S CLASS:
A CLASS FOR ADULTS SEEKING BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, REAFFIRMATION OR RECEPTION INTO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Rev’d Dr. Dan McClain

If you’re an adult interested in being confirmed, received, or would like to reaffirm your confirmation, join us in the Parish House library on Sundays, February 16 & 23 and March 1 & 8, from 12:45pm to 2pm for a casual and informational series of discussions about Christianity and being Christian in the Anglican tradition. We’ll be reading Ben Myers’ The Apostles’ Creed which you can purchase from the Bruton Gift Shop. This series is required for those intending to be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed (sign up at bit.ly/ENQUIRERSERIES2020). This series is also open to anyone who would like to just learn more about the Christian faith. For more information, please contact Father Dan at chaplain@brutonparish.org.

DOK LENTEN DEVOTIONAL
Joyce Haines

Thank you to all the clergy and parishioners of Bruton Parish who have written reflections for the 2020 Lenten Devotional booklet sponsored by the Order of the Daughters of the King®. An electronic copy will be available on our website by Sunday, February 23. Printed copies can be obtained at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 25; during the Ash Wednesday services on February 26; at the Women of Bruton’s Silent Lenten Lunch on Thursday, March 5, and at the church after services on Sundays, February 23, March 1 & 8. Printed copies will also be available at the Parish House reception area. We are asking for a $2 donation per copy.

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. Hosted by our Youth Group, the pancake supper will be held Tuesday, February 25 at 6:30pm in the Parish House.

The profits from the dinner will support our summer youth mission trip to Asheville Youth Mission in Asheville, NC. 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, February 21, 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.

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, February 26, at 7:30am, 11am and 6pm. If you would like the Imposition of Ashes only, please visit the church between noon and 4pm that day.

God willing and the people consenting

THE REV’D SUSAN BUNTON HAYNES

will be ordained and consecrated a Bishop in the holy catholic and apostolic Church, and Eleventh Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia

Saturday, February 1, 2020
Eleven O’clock in the morning

Williamsburg Community Chapel
3899 John Tyler Highway, Williamsburg, Virginia

Chief Consecrator
The Most Rev’d Michael Bruce Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia requests the honor of your presence.

Reception on site following the service.

The service will be live-streamed on the diocesan website at diosova.org and a recording will be available to watch later as well. Watch our communications for more details.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNERS
We continue to host a catered dinner at the Parish House for parishioners and friends so that we might eat and enjoy fellowship together Wednesdays, February 5, 12 & 19 (not on Ash Wednesday). All are welcome, and parish committees or other ministries are encouraged to use this convenient meal as part of their time together. Meals will be catered ($10/person, $25/family), and you must RSVP by 4pm on the Monday before the meal at bit.ly/wednesdaydinners.
First Fridays celebrates its 7th anniversary with a Recovery Eucharist on **February 7** 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.

**Women’s Lenten Retreat: March 13-15**

**Biblical Stories, Lenten Stories, Our Stories**

The Rev’d Lauren McDonald

At this year’s retreat we will explore Lenten themes like Exodus, Wilderness, Temptation, Repentance, and Redemption by looking at specific stories from the Bible and relating them to the stories of our lives. Come join us for a weekend of rest, refreshment, reflection, fellowship, and good conversations about the intersection between Biblical stories and our lives at beautiful Chanco on the James. This is a great way to deepen your experience of Lent in the company of your sisters in Christ.

Space for up to 25 women (first come/first served) has been reserved at Camp Chanco. Meals will be provided. $175 per person covers food and lodging for a double room. Single occupancy is $225. Please make checks payable to Bruton Parish. If cost is prohibitive, please contact Lauren. Scholarships are available. (lmcdonald@brutonparish.org).

**Please complete the form inserted in this issue and return it along with any fees to me no later than February 15, the registration deadline.**

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**Women’s Theological Book Group**

The Women’s Theological Book Group will meet on **Thursday, February 20**, from 1-2:30pm in Room 206 of the Parish House. We will discuss Miracles and Other Reasonable Things: A Story of Unlearning and Relearning God” by Sarah Bessey, a deeply moving and life-affirming account of wrestling with faith and God and finding miracles in the most unexpected places." All women welcome. For more information, please contact the Rev’d Lauren McDonald.

**ECW/ Women to Women**

Melinda Morgan

Mark your busy calendars now and join us at any of the following events planned for the coming year!

- **Thursday, March 5:** Silent Lenten Lunch
  Join us in the Parish Hall at noontime for the Silent Lenten Lunch.

- **Friday-Sunday, March 13-15:** Women’s Lenten Retreat at Chanco (see insert)

- **Sunday, May 10:** Mother’s Day Reception at the Custis House at 10:30am

Please note that there are many additional opportunities to be involved on a regular, recurring basis:

- **The Episcopal Church Women’s Board Meeting** will be held at 1:30pm on **Wednesday, February 12**. All meetings thereafter will be held on the second Wednesday of each month in the Coffee, Tea & Thee Room of the Parish House.

**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. **Join us Sundays, February 9 & 23.**

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**Women of Bruton Silent Lenten Lunch**

Melinda Morgan

Please plan to join us in the Parish Hall for our annual Silent Lenten Lunch on **Thursday, March 5**, from noon until 2pm. Guided by The Rev’d Lauren McDonald, it be a time of fellowship and meditation on the path we chose for our Lenten journey. Reservations are preferred for planning purposes; please email Melinda Morgan at womentowomen@brutonparish.com. For questions, please contact Rosemary Jasper at (757) 585-7625. **We look forward to seeing you there!**
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 wishing to have prayers said for them or for others should fill out a blue request card in the church tower and drop it in the DOK prayer box.

This month’s prayer is from Genesis 8:22 and offered by Karen Gordon:

Holy God, I magnify Your Name because You hold the control over all Creation in Your hands. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease unless You say so. Lord, I pray for good weather in this season, I pray that the days are great as well as the nights. I pray that nature pleases me in this season, Amen.

Reverse Advent Calendar Baskets

Melinda Morgan

A tremendous thank you to the many folks who contributed to over 30 different baskets for Latisha’s House! The Women of Bruton really appreciated all of the support for the baskets and the kind words from so many people. The baskets and bins were filled with a wide variety of everyday items needed by the women in Latisha’s House, such as hygiene products, food, art supplies and gift cards. The idea behind the Reverse Advent calendar is that one "gives" rather than "receives". The outpouring of the many gifts that were given by so many will really assist with the on-going needs of both the residents and the staff at Latisha’s House. One basket contained a message from the giver that said, "Thank you today and for the women who will be served by your heart to serve."

Take Something “On” Instead of Giving Something “Up”

Bessie Bierer

Lent is a time of prayer, trust, and dedication to give thanks to God. During this time of spiritual introspection and renewal, we are invited to explore how we can reach out to the world. Each of us contributes to the Body of Christ by providing our own gifts and talents to do the work. It takes people working together to create the collective synergy necessary to make manifest God’s kingdom.

Consider the ways in which YOU can help bring light into your community, your home, and your work. Look for ways to give thanks for all of the good things that God is doing in your life and in the world. Download the 2020 UTO Lenten Devotional Calendar at www.episcopalchurch.org/UTO.

Bruton’s United Thank Offering Giving begins Sunday, February 23. UTO Volunteers will be at all Church services equipped with those familiar Blue Boxes & Envelopes. You can also find them in the Parish House and Church Tower. Online participation can be done by downloading the free Blue Box App & donating to UTOBLUEBOXAPP.ORG.

Bruton R.O.M.E.O.s Gather for Lunch Monthly

Jim Carson

The Bruton R.O.M.E.O.s (Retired Outstanding Men Eating Optimally) will meet this month at 11:30am on Thursday, February 20, at Maurizio’s Italian Restaurant located at 264 McLaws Circle, Suite E. Membership requirements are met simply by attending this Christian fellowship occasion.

We’ve made reservations for 12-15, so please call me at (804) 798-1782 if attending so we can give the restaurant closer notice of the expected number. Their menu can be found online at www.mauriziositalianwilliamsburg.com. Invite a friend or someone who needs a ride!

Bruton Builders Wants YOU

Isabel Burch

Bruton Builders is making plans for our spring projects, and we are looking for parishioners to join us to help people in need as well as to do various projects around the Bruton Parish House.

Volunteers don’t need to have a lot of special skills. There is always something to do regardless of experience. The bottom line is that this group of parishioners has a lot of fun while they are helping others.

If you have any questions or want to sign up to help, please contact Lou Nucci at (757) 564-9222 or email builders@brutonparish.org. You will have a good time!
Bruton Singles
Heidi Elam, Donna Dodenhoff, Eda Martin & Sandy Lenthall

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.

Saturday, February 8, 6pm
Dinner @ Casa Pearl Restaurant
Come join us for conversation and good food at this popular new Williamsburg restaurant. RSVP Eda Martin at (757) 229-6188.

Thursday, February 20, 6pm-9pm
Good Shot Judy @ Williamsburg Lodge
Come meet us at the Sweet Tea & Barley Room at 6pm to secure seating. The music will begin at 7pm. Hope to see you there (cost of refreshment only)! Please rsvp by calling Heidi Elam at (757) 897-5012.

Friday, February 28, 7pm
Concert: Howard Levy, Harmonica with Harris Simon & Christine Niehaus @ Williamsburg Reg’l Library
Meet us at 6:40pm in the library’s lobby. Tickets cost $5. Please rsvp by emailing Donna Dodenhoff at singles@brutonparish.org.

Clockwise from left: Sheila Beaubien, Caroline Tonacci, Eda Martin, Heidi Elam, Carol Shettler, Larry Clemens, Debbie Eikenberg, Craig Weaver, Donna Dodenhoff were at Center Street Grill before joining the rest of the Bruton Singles at Clai and Fritz’s house for the New Year’s celebration.

128th Annual Diocesan Council Registration is Open

Registration for the 128th Annual Council is now open for attendees and exhibitors. Council will be held February 28 - 29 at the Williamsburg Lodge in Williamsburg. Visit bit.ly/diosova128 for complete Council information, including registration and lodging.

The Very Rev’d Cynthia Kittredge Keynote Speaker
The Very Rev’d Cynthia Briggs Kittredge, ThD, is our keynote speaker for this year’s Council. She is dean and president of Seminary of the Southwest. The focus of Kittredge’s leadership is the formation of Christian leaders in community for the vitality of the church and to advance God’s mission of reconciliation. Read more about Cynthia by visiting bit.ly/kittredgedio2020 directly.

Registration
Early registration through January 26 is $125 per attendee; clergy spouses/partners may register at the $50 rate. Payment is due no later than Sunday, January 26 to avoid a $25 late registration fee. The registration fee covers the expense to convene Council. Scholarship funds are available. Contact Susan Allen at sallen@diosova.org or 757-213-3391 for more information about scholarships or for assistance with Council registration.

Nominations for Elections at Council
The following elections will take place at Annual Council: Standing Committee (one lay and one clergy); Disciplinary Board (two lay and one clergy); Provincial Synod (one lay), and General Convention 2021 (4 clergy deputies, 4 lay deputies; alternate deputies will be elected in 2021). More information and the nomination form can be found on the Annual Council page of our diocesan website at www.diosova.org.

Convocation V’s Pre-Council Meeting
Our convocation’s Pre-Council meeting will be held at St. Cyprian’s in Hampton on Tuesday, January 28, at 7pm.

Volunteer at Council
If you would like to volunteer at Council, please contact Mrs. T.J. Cardwell at council@brutonparish.org.

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Episcopal Relief & Development works with our partners worldwide to alleviate hunger, create economic opportunities, respond to disasters, promote health and strengthen communities. Their work to heal a hurting world is guided by the principles of compassion, dignity and generosity. We take our mandate from the words of Jesus, found in Matthew 25. Visit support.episcopalrelief.org to make a needed donation today!
**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 willingness to volunteer!

**Mission & Outreach Committee Makes Grants**

Isabel Burch

In 2019, the Mission and Outreach Committee made grants totaling $55,000. These funds were raised by our amazing Bruton Parish Gift Shop. We are very grateful to Diane Koun, Pam Michael, and the numerous volunteers whose many hours of work in the shop helped to make these grants possible. The M&O Committee carefully reviewed all of the grant applications prior to making the awards. In addition to the nonprofit grants, M&O provided financial support for our youth mission trip last year to West Virginia, and continues to support Bruton Builders and our Matthew 25 Program at Matthew Whaley School.

The following organizations received grants in 2019:

- Boys' Home of Virginia
- Child Development Resources
- Colonial CASA
- Episcopal Relief and Development for Hurricane Relief
- FISH
- Gloucester Moose Family Center
- Greater Williamsburg Outreach Mission
- Grove Christian Outreach
- Habitat for Humanity Peninsula and Greater Williamsburg
- Holy Cross Education Foundation, Belize
- Hospice House and Support Care of Williamsburg
- Lackey Clinic
- Latisha's House
- Menchville House Ministries Newport News
- Peninsula Agency on Aging
- SpiritWorks Foundation
- St. Andrew's Episcopal School, Richmond, VA
- Williamsburg Faith in Action
- Williamsburg House of Mercy

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 either Gloria Davey at gdavey@email.wm.edu or Caleb Rogers at ctrogers@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, and please choose CANTERBURY MISSIONS FUND 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.
EPIPHANY PAGEANT, CELEBRATION & POTLUCK
Meghan Brewer

What a wonderful way to start off the season of Epiphany! On the evening of Epiphany which was Monday, January 6, we gathered in the Parish House to celebrate the Magi coming to share their gifts with our King — gifts of frankincense, gold and myrrh. The children did a wonderful job sharing this story with an Epiphany Pageant, followed by a lovely dinner for about 65 guests. It was a great time to gather and enjoy fellowship and fun!

In addition to great food, fellowship and the pageant, Father Dan took us outside to mark this day with chalk. We wore crowns to represent that the King had arrived, and we had everyone bring their magi from their Nativity scenes to place all around the tables to decorate. They were all different, which was extra special, because it is a reminder that though we too are all different, that God loves us all just the same!
**From the Finance Office**

John Fogarty, Nancy Nelson, Marty Easton

**Thank you** to all who have submitted a pledge for 2020. These unrestricted dollars provide the stable financial base for the parish. New pledges are gratefully accepted at any point in the year. **Pledge payments** may be made in several ways.

**Checks and Cash:** When placing checks in the offering plate, numbered offering envelopes are not required. A check folded in half will suffice. (Contact us if you wish to discontinue envelopes. We also understand that some people prefer them and that’s fine, too.) Cash may be placed in a plain envelope with your full name written on the outside. Checks sent to us by auto-draft from your bank are a convenient option.

**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.
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.

**Qualified Charitable Distributions:** The SECURE Act (Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement) was approved by the Senate and signed into law on December 20, 2019. You may wish to speak with your financial advisor about changes to rules related to tax-advantaged retirement accounts. Investopedia.com is one of many sources of information on the rationale and major provisions of the SECURE Act. We welcome your QCD as a means of giving, and can provide a short form to submit to your IRA administrator this year. Please email Marty Easton at measton@brutonparish.org or phone (757) 345-2256.

**Stock gifts:** We often receive gifts of appreciated securities held for more than one year. These come via direct transfer to our brokerage account with Fidelity Investments. Gifting stock can serve as a means of pledge payment and may have other benefits to you. To make an electronic transfer, give your broker the name and number of shares you would like to transfer and the information below. Please let us know to expect your transfer. Thank you!

Fidelity Investments DTC #0226
Bruton Parish Episcopal Church
Account # X907-66745 (new number as of July 2019)

**Parish Gift Shop**

Diane Koun

2019 was a wonderful year for the Bruton Parish Shop, and we are working on making 2020 even better. We thank you for your continued patronage and support! Our thrust this year will be marketing the shop, and you can help us with this by telling friends how much you love your shop. Word of mouth is the best advertising!

January was a busy month for the shop with our annual inventory count of every item both on display and in backstock. A team of “counters” completed this arduous task within three days. We are so grateful to each of them for devoting time to this project.

Pam Michael and I, your Gift Shop Managers, attended the Winter Gift Show in Atlanta from January 14-18, selecting items for Spring, Summer, and Christmas 2020. Seasonal merchandise will start arriving in March, so please stop in and see what is new! To make space for all the new items, a **Winter Sale** is now in progress.

Ash Wednesday is February 26, and we are well-stocked with Lenten devotionals for your spiritual reading and with adult and children's books for the Easter season. Speaking of books, did you know that we have The Most Rev’d Michael Curry’s book entitled “Crazy Christians” on our bookshelves?

Our fabulous volunteers invite you to come in and shop for a great Valentine’s gift for your special someone. They would love to show you what's new! Remember, our profit benefits Mission and Outreach!

**A Festive Celebration:**

February marks the 25th year that the Gift Shop has been in its current location! The Shop Committee is planning a celebration to be held in April to mark this milestone. Details will follow in the next two months!

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**Thank You from Friends of Bruton**

Jim Morford, Chair

The Friends of Bruton Committee thanks those who initiated or renewed their membership in the Cornerstone Circle prior to the end of December. Cornerstone Circle is providing the initial funding for an Oral History Project originally sponsored and operated by the Friends of Bruton. The project, designed to capture the memories and thoughts of senior members of the church and community, will add significantly to the resources available to all who may be interested in the continuing story of Bruton Parish Church. While the project is being managed by Friends of Bruton, it is truly an all-parish project, and the Committee is asking the vestry to embrace it as such.

The Committee is also continuing to develop plans for the **Eighth Annual Friends Days in May.** You won't want to miss the luncheon presentation by Bruton's own Ron Hurst, Chief Curator and Vice President, Museums, Preservation, and Historic Resources at Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Ron will discuss the expansion of the DeWitt Wallace and Abby Aldrich Rockefeller museums begun in 2017 that will add 65,000 square feet to the existing facility. The $42 million donor-funded project is scheduled to be substantially completed by April 2020. Friends Day participants will be among the first visitors to explore the new facility. Please watch for details in the coming weeks.
CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION
The Rev’d Josh Stephens & Meghan Brewer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2
Children’s Church will be held at 9:15am in St. Mary’s Chapel, followed by Sunday School for all at 10:20am in the Parish House. Our Joyful Noise & Chorister Choirs will rehearse at 11:10am. Chili ordered from the Youth Souper Bowl Fundraiser can be picked up from 10am-12pm on Saturday, February 1, and after morning church services on Sunday, February 2.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9
Children’s Church will be held at 9:15am in St. Mary’s Chapel, followed by Sunday School for all at 10:20am in the Parish House. Joyful Noise & Chorister Choirs will rehearse at 11:10am. Youth Group will be offsite this day; watch for details!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14
COFM WINTER SHELTER
The youth will be providing dinner for the COFM Winter Shelter this evening from 5-9pm. We need youth and their parents to help assist in showing our shelter guests hospitality. Please contact Meghan Brewer to help out!

SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 16 & 23
Children’s Church will be held at 9:15am in St. Mary’s Chapel, followed by Sunday School for all at 10:20am in the Parish House. Joyful Noise & Chorister Choirs will rehearse at 11:10am.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER
This youth fundraiser will be held from 6:30-8pm, but we need youth to help beginning at 5:30pm! We will need youth to help cook, serve and clean up. The proceeds from this evening will benefit youth mission. Please see the full article on page 4 with details about the supper, and be sure to RSVP for the dinner by Friday, February 21, by contacting the Parish Office at rsvp@brutonparish.org or (757) 229-2891 and let us know how many adults/children will be attending.

Help Chanco let the rest of Virginia know what we already know - Chanco is the best summer camp in all of Virginia and beyond! VOTE TODAY!

It’s that time of year to help Chanco earn this top honor again. Please visit the link below to vote. Choose "eastern region", then scroll down to number 53 "Best Summer Camp" category and in the dropdown menu select "Chanco on the James, Spring Grove". It literally takes one minute! Of course, 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!

Chanco has a long history of earning the top spot as the number one summer camp in Virginia Living magazine. Thank you to our loyal friends. YOU make us number one year after year! As the old adage goes, “Without you, Chanco is just a bunch of sticks.”

Vote at Best of Virginia’s website at www.surveymonkey.com/r/BOV2020

By the way, registration is in full swing for the “best summer camp” at www.chanco.org!

Above the parish door is a written way of marking one's home on Epiphany. You write 2020M+C+B+20. The 2020 is the year so that changes each Epiphany. The letters are the initials of the names of the Magi: Melchoir, Caspar, and Balthasar. In between the numbers and letters is written a cross. Marking one's door like this is a way of Epiphany being a part of your home and reminding you to make a place of welcome for all visitors this season. It reminds you of God’s presence in your home and in you each time you cross the threshold.

PARISH HALL
Interesting Books in the Hennage Library

Bill Bynum, Library Committee

Our parish is blessed with The Hennage Library, a small (1,700) but carefully chosen collection of faith-based materials available to educate, enlighten and entertain members of our congregation, originally established with the generous support of Joseph and June Hennage. 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. Check the availability of the library by visiting the Parish Calendar on our website or call the Parish House (757) 229-2891.

Continuing Our Tour Through the Books of the Hennage Library

The books in the Hennage Library are arranged by subject according to the Dewey Decimal classification system. The Subject Catalog does not use the Dewey Decimal system, but uses a separate classification system which is unique to our library. There is a listing of all the subjects used in our Subject Catalog, and there is a listing of all the books in the library by each of these subjects. These listings are available printed or on-line.

The next subject in the Hennage Library Subject Catalog we examine is Christian, Experience, Practice, Life. This broad category does not correspond exactly to one Dewey Decimal classification but intersects several classifications. We consider four books from this subject category.

Me, An Evangelist?: Every Christian’s Guide to Caring Evangelism
Hennage call number: 269.2 MckM

William McKay is currently the director of project development for Stephen Ministries in St. Louis. This book describes several ways for Christians to care for others and share their faith compassionately in ways that are fit for them and that others welcome. For the topics of listening, building relationships, and knowing when and how to witness one’s faith empathetically, the book provides clear instructions and interesting examples.

Living the Christian Story: The Good News in Worship and Daily Life
Sister Mary Jean Manninen
Hennage call number: 248 ManL

Sister Manninen is a member of and the current assistant superior of the Anglican Community of St. Mary in Peekskill, NY. Living the Christian Story is a collection of essays accumulated by Sister Manninen over forty years of monastic life. The central theme of the book is that the Christian faith is based on the dramatic story of God’s redemption of creation as described in the Bible. Living the Christian Story explores the continuing encounter with the Christian Story through Word and Sacrament and shows how both shape the church community and individuals seeking to live out the gospel in daily life.

Life Together, Dietrich Bonhoeffer

This is the first English translation of Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Gemeinsames Leben by John W. Doberstein in 1954. Bonhoeffer’s book has become a classic. He wrote the book in 1938 while conducting a clandestine Nazi-banned seminary for twenty-five young pastors. He first describes his view of what life in a Christ-centered community should be. Then he outlines what a day in that community should be, both in cooperation with others and alone, and he finishes with a discussion of Christian ministry, confession, and communion.

Mr. Doberstein has included a brief biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer in the introduction to this edition. This edition of Life Together is available for download or for reading online at www.slideshare.net/Leeeas/pdf-download-life-together-the-classic-exploration-of-christian-in-community-ebook-read-online

Pastor Bonhoeffer lived an exemplary Christian life during a difficult period in Germany’s history. Hennage Library contains an excellent, complete biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer written by Eric Metaxas in 2010 that is well worth reading:


Life in Christ: Practicing Christian Spirituality
Julia Gatta, Church Publishing, 2018
Hennage call number: 248.4 GatL

Julia Gatta occupies the Bishop Frank A Juhan Professorship of Pastoral Theology at the School of Theology at Sewanee. This book is the outgrowth of a course that she has been teaching on Christian Spirituality. She carefully discusses the implications of the theology embedded in Episcopal spiritual practices and the liturgies of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer with its emphasis on baptismal spirituality and the centrality of the Eucharist.

Candlelight Concerts for the Parish & Community

Concerts are held in the church at 8pm unless otherwise noted. Doors open at 7:30pm, no ticket required (a freewill offering will be gratefully received).

Saturday, February 1 - Organ Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, February 8 - Organ Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, February 15 - Acoustic Guitar Recital
Louis Vangieri, Guitarist from Williamsburg, Virginia

Tuesday, February 18 - Violin & Harpsichord Recital - Dr. Kenneth Sarch, Violin & Rebecca Davy, Harpsichord

Saturday, February 22 - Chamber Recital J.S. Bach’s Musical Offering
Susan Via, Baroque Violin, Ruth van Baak Griffioen, Recorder, Jeff Phelps, Cello, & Rebecca Davy, Harpsichord

Saturday, February 29 - Organ Recital
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director

Historical Organ Recitals
The College of William & Mary Wren Chapel @ 10am
February 1 - Thomas Marshall, Organist
February 8, 15, 22 & 29 - Rebecca Davy, Organist
Degreening the Church

It takes many hands, hours, ladders, scissors, rope, brooms, powervacs and more to accomplish our annual Greening of the Church, as well as Degreening the Church! Thank you to the many people who help each year to enhance our church with beautiful decorations during the Christmas season, as well as coming back and helping to remove them afterwards! Male, female, tall and short — we thank you each year for assisting with this two-day event!
Women’s Lenten Retreat - March 13-15, 2020
Biblical Stories, Lenten Stories, Our Stories

At this year’s retreat we will explore Lenten themes like Exodus, Wilderness, Temptation, Repentance, and Redemption by looking at specific stories from the Bible and relating them to the stories of our lives. Come join us for a weekend of rest, refreshment, reflection, fellowship, and good conversations about the intersection between Biblical stories and our lives at beautiful Chanco on the James. This is a great way to deepen your experience of Lent in the company of your sisters in Christ.

Space for up to 25 women (first come/first served) has been reserved at Camp Chanco. Meals will be provided. $175 per person covers food and lodging for a double room. Single occupancy is $225. Please make checks payable to Bruton Parish. If cost is prohibitive, please contact Lauren. Scholarships are available. (lmcdonald@brutonparish.org)

Rooms are motel style with two beds plus a bathroom and include linens.

The retreat will begin at 6pm for dinner on Friday, March 13, and end on Sunday morning, March 15. We ask that you commit to the full retreat.

The retreat will be alcohol-free.

Registration Deadline is February 15. Refunds can only be given through March 1.

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Lenten Retreat: March 13-15, 2020

I plan to attend the retreat
Name

I can be reached at
Phone

e-mail

I will need a special diet
Type
i.e. vegetarian, gluten free, low sodium, food allergy

My roommate preference
Name

Emergency Contact
Name
Phone Number

Registration Forms may be dropped off at the Parish Receptionist’s desk or mailed to:

The Rev’d Lauren McDonald, Bruton Parish, PO Box 3520, Williamsburg, VA 23187-3520
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<td>THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT</td>
<td>2 Spend extra time with your siblings today, and add 25 cents to your UTO box.</td>
<td>3 Choose a canned good from your pantry today and donate it to FISH.</td>
<td>4 Write/email a letter to someone today near or far that you love; add 5 cents to your UTO box.</td>
<td>5 Surprise someone with a hug today, and add 15 cents to your UTO box.</td>
<td>6 Try to play quietly, read a book, and add 5 cents to your UTO box.</td>
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<td>Read Matthew 4:1-11 with your family and discuss it.</td>
<td>10 Plant a flower or plant today in honor of someone special. Add 20 cents to your UTO box.</td>
<td>11 Tell someone today why you think they are GREAT! Add 1 cent to your UTO box today!</td>
<td>12 Pray for all of God’s furry friends and creatures today, and add 10 cents to your UTO box.</td>
<td>13 Give a compliment to five different people today, and add 50 cents to your UTO box.</td>
<td>7 Help do chores in the house today without being asked, and add 10 cents to your UTO box.</td>
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<td>18 Pray for those in different countries, and add 15 cents to your UTO box.</td>
<td>19 Be generous with your time for anyone today, and add 10 cents to your UTO box.</td>
<td>20 Help feed your pet and take it for a walk, and add 25 cents to your UTO box.</td>
<td>21 Pray for all of the people at your church today, and add 15 cents to your UTO box.</td>
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<td>26 Pray for your friends and teacher, and add 5 cents to your UTO box.</td>
<td>27 Tell someone that you LOVE them today, and add 15 cents to your UTO box.</td>
<td>28 Learn more about your faiths and beliefs, and add 10 cents to your UTO box.</td>
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<td>31 Read “Have You Filled A Bucket Today,” and add 5 cents to your UTO box.</td>
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<td>2 Make your own paper bucket, and add 20 cents to your UTO box.</td>
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!!! Remember to bring your UTO box to church with you on Easter Sunday, April 12 !!!