Christmas is upon us. We have been waiting and hoping for the arrival of the Christ child in our lives, and he has arrived. Celebration is in order, and we have celebrated. Celebration is a start, but only the beginning of God's new fashion of being with us. So we might ask ourselves, what now?

Growing up, I always found myself a little depressed on Christmas afternoon. The presents had been opened. The feast had been eaten. I felt a little empty. What was there to do? What was there to look forward to? New Year's was just a few days away. Was I simply to look ahead? Wise Men? Then what? Valentine's Day?

It seems like we are always looking ahead for the next thing. Are we looking ahead for the right thing? What would it mean if we accepted and appreciated where we are going?

So often, we accept trite banalities as a substitute for substance. We say life is a journey, not a destination. We say the present is all we have. These thoughts do ground us, but only to a degree.

The Christian hope is looking toward a time when we will be completely present to God, and God present to us. The arrival of Christ as a child is God's breaking into the world in an unexpected way. God came, not in might, but in humility. God traded glory for humanity. It is not an even trade. We are the beneficiaries of God's willingness to stoop to our world.

Emmanuel, or God with us came for a purpose, not a moment of relief for our existential anxieties. God came to show us what love is, and what sacrificial love looks like. God is with us on the way of love. God's way has a destination. The way is marked by birth, maturity, mission, the cross and resurrected life.

It is wholly appropriate that we celebrate the ultimate invitation to start life with God as one of us. The invitation begins with kneeling at the manger, but we rise and are propelled forward. We will kneel at a cross, stare in an empty tomb and await Jesus' return in glory.

Soak up the meaning of this season. We have reason to celebrate, and celebration is appropriate. We will wander from here, further down the path. But don't forget, Jesus is Alpha and Omega.
**FELLOWSHIP & FORMATION**

**Contributions Due by Year End**
Tuesday, December 31

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

**Newcomers’ Corner**
Sunday, January 5 @ 10:30am

**The Good Book Club**
Monday, January 6

**Epiphany Pageant & Celebration Potluck**
Monday, January 6 @ 5:15-7pm

**ECW/Women of Bruton * Board Meeting**
Wednesday, January 8 @ 1:30pm

**Vestry Installation**
Sunday, January 12 @ 9:15am

**Women Under Fortyish ***
Sunday, January 12 @ 1pm

**Living the Gospel Bible Study**
Sunday, January 12 & 26 @ 11am

**Ribbon Cross Fellowship**
Tuesday, January 14 @ 9:30am

**COFM Volunteer Training * **
Tuesday, January 14 @ 1pm

**Wednesdays Fellowship Dinners**
Wednesday, January 15, 22 & 29

**Women’s Theological Book Group * **
Thursday, January 23 @ 1pm

**Women of Bruton Potluck * **
Thursday, January 23 @ 5:30pm

**Youth Ski Trip to Snowshoe**
January 25 - 27

**“Warm Up” Williamsburg**
Friday, January 31 - 8pm

**Bruton Theological Forum**
Monday, February 3 @ 7pm

**Winter Shelter Week @ Bruton**
February 9 - 16

**128th Annual Diocesan Council**
February 28 - 29

* 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.

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, January 5**
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Children’s Church @ 9:15am **
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm

**Sunday, January 12**
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Baptisms @ 9:15
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 11:15am
Duo Organ Recital @ 5:30pm

**Sunday, January 19**
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Children’s Church @ 9:15am **
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 5:30pm

**Sunday, January 26**
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Children’s Church @ 9:15am **
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 5:30pm

**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

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St. Mary’s Chapel in the Parish House

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**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. Join us in the Custis House on Sunday, January 5.

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**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.
IT’S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE WINTER SHELTER
Diane Abdo & Anna Martin

It won’t be long before 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. Volunteers are still needed on some shifts. Please consider signing up for these and contributing your time and talent to this incredibly important ministry. It’s guaranteed you will find it a most worthwhile experience. It’s easy to sign up — just visit bit.ly/COFMBPC2020 online!

We ask that all volunteers attend one of the Training Sessions either on Tuesday, January 14 at 1pm or Thursday, January 16, at 7pm. This training includes interactive education offering insight into the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the homeless. The plan is to have all of us better equipped to be helpful to our guests.

Opportunity is there for all to contribute further to the program. 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 profound 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, 2020, 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 is going to be more delicious than ever. Tickets will go on sale sometime in December. 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 (757) 903-7031 or Warmupwilliamsburg@gmail.com.
GUIDE MINISTRY
Our ministry needs YOU to serve the church. Many guides are retiring or moving away. We need you to serve as a greeter or as a guide. Join us and spend a few hours a week meeting people from all over the world. For more information, please contact Marcia Hibbitts at (757) 564-8240 or guides@brutonparish.org.

FIRST FRIDAYS RECOVERY EUCHARIST
Start your new year with the Reverends Jan Brown and Lauren McDonald at the First Fridays Recovery Eucharist on Friday, January 3, at 5:30pm in the choir of the church. SpiritWorks Foundation and Bruton host this monthly service with readings and prayers that focus on helping people find ways to live faithfully in the midst of any kind of suffering, especially individuals and their loved ones who are living with addiction, co-dependence, mental illness, and trauma. Please join us for worship where tears are welcome, joy is celebrated, and all are accepted exactly as they are. Since it's still the Christmas season, we'll sing Christmas carols and enjoy the church's decorations. You don't have to be in recovery to attend.

WOMEN OF BRUTON’S QUARTERLY POTLUCK
Melinda Morgan

Please plan to come join us for fun, fellowship and great food on Thursday, January 23, from 5:30-7:30pm for a Potluck get-together! No agenda, just feel free to bring whatever dish you would desire that can be shared with 8 to 10 folks! This is a great opportunity to just kick back and have a chance to catch up with folks that you have not seen in a while and also meet some new women at Bruton! Please mark your busy calendars now. Childcare will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Melinda Morgan at womentowomen@brutonparish.org.

WOMEN’S THEOLOGICAL BOOK GROUP
The Women’s Theological book group will meet on Thursday, January 23, from 1-2:30 in Room 206 of the Parish House. We will be discussing The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. All women are invited to join us. For more information please contact the Rev’d Lauren McDonald.

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, January 12 & 26.

WOMEN UNDER FORTYISH
WUF will meet on Sunday, January 12, from 1-2:30pm in the Youth Room at the Parish House. We will continue discussing scripture and reflections from The Way of Love Bible Challenge. This month’s theme is “Bless.” We will have the opportunity to talk about people and events that have blessed us and ways that God might be calling us to be a blessing to others. Childcare will be provided. If you’re a youngish adult woman at Bruton, come share in fellowship and spiritual conversation with your peers. Please contact the Rev’d Lauren McDonald for more information.

ADVENT QUIET HOUR
It was a perfect afternoon to reflect on the season of Advent with meditations and prayers. Thank you for attending and for your participation in this important season of the Church calendar.

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!

- **Sunday, February 9-16, 2020**
  Please sign up to help during Bruton Parish’s Winter Shelter. Lots of hands will be needed.

- **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 Ribbon Cross Fellowship will resume meeting on a quarterly basis beginning January 2020.

- The Episcopal Church Women’s Board Meeting will be held at 1:30pm on Wednesday, January 8, and continue on the second Wednesday of each month in the Coffee, Tea & Thee Room of the Parish House.

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. The first fellowship dinner of the new year will begin at 5:15pm on Monday, January 6, with an Epiphany Pageant & Celebration Potluck (RSVPs are required by January 3 at bit.ly/epiphanypotluck2020 for this gathering). We'll then continue on Wednesdays, January 15, 22 & 29. 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.**
Most Successful FISH Thanksgiving Food Drive, Ever

Lynn Smyth

Thank you to all who participated in the most successful Thanksgiving Food Drive for FISH — Brutonians, you rock! The spirit of Thanksgiving is alive and well at Bruton Parish Church.

Together, our community filled 300 bags of food! Before those bags were filled, they were assembled and labeled by our amazing youth and then distributed after Sunday services by our fabulous ushers and Mission & Outreach Committee members. YOU filled them, and over 25 volunteers appeared on the Friday after Thanksgiving to load and transport our gifts to FISH! With all hands on deck, the van and all of the cars were unloaded, food was sorted, and shelves were filled to overflowing!

FISH is beyond grate-ful for our contribution to the food bank. Demand for food assistance in our community increases dramatically during the holiday season. Your overwhelming support for this project has helped FISH prepare for the increased demand. Good job, everyone!

As we enjoy this season of anticipation and wonder, I hope you will take a moment or two to see the love moving within our lives and out into the lives of others.
RIBBON CROSS FELLOWSHIP

Please join the Women of Bruton for a morning of fun, fellowship and ribbon cross making from 9:30-11:25am on Tuesday, January 14, at Williamsburg Landing’s Jamestown Room. This is a great opportunity to help make ribbon crosses that are sold in the wonderful Bruton Shop. All of the proceeds from the sales are targeted to help with the Women of Bruton’s outreach efforts! It is a great chance to meet many new folks! There is a regularly-scheduled Eucharist at 11:30am at the Landing afterwards, if it works out for you! Any questions, please contact Melinda Morgan at (703) 380-9875, Kathryn Smith at (757) 229-2188, or womentowomen@brutonparish.org. We hope to see you!

DOK INTERCESSIONARY 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 offered by Donna Marshall and are the words to “Let the Work of Christmas Begin” (written by Michael Dougherty, a variation on Howard Thurman’s ‘When the Song of the Angels is Stilled’).

When the carols have been stilled,
When the star-topped tree has been taken down,
When family and friends have gone home,
When we are back to our schedules,
Let the work of Christmas begin.

Help us dear Lord
To welcome the refugee,
To heal a broken planet,
To feed the hungry,
To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,
To share our gifts,
To seek justice and peace for all people,
To bring Christ’s light to the world.

UTO: BEGIN WITH HOPE

Bessie Bierer

“It is easy to get busy and miss the simple things for which we can give thanks. The changing of one year to another is a great time to re-center, refocus, and recommit.

Find ways to press “pause” and not miss life unfolding around you. We can give thanks for longer days, warmer weather, and Spring on the horizon, while still being present to the joy of an early Spring snowstorm.

A new year gives a chance to commit to our faith, to advocacy, and to gratitude.”

Welcome the New Year by giving thanks and downloading the free Blue Box App & Donate to UTOBLUEBOXAPP.ORG.

[Excerpt from January 2019 “Begin with Hope” by The Rev’d Canon Heather L. Melton, Staff Officer for the United Thank Offering]

TRAINING NEW LAY READERS

Susan Allen

The Lay Reader program is a uniquely rewarding ministry whose participants read scripture at Sunday services, administer the chalice and lead the Prayers of the People at Holy Eucharist, officiate at Evening Prayer, lead Noontday Prayer services Monday through Saturday in the church, assist at weddings and funerals as needed, and assist clergy at assisted-living/nursing homes.

Training for new lay readers will take place next year in January and February. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Allen, Lay Reader Trainer, at layreadertraining@brutonparish.org.

OFFICE RECEPTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Kitty Burgwyn

We are always looking for more men and women volunteers to help out in the church office. Volunteers help by answering the telephone, greeting visitors and occasionally helping out with simple clerical tasks. There are two shifts each day, Monday through Friday, 9am-1pm and 1-5pm. Persons interested will be trained. Please contact Kitty Burgwyn if interested at (757) 912-4904 or kburgwyn54@gmail.com.

CYCLING WITHOUT AGE WILLIAMSBURG

The Williamsburg Chapter of Cycling Without Age is a joint project of the Williamsburg Area Bicyclists, a local recreational bicycle club and BikeWalk Williamsburg, a local cycling and walking advocacy organization. They’ll be suspending this offering over the winter months and will resume in the spring.
**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, January 18 @4pm
**Potluck Dinner**
Come join us for dinner and great company at 4pm at Kathy Rose’s home right here in town. Call Kathy to RSVP at (757) 784-6761 and tell her what you will be bringing.

Saturday, January 25 @ 7:30pm
**Stephanie Nakasian with the John Toomey Trio Best of the Great American Songbook**
Meet us at 7:15pm in the Library lobby. Come and enjoy an evening with Stephanie Nakasian as she entertains with songs from Gershwin, Porter, Rodgers & Hart and more. Stephanie is an exciting, well-seasoned vocalist and master of innovative jazz improvisation. Tickets are $5 (Friends of WRL $4). After the concert, we may stop somewhere for refreshment. Please RSVP to Donna Dodenhoff by email at singles@brutonparish.org.

Friday, January 31 @ 7pm
**W&M Global Film Festival**
We will view a movie presented as part of the W&M Film Festival series. Details will be announced closer to the date. Please RSVP by contacting Heidi Elam at (757) 897-5012.

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**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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

**Ushers & Choir Needed for Consecration of the Bishop**

Come and sing with the Consecration Choir to help celebrate the election of the Rev’d Susan B. Haynes as the 11th Bishop of Southern Virginia! We are hoping singers from across the Diocese will join in this special event. Please contact Kevin Kwan by email at kevin.kwan@christandstlukes.org for details about choir participation and to sign up.

The Liturgical Committee for the Consecration of the 11th Bishop of Southern Virginia is seeking volunteers to serve as ushers at the Ordination and Consecration Service on Saturday, February 1, at 11am. To volunteer, please contact the Rev’d Canon Frederick Walker by email at frederickwalker3282@ymail.com or the Rev’d Julia Messer at jmesser@easternshorechapel.org. There will be one rehearsal on Friday, January 31, at 2pm at Saint Bede Catholic Church at 8636 Ironbound Road, in Williamsburg. You must attend the one-day rehearsal in order to serve as an usher on Saturday, February 1. Please note, anyone can sign up to serve as usher for this occasion; you don’t have to be a trained usher in your congregation.

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Folks of all ages making advent wreaths in the Parish House!
**Support for Mission & Outreach Drove Strong Holiday Sales**

Sally McConnell, Shop Committee Chair

By the time you read this very merry Christmas season in the Bruton Gift Shop will be over. As of this writing there are still a few weeks until the end of December, but to date our season has been exceptionally strong, pacing ahead of last year. Many visitors and parishioners now make visiting the Bruton Parish Gift Shop part of their holiday tradition. What better way is there to honor the true spirit of Christmas than by supporting Mission and Outreach?

While gifts and gloves flew out the door, many of our guests were searching for their annual Advent calendars, creches, cards depicting Bruton Parish, or one of the delicate hand-made ornaments we carry. As in all seasons, the "Holy Smokes," gently-used candles from a Bruton service, woven crosses, and needlepoint ornaments continue to be top sellers.

In January, Senior Shop Manager Diane Koun and Assistant Shop Manager Pam Michael will travel to the Atlanta gift market to make their purchases for Christmas 2020 and, just like this year, that merchandising will start arriving in the summer so that the holiday season can be ready by Fall. Since Christmas accounts for nearly 50% of our annual sales, which is fairly typical of most retail businesses, this planning is critical. We are blessed to be guided by the merchandising expertise of Diane and Pam, and the 2019 results bear that out. They will also lead a group of shop volunteers to conduct inventory in early January.

Douglas Boller will be the new Chairperson of the Gift Shop Committee in 2020. Leith Mullaly and Sue Warner will be joining Betty-Wright Armbruster, Joan Gorczyk, Lynn Karlisch, Carolyn Hoffman, Virginia Wood and Sally McConnell on the Gift Shop Committee. We thank Linda Thomson for her service as her term ended in 2019.

**Gordon Stewart Plays the Dobson Organ in Bruton**

We now have a CD for sale in the Gift Shop of our inaugural organ recitalist, Gordon Stewart. Gordon recorded this especially for sale in our shop on the Friday before the inaugural concerts. Most, but not all, of the pieces were included in the live performance. The cost is $18, and as with all shop purchases, proceeds go to Mission & Outreach for distribution to local, national and international charities.

**Friends of Bruton 2020**

Jim Morford, Chair

The dawning of each New Year brings with it new opportunities and new challenges. The Friends of Bruton Committee looks forward to meeting both.

*First, you will want to mark your calendars now for the Eighth Annual Friends Day at Bruton. It will be held on Saturday, May 2!* This year’s Program Chair Bill Kafes has arranged for Bruton’s own Ron Hurst, Vice President of Collections, Conservation and Museums for Colonial Williamsburg, to be our luncheon speaker. Ron is the overseer of the massive project to expand the Art Museums at Colonial Williamsburg. The expansion, begun in 2017, will add 65,000 sq. ft. to the existing Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art and DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museums. The project is completely donor-funded, at just under $42 million and is expected to be open in late April. The new entrance will be visible from Duke of Gloucester Street and uses period materials with more modern architecture to help it stand out as a museum.

Following the luncheon tours of the new facility will be offered. The morning program is still in development and will be announced shortly.

The Committee is initiating an oral history project intended to capture the memories of senior members of the congregation and community as far back as the 1940s. Having such an oral history is an essential part of the mission of Friends of Bruton, which is to preserve and promote the historic and spiritual heritage of Bruton Parish Church. Bill Armbruster is heading up this project and hopes it will become a parish-wide project.

As some members retire from the Committee, we are looking to add new members. If you would be interested in becoming a part of our exciting mission to serve Our Worldwide Congregation, please let Hilary Cooley, Communications Director, know of your interest by emailing hcooley@brutonparish.org.

**Cornerstone Circle Renewal**

If you have not already done so, be sure to renew your membership in the Cornerstone Circle. Cornerstone members help to fund Friends of Bruton projects such as the Oral History project discussed elsewhere in this issue of the Chronicle. It’s easy to make your tax deductible donation. Just visit bit.ly/GIVETOBPC directly, and please select “FOB-Cornerstone Circle under the “Select a Fund” choice.

If you wish to become a first time member, with your initial contribution of at least $100, you will receive a Bruton Parish Weathervane lapel pin. The weathervane is the symbol of Friends of Bruton. It is proudly worn by Cornerstone Circle members to show their support for the mission of Our Worldwide Congregation to preserve and promote the spiritual and historic heritage of Bruton Parish Church.
MISSION & OUTREACH THIS PAST YEAR
Isabel Burch, M&O Chair 2019

This year has been a meaningful one for the Bruton Mission & Outreach (M&O) Committee. In 2019, we continued our efforts to support the parish, our fellow church members, local area partners, and those beyond by helping those in need.

As we do each year, Mission and Outreach was heavily involved in outreach projects within the parish as well as the community at large. In our parish, we provided funding to Matthew 25, Bruton Builders, and the youth mission trip. Hands-on work was done at the Parish House by Bruton Builders including work in the Gift Shop as well as exterior repair and painting.

Committee members organized both the FISH Summer Food Drive held in June and the FISH Thanksgiving Food Drive. Bruton’s contribution to this worthy mission was record-breaking! In June, we delivered approximately 150 bags of groceries to FISH, and we hoped to repeat those amazing results at the recent Thanksgiving food drive. Bruton doubled its efforts! At Thanksgiving, we delivered 300 bags of food to our neighbors at FISH!

Committee members also organized the parish’s participation in both the Back to School Apple Tree and the Christmas Angel Tree projects, supporting the mission of the Salvation Army. This year we donated Angel Tree gifts to 100 children and 20 seniors who live in our community and are in need.

Our 2019 M&O funds also supported those outside our immediate area. On your behalf, the M&O Committee made two donations to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD). One contribution was designated for hurricane relief in the Bahamas, and the other was to the ERD General Fund.

Finally, as year-end approached, we prayer-fully turned our focus to our annual grant process. This year over 22 local, state, national and international organizations submitted grant applications. The M&O Committee will be awarding a total of over $45,000 in grants to 18 of those organizations that applied. The income used to award the grants comes to M&O from the Bruton Parish Gift Shop annual revenue and the proceeds from the Jumble Sale. The Mission and Outreach committee is grateful to the Gift Shop, and to all who work there, for providing the funds which enable us to support so many worthy organizations. From time to time, parishioners and Friends designate contributions directly to the Mission & Outreach programs.

In closing, the Committee reminds the members of the parish that if you feel there are projects or local outreach initiatives that you believe Bruton may wish to support or help, please bring those ideas to Mission and Outreach for consideration. The committee is also seeking new members to serve with us in 2020. Please let us know if you are interested. Joyce Haines will be the Chair of the M&O Committee in 2020. She will be a great leader of the committee as it seeks to help those in need both locally and in the wider world.

Pictured above, are our folks who volunteered their time delivering Angel Tree donations to the Salvation Army, along with those who helped deliver our Thanksgiving Food Drive items to FISH, and stayed to help stock their shelves.
In the first chapter of John’s Gospel, sometimes referred to as the prologue to the Gospel — sometimes spoken of as the whole Gospel in miniature — the Gospel writer says this. As he reflects on the coming of God into the world in the person of Jesus. As he reflects on Christmas. He says, the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

I don’t think it’s an accident that long ago, followers of Jesus began to commemorate his coming into the world when the world seemed to be at its darkest.

It’s probably not an accident that we observe Christmas soon after December 21, the winter solstice. The winter solstice being in the Northern Hemisphere the darkest time of the year.

Undoubtedly, these ancient Christians who began to celebrate the coming of God into the world, they knew very well that this Jesus, his teachings, his message, his spirit, his example, his life points us to the way of life itself, a way of life, where we take care of each other. A way of life, where we care for God’s world. A way of life, where we are in a loving relationship with our God, and with each other as children of the one God, who has created us all.

They also knew John’s Gospel and John’s Christmas story. Now there are no angels in John’s Christmas story. There are no wise men coming from afar. There's no baby lying in a manger. There's no angelic choir singing Gloria in excelsis Deo in the highest of the heavens. There are no shepherds tending their flocks by night. Matthew and Luke tell those stories. In John, it is the poetry of new possibility, born of the reality of God when God breaks into the world. It’s not an accident that long ago, followers of Jesus began to commemorate his birth, his coming into the world. When the world seemed darkest. When hope seemed to be dashed on the altar of reality. It is not an accident that we too, commemorate his coming, when things do not always look right in this world.

But there is a God. And there is Jesus. And even in the darkest night. That light once shined and will shine still. His way of love is the way of life. It is the light of the world. And the light of that love shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not, cannot, and will not overcome it.

God love you. God bless you and may you have a Merry Christmas and may this world be blessed. Amen.


Christmas 2019 Meditation
The Rt. Rev. James B. Magness
Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore, Diocese of Southern Virginia

“...wise men from the East...” to Bethlehem in search of the newborn king of the Jews.

Clearly I remember my youthful and wistful imaginings on both Christmas Eve and Christmas night. For several years during my childhood I made it a practice to sit alone on a hill beside our home in the mountains of Western North Carolina and look for the star. Each night I used my rudimentary binoculars to search the night sky in hopes that I would see the star. At the age of 7 or 8 I knew little about astronomy or about the universe. Certainly I knew nothing about the seemingly infinite complexity of the multiverse. Yet I looked, and in fact yearned for the star.

Even at an early age I knew that the star represented my yearning for a mystical connection with God. My search was the vehicle that took me out of a sometimes very challenging life of living with two parents who struggled with their addictions. Even if only it was for a brief period of time on those two nights each year, I pined for a glimpse of the star that had once beckoned God’s people to Bethlehem. My search took me away from my life situation and gave me confidence that there was an eternal God who could transcend even my life circumstances.

Today many years later, and after years of graduate and post-graduate theological education, I have once returned to my pursuit of a guiding star in the east. As it did during my childhood, today my longing for the star gives me the hopeful assurance that the eternal God of my youth continues to be there; that the transcendent God in Christ whom we anticipate throughout the four weeks of Advent is still able to assure us that the niggly struggles of this life will someday pale into insignificance as we meet our Creator in the Kingdom of Heaven.

My prayer for you is that a star in the East will guide you to Christ during this holy and mystical season.

Peace,
+Jay

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Bruton Theological Forums Continue
The Rev’d Dan McClain

Last September, Bruton began hosting a series of lectures on some of the central teachings of Christianity with special attention to the ways these ideas connect with the culture, public life, and the sciences. Our first two lectures were held last year, and two more are scheduled for February and March. They will relate to Scripture, the relationship of Science and Religion, God, and Creation.

Lectures are free and open to the public, but require free tickets. More information about the forum and access to free tickets can be obtained online at brutonforum.org or at the Parish House.

Monday, February 3
Trinity and Unity in the One God
The Rev’d Dr. Katherine Sonderegger
Virginia Theological Seminary

Monday, March 30
The Fullness of Time: Jesus Christ, Time, and Modernity
The Rev’d Dr. Kara Slade
Princeton Theological Seminary

Lectures will be held in Bruton Parish Church at 7pm, followed by receptions in the Parish House. If you have any difficulty accessing the free tickets online, please stop by the Parish House and speak with Alex Narducci or Hilary Cooley, who can assist you.

Latisha’s House Annual Gala
An Evening of Wine & Roses
Latisha’s House Foundation

Latisha’s House Foundation (LHF) Annual Gala will be held Saturday, January 25, from 5:30-10pm at Two Rivers Country Club. This year’s theme, An Evening of Wine & Roses, will feature a five-course dinner with wine pairings, along with a Silent and Live Auction and dancing (black tie optional).

LHF is a long-term safe house for adult female victims of sex trafficking offering individualized support to empower survivors to build a bridge from their traumatic past to a positive future in our community. Every dollar raised saves lives! For more information on sponsorship and tickets, please call (757) 346-5344, email latishashouse@gmail.com or visit latishashouse.com.

The Good Book Club
The Rev’d Lauren McDonald

Starting Monday, January 6, the Bruton Good Book Club will be reading the 50 Day Bible Challenge: The Way of Love. With a forward by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, this daily devotional explores seven core spiritual practices: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest. Each day provides a short passage from scripture, a daily reflection, and some questions for reflection and discussion. If you would like to order a book, please contact the Rev. Lauren McDonald (lmcdonald@brutonparish.org). They are $12 each if we order 10 or more. You can participate by either joining the online discussion group on Facebook by visiting www.facebook.com/groups/1956489351235251 (contact Lauren for help joining the group) or reading along at home and discuss with family or friends.

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The Review of this book posed the following question: “To what extent should holy books be read and interpreted critically and with a sense of the context in which they were written, rather than taken literally?” In essence, a book about the history of Christianity cannot avoid this question. Is the New Testament — so sacrosanct that no discussion of history is either needed or desired. Obviously, the author, a much-respected scholar who has been lauded for his work on the Reformation and Thomas Cramer, believes much as N.T. Wright in the book discussed above that historical studies should both be needed and desired if “exploration into God himself” is part of our Christian discipleship. But even in the title itself is a strong hint as to the scope of this book: instead of 2,000 years of Christianity, this book argues that Jesus’ teachings and subsequent developments in Christianity cannot be properly understood without first understanding their roots in ancient Israel and Greece/Rome. And that’s just the beginning. For the person of faith who seeks to understand the many strands of what we call the Christian tradition, this is an excellent book to take on for good winter reading.

**Historical Theology: An Introduction to the History of Christian Thought**

Noted above, N.T. Wright threw down the gauntlet to all people of faith to challenge themselves to step out of their faith comfort zone with respect to serious studies about the historical Jesus. Wright’s same bold challenge might be applied to the history of Christian theology. Perhaps even more contentious than debates about the historical Jesus are debates about Christian theology itself. Yet, for most of us, theology seems rather intellectually inaccessible and perhaps something best left to the clergy and professors. Reading pure theology must be an acquired taste. By contrast, what about approaching theology from a historical perspective? This is much more palatable for most of us, particularly when we begin to understand that the development of Christian theology did not finish out in ancient times, but continues to this day. If reading a whole book of this sort is still too much, consider using it as a reference book to answer some of those questions that have perplexed you throughout your life. For example, have you ever wondered why the Nicene Creed seems to have some curious phrases that almost seem to be some ancient code? Early on in this book it talks about theological battles that took place resulting in beliefs crystallized in creeds. And so much more.

**Christendom: The First Three Thousand Years**

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**Interesting Books in the Hennage Library**
Hugh C. Rowland, 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 at (757) 229-2891.
CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION
The Rev’d Josh Stephens & Meghan Brewer

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5
Children’s Church will be held in St. Mary’s Chapel at 9:15am, followed by an Epiphany Activity at 10:20am for all children and youth (instead of Sunday School). Watch our weekly emails regarding information about Joyful Noise Choir rehearsals resuming sometime this month. Chorister Choir rehearsals will resume at 6pm. Each Sunday during January, members of our youth group will be outside the church tower taking orders for our Souper Bowl Chili Fundraiser.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6: EPIPHANY PAGEANT & CELEBRATION POTLUCK
All children, youth and their parents are invited to join us from 5:15-7pm in the Parish Hall to celebrate Epiphany with a potluck and pageant! We’ll provide the main course and beverages, but please bring a dish to share with 8-10 people. Please rsvp at bit.ly/epiphanypotluck2020 for this gathering by Friday, January 3.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12
Children’s Church will not be held this day, as all children are invited to the “big” church for Baptisms at 9:15am. Sunday School will be held at 10:20am for children through 5th grade in the upstairs classrooms, while the Upper School Class meets in Room 206.

Youth Group will be held in the Parish House from 4-6pm for middle Schoolers and from 5:30-7:30pm for high schoolers (combined dinner at 5:30pm). Don’t forget your aprons as we all will be making chili for our upcoming Souper Bowl Chili Fundraiser on February 1 & 2.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19
Children’s Church will be held at 9:15am in St. Mary’s Chapel in the Parish House, followed by Sunday School at 10:20am for children through 5th grade in the upstairs classrooms, while the Upper School Class meets in Room 206.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25: YOUTH LEAVE FOR SKI TRIP TO SNOWSHOE
Those youth who have signed up for the ski trip (see article to the right), will leave at 3pm from the Parish House and return on Monday, January 27.

YOUTH HEAD TO SNOWSHOE SKI RETREAT
Our middle and high school youth are invited on a fun ski trip retreat to Snowshoe Mountain in West Virginia from January 25-27. As in the past two years, we will stay at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park in the old company housing. At the request of the youth skiers, this year we will have two days of skiing rather than just one. We will also take time for prayer and reflection, including a Eucharist together on the trip. Visit bit.ly/brutonparishskitrip2020 for details and to sign up by January 12!
THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2019

The greenery in the church is given to the glory of God in loving memory of John Kent Kane II by Nancy B. Kane and family.

The poinsettias at the Altar and in the Tower were arranged by Cathy Adams, Emily Chaikin, Leslie Coe, Barbara Hartmann, Nan Hawks, Marty Jones and Dianne Spence

And are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:

Lawrence A. Adams by his wife Jane Adams;
Dr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. E. Brodie Gregory by the Adams family;
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Gunda Cabeke Bailey by Ted Bailey;
Robert and Cynthia Baugh by Catherine Dix Allen;
Gloria S. Beane by Reggie Beane and Cathy Jett;
Herbert and Nancy Bell, Charlie Hackett, Lawrence Caporal, Edwin and Melinda Kendrew by the Bell and Caporal families;
Lib and Pat Bierer, Helen and Ralph Chamness, parents of Bessie Bierer and Kim Chamness;
Bim Black, partner of Jim Mundy;
James C. Boyd by the Boyd family;
Harroll A. Brauer, Jr., Elizabeth "Skeeter" Brauer, Frank and Irene Colasurdo by Bill, Michelle, Colin, Lauren, Peyton, Jackie, Mason and Bodhi Brauer;
G. T. Brooks, Jr. by Charles and Nancy Brooks;
The Rev. Robert Arthur Burch by his wife Isabel Burch and their children and grandchildren;
Steve Cobosco by Neil Glenicki;
Mabel and Orson Coe, Frances and Gene Drake by the Coe family;
Bessie and George Hickam by Nancy Hickam Cook and Timothy Cook;
Christopher and Pamela Cowles by Suzanne and Carter Cowles;
Thomas J. Cox, Jr. by his wife Susan;
Jeff Coy by his wife Jo Anne;
Wagih and Susan Botros Dafashy by their loving family;
Virginia and Bob Darling, Bill McNeal by Stuart and Betsy Darling;
Barbara Driscoll by her sister Sara Fogarty;
Robert Smith Dutro by his family;
Earl and Helen Finley, Tony and Norma Pryor by Chuck and Marianne Pryor;
Nancy W. Fogarty by the Fogarty family;
Katherine J. Fox by Bill and Mary Fox;
Bob Gruber by his wife Nina and his family;
Channing Moore Hall, Jr., Channing Moore Hall, Sr., Susan Hall Godson and Miss Emily Moore Hall by their family;
Janis and Douglas Harnish and Alice and Bernard Strasses by Debbie and Paul Strasses;
Dr. and Mrs. George R. Hetrich, Brother, George R. Hetrich, Jr., Harman and Amelia Hohl, Sister, Janet Wamsher, Philip Clavell, Jr., Ed and Mary Ellen Shipley by Carl and Carolyn Hohl;
George and Virginia Jenkins by Dan and Cyndy Jenkins Todd, Suzanne, Ethan and Lauren Jenkins, Jonathan and Ann Marie, Ian and Ryan Jenkins;
Richard Hall Jones by Fran, Scott and Beth;
Marilyn June Koehler by Donald Koehler;
Bonnie Robertson Lent mother of Jennifer Lent Hamilton and Carey Lent McLaughlin;
Bonnie Robertson Lent, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur William Lent, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Gibson Robertson, Jr. by Robert N. Lent;
Robert Byers McClellan by his wife Sue McClellan and his...
In memory of the parents of:
Robert and Margaret Birney

In thanksgiving for:
My family by Faith Croker;
our three children and eight grandchildren by Michael and Johanna Thompson;
our children 2nd Lt. (USMC) John William Soaper Gaston and Henry Callaway Eilsworth Gaston by Susan and David Gaston;
for our many blessings by Sally and Bill Libby;
Stella Catherine and Sophia Anne Grogg, and parents of Patricia Warner and William Grogg;
the Tanner and Casavant family.

In honor of:
Bruton Parish Altar and Floral Guilds by Marty and Roger Jones;
our great grandchildren, Jackson Luke Potras and Charleigh Adele Diakun by Betty and Alan Diakun;
Andrew, Connor, Daniel, Emma, Caitlyn and Caroline grandchildren of Hope and Nolan Yelich;
our children and grandchildren and a special thanksgiving for our son Ted Maslin by Charles and Joann Maslin;
our grandchildren: Malley, Bobby, Isla, Anna, Henry, Jack and their wonderful parents: John, Bridget, Rob and Leslie Bradenham by Marget and Bob Bradenham;
Carol McNeal by Stuart and Betsy Darling;
our daughters Madeleine, Adelaide and Isla Kate by Loring and Kathleen Jones;
Constance Jane Nagle, Rowena Sturges Baggerly, Katherine Thorne Knepper by the Nagle and Knepper families;
and in honor and thanksgiving for our clergy: Chris, Lauren, Josh, Dan and Jan by Leith and Chuck Mullaly.

In remembrance:
THE CHENAULTS: THE WORLD’S PREMIERE DUO-ORGAN TEAM

Named "The World’s Premiere Duo-Organ Team" by The Atlanta Journal & Constitution, Elizabeth and Raymond Chenault, duo-organists, have concertized extensively throughout the United States and in Europe. Specializing in works written for two performers, the Chenaults have commissioned and premiered over sixty organ duets, thereby making a significant historical contribution to this slighted area of organ literature. Because of their unique and refreshing repertoire, combined with their exciting and sensitive artistry, the Chenaults are in demand as recitalists and have established themselves as America’s leading duo-organists.

The Chenault’s duet career began in 1979 when Arthur Wills of England’s Ely Cathedral composed Toccata for Two for them, followed by John Rutter’s Variations on An Easter Theme in 1982. Both duets were premiered by the Chenaults at Washington Cathedral and are published. They have been featured recitalists at numerous national and regional conventions of the American Guild of Organists, the Association of Anglican Musicians, the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, the International Summer Organ Festival at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion in San Diego, Helzberg Hall (Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, Kansas City, MO), the opening recital for the East Texas Pipe Organ Festival, as well as the Crystal Cathedral, the Mormon Tabernacle, Washington National Cathedral, St. Paul's Cathedral (London), Woolsey Hall (Yale University), York Minster Cathedral (England), the Atlanta Summer Organ Festival and the Piccolo Spoleto Festival.

The Chenaults also have commissioned duets from Ronald Arnatt, David Briggs, Charles Callahan, Melinda Clark, Pamela Decker, Alan Gibbs, Naji Hakim, Gerre Hancock, Rachel Laurin, Gaston Litaize, Douglas Major, Jefferson McConnaughey, Philip Moore, Bruce Neswick, Dorothy Papadakos, Stephen Paulus, Craig Phillips, Daniel Pinkham, Robert Powell, Myron Roberts, Richard Shephard, Conrad Susa, Paul Lindsley Thomas and Nicholas White. Additionally, the Chenaults have arranged several pieces for organ duet, including several popular Christmas carols, Sousa’s "The Stars and Stripes Forever," and Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera."

Mr. and Mrs. Chenault, natives of Virginia, completed their Bachelor of Music degrees from Virginia Commonwealth University studying organ with Lawrence Robinson. Mr. Chenault received his Master of Music degree in organ performance from the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music where he and Mrs. Chenault studied organ with Wayne Fisher. Upon graduation, Mr. Chenault became a Fellow in Church Music at Washington Cathedral studying with Dr. Paul Callaway. Other organ teachers include Harold Abmyer, Arthur Poister and John Fenstemaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Chenault are Organists and Choirmasters Emeriti of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Atlanta, where from 1975-2018 they directed an extensive music program and concert series, as well as installed and played the dedication of a new organ in 2003 by John-Paul Buzard (Op. 29, IV/87 ranks). The Chenaults taught choral music at The Lovett School in Atlanta for 31 years, where Mr. Chenault was the Director of Fine Arts and Choral Director of the Upper School. Mrs. Chenault was Choral Director of the Middle School. Their choirs won many national competitions, and were featured at American Choral Director's Conventions, Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, Washington Cathedral, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and the Piccolo Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston, South Carolina. The Choir of All Saints' has recorded two CDs for Towerhill Records, Inc. featuring Christmas music, A Christmas Alleluia (TH-71996) and spirituals, Promised

CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS
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, January 4 - Youth Choir Concert
Jamestown Youth Choir, Chris Mooney, Director

Saturday, January 11 - Organ Recital
Marty Barstow, Organist at Green Acres Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth, Virginia

Sunday, January 12 @ 5:30 pm - Duo Organ Recital
Ray and Beth Chenault, Concert Organists & Organists Emeriti from All Saints Episcopal Church in Atlanta, GA

Saturday, January 18 - Organ Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, January 25
Baroque Violin, Harpsichord & Organ Recital
Sophie Genevieve Lowe, Baroque Violinist from Washington DC/London, & Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist at Bruton Parish

HISTORICAL ORGAN RECITALS
The College of William & Mary Wren Chapel @ 10am
Saturdays, January 4, 11, 18 & 25 - Rebecca Davy
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Land (TH-71997) www.towerhill-recordings.com (1-860-560-7800). Mr. Chenault made his Carnegie Hall debut in 1996 conducting Mozart's Coronation Mass featuring a 220-voice choir, soloists and orchestra. Additionally, Mr. Chenault is a frequent adjudicator for many choral festivals and is a published composer of choral and organ works. He is a member of ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers).

Recitals by the Chenaults have been critically acclaimed by audiences and critics alike. They have been featured on "Pipedreams" (a weekly series of the American Public Radio network) and record on the Gothic Record Label www.gothicrecords.com. Their premiere recording 20th Century Organ Music for Two (CD 49043) was recorded at Roswell United Methodist Church (Georgia), 20th Century Organ Music for Two, Volume II (CD 49073) was recorded at Washington Cathedral, and their third CD, Christmas at Spivey Hall (CD 49084), was recorded on the 79 rank Ruffatti organ at Clayton State College, Morrow, Georgia. The Chenaults' most recent recording-20th-21st Century Organ Music for Two, Volume IV (CD 49292) -was recorded on two historic organs by E. M. Skinner & Aeolian-Skinner (Washington National Cathedral and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Amarillo, TX). Gothic Records just released Mr. Chenault's first solo recording, Concert Favorites (G-49305-06)-a two CD set of rarely performed and recorded music of the 19th & 20th Century French, Belgian and Dutch organ schools-recorded on the magnificent Buzard organ, All Saints' Episcopal Church, Atlanta. Their CDs have been on the best-selling list nationally and have received rave reviews. Several volumes of The Chenault Organ Duet Library Collection have been published by Warner Bros. Pub., Inc. and may be purchased directly from the Chenaults by using the order form on the Chenaults web page (www.concertartists.com/theChenaults.html) or via email at rchenaultduo@gmail.com. Their newest organ duets are published by Morning Star Music Publication under the Chenault Organ Duet Series.

The Chenaults were featured at the 1992 AGO Convention in Atlanta, premiering organ duets by Gaston Litaize and Naji Hakim, and on "Performance Today," National Public Radio's daily classical music program, which was broadcasted live from Spivey Hall in Morrow, Georgia. The Chenaults also premiered an organ duet by Stephen Paulus for the Conference of Anglican Musicians in Norfolk, Virginia, and were named "Organists of the Year" by the National Music Director Magazine, Sacred Music USA. The Chenault duo's most recent duet premieres featured "Fantaisie à Deux" by Rachel Laurin and "A Spiritual Romp for Two" by Nicholas White at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church for the Atlanta Summer Organ Festival.
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.

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