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## Next Steps in Racial Reconciliation

By Isabel Burch

Given the events in the last two years that have brought into sharp relief our country's ongoing "unfinished business" in matters of race and racism, we felt called to start in our own backyard to explore more deliberately and prayerfully, questions of healing and equity.

In that spirit, we reached out to Katrina Browne, whose film, *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North*, has been catalyzing powerful conversations on race in churches and other venues around the country. And we reached out to First Baptist Church, whose history is bound up with ours. To quote from their website: The First Baptist Church of Williamsburg originated in the 1700's with a quest by courageous slaves and free black worshipers who simply wanted to worship their God in their own way. In their search, they left the church of the slave owners, Bruton Parish, where worship was restrained and segregated, and built the first brush arbor at Green Spring Plantation to gather secretly in song and prayer.

A number of Brutonians, as well as others from area churches and the Williamsburg community, met over Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday weekend. Some were able to attend the showing of the movie, *Traces of the Trade*, and discussion on Thursday evening.

*Traces of the Trade* reveals that Browne's DeWolf ancestors from Rhode Island were the largest slave-trading family in U.S.

history. The film follows nine of the present-day DeWolf family members as they uncover the extensive hidden history of New England's complicity in slavery. They retrace the Triangle Trade from Rhode Island, to Ghana, to Cuba, and come home to grapple with ques-



tions of white privilege and how to address persistent legacies of slavery in the present day. The film, in rough cut form, helped contribute to the passage of resolutions at the 2006 General Convention of the Episcopal Church that apologized for the Church's role in slavery and called for parishes and dioceses to be "repairers of the breach." In conversation with Ms. Browne, who has an open, hopeful, inspiring way with this painful material, we hoped this would be an opportunity for members of Bruton Parish Church, First Baptist Church and the community of Williamsburg to engage in deeper dialogue.

Some were able to worship at First Baptist to celebrate Dr. King's life and the history of the African American community in Williamsburg. Others were able to come Saturday morning to a discussion about "what's next" and indicated a desire to keep the conversation going.

**We invite everyone to join us on Tuesday, May 31, at 7pm in Lewis Hall to take that "next step."** We will gather to watch a video of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's sermon at Trinity Wall Street's "Listen for a Change" conference. A discussion, led by the Rev'd Christopher Epperson, will follow to help explore where we go from here.

Please invite any friends who might be interested in this journey. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have questions, email [racialreconciliation@brutonparish.org](mailto:racialreconciliation@brutonparish.org).



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Family Vacation Bible School  
August 8 - 12 @ St. Martin's  
5:30 - 8pm, dinner included

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

## Worship Schedule

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

Sunday, June 12  
Holy Eucharist @ 7:30, 9:15 & 11:15am  
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm

Sunday, June 19  
Holy Eucharist @ 7:30, 9:15 & 11:15am  
Children's Church @ 9:15am \*  
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm

Sunday, June 26  
Holy Eucharist @ 7:30 & 11:15am  
Holy Baptism & Eucharist @ 9:15am  
Children's Church @ 9:15am \*  
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm

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Noonday Prayer @ Church  
Monday - Saturday

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

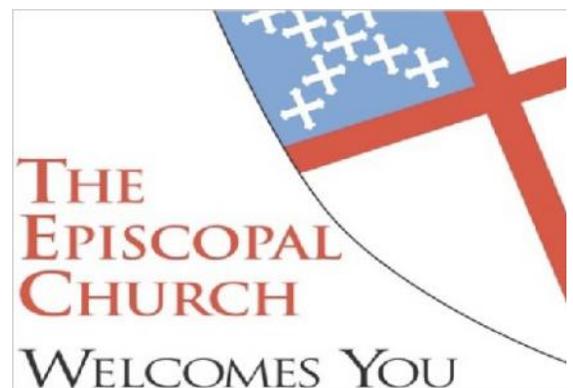
Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers  
Wednesdays @ 11 am (Church)

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

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

## Newcomers' Corner

The first Sunday of each month, new members of Bruton are invited to join clergy, vestry and Newcomers Committee members for coffee in the Custis House at 10:30am. This is a great opportunity to become more acquainted with the parish and learn of our many ministries. Join us on Sunday, June 5.



From The Ministry Of Gift Planning

## Giving While Living Part I

By Stephanie King

Over the next few months I will share a story written by Lauren Cecil of the Greater New Orleans Foundation. The book is written in the style of a children's book because simplicity is often the best way to tackle a complex issue.



The story is about Lafayette LeChat and his friend Claude DeMieux who decide to do their all-time favorite New Orleans activities in one day. During the day Lafayette learns about the many ways he can make a gift during his lifetime to the city he loves.

Lafayette LeChat and his old friend Claude DeMieux, a fat cat lawyer, start their day in New Orleans in Jackson Square.

"You know," Lafayette said, "sometimes I have to pinch myself. This city is like nowhere else on earth. I want to do something special for it."

"You could make a gift to a charitable organization," Claude suggested. "That is a great way to make a difference."

"But I have so many financial obligations right now. I can't give as much as I'd like to," Lafayette explained.

"There are lots of ways to give that won't impact your lifestyle," Claude insisted. "Let's take a walk and I will tell you about some of them."

"Most of us have assets," Claude said. "But maybe you're not ready to part with them. A way around this is to set up a bequest. After your death your assets can go to the organization of your choice."

"What kind of assets can I give?" Lafayette asked.

"Cash and securities for starters, but really anything of value," Claude explained. "You can also give a percentage of your total estate, or the residual value of your estate. Any amount given to charity is not subject to estate taxes, which lowers the tax burden on your heirs."

"That sounds pretty good," Lafayette said.

To be continued in July & August.

Just a few days left in

## The May Challenge

The May Challenge is a one-time opportunity to support Mission and Outreach or a Maintenance Reserve -- both budget items within the annual fund. The May Challenge is our final effort to culminate Annual Giving 2016.

Response to the May Challenge has been terrific: \$58,225 from 102 families or individuals. We are just \$41,775 away from our \$100,000 goal.

To give online, please visit our website at [www.brutonparish.org](http://www.brutonparish.org) and use our new, easy, digital giving system with a credit card or click the GIVE link below.



Checks and pledges are also welcome in the plate or brought or mailed to the church office.

The May Challenge  
is for everyone.

Thanks you for being part of it!

The May Challenge Team  
Committee, Vestry & Clergy

By the Grace of God and with consent of the people  
The Rt. Rev'd Herman Hollerith IV, Bishop of Southern Virginia  
will ordain Charles Henry Arthur Bauer and Joshua Paul Stephens  
to the Sacred Order of Deacons in Christ's One Holy Catholic  
and Apostolic Church on Saturday, June 11 at 11am  
at Bruton Parish Episcopal Church.  
Your prayers and presence are requested (reception follows)



# The 1715 Society is Established

By Campaign for the Fourth Century Committee

The Bruton Parish Church Foundation, Inc. is the permanent repository for gifts and bequests made to Bruton Parish Church for purposes other than annual giving. Parishioners can answer God's call to faithful Christian stewardship by considering a gift to The Bruton Parish Church Foundation, Inc. in their estate plans.



Since 2003, the Bruton Parish Church Foundation has invited membership in its Legacy Society. The group consists of those who either contributed seed money to the Foundation or have since named the Foundation in their estate plans. This past January, by vestry resolution and in recognition of the 300th anniversary of the church building, the Legacy Society received a new name: the 1715 Society. The 1715 Society includes the Legacy Society and seeks to welcome new members as well. To become a member, you need only let us know that you have included a gift to the Foundation of any form or amount in your will or trust, or have designated it as the

partial or full beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement plan.

Foundation by-laws state that a portion of earnings may be distributed annually for the benefit of Bruton Parish Church. Therefore, Foundation growth is a key objective of the Campaign for the Fourth Century, both for the encouragement of Campaign participation and for the benefit of Bruton's future.

The individuals, couples and families listed on the following page comprise the 1715 Society as of this writing. With this list, we ask your help, and we:

- Request any corrections,
- Welcome any additions,
- Give thanks for the shepherding of the group over the years by the Ministry of Gift Planning led by Stephanie King, and
- Recognize with gratitude those named.

Around September 1, this list will be published in a permanent manner, with space for it to grow with names of additional members of the 1715 Society.

Gift Planning is a means by which anyone concerned with the wise stewardship of personal resources makes a considered choice about their ultimate disposition. For further information, or to request a letter of intent, please contact the finance office at 757-229-2891, or any member of the Campaign for the Fourth Century Committee. Thank you!



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## The 1715 Society

Anonymous (5)  
Douglas & Lianne Boller  
Rick & Leslie Boye  
Bill & Michelle Brauer  
The Brendel Family  
Isabel Ware Burch  
Ed & Eleanor Burchianti  
Mr. & Mrs. William H. Carr  
Tom & Leslie Coe  
Judy Collard  
Faith S. Croker  
Bryant & Jeanette Cureton  
Janice Vaughn DeGree  
Marilyn Duncan  
Robert & Nancy Dutro  
Martha P. Easton  
Dick & Janet Estes  
John A. Fogarty  
Vernon & Laura Geddy  
Jeremy & Julia Gottshall  
Channing M. Hall III  
Frances R. Hall  
Mrs. Channing M. Hall, Jr.  
J. Lesslie Hall, III  
Bonner & Annie Bettie Herren  
Marcia & Steve Hibbits  
Audrey Hoitsma  
Dr. Robert Joyce "Coach" Holliday  
Janis M. Horne  
Dudley & Linda Hoyle

David L. Hurt M.D.  
Dr. Roger & Mrs. Martha R. Jones  
Stephanie & Bob King  
Larry J. Kohmescher  
Annette Robinson Knoepfler  
David & Alison Lennarz  
Sally & Bill Libby  
Tessa & Al Louer  
Eda Williams Martin  
David Mason  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert B. McClellan  
Mr. & Mrs. William Mettler  
Thomas C. Miller\*, Nancy V. Miller  
The Rev.\* & Mrs. Edward Morgan III  
Ruth Mullaney  
Virginia W. Pate\*  
Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Randle  
Chuck\* & Bobbe Redding  
Martha R. Rittenhouse  
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Seward Jr.  
Carlton A. Stockton, Margaret C. Stockton  
Thaddeus W. Tate  
Michael + & Johanna Thompson  
Claudia C. Tucker\*  
Pat Van Zandt  
Fay L. Weirich  
Dr. Millard E. Whitehead, Jr.  
John & Joan Whitla  
The John H. Willis, Jr. Family  
Virginia B. Wood

\*deceased

### Campaign for the Fourth Century Members

Isabel Burch  
Margaret Driscoll  
Marty Easton, Chair  
Rev'd Chris Epperson, Rector  
Stephanie King  
Alison Lennarz  
Al Louer

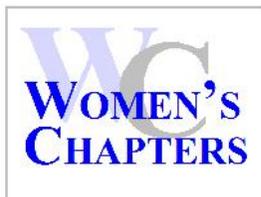
### Bruton Parish Church Foundation Board Members

The Rev'd Chris Epperson, Rector  
Bill Brauer  
Bryant Cureton  
Bill Grant, Secretary  
Steve Hibbits, Treasurer  
Dudley Hoyle  
Stephanie King, Chair, Gift Planning  
Alison Lennarz, President  
Jim Parrish  
Todd Skinner  
Dick Strzelecki

## Women's Theological Book Group & Evening Potluck Dinner

The Women's Evening Potluck Dinner will be held on Monday, June 6, at 6:30 pm at Susie Morrison's home (please contact her to rsvp and for directions at either 757-846-6863 or [womenseveninggroup@brutonparish.org](mailto:womenseveninggroup@brutonparish.org)).

Are you interested in joining other women to discuss works of fiction and non-fiction through a theological lens? If so, please join us on Monday, June 27, to discuss *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver. Bring your lunch and join us from noon through 1:30pm in the Coffee, Tea & Thee room of the Parish House. Child care is available by reservation only by contacting Meghan Brewer ([childcare@brutonparish.org](mailto:childcare@brutonparish.org) or 757-229-2891).



## Friends of Bruton Name Badges

In response to numerous requests, the Friends of Bruton Committee has arranged for distinctive name badges that feature Bruton's historic weathervane as the symbol of Friends of Bruton. The badges are an ideal way to show your support for Our Worldwide Congregation.

They are especially appropriate to be worn at Friends of Bruton sponsored events such as Friends Day or faith-based travel programs.

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



## Serving Our Parish and Diocese

By Marty Easton, Register

Nominations are open for delegates and alternates to 2017 Annual Council, the two-day meeting of congregations of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. Council consists of elections and other business, worship, an address by Bishop Hollerith and a guest keynote speaker. The 125th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia will take place February 10-11, 2017 at the Williamsburg Lodge.

Bruton Parish sends six delegates to Council. The term of a delegate is three years. Every year, two delegates rotate off and we elect two new ones. Previously elected and attending in 2017 are Janet Estes, Nash Francis, Susie Morrison, and Fay Weirich. The two new delegates will join them.

The term of an alternate is one year only, 2017. Two alternates attend Council and vote in the event that a delegate is absent. Both delegates and alternates also attend an evening Convocation V pre-meeting held several weeks before Council.

Fay Weirich writes, "I had no idea what to expect but I need not have worried. All necessary materials were on the Diocese of Southern Virginia website to read beforehand. I joined other delegates and clergy from Bruton Parish at our table and voted when appropriate. The invited speakers were excellent. I enjoyed the exhibits, singing and meeting people and I'm looking forward to next year." For an overview of 2016 Annual Council, visit [www.diosova.org](http://www.diosova.org).

To submit a nomination, send an email directly to [register@brutonparish.org](mailto:register@brutonparish.org) or leave a note at the reception desk to the attention of Marty Easton. Nominations are due June 15. In June the vestry elects delegates and alternates from nominations received. The Canons state that "All Lay Delegates shall be confirmed Communicants in good standing in the Parish or Mission they are elected to represent." Thank you!

Sunday, June 26 ~ 4:30 to 7pm ~ Parish House

Food, Fellowship and Fun for the whole family!

Pulled BBQ, Fried & Grilled Chicken, BBQ beans, rolls, cole slaw and dessert!

\$5/person or \$10/family (pay at the door)

Please call the Parish House or email [rsvp@brutonparish.org](mailto:rsvp@brutonparish.org) to make your reservation no later than Wednesday, June 22.

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If you can volunteer to help, please contact Meghan Brewer directly at 757-345-6489 or email [mbrewer@brutonparish.org](mailto:mbrewer@brutonparish.org).



# Summer Food Drive for FISH

By Stacey Grimsley

Through June 3, Bruton will collect non-perishable food supplies to help fill the FISH cupboards for the summer. Children and teens who receive one or two meals at school each day will be home from school, placing additional pressures on already stretched food budgets.

Foods needed include: oatmeal, cereals; canned fruits, soups, vegetables, canned and dried beans; rice, dried pasta, canned pasta sauce, powdered milk; boxed macaroni and cheese, canned meats, chicken and fish; Saltine crackers, peanut butter, jelly; fruit juices, coffee, tea, and cocoa.

Please fill your grocery bags and deliver your donations to the Lewis Hall lobby at the Parish House by Friday, June 3. Please do not overfill your bag – we ask that you use multiple bags and double-bag your items to prevent the bags from breaking.

Volunteers will be needed on the morning of Saturday, June 4, at 8:30am to help deliver the bags to FISH and to help stock the pantry shelves. All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate. More information about FISH is online at [williamsburgfish.weebly.com](http://williamsburgfish.weebly.com). Please donate generously!

## CHANCO Needs Volunteers

By Bill Porter

Chanco needs volunteers to paint and do building repairs! We are putting together a work week from June 6 - 12. Lodging will be provided. Please help and let Chanco-on-the-James Camp and Conference Center know when you will be able to work (888) 724-2626 or email [hospitality@chanco.org](mailto:hospitality@chanco.org). Due to budget constraints, meals will cost \$27/day if we have 10 or more people staying. If there are fewer than 10 participants, the group will provide its own food.

It is critical that we have accurate numbers of volunteers so that we can plan for this week. We are looking for people to spend the entire time or some part of the week. There is other work to do also such as finishing the inside of Building D as well as painting the outside of the other buildings. We will be tearing off the old siding and roof of the shed and installing new siding, roof, front porch and possibly doors as well as prepping for heat and air. We need your help! A pod is going to be delivered at Chanco for all the debris from the renovation. Help from our youth will be welcome!

If you can't help physically, then maybe you could help by providing funds to support the project. Please either make your check payable to Bruton Parish Church with "Chanco Renovations" in the memo and either place it in the offering plate on Sunday or mail it to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Porter (757-564-7875 or [chancorenovations@brutonparish.org](mailto:chancorenovations@brutonparish.org)).

## Learning to follow Jesus in the 21st century at Kanuga June 13-17, 2016

### Ten Great Reasons To Come

- 1 Learn from leaders in the Church: The Rev'd Winnie Varghese of Trinity, Wall Street; the Rev'd Anna Olson of St. Mary's, Los Angeles; the Rev'd Emily Scott of St. Lydia's, New York
- 2 Find out how to create Dinner Church.
- 3 Workshops on racism, working with the LGBT community, creating after-school programs, how to create worship for children challenged by special needs and MANY other topics.
- 4 Learn how to use music to bring people together.
- 5 Help pack 20,000 meals for the hungry.
- 6 Experience how public art projects facilitate faith.
- 7 Network with other Christian formation leaders in the church.
- 8 Time away for quiet and restoration for yourself.
- 9 No thinking about what to cook for dinner: it's prepared for you!
- 10 5 days in the COOL North Carolina mountains!

Visit <http://bit.ly/KANUGA2016> to register today!



Take. Bless.  
Break. Give.

## Shop's Pre-Owned Jewelry & Accessories Sale

By Leith Merrow Mullaly

**Jewelry = Mission?**

When does your gently-used jewelry, scarves, neckties, and such = Mission and Outreach? First, when you donate to the Shop's Annual Jewelry Sale and, second, when you come to the Sale and purchase beautiful items for yourself and for terrific gifts!

This is a wonderful opportunity to raise funds through the auspices of your Bruton Parish Shop to help support the Mission & Outreach projects of our parish. There are so many very worthy causes that are aided by this annual sale. This event will be held in the Parish Hall in a most celebratory atmosphere of friendship, with a sincere commitment to mission. It's a fun event, so we welcome volunteers. Don't miss it!

This annual event will be held over the  
July 4th weekend.

## Bruton Singles

By Heidi Elam, Eda Martin and Ruth Mullaney

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



Sunday, June 12, 2pm

### It was a Very Good Year: A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra

Join us at 2pm at the Kimball Theatre for a musical tribute to Frank Sinatra incorporating video graphics from Sinatra's early days with Tommy Dorsey to his comeback at Madison Square Garden's "The Main Event" (cost of ticket \$25). Call Heidi Elam (757-897-5012) to RSVP.

Saturday, June 18, 12pm

### Lunch @ Gabriel Archer Tavern, Williamsburg Winery

Join us at 12pm for lunch as we relax amongst the vineyards with a countryside view (cost of meal only). Call Ruth Mullaney (757-229-6961).

Wednesday, June 29, 7pm - 9pm

### Summer Breeze Concert

Meet us at 5:30pm at The Cheese Shop for supper followed by the popular open air concert on Merchant's Square (program to be announced later). Bring a lawn chair (cost of meal only). Call Heidi Elam (757-897-5012) to RSVP.

Bruton Singles at Center Street Grill in New Town with dinner and dessert, celebrating with Donna Dodenhoff, who graduated on May 14 with her Ph.D. in American History from The College of William & Mary. (l-r): Pamela Jay, Pat Gallagher, Ruth Mullaney, Donna Dodenhoff, Alta Cassidy (not shown), Bert Schweigaard, Wheston Grove, Cindy Hamrick, Anne Fletcher, Heidi Elam, Kathryn Smith, Sheila Beaubien, Sharon Reed, Kathy Harper and Neil Hanlon.



## Superstition, Faith and Death

By Russ Sheldon

When we consider the Middle Ages and earlier, we often look askance at how superstitious these people were. We wonder how they could fail to embrace the rational while willingly being led astray by the emotional. So terribly superstitious.

In this self-congratulatory view, we think of ourselves as well rid of such biases and prejudices. Yet we still knock on wood and, when taking tests in high school and college, we often refuse to say aloud how well we did for fear that so doing would ultimately jinx the result.

Similarly, it may well be that as we see the light at the end of the tunnel, we turn away fearing that embracing the light will shorten the length of the tunnel. Such a course may be satisfying in the short run but, since we do not know how short that run is, it may lead to results inimical to our wishes.

A different approach is to embrace our mortality and to do what we can to influence this final chapter just as we have done in the chapters which came before. The Hennage Library contains a variety of books that can help while illuminating the path we are on. I will mention only a few titles to help give you a flavor for what awaits you in the lovely setting which is the Hennage Library.



Marilyn McEntyre's *A Faithful Farewell: Living Your Last Chapter with Love*

Marilyn McEntyre's *A Long Letting Go: Meditations on Losing Someone You Love*

J. Todd Billings' *Rejoicing in Lament: Wrestling with Incurable Cancer and Life in Christ*

Donna Schaper's *Approaching the End of Life: A Practical and Spiritual Guide*

Christian Wiman's *Abyss: My Bright Meditation of a Modern Believer*

I understand that facing death when it seems close at hand is not for the faint of heart and that the suggestions made above may well be more off-putting than attractive. Yet throughout our lives we have faced down serious personal challenges and emerged strengthened as a result. As the cliché states: "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger." Engaging with end-of-life issues now may well be a better choice than ignoring the inevitable while hoping for the best.

# I Am So Grateful for Stephen Ministry

By Laurie Krebs

By now our Bruton congregation is familiar with Stephen Ministry. We know it is a confidential, Christian, one-on-one walk with someone undergoing a difficult time in his or her life. We know Stephen Ministers have spent 50 hours of training to learn how to provide care for this person. We know Stephen Ministers help those who are coping with grief, divorce, job loss, hospitalization, financial problems, loneliness, convalescence, terminal illness and other life crises. But perhaps we don't know the stories of care receivers who are willing to share their experiences.

Not long ago, a care receiver wrote, "I am so grateful for Stephen Ministry." We do not know the person's name or the crisis he was facing but this, in part, is his story.

"Trusting someone with personal information about my life was something I feared at first, but my pastor reassured me everything was confidential. So I agreed to try. I'm so glad I did.

I quickly sensed I could trust my Stephen Minister who made me comfortable by not prying for information but by letting me share what was on my mind. Any questions he did ask fit into our conversation perfectly ... and he did not judge me for my past decisions. He was not among my regular circle of friends, although I knew they were concerned about me. I needed someone who could see me objectively, who would be there for me each week and who could encourage me.

My life experience during this time was not always one of progress. It took courage for me to honestly share my failures and setbacks. Even then my Stephen Minister encouraged me not to give up but to confess, turn and receive the forgiveness of Christ's love.

I thank the Lord for my Stephen Minister who did not try to solve my problems but lovingly as a Christian brother, walked along with me through this valley in my life."

If you or anyone you know would like to know more about Stephen Ministry, please make a confidential call to either Charlie Clapper at 757-564-6191 or Mary Jean Hurst at 757-810-5112.



## Living the Gospel Bible Study

Join us on Sundays, June 12 & 26, for this Lectionary-based Bible study that is held at 11am every second and fourth Sunday in the Custis House. Come and examine the impact of the Gospel message on our everyday lives.

## First Friday Recovery Eucharist

SpiritWorks Foundation, a non-profit in Williamsburg that works with people in recovery from addiction, hosts a monthly Recovery Eucharist at Bruton on the first Friday of each month. The next service will be held in the church at 5:30pm on Friday, June 3. This service offers readings and prayers that focus on recovery from addiction, mental illness, and trauma. This service of hope and healing for the Recovery Community is for those who seek wholeness in their lives. All are welcome!

## Wednesday's Brown-Bag Bible Study

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

## DOK Intercessory Prayers

Part of our rule of life as The Order of the Daughters of the King® is consistent intercessory prayer. Prayers are said for four weeks and may be repeated. Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for them or for others should fill out a blue request card at the church tower and drop it in the DOK prayer box. The following is an excerpt from *Guerrillas of Grace: Prayers for the Battle* by Ted Loder, a collection of beautifully vibrant poems of prayer that speak from the heart.

Guide Me into an Unclenched Moment

Gentle me,  
Holy One,  
into an unclenched moment,  
a deep breath,  
a letting go  
of heavy expectancies,  
of shriveling anxieties,  
of dead certainties,  
that, softened by the silence,  
surrounded by the light,  
and open to the mystery,  
I may be found by wholeness,  
upheld by the unfathomable,  
entranced by the simple,  
and filled with the joy  
that is you.



# Children & Youth Formation

By Meghan Brewer

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

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

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

## SATURDAY, JUNE 4

Hands needed for the Summer Food Drive for FISH at 8:30am at the Parish House.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 5

Children's Church will be held at 9:15am. Sunday School and Children's & Youth Choirs have finished for this program year; they will resume in the Fall.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 11

All families are welcome to come to the church at 11am for the Diaconate Ordination of Josh Stephens, who will join us this August as Associate Rector of Family Ministries.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 12

No Children's Church; please join us for the 9:15am service in the church.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Children's Church will be held at 9:15am.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Children's Church will be held at 9:15am.



## Space is filling @ Camp Chanco!

With two sessions full and several over 70% capacity, you don't want to wait to register for the summer memories of a lifetime. Chanco has sessions for ages 8-16 including specialty sessions such as Ropes Camp and Family Camp. If you are tired of seeing your child plugged into electronics all summer, we have the answer for you! Get them outside and active with us. With kayaking, paddle boarding, sailing, rock climbing, zip lining, arts and crafts, archery, campfires, singing, games, skits and more, we promise you they won't miss their electronics for a minute! Visit <http://bit.ly/1NA8v15> for a Camp Chanco flier with more information. Questions? Contact us at 888-7CHANCO (888-724-2626) or email [director@chanco.org](mailto:director@chanco.org). Visit [www.chanco.org](http://www.chanco.org) for more information and easy on line registration today!



## Family Vacation Bible School

This year our VBS will be held at St. Martin's Church from August 8-12. In the past it has been held in the morning, but this year we are trying something new ... it will run from 5:30 to 8pm with dinner included during the course of the evening! The theme this year is The Great Protector, and stories will be centered around bullying and the Bible. Ann Meyer has lined up time for parents to have their own time with specialists to discuss bullying with tips on how to approach this subject matter.

Registration Forms are available on our website, visiting <http://bit.ly/BPCVBS2016>, or stopping by the Parish House for a hardcopy. Completed forms are due by June 15 for an early-bird discount, prices increase June 16. We need ALL adult and youth help that we are able to get, so if you can join us, please let me know (757-345-6489 or [mbrewer@brutonparish.org](mailto:mbrewer@brutonparish.org)) if you or your youth will be available to volunteer.



# Senior Salute: Our 2016 High School Graduates

Michael Fisher Berry, Jr.  
Son of Mike & Mary Berry  
Graduating from Lafayette High School,  
Univ. of South Carolina, Business Major

Cameron Mapp Bresee  
Daughter of Harrison & Rebecca Bresee  
Graduating from Hampton Roads Academy  
University of Miami

Joseph Norwood Boyd  
Son of Scottie Boyd  
Graduating from Jamestown High School  
James Madison University, Business Major

Margaret McRae Driscoll  
Daughter of Sean & Margaret Driscoll  
Graduating from Episcopal High School  
Sewanee: The University of the South  
Business/International Studies

Tess Alexandra Gibson  
Daughter of Scott & Melinda Gibson  
Graduating Jamestown Governor's School  
of Technology  
University of Virginia, Biology Major

Claire Whitman Lennarz  
Daughter of David & Alison Lennarz  
Graduating from Hampton Roads Academy  
University of Virginia School of Architecture  
Architecture Major

Zachary Thomas Payne  
Son of Loel & Christine Payne  
Graduating from Hampton Roads Academy  
Marymount University, Health Science Major  
and on the swim team

Samuel Barbour Wilson  
Son of Charles & Jane Wilson  
Graduating from Walsingham Academy  
University of Virginia, Foreign Studies Major

In every beginning is an ending, O Lord, and in every end something new begins. Our children have graduated from high school, and are ready now for new learning and experiences. Grant that childhood's innocence and hope may remain alive in them, bringing joy as they mature. Grant that they may hear your still small voice in their hearts saying, "This is the way; walk in it." Help them preserve old friendships while creating new ones. Grant that we who love them may help them to find their own voice, their own words and their own work in Christ's true way, who knows the person they were created to be; we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Changes: Prayers & Services Honoring Rites  
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Michael Berry, Jr.



Cameron Bresee



Joseph Boyd



McRae Driscoll



Tess Gibson



Claire Lennarz



Zachary Payne



Samuel Wilson

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

Thursday, June 2 - Children's Choir  
Concert - Cheyenne All-City Children's  
Choir from Cheyenne, WY  
Marilyn Collins, Artistic Director,  
Anna Mummert, Accompanist

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

Saturday, June 4 - Early Music Ensemble  
MIRA from Charlottesville, VA  
Raven Hunter, Director

Tuesday, June 7 - Cello Ensemble Concert  
Tidewater Cello Ensemble - Susan Hines, Director

Thursday, June 9 - Organ Recital  
Dr. JanEl Will, Bruton Organist

Saturday, June 11 - Choral Concert  
Heritage Chorale from Lancaster, PA  
Barry Sawyer, Director

Tuesday, June 14 - Organ & Harpsichord Recital  
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director & Organist

Thursday, June 16 - Organ Recital  
Stephen E. Henley, Organist  
Bon Air Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA

Saturday, June 18 - Organ Recital  
Dr. JanEl Will, Bruton Organist

Tuesday, June 21 - Military Band Concert  
U. S. Army TRADOC Band from Ft. Eustis  
in Newport News, VA

Thursday, June 23 - Banjo & Harpsichord  
Recital - John Bullard, Banjo & Markus Compton,  
Harpsichordist from Richmond, VA

Saturday, June 25  
Organ & Harpsichord Recital - Rebecca Davy,  
Bruton Music Director & Organist

Joyful Noise, Choristers, and Cantores prepare to sing for worship services on Pentecost Sunday.

Tuesday, June 28 - Organ Recital  
Dr. JanEl Will, Bruton Organist

Thursday, June 30 - Organ Recital  
Christopher Reynolds, Organist from St. Paul's  
Episcopal Church in Richmond, VA



### Cheyenne All-City Children's Choir from Cheyenne, Wyoming

Thursday, June 2 @ 8pm

For three decades, the All-City Children's Chorus has provided an unforgettable, quality artistic experience for young singers. This Cheyenne-based group of children in grades four through eight has performed in venues throughout Wyoming and all across the United States and in Canada, appearing at major national choral conventions, conferences and festivals and earning scores of awards in the process. Not surprisingly, the ACCC has become recognized as one of the finest children's choruses in the United States.



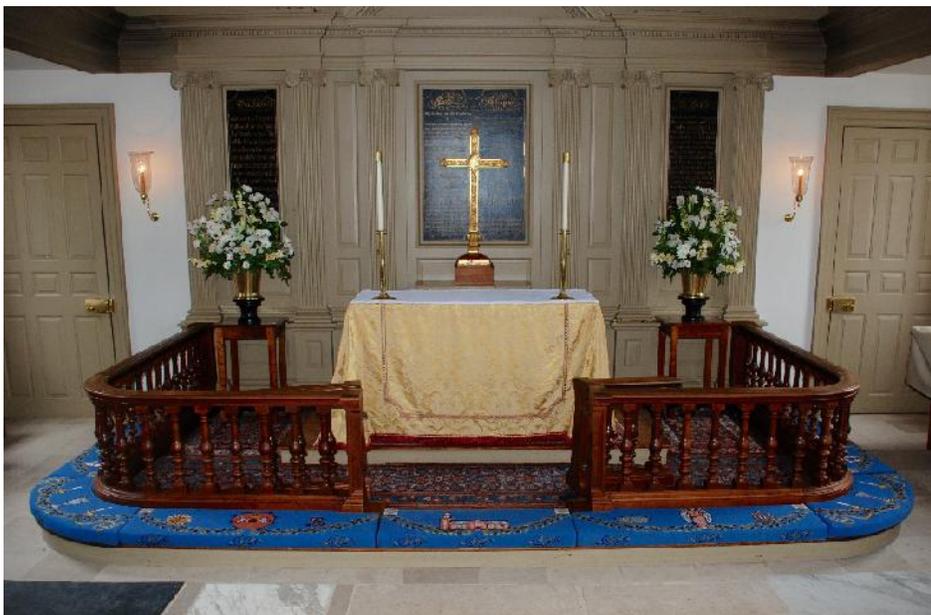
The All-City Children's Chorus has brought an invaluable social, cultural and artistic experience to hundreds of children during the past three decades and thousands of people have enjoyed and been inspired by their uplifting music. Everywhere they perform, these talented young singers serve the state proud as ambassadors and Wyoming's commitment to the musical and social development of its children.

### Historical Organ Recitals

William & Mary Wren Chapel  
Saturdays @ 10am

June 4, 18, 25 - Rebecca Davy, Organist

June 11 - Sarah Bland, Organist



## Needlepoint Kneelers Dedicated

By Isabel Burch

On Sunday, May 22, at the 9:15 service, our recently completed needlepoint kneelers were dedicated. Nine Bruton parishioners lovingly stitched these kneelers which are a beautiful addition to our church.

The kneelers, designed by Nancy Lukoskie of Fancywork Finishing in Easton, Maryland, have been given by many generous donors in honor of or in memory of loved ones. The project was completed in honor of the 300th Anniversary of our church building, which we celebrated in 2015. Now that these kneelers have been completed, we are hoping to design needlepoint seats for the chairs in the chancel which are used by the clergy, acolytes and chalcers. If you are interested in taking part in this next phase, please email [needlepoint@brutonparish.org](mailto:needlepoint@brutonparish.org).



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

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