PAUSING AT THE THRESHOLD

The Rev’d Lauren McDonald

We stand at the threshold of summer: college graduates have moved on to new jobs, further study, or other adventures awaiting them; high school seniors eagerly await graduation and their own launch into new territory; teachers and students anticipate the "last day of school" and their emergence into summer schedules; families prepare for travel and perhaps a little down time. The rhythm of life shifts as daylight lengthens and regular schedules change during "summer vacation."

Here at Bruton, the program year has ended. Many of our ministries are on hiatus for the summer months while others are just gearing up: youth mission trips and pilgrimage, FISH food drive for summer, Vacation Bible School, book sale, and more. Along with heat and humidity, summer brings outdoor activities and festivals, days at the beach, excursions to Busch Gardens, journeys to visit family and friends, and, hopefully, a bit of rest.

Thresholds are good places to pause, to reflect on what has come and to turn our gaze and prepare for what's ahead. As we peer back where we've been, we ask ourselves, what's going well and what's not going so well? Where am I living in alignment with my values and where do I need to realign? Where am I on my spiritual journey and what do I need to sustain me? As we look forward, we consider where God might be calling us, what we need to nurture and restore us, and where we want to place our focus for the next few months.

As we stand at the threshold of summer, I invite you to pause for at least a moment, to rest, to give thanks to God, and to seek God’s will for your life. We celebrate Pentecost on June 9 — where will the Holy Spirit be blowing you this summer?
FELLOWSHIP & FORMATION

Brown-Bag Bible Study
Wednesdays @ noon

Online Pictorial Directory Pictures
Sunday, June 2

Newcomers' Corner
Sunday, June 2 @ 10:30am

Bruton Singles
First Fridays Recovery Eucharist
Friday, June 7 @ 5:30pm

FISH Summer Food Drive
Donations through Friday, June 7
Volunteers needed to deliver bags on Saturday, June 8

Living the Gospel Bible Study
Sunday, June 9 & 23 @ 11am

Women’s Theological Book Group
Sunday, June 9 @ 1pm

Ribbon Cross Fellowship
Tuesday, June 11 @ 9:30am

Sweet Discourse *
God’s Wayward Boy: The Life & Times of The Rev’d Charles Minnigerode
Wednesday, June 19 @ 7pm

Walk A Labyrinth
Thursday, June 29 @ 7:30pm

Summer Bereavement Support Group
Tuesdays, July 9 through August 13 @ 10am

Annual Parish Book Sale
Labor Day Weekend

Gift Shop Jumble Sale
Friday - Sunday, October 11 - 13

* Child care may be available for babies through elementary-aged children by reservation only. Please contact Meghan Brewer at (252) 347-7078 or send an email to childcare@brutonparish.org.
**Sweet Discourse**

**God’s Wayward Boy:**
**The Life and Times of the Rev’d Charles Minnigerode**

Anne Conkling & Jim Morford

Our Sweet Discourse for this month will take us out of the familiar 18th century into the drama of the 19th century. The American Civil War had great influence on the physical, spiritual and emotional landscape in our area.

While Charles Minnigerode is known locally for introducing the Christmas tree here, his career carried him into the heart of the Confederate Capitol and his role as Pastor and confidante to many of the stars in that Southern galaxy. Known for excellent preaching and teaching, his sermons are still available. Join us as we learn about his adventures and influence!

The evening will begin with coffee and cookies at 6:30pm on Wednesday, June 19, followed by the program at 7pm. Plan now to attend what promises to be a highly informative and interesting event!

Our guest speaker, Robert F. Doares, is a native of southeastern North Carolina and a graduate of Davidson College and Ohio University. He spent much of the first decade of his career in Europe as a teacher for the Austrian-American Friendship Society of Vienna and director of international studies for Davidson College in Germany. He lived for a time in France, where he first began collecting porcelain, chiefly that of Paris and Limoges. Upon returning to North Carolina in the 1980s, Bob took up the avocation of historic preservation and won the National Trust for Historic Preservation's highest award for rural preservation work. In 1997, after two decades as a teacher of European languages, he joined the research and education department of Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in Virginia, where he recently retired after twenty years of service.

In 2005, Bob turned the literature on nineteenth-century French porcelain upside down with the publication of *Haviland Porcelain Design and Décor 1845-1865*. The book, co-authored with Barbara Wood, shed new light on the marketing and use of French porcelain in the antebellum South.

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**Wednesdays Brown-Bag Bible Study**

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

**DOK Intercessory Prayers**

Part of our rule of life as The Order of the Daughters of the King* is consistent intercessory prayer. Prayers are said for four weeks and may be repeated. Anyone wishing to have prayers said for them or for others should fill out a blue request card at the church tower and drop it in the DOK prayer box. This month’s prayer is offered by Donna Marshall and is entitled *Summer Blessing for Families* from The Catholic Review via their website at jesuitresource.org

May we make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.
May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.
Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during these months of summer and vacation days.
Grant us refreshment of mind and body.
May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.

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Joining us last month was Tom Farrington, author of The Lazarus Kid. The book continues the story of single mother Rebecca, former monk Michael Christopher, and teenage Mary Martha that was started in his earlier books.

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**Women’s Theological Book Group**

The group will meet on Thursday, June 13, from 1-2:30pm in Room 206 of the Parish House for a discussion of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *Gilead*, by Marilynne Robinson. All women welcome. For more information or to order the book, please contact the Rev’d Lauren McDonald.
**FISH Summer Food Drive**

Mission & Outreach

Through Friday, June 7, Bruton will collect non-perishable food supplies to help fill the FISH cupboards for the summer. Pick up your empty bags at church on Sundays or during the week in the Parish House. 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, including baked beans; rice, dried pasta, canned pasta sauce; boxed macaroni and cheese, canned meats including Spam, chicken and fish including tuna fish; Saltine crackers, peanut butter, jelly; fruit juices.

Please fill your grocery bags and deliver your donations to the Lewis Hall lobby at the Parish House by Friday, June 7. 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 8, at 8:30am at the Parish House to help load and deliver the bags to FISH and to help stock the pantry shelves. All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate! To volunteer, please email Lynn Smyth at FISH@brutonparish.org. More information is online at williamsburgfish.weebly.com.

**Ribbon Cross Fellowship**

Kathryn Smith

Please join the Women of Bruton (ECW) for a morning of fun, fellowship and ribbon cross making on **Tuesday, June 11**, from 9:30am - 11:25am at Williamsburg Landing's James-town 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 or Kathryn Smith at (757) 229-2188. Hope to see you there!

**Receptionists Needed**

The reception desk at the church office needs help, especially substitutes. Due to vacations, illnesses and "retirements," we are short-handed. This is a good way for newcomers to meet people. Shifts are from 9am to 1pm and 1pm to 5pm weekdays. Duties include answering the telephone, greeting visitors, and being an extra pair of hands to help the church office with projects like stuffing envelopes, etc. If you are interested, please contact Kathryn Smith at (757) 229-2188 or visit the volunteer section of the church's website at www.brutonparish.org.

**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. Founded in February, 2018 they are currently working with five local Continuing Care Retirement Communities in the Williamsburg Area.

The Williamsburg Area Bicyclists are offering 20-minute trishaw rides for seniors from 10am-1pm on Mondays, starting/ending at the Bruton Parish Gift Shop. When you arrive for your ride, you should park on the Duke of Gloucester Street in front of the Bruton Parish Gift Shop. At that time, you will be required to sign a release and liability waiver before your ride.

If you're a senior unable to bike anymore, please contact Christine Britton by the Friday before your ride at cbritton@brutonparish.org for more information and to schedule your ride!

**Ridley Scholarship can Change Lives**

Ridley Foundation Scholarships are available to college students who are: Southampton County residents; Franklin, VA residents; children of Episcopal clergy; children of diocesan employees; and lay Episcopal residents of the Diocese. Students must be accepted at an accredited college or university and be pursuing a full-time degree program. Visit our diocesan website at www.dioso.va.org/youth/article289684.htm for more information and the application form which must be received by **June 20**.

The Very Rev’d Susan Grimm, rector of Trinity, South Boston, and St. Timothy’s, Clarksville, shared how Ridley and ECW Scholarships had made such a difference for two students in her congregation. "I was talking with the single parent of two young women at Trinity Church in South Boston just this weekend," she said. "One will graduate with a degree in engineering from Duke this month, and the other continues to pursue nursing at JMU. Their mother wanted me to know how much the scholarships her daughters have received through the Diocese and the Diocesan ECW have meant to her family. I encourage all clergy to make sure families know about these opportunities and encourage them to pursue them. It’s another way we can encourage our young folks!"
**First Fridays Recovery Eucharist**

First Fridays will be on June 7 at 5:30pm in the church. SpiritWorks Foundation and Bruton host this monthly service with prayers and readings that focus on helping people find ways to live faithfully in the midst of any kind of suffering, especially addiction, codependence, mental illness, and trauma. Tears are welcome, joy is celebrated, and all are embraced exactly as they are. During the service participants may light candles and write prayer requests. Join us as we pray for those still struggling, mourn those we’ve lost, and celebrate with those experiencing recovery. All are welcome, whether or not you’re in recovery.

**WUF Pack**

The Women Under Fortyish Group will meet for conversation and fellowship on Sunday, June 9, from 1-2:30pm in the Youth Room. We will spend time checking in, discussing what’s going on in our lives, and watching more of Cotton Patch Gospel. Childcare will be provided.

**Out of the Gratefulness of Your Hearts**

Bessie Bierer

Thank you to everyone who marked the daily blessings of their lives with their UTO Blue Box so that many wonderful missions and ministries of The Episcopal Church will be empowered to do new things. Your blessings go on to bless so many others.

Bruton’s contribution to the **2019 United Thank Offering** of $2,453 will support 2020 UTO Grants. You can continue your support by downloading the free UTO Blue Box App and donate to UTOBLUEBOXAPP.ORG.

**Walk a Labyrinth**

Join us on Thursday, June 20, at 7:30pm at the Eastern State Hospital Labyrinth. All are welcome to join us in this ancient walking meditation. Contact the Rev’d Lauren McDonald for directions or more information.

**Bruton Singles**

Heidi Elam, Donna Dodenhoff, Eda Martin, Spence Witten and 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.

Friday June 7, 6-9 pm

**Music Jamboree @ Watermen’s Museum**

**Yorktown**

Meet us at 5pm at the Parish House reception area to carpool to Yorktown. Enjoy a lovely view of the York River and good music. Bring a lawn chair, picnic supper and drinks, or purchase refreshments onsite (cost of refreshments only). Please rsvp to Eda Martin at 757-253-1477.

Thursday, June 13, 6:30pm

**Good Shot Judy @ Williamsburg Lodge**

Join us on the Williamsburg Lodge Patio at 6:30pm. Good Shot Judy is a Virginia-based band specializing in classic vocal jazz entertainment. Enjoy the company of Bruton Singles friends and great music (cost of meal only). Please rsvp to Donna Dodenhoff at singles@brutonparish.org.

Saturday, June 22, 12pm

**Wine Tasting & Tour @ Williamsburg Winery**

Meet us at 12pm at the Williamsburg Winery store ticket area for the wine tasting and tour. Afterwards, we will enjoy a meal at Gabriel Archer's Tavern outdoors (weather permitting). Come for the wine tasting and dinner, or for the dinner only ($14 cost plus meal). Please rsvp to Sandy Lenthall at 757-229-6188.

Saturday, June 29, 6pm

**Dinner @ Casa Pearl Restaurant**

Join us at 6pm for dinner at this trendy new restaurant noted for its very good cuisine, especially fresh seafood. Please rsvp to Heidi Elam at 757-897-5012.

**Summer Bereavement Support Group**

Hospice House & Support Care of Williamsburg

This support group is recommended for any adult in the community who is grieving the death of a loved one. Focused resources on grief and coping are provided at each session, and conversation at each session is centered on the grief experience. The group is an opportunity for those navigating the grief process to feel less alone on the journey.

The support group begins **July 9 and goes through August 13**, meeting every Tuesday. Group sessions start at 10am and end at 11:30am, and are held in the bereavement lounge at Hospice House & Support Care of Williamsburg. There is no cost to participants, but donations are encouraged. Registration is necessary as space is limited. To register, please contact Chaplain Hannah Creager by email at bereavement@williamsburghospice.org or call 757-206-1177.
The Bruton Builders Team Spruces Up Parish House Entrance

Isabel Burch

The Bruton Builders team worked hard replacing the broken railing at the entrance to the Parish House. Once that job was completed, they prepared all of the woodwork by sanding, scraping and removing the mold. The brick wall near the entrance was power washed prior to painting the railings which the team had replaced. To complete the project, Bruton Builders then painted the rest of the porch. The “before, during and after photos” show the team at work sprucing up the entrance.

The Bruton Builders team is always looking for additional members to assist with working on various projects. Members don’t need to be skilled carpenters, and our team is comprised of people with many different skill levels. We have fun and would love to share that experience with anyone who wants to join us.

The two left photos above show Lou Nucci, Bill Porter and Alice Ericksen repairing the railings. Libby Flowers is scraping and repainting them, and Isabel Burch is powerwashing the brick siding near the entrance. The team painted the entire porch, doorway and railings.

Our projects vary from helping people in the Williamsburg area who have a need but cannot afford to hire someone to do the job, to helping with projects at Bruton Parish. In addition to the Parish House project, Bruton Builders recently helped renovate the sacristy in the church.

We work during the week as well as on Saturdays so that participants are able to choose a time that fits their schedule. Please contact Lou Nucci at builders@brutonparish.org if you have questions about Bruton Builders or would like to join the group.
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Lynn Karlisch

We enjoyed a wonderful evening on Wednesday, May 1, to honor and celebrate our volunteers. Betty Wright Armbruster and our shop chairman, Sally McConnell organized a delicious salad supper, and it was a nice time of fellowship with some shopping as well.

The following ladies were recognized for their many hours of service. Diane Robertson (500); Scottie Phillips, Virginia Woods and Leith Mullally (1,000+); Jean Winters, Lois Polifka, Ida Hall (1,500+); and Bobbe Redding, Kathryn Smith, Sally Sturm (2,000+)! On behalf of their service and in their names, a contribution of $550 will be given to Mission and Outreach. Thank you to all of our volunteers for making our gift shop such a success and for helping Bruton Parish Church.

Planning is underway for our upcoming Jumble Sale. We are excited about this new event which will take place on Columbus Day weekend, October 11-13. We hope you will think of us if you are downsizing or thinking of giving away some of your nice items.

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We will be available to start accepting merchandise in late August (firm dates will be announced at a later time).

Please contact Joan Gorczyk (757-259-2022) or Carolyn Hoffman (757-208-0285). To volunteer for this new event, please call Joan or Carolyn or you can also sign up in the gift shop.

Let us know if you have any questions or concerns, and we are looking forward to a great sale!

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From the Finance Office

Ed Emery, Nancy Nelson, Marty Easton

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To make an electronic transfer, give your broker the type and number of shares you would like to contribute, and this information for our Fidelity Brokerage account:

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Please also let us know to expect your transfer. Thank you for considering this option with the guidance of your tax advisor. You can always email any questions to us directly at finance@brutonparish.org or call us at (757) 345-2256. Thank you for your support in 2019.

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Bruton Parish Youth

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**ALL SUNDAYS IN JUNE**
There will be NO children’s or youth programming during the months of June and July due to the two mission trips approaching, vacations, etc.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2: SENIOR PARTY**
All 8th through 12th graders are invited to a Graduation Celebration & Dinner for our seniors who are graduating this year! Please join us from 6:30-8:30pm at Ford’s Colony Club House in Williamsburg (165 St Andrews Drive). Please RSVP to Lisa Lucas online via bit.ly/SENIORGRADS2019, and be sure to let Meghan Brewer know you'll be attending.

**WEDNESDAYS, MAY 29, JUNE 5 & 12 PRE-PILGRIMAGE GATHERINGS**
All high schoolers who are going on the mission trips to Navajoland and Cataract Canyon this summer are meeting on Wednesdays, May 29, June 5 & June 12, to prepare for this important journey of faith and service. Meetings will take place in Coffee, Tea, and Thee in the Parish House (dinner included) from 5:30-7:30pm.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8: FISH FOOD DRIVE**
Please join us at the Parish House at 8:30am to gather the donations of food from the FISH Summer Food Drive. We'll load our cars, take them over to FISH, and help stock their shelves. Please contact Lynn Smyth by email at FISH@brutonparish.org to volunteer!

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9: CONFIRMATION**
Please join us in the church during the 9:15am service to witness and support all those who are being confirmed that day.

**AUGUST 5-9: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**
Please watch our Website, the monthly Chronicle, the weekly Bruton Bytes, our Sunday bulletins, and our weekly emails for more information on Vacation Bible School being held at St. Martin’s Episcopal Church.

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Thank you to all who were with us during Appreciation Sunday. Both Genrose Lashinger (above with the children’s and youth choirs) and Ann Porter (below) were especially recognized as they retired at the end of this program year.

We are grateful for the members of Bruton and the Williamsburg community at large. Because of the generosity of parishioners purchasing tickets for the youth fundraiser and donating money, as well as the local businesses donating to the auction, the youth were able to raise close to $6,000. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make it happen! It was a great evening of fellowship, and the youth are super excited about their upcoming trips! Continued prayers are welcome as the youth travel and hope to make a difference in others’ lives!
Senior Salute to our 2019 High School Graduates

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 of Passage (Church Publishing, Inc.)

Taryn Nicole Trafton Davis
Daughter of Timothy & Marget Davis
Warhill High School
West Virginia University

Grace Carlyle Campbell
Daughter of Kim & Carlyle Campbell
Hampton Roads Academy
Furman University

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David Alwin Berry
Son of Michael F. and Mary E. Berry
Lafayette High School
Virginia Tech

Margaret Dossin
Daughter of Jeff & Lia Dossin
Jamestown High School
University of Lynchburg

Nicolas Vail Lennarz
Son of Alison & David Lennarz
Hampton Roads Academy
Davidson College

Francis Parker Driscoll
Son of Margaret and Sean Driscoll
Episcopal High School
University of Virginia

Ian Patrick Lucas
Son of Dr. Christopher Lucas & Mrs. Lisa McDonald Lucas
Lafayette High School
University of Virginia

Sebastian Richard Lodwick
Son of Richard & Ramina Lodwick
Jamestown High School
Old Dominion University
Physical Therapy

Robert Daniel Filegar
Son of Robert and Beth Filegar
Warhill High School
Virginia Tech
Environmental Science

Stephen Lamar Fitton
Son of Dr. Kate Roberts & Steve Fitton
Jamestown High School
VCU Engineering
ONLINE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY
Marty Jones

Bruton’s In-House Pictorial Directory was started last year and already has 50% of our congregation. Hilary Cooley, Communications Director, is able to add new member’s pictures and updated pictures on a biannual basis which keeps this directory up-to-date. In the Spring and Fall we try to do a major update and have more of our members represented. Please make your reservation for June 2 to have your new picture taken or a retake of your current one.

Due to privacy laws, everyone who agrees to be included in the directory needs to complete, sign, and return a Personal Information Consent Form which can be accessed through the Parish Access Only tab on our website at www.brutonparish.org. Please send the form directly to Hilary Cooley or bring it with you when you come to have your family or individual picture taken.

We hope one of these THREE options will entice you to have your picture appear in the Directory:

OPTION 1:
Pictures will be taken on Sunday, June 2, outside the north entrance of the church between morning services (8:30 - 9am & 10:30-11am). In case of rain, pictures will be taken at the Custis House. Usually, it is easier to take individuals and couples pictures. We realize, though, how hard it is to get bigger families to be at the same place at the same time, so Option 2 may work best for families. Directory Committee members will come to the retirement communities and homebound members to take pictures, as requested.

OPTION 2:
If you are unable to join us on June 2, you can email an appropriate picture to Hilary at hcooley@brutonparish.org. You will need to include a signed Personal Information Consent Form, which is available online or we can mail/email it to you directly (it must be physically signed).

OPTION 3:
Call Hilary Cooley and arrange a time for her to take your picture in the Parish House.

Bruton currently has over 2000 members. Thank you for being one of them! If you have any questions, please contact Marty Jones at (757) 810-4293.

Not only can you access the Online Pictorial Directory through the Parish Access Only tab of our website, you can also view Volunteer Schedules, The Chronicle, Vestry Minutes, Budget Reports, and Bruton Parish Church Endowment Minutes & Financials. If you don’t have access, you’ll need to request it using our Parish Access Only Request Form. Once reviewed, a username will be created and an auto-generated password will be sent to you via email if appropriate.

As always with any internet program, if you sign in, be sure to sign out by clicking the words “Sign Out” at the bottom of the homepage. If you have any questions, please contact Hilary Cooley by either calling 757-229-2891 or email hcooley@brutonparish.org.

News from Chanco on the James

HELP A CHILD IN NEED

Year after year Camp Chanco receives more requests for scholarship assistance than their scholarship-endowed funds provide. However, year after year, their donors make the difference!

Annual scholarship gifts each year mean that the camp is able to accept every child who wishes a Chanco experience but is prohibited by cost. Again this year, we have received a large amount of scholarship requests, including multiple full scholarships to youth from Boy’s Home of Virginia and Forkids, an organization for homeless families. Once again we need our friends to help make a Chanco experience possible for our youth in need.

Visit bit.ly/CHANCOSCHOLARSHIPS to make your on line donation today and please note “scholarship” in the notes section. Or you may make your check to Chanco on the James with “scholarship” in the memo line and mail to Chanco (394 Floods Drive, Spring Grove, VA 23881). If you have any questions, contact Development Director Talley Banazek at 804-399-4019 or talley@banazek.com. We thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of a gift.

There’s still time to register for Summer Camp. Below are the summer sessions, Visit their website at www.chanco.org for more information and to register!

A BETTER ME YOUTH DAY CAMP
July 1-26, 9am to 3:30pm, St. Thomas, Freeman, VA

The mission of A Better Me Youth Camp is to grow, learn, and achieve together by being a leader and standout in the community. Camp is for ages 17 and under and features sports, music, trips, and motivational speakers. Camp will be led by Joshua Pegram (Benedict College music student), Briana Person (St. Augustine University accounting student), Quentin Nicholson (Benedict College music student), and Justin Bowser (North Carolina A&T State University computer science student).

Camp will be held at St. Thomas, 6721 Belfield Rd., Freeman, Virginia. For more information call 434-755-1542. Visit bit.ly/ABETTERMEYOUTHCamp for camp application form. Applications are due by June 1.
Terrific, outstanding, inspirational, best ever! These are just a few of the accolades received following the 7th Annual Friends Day on Saturday, May 4.

For the first time since Friends of Bruton was founded over eight years ago, all of the Friends Day events were held off-site at Historic Jamestown and Jamestown Settlement. In planning for the 7th Annual Friends Day the Committee determined that due to the significance of three events that took place in 1619, it would be appropriate to recognize each of them at Jamestown during this 400th anniversary year.

The day began as the group gathered at the site of the 1608 church. The Rev’d Lauren McDonald, speaking a few feet from the burial site of Jamestown’s first “chaplain” the Rev’d Robert Hunt, told of the faith those first settlers brought with them. She shared collects and prayers from the 1559 Book of Common Prayer which the settlers would have used.

Mark Summers, Director of Educational Programs for Jamestown Rediscovery, took us through the many trials and tribulations faced by those early settlers who, although they originally came for commercial purposes, brought their religion with them. Mark concluded his presentation at the newly reopened brick church, site of three Jamestown churches. The building has been reimagined to define the size of the 1617 church where the New World’s first representative assembly met from July 30 to August 4, 1619. Presided over by Governor Sir George Yeardley, the 22 “burgesses” sought to enact “just Laws for the happy guiding” of the people. The grave stone of what is presumed to be the burial site of Governor Yeardley is located at the center of the “quire” (choir).

Following Mark’s presentation the group of some 75 participants moved individually from Jamestown Island about one and a half miles to Jamestown Settlement, the living history museum and educational center operated by the Commonwealth of Virginia. A box luncheon was enjoyed while Katherine Gruber, Special Exhibition Coordinator for the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, offered a presentation on the work and research that went into producing Tenacity: Women in Jamestown and Early Virginia, the special exhibition about women in Jamestown and early Virginia. This was a special part of our Friends Day trilogy of recognition. It was in 1619 that the Virginia Company of London began placing ads to attract “... maids young and uncorrupt, to make wives for the inhabitants and by that means to make the men there more settled ...”

At the conclusion of the luncheon, the Rev’d Dr. Dan McClain introduced the keynote speaker, the Honorable John Charles Thomas. Judge Thomas was the youngest man and first African-American to be named to the Virginia Supreme Court and, it was revealed during his introduction, he is also a gifted poet. Basing his remarks on the theme of Religion and Politics: Faith and Faction in Early Jamestown, when in the fall of 1619 the first enslaved Africans were introduced into Jamestown, the Judge spoke of the racial divide that still plagues America. The video of his presentation is available on our website and our YouTube Channel; it is also available at bit.ly/JUDGETHOMAS directly. He concluded his remarks with one of his poems and, in response to a standing ovation, offered a second!

The Friends of Bruton Committee is pleased to note that this was the first Friends Day in which each one of Bruton’s active priests took part in the program (Rector Chris Epperson being on sabbatical). Our thanks to the Rev’ds Lauren McDonald, Josh Stephens, Dr. Dan McClain and Jan Brown. The Committee also wants to express its appreciation to the staff of Jamestown Rediscovery for guidance in developing that portion of the program that took place on the island. A big debt of gratitude is owed to Jamestown Settlement and to Kim Scholpp for the gracious hospitality extended to us for our luncheon and program at the Settlement. And, of course, our appreciation to our speakers: Rev’d McDonald, Mark Summers, Kate Gruber and Judge Thomas. Last, but by no means least, an extra special thank-you to Hilary Cooley, Communications Director, without whose untiring efforts and attention to detail Friends Day just would not have been successful.

The Committee believes that all 75+ participants had an informative, inspiring and truly enjoyable 7th Annual Friends Day!
Candlelight Concerts, Parish House Music Series, and Historical Organ Recitals for the Parish & Community

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

**Saturday, June 1**
Choral Concert - One Voice Community Choir
Richmond, Virginia - Lynn Atkins, Director

**Mass by William Byrd**
Combined Pelham and Chancel Choirs will sing Mass in 4 Parts by William Byrd during the 9:15 & 11:15 am morning services on **Sunday, June 2**.
Rebecca Davy, Director
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist

**Tuesday, June 4**
Continuo Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director

**Thursday, June 6**
Youth Choir & Handbell Concert
Epworth Chorale & Reflections - Paul Aitken, Director
Epworth Ringers, Steve Kuykendall, Director
from Cathedral of the Rockies in Boise, Idaho

**Saturday, June 8**
Youth Choral Concert - Pioneer Singers
Lynnfield Middle School Massachusetts
Stephen Bloom, Director

**Tuesday, June 11**
Youth Choral Concert - One Voice
First Baptist Church in Easley, South Carolina
Rick Baumgarner, Director

**Thursday, June 13**
Continuo Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director

**Saturday, June 15**
Flute Recital - Tom Moore, Flute
& JanEl Will, Harpsichord

**Tuesday, June 18**
Continuo Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

**Thursday, June 20**
Continuo Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

**Saturday, June 22**
Continuo Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Cheryl van Ornam, Organist
Redeemer Lutheran Church
Richmond, Virginia

**Tuesday, June 25**
Youth Choral Concert - Baltimore Children’s Choir
Joey Shortall, Director

**Thursday, June 27**
Boys’ Choir Concert - Trinity, New Haven Boys’ Choir
Walden Moore, Director

**Saturday, June 29**
Flute Quartet Concert - Zaxston Flutes
Hampton Roads; Mary Nusser, Cathy Francis,
Darla Wilmot & Melvin Lauf, Jr., Flutists

**Historical Organ Recitals**
The College of William & Mary
Wren Chapel - Saturdays @ 10am

June 1 & 8 – Rebecca Davy, Organist
June 15 & 22 – Norman Elton, Organist
June 29 – Thomas Marshall, Organist

Many enjoyed the Bruton Tarpley Handbell Ringers Spring Candlelight Concert at 8pm on Tuesday, May 7. Directed by Rebecca Davy, the Handbell Choir rehearses Mondays from September through May at 5:30pm and rings monthly at both the 9:15 and 11:15am services on Sunday. They additionally perform two Candlelight Concerts each year. The choir rings five octaves of Malmark handbells and five octaves of handchimes. The ability to read a musical score is a prerequisite, but both experienced and beginning ringers are welcome.
What Does a Retired Bishop Do in His Spare Time?

Dear Diocesan Family,

I am sending you a recent photo as positive proof of how much I’ve been enjoying the new fly-fishing outfit that you so generously bestowed upon me as a retirement gift. I’ve been putting the rod, reel, waders, and vest to good use as of late. Thank you so very much!

The photo was taken by a friend on the Jackson River in Bath County, Virginia. At the time, I was in the process of landing a “decent” size rainbow trout.

While I am thoroughly enjoying retirement, I think fondly and often of the many wonderful people of Southern Virginia with whom I shared my 10 years of Episcopal ministry.

God’s Blessings and Peace,

+Holly

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