The German theologian Paul Tillich wrote about faith as one’s “ultimate concern” in a slim volume entitled *Dynamics of Faith*. We should experience the words “ultimate concern” with a certain amount of trepidation. Could we describe the place in our lives where we hold faith in Jesus Christ, the revealed Son of God, as the “ultimate” anything?

A whole host of priorities compete for center stage in our lives. Our families and significant relationships matter to us. In our professions, we derive a sense of value from personal ideas of success and competence. Then there are those things we want, the objects that give us pleasure. These things of value are not bad, and it is not wrong to care for them. The issue we face is how to love them. I seek to love my family as I hope God loves me: desiring meaningful relationship, but recognizing the light grasp of freedom. I like to achieve as much as the next person, but I pray that God’s work is being done through me. Finally, objects that give us pleasure may be utilitarian or beautiful. God is found in pursuits that require the right tool, and truth resides in beauty.

All this is to say that what we are and have is life-giving, but only when oriented toward the ultimate. Very little in the world supports this orientation. Instead, what we often encounter day-to-day says that life is about me, and what I want. “Claim what’s yours now, before someone else does.”

The body of Christ is a different order. We speak of giving, rather than taking; about open hands, rather than death grips. We belong to a common life, and ask all to contribute as able.

Lent is that significant time in the Christian year for considering where our ultimate loyalties lie. How are we supporting the organization, institution — the one Body — charged to speak the language of the different order? Are we giving freely to the vehicle of “ultimate concern” established on earth by God? Do our ultimate commitments match our “ultimate concern?” Part of the observance of a holy Lent is this kind of self-examination: look at what you are giving, and where.

Chris +

In the spirit of gratitude to God and commitment to the body of Christ at Bruton Parish Church, all who have not yet made a financial pledge for 2018 are asked to do so today.

Pledge online at [www.brutonparish.org](http://www.brutonparish.org)
or send an email to finance@brutonparish.org.

Thank you.
Worship Schedule

Sunday, March 4
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm

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

Sunday, March 18
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Children’s Church @ 9:15am **
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm

Palm Sunday, March 25
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Children’s Church @ 9:15am **
Choral Evensong @ 5:30pm

Holy Week & Easter Sunday
Please see page 4 for the schedule of services throughout Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

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Fellowship & Formation

Brown-Bag Bible Study
Wednesdays @ noon

Bruton Singles

Lenten Program: Christian Decision-Making *
** St. Mary's Chapel in the Parish House.

The Good Book Club
Readings began February 11
Adult Forum Discussions in the church through Sunday, March 18 @ 10:30am

Virginia’s Crooked Road
Community Café Williamsburg
Thursday, March 1, 1-3pm

First Fridays Recovery Eucharist
Friday, March 2 @ 5:30pm

Newcomers’ Corner
Sunday, March 4 @ 10:30am

Women’s Theological Book Group *
Thursday, March 8 @ 1pm

Living the Gospel Bible Study
Sundays, March 11 & 25 @ 11am

Lilies for the Easter Altar
Contributions due by March 12

Open House @ Chanco
Saturday, March 24 @ 1-5pm

Co-Ed Evening Book Group
Monday, March 26 @ 7pm

Women’s Evening Potluck
Wednesday, March 28 @ 6:30pm

Canterbury Gala & Silent Auction *
Saturday, April 7 from 6-9pm

Youth Spaghetti Fundraiser
Saturday, April 21 @ 6pm

6th Annual Friends Day *
Saturday, April 28

12-day Tour of Ireland with Friends of Bruton
May 1 - 12

* Child care may be available for babies through elementary-aged children by reservation only. Contact Meghan Brewer at 757-345-6489 or childcare@brutonparish.org.

Newcomers’ Corner

New members of Bruton Parish are invited to join clergy, vestry and Newcomers Committee members for coffee in the Custis House at 10:30am on the first Sunday of each month. This is a great opportunity to become better acquainted with the parish and learn of the many ministries here at Bruton Parish. ** St. Mary’s Chapel in the Parish House. Join us Sunday, March 4.
Adult Lenten Formation

Christian Decision-Making

Our study on Christian Decision-Making continues in the Parish House on the five Thursdays in Lent -- February 22, March 1, 8, 15 & 22. We’ll begin with a Soup Supper at 6:30pm, followed by the program at 7:15pm.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks about our Lenten program at www.brutonparish.org, in our weekly Bruton Bytes, and parish announcements in upcoming Sunday bulletins.

Rev’d Lauren McDonald

Episcopalians around the world are reading the Gospel according to Luke during Lent. There are many ways to participate. Since February 11, we have had a portion of Luke’s Gospel to read each day. Forward Day by Day has included a reflection on the reading. Visit http://www.goodbookclub.org/ readings/ for the readings.

On Sundays at 10:30-11am during Lent, we will continue to have an adult forum discussion in the church. For those who wish to join us on the internet, there is a Facebook discussion group where you can join in at any time of the day from phone or computer.

The Book of Common Prayer invites us to observe a Holy Lent by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word. Join us as we explore the entire story of Jesus’ life as told by Saint Luke.

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 prayer below is offered this month by Sue Czaska.

Lord Praise & Surrender
from CristiRenea' from Pinterest

Lord, I lift my hands up to you in praise and surrender my life to you this day. I take my hands off every problem, every situation and circumstance that I'm trying to fix on my own. Lord Jesus, I cast all of my burdens on you. Open my eyes to see that you know what is best for me. Strengthen my faith to take you at your word. Rise within me that I may boldly declare your truth. Cast out fear, remove all doubt, block unbelief and cause an unwavering trust to be stirred within me. Amen

Lenten Devotionals

Printed copies of the Lenten Devotional may still be available in the Parish House for a donation of $1 and the electronic version is still available on our website. Again, thank you to all clergy, parishioners and friends of Bruton Parish who have written reflections for the 2018 Lenten Devotional booklet sponsored by Episcopal Church Women (ECW).

Online Lenten Resources

Besides participating in The Good Book Club, ECW Lenten Devotional, and our Lenten study of Christian Decision-Making, there are also many online resources available to you in observing Lent:

Episcopal Relief & Development Reflections

Daily reflections co-authored by faith leaders from across the church. Each meditation is in English and Spanish. You can receive them by email at http://bit.ly/ERD2018LENT.

Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

Visit http://meetingjesusinjohn.org/ for a Lenten study from the Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE), in partnership with Virginia Theological Seminary's Center for the Ministry of Teaching.

Luke the Liberator

Visit http://bit.ly/LUKETHELIBERATOR for a free online course from ChurchNext; designed to complement the Good Book Club reading.

Lent Madness

From Forward Movement, this is a fun and unique Lenten program that is a great way to learn about the women and men of the Church's Calendar of Saints. Learn and play along by visiting http://www.lentmadness.org/.

A faithful approach to issues we face in life.
Palm Sunday Volunteers
Volunteers are needed to distribute palm fronds at all four services on Palm Sunday, March 25. To volunteer, please contact Kathryn Smith at 757-229-2188 or palmfronds@brutonparish.org.

Palm Sunday @ 9:15 am
Join us at 9am on the Palace Green on Palm Sunday, March 25, for the Blessing of the Palms, after which we will process into the church for the service. If you cannot physically join us for the procession, please feel free to enter the sanctuary for a time of quiet meditation before the service.

Worship in Holy Week
Join us for Holy Eucharist on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (March 26, 27 & 28) in the church at 6pm.

Maundy Thursday
The liturgies for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are unique and highly symbolic; each will be celebrated only once, offering a sense of the “real time” of the Last Supper and the Crucifixion — Christ’s Passion. Holy Eucharist and The Stripping of the Altar on Thursday, March 29, will be held in the church at 6pm. Led by our Canterburians, a Vigil with foot-washing will be held at 8pm in St. Mary’s Chapel. Parishioners as well as college students are welcome.

Good Friday
The Hours of Good Friday will be held in the church from noon until 3pm on Friday, March 30. The service consists of half-hour segments with hymns, readings, meditations, prayer and silence which commemorate the hours Jesus spent on the cross. Congregants are invited for the entire service or for single or multiple movements. There will be an organ interlude at the end of each, where worshipers may come and go.

The Stations of the Cross will be marked beginning at 3pm as a large cross is carried from Bruton through the college campus to the Catholic Campus Ministry building (old St. Bede’s on Richmond Road). We hope you will attend Good Friday Liturgy at 6pm in the church as the finality of the Crucifixion sets in. Christ has died, and the world holds its breath.

Holy Saturday
The Great Vigil of Easter begins in the churchyard with “The Lighting of the New Fire of Easter” on Saturday, March 31, at 9pm and then continues in the church. Bishop Hollerith will be baptizing, confirming and receiving members into the Episcopal Church. This is the most important celebration of the entire year — the one from which all others either take their meaning or to which all others look forward.

Proceeding from darkness to light, from silence to alleluia, it is the symbolic dramatization of the story of God’s action on our behalf. It is the Christian Passover, for it celebrates the passing from death to life, from sin to grace. The story of the Exodus is central to the Liturgy of the Word; Baptism is the means of the full realization of redemption; Holy Communion is the promise of the glory that shall be ours with our Risen Lord. This service includes incense.

Holy Eucharist in the Churchyard @ 10:15 am
Egg Hunt follows
Lilies for the Easter Altar
Dianne Spence

Contributions are now being accepted for the lilies which will decorate the Easter altar. The deadline is Monday, March 12, for receiving the names to be included in the bulletin as a memorial, a thank offering, or in honor of someone special. Please make checks payable to Bruton Parish Church and mail them directly to Dianne Spence at 102 Walnut Hills Drive, Williamsburg, VA, 23185-3427 (please do not send the checks to the church office). Be sure to include your telephone number on the check or correspondence. Contact Dianne directly if you have any questions by email at lilies@brutonparish.org or call 757-229-4915.

The Flower Cross

All are encouraged to bring cut flowers for the cross which will be stationed in the churchyard and used for the churchyard service on Easter.

Easter Sunday’s Egg Hunt

The Egg Hunt will be held following the 10:15 am service in the churchyard on Easter Sunday, April 1. Children pre-K through 4th grade should bring their baskets!

Easter Traffic, Parking & Services

Easter Sunday is April 1, and services of Holy Eucharist will be held in the church beginning at 7am, 8:30 am, 10:15 am, 12 noon & 5:30 pm. Holy Eucharist will also be held in the churchyard at 10:15am, followed by our children’s egg hunt.

In order to help the flow of traffic between the services on Easter Day, please drive down Prince George Street towards the church, turn right when you get to the Palace Green, and officers will direct you where to park from there -- you will not be permitted to enter Duke of Gloucester Street from Nassau Street (please see the diagram below).

We will have two lines to bring worshippers into the church. Parishioners are asked to form a line from the Palace Green Gate down the walk toward the Governor’s Palace (and, as always, wearing your parish nametag is helpful). Ushers will help form this line and be sensitive to the health and fitness of those members of the parish in line, and do their best to offer comfort and experience. Visitors will form a line down Duke of Gloucester Street and will be admitted once we have admitted parishioners.

Once inside, please allow the ushers to assist you in finding a seat. Once each service is over, all will exit through Duke of Gloucester Street gate, allowing those waiting for the next service to begin entering.
Parish Shop: “It’s a Privilege and It’s So Much Fun”
Leith Merrow Mullaly

Those are words we frequently hear from our wonderful volunteers. Won’t you consider joining us? The Bruton Parish Shop welcomes both parishioners and many non-parishioner friends to serve in the Shop. This is an important ministry which supports charities through our Outreach and Mission Committee. Additionally, it is an important ministry to welcome locals and visitors to Bruton Parish Church.

Now that our Heritage Center is open, it is even more gratifying to talk about our parish, both past and present. The exhibits in the new Center are fascinating portrayals of a church community which has been at the center of Williamsburg life since the beginning. It is very professionally done and quite engaging. The Shop Committee is happy that the initial concept of a “Heritage Center” was part of the discussions and recommendations for the total renovation of the Shop.

Here are just a few of the many tangible and intangible rewards of volunteering at the Bruton Parish Shop:

- Meeting and greeting people from all over our country and from all over the world.
- Seeing all the beautiful new merchandise as soon as it arrives.
- Flexible schedules where you can choose to work once a month, once a week, only “on call”, weekend only, etc.
- “Working” in a beautiful facility with soft music in the background can calm your entire day.
- The real enjoyment/enrichment of working with other volunteers who come from many varied and interesting backgrounds.
- A 15% discount on personal purchases.
- And, it’s so much fun!

Contributions from Cornerstone Circle to Heritage Center
Jim Morford

A primary purpose in establishing Friends of Bruton's Cornerstone Circle is to provide the opportunity for Friends of Bruton, both near and far, to make specific contributions to projects that support the goals of Our Worldwide Congregation.

A priority goal of the Cornerstone Circle is to support projects related to the new Heritage Center which recently opened and was dedicated on Sunday, February 18, following the 11:15am service. Recently, the Friends of Bruton Committee was pleased to receive from Don and Elaine Bogus a generous gift designated to be used to fund the installation of an interactive video display of Bruton Parish records dating back to 1662. The first installment of digitizing these records was completed through a project conducted under the supervision of the Swem Library at the College of William & Mary.

Those wishing to support the Heritage Center and similar projects sponsored by Friends of Bruton are encouraged to become annual sustaining members of the Cornerstone Circle. With an annual contribution of as little as $100 per person, enrollees receive a lapel pin depicting the 17th century Bruton Weathervane, the symbol of Friends of Bruton. Each year upon renewal, members receive a token gift in appreciation of their continuing membership in the Cornerstone Circle.

For further information, go to the Bruton website at www.brutonparish.org, click Friends of Bruton and scroll down to learn more about the Cornerstone Circle or contact Hilary Cooley at either hcooley@brutonparish.org or call 757-229-2891.

Built in 1938, this was the entire parish house for many years. Since 1995, it has housed the Bruton Parish Shop. Today, The Shop and Heritage Center are at the front lines of parish life, offering hospitality, learning and shopping opportunity to all who enter. As always, Shop proceeds support mission and outreach.

Marty Easton, Development Director, and Don Bogus at the Heritage Center Dedication.

Become a Cornerstone Circle Member of the Friends of Bruton. First year members receive either a wonderful gold- or pewter-finish pin, while second year members receive their choice of a beautiful art tile.
The sun was out, the front door open, and many people were on hand for the dedication of the Bruton Parish Heritage Center on Sunday, February 18.

The Reverend Chris Epperson, Rector, opened with words of welcome and thanked Bryant Cureton, who oversaw creation of the Heritage Center. Bryant gave an overview and then introduced Don and Elaine Bogus and John Fogarty. The Boguses have provided generous support for the digitization of parish records, a continuing project. John Fogarty gave funds for the construction of the Center and all that is in it, including museum-quality panels and artifact cases. A plaque has been placed in loving memory of Nancy W. Fogarty, John’s late wife and mother of John and Laura, who traveled here to attend the dedication.

Chris closed with thanks and a prayer dedicating the beautiful space.

Don Bogus makes presentation of thanks to rector, The Rev’d Chris Epperson.

Jeanette Cureton and Margaret Stockton

John Fogarty, Laura Fogarty, John Fogarty, Elaine Bogus, Don Bogus, Chris Epperson

Sr. Warden Bill Greaf presents Bryant Cureton a resolution of appreciation from the Vestry.

Bryant Cureton, Tessa Louer, Al Louer, Susie Hodgson, Dick Hodgson

John Fogarty receives a favorite photo.

Chris Epperson recognized Rick Boye, Property Coordinator

Spence Webster, Bill Greaf, Carlton Stockton

Bruton Parish Heritage Center Dedication

www.brutonparish.org
**CANTERBURY GALA & SILENT AUCTION**

April 7 - 6-9pm

Historic Christopher Wren Building
at William & Mary

Admission includes heavy hors d’oeuvres, live entertainment, and tours of the Wren Building

Tickets are $75 per person.


After you put in the amount ($75 for one, $150 for two, $225 for 3, etc.), click over to “Give To” and be sure to choose CANTERBURY GALA 2018 - $75/TICKET.

Purchase physical tickets by contacting Hilary Cooley at the Parish House (hcooley@brutonparish.org or 757-345-2252).

Please consider donating a gift basket to the Canterbury Association for the silent auction. We welcome collaborative gift baskets from committees or groups of people. If you are interested in compiling a gift basket, please contact McKinley Saunders directly by email at mesaunders@email.wm.edu.

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

If you cannot attend the event but wish to make a monetary contribution, you may donate online at [http://bit.ly/GIVE2BPC](http://bit.ly/GIVE2BPC) and please choose CANTERBURY GALA or write a check payable to Bruton Parish Church with “Canterbury Missions Fund” in the memo and either: 1) place it in the offering plate on Sunday, 2) mail it to the Church Office at P.O. Box 3520, Williamsburg, VA 23187-3520, or 3) drop it by the Parish House.

Childcare is available by appointment only, email childcare@brutonparish.org.

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**Online Pictorial Directory**

The Online Pictorial Directory is available to our members and parishioners on the password-protected portion of our website. If you don’t have access to this portion of the website, you will need to request it by going to our website, clicking Parish Access Only, and then complete the Parishioner Access Only Sign-Up Request near the bottom of the screen. Once the request is reviewed, a username and password will be sent to you via email if appropriate.

If you have any issues or difficulty (can’t remember your login/password, etc.), please contact Hilary Cooley at 757-345-2252 or hcooley@brutonparish.org.

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Some of our great folks helping to set up decorations and help in the kitchen for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.
The Friends of Bruton Committee is pleased to announce the program for the Sixth Annual Friends Day at Bruton to be held on **Saturday, April 28**. All members and friends of Bruton Parish Church are invited.

The day will begin in the church at 10am with a presentation by **Martha Washington** as portrayed by Colonial Williamsburg’s Katherine Pittman. Martha Dandridge Custis Washington had a long family relationship with Bruton Parish Church. The first Rector of the parish in 1674, the Rev’d Rowland Jones, was her maternal great grandfather. Two of the four children she bore while married to Daniel Parke Custis died young – Daniel at age three and Frances at age four. Their grave stones are near the north transept door of the church. In 1757, at age 26, she became a widow. She married George Washington in 1759 and in 1789 became the first First Lady of the United States. Early reservations are suggested for this event.

The Committee is especially pleased to announce that the **The Rev’d Andrew McGowan** will be the guest speaker during our Annual Luncheon. He is McFaddin Professor of Anglican Studies at Yale Divinity School. He also serves as Dean and President of the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. Born in Melbourne, Australia, he received his BA from the University of Western Australia in 1983. Following his ordination as an Anglican priest, he undertook doctoral studies in Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana where he was awarded a PhD in 1996. His research interests include ancient Christianity, the Eucharist and Anglican theology. Dean McGowan will address guests following the noon luncheon at the Parish House. Reservations are required.

The afternoon program will offer the opportunity for Friends Day participants to reserve time for a specially-designed guided tour of the new **Bruton Heritage Center**. Senior Guides and others exceptionally knowledgeable about the history of Bruton and Anglicanism will provide detailed information about exhibits. Groups will be limited in size, so it will be important for those wishing to take advantage of this opportunity to make an advance reservation.

For the sixth consecutive year, Friends Day will conclude with the **John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Concert** at the church.

The only charge for the day’s events is $15 per person for the luncheon. The morning, luncheon and afternoon programs all require advance reservations which may be made by completing the form enclosed in this issue. Please mail it along with your check made payable to Bruton Parish with “Friends Day” in the memo line directly to the attention of Hilary Cooley at the parish office by Friday, April 20.
Once again, Bruton Parish volunteers enthusiastically stepped forward to provide food and shelter to the homeless in our community. Our week as host this year was February 4 to 11, representing the thirteenth week of this season’s Williamsburg area Community of Faith Mission (COFM) Winter Shelter program. Lewis Hall provided an inviting respite from the wintry rain and chill while our guests received a warm welcome from our volunteer teams.

Over the seven days, the number of our guests accommodated each night varied from a low of 15 to a high of 23, although we were prepared for more. More than 35 individual guests, both women and men, were served during the week; this year there were no children. Upwards of 330 hot dinners and breakfasts were served while at least 108 bag lunches were given out.

What can one say about the rapidity with which Bruton parishioners signed on when the Winter Shelter call first went out! It was heartwarming to see how some volunteer slots filled up so quickly. “And sign me on already for next year!” was a cry
heard more than once. We had 175 separate slots to fill and **over 130 people generously offered their time & talents.** Clearly there is a pretty large volunteer group that looks forward to this early February opportunity for participation in this very active Christian service.

We’re in our sixth year now, so the word has evidently gone forth that this is a great time to do something really meaningful for the community, to work alongside friends and get to make new ones in the congregation. Of course not all volunteer slots were so readily filled; those who handled the wee small hour shifts were much appreciated. Our guests came from a wide variety of life experiences, but their appreciation of the genuine warmth and hospitality they found here at Bruton was expressed many times over.

It was a joy to work and plan with a very talented, dedicated and hard-working Steering Committee. Please join us in thanking them for their leadership, and for the many long hours they put in to ensure our week ran smoothly.

Volunteer Recruitment: Sue Spooner
Logistics Team: George Rice
Check-In Team: Steve Holm
Dinner Team: Steve Fitton
Overnight Team: Jim Mundy
Breakfast Team: Sue Wagner
Check-Out Team: M.J. Freeman
Security Team: Judy Collard
Weather Guru: Dick Estes
Clergy Liaison: Lauren McDonald

Our week was enlivened with several happenings: a screened Super Bowl, thanks to a Canterburian contingent who also graced us with a scrumptious “make your own taco” dinner; complimentary haircuts provided by Salon Gia and Serenity Spa; mouth-watering donations from “Extraordinary Cupcakes”; a Thursday evening “Sing-a-Long” with Jack Wagner at the piano; and a very elegant Saturday night dinner graced with beautiful decorations by Susan Moorman, flower centerpieces by Marcia Hibbitts, music by Jack Wagner, and tenderloins, all donated, skillfully prepared by Michael Thompson and his team.

To support our Shelter Week there were many clothing and monetary donations and all of these were greatly appreciated. **We thank these donors and also every single volunteer** in all of the various teams who gave so willingly of their time and effort. It has been a privilege to work with you. Now we pass the baton to Sally and Bringier McConnell to chair the 2019 Bruton Shelter Week. They will be outstanding leaders!
A Steady Reminder of God’s Presence
Jackie Polizzi

The Love of God

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Tho' stretched from sky to sky.

Fredrick M. Lehman

We as Stephen Ministers hope that the above words will bring you - simply said - a moment of sunshine and love on these gray March days. If you find that you need a confidential listener - be it for a short time or longer - please contact Mary Jean Hurst or John Fogarty, Stephen Leaders, at 757-220-2087.

Reception Volunteers
The reception desk at the church office needs help, especially substitutes. Due to vacations, illnesses and “retirements,” we are shorthanded. 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.

Greeters at the Church
Greeters are parishioners who are often one of the first contacts people have at Bruton. The Greeter meets and greets newcomers and visitors at all Sunday morning services. They are the “welcoming” group that obtains names and addresses so that a newcomers’ packet can be sent. We are in need of greeters for our 7:30am services. If you are interested in participating, please contact Terry McGuirk at 757-220-6708.

Living the Gospel Bible Study
This Lectionary-based Bible study is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 11am in the Custis House. The study looks at what the impact of the Gospel message is on our everyday lives. Please join us this month on Sundays, March 11 & 25.
Women’s Theological Book Group

The Women’s Theological Book Group will meet on Thursday, March 8, at 1pm in Room 206 of the Parish House. We will be reading *Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter, Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God* by Lauren Winner. Lauren is an Episcopal priest and Associate Professor of Christian Spirituality at Duke Divinity School. In *Wearing God*, she explores overlooked Biblical images for God. All women are welcome, whether or not you have participated in the past. Please contact the Rev’d Lauren McDonald with questions or if you need help ordering the book.

Child care is available by contacting Meghan Brewer at childcare@brutonparish.org or 757-229-2891.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 12 from 1-2:30pm. We will be reading *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger. Let the Rev’d Lauren McDonald know if you would like her to order the book for you.

First Fridays Recovery Eucharist

The First Fridays Recovery Eucharist will be held on March 2 at 5:30pm in the church. Each month SpiritWorks Foundation and Bruton host this 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. Join us for a candlelit hour in the chancel of the church where tears are welcome, joy is celebrated, and all are embraced exactly as they are in their brokenness. During the service participants may write prayer requests and light candles. All are welcome, whether or not you’re in recovery.

Evening Book Group

This co-ed evening book group meets in various locations and is starting up again! Please join us on Monday, March 26, at 7pm to discuss *Princess: A True Story of Life behind the Veil in Saudi Arabia* by Jean Sasson. Please contact Susie Morrison at 757-846-6863 to join the group, as we love to have new members!

Virginia’s Crooked Road

Experience the sights and sounds of Virginia’s Appalachian musical heritage as Barry Trott, from the Williamsburg Regional Library, takes us on an informative and enjoyable “trip” along Virginia’s Route 58. Learn about the deep historical roots of country music from the Blue Ridge to the coal fields. Enjoy a light snack and meet new people.

Come on Thursday, March 1, from 1-3pm to the Cafe’s new location in Kaplan Hall at St. Bede Catholic Church at 3686 Ironbound Road. The Cafe is free and open to Williamsburg residents age 60+ or caregivers. It is sponsored by local congregations, businesses, and the PAA. Join us for a short presentation, snacks and prizes.

Women’s Evening Potluck

All women of the parish are invited to the Women’s Evening Potluck which resumes on Wednesday, March 28, at 6:30pm at Clara Pierson’s home. Please bring a dish to share and call Clara at 904-430-7939 to rsvp and get directions.

Carl & Martha Tack Canterbury Endowment

Marty Easton

Carl and Martha Freschette Tack established the Carl and Martha Tack Fund for Canterbury through the Bruton Parish Church Foundation in December, 2016. We are very grateful to them for taking this step. Others have joined in by making gifts to the Fund.

With three adult children and four grandsons, Carl and Martha appreciate the unique pressures upon today’s young people who leave home and enter college. They feel that involvement in Canterbury offers an invaluable support system for students. As William and Mary graduates themselves and considering Martha’s long family ties to Bruton Parish Church, the Fund is a wonderful way to bring together two places dear to their hearts. Carl and Martha believe in the ministry and its potential to change lives; a growing endowment will ensure its future stability.

Pictured above: Martha Freschette Tack and Carl Tack, both William and Mary class of 1978. The couple were married at Bruton Parish on May 20, 1978.
Annual Diocesan Council
Hilary Cooley

The 126th Annual Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia convened over the weekend of February 16-17 at the Williamsburg Lodge, bringing together 88 clergy, delegates, alternates and visitors to council for a two-day gathering with a theme of “Fear & Love in a Divided World.”

Bishop Hollerith called the Council meeting to order followed by Morning Worship. The offering collected during morning Eucharist was $2,637.17 which will be donated to the Community Action Network at St. Paul’s, Newport News! Thank you to our clergy attending this year along with the delegates representing Bruton Parish which included Virginia Elwell, Janet Estes, Elizabeth Greaf, Al Louer, Spence Webster, and Fay Weirich (alternates Jim Mundy & Alice Oates).

Business began with: the order of business; announcements; status of parishes and missions (did you know that there are 104 congregations, four chapels and six shrines in our diocese?); approval of last year’s minutes; adoption of rules of order; recognition of visitors; explanation of seat and voice; resolutions; dean appointments; elections of officers, committees and commissions’ executive board elections; and welcome to new clergy. Lots of business was covered before Bishop Hollerith’s address to Council.

Visit [http://bit.ly/bishopaddress2018](http://bit.ly/bishopaddress2018) or stop by the Parish House to read Bishop Hollerith’s address to Council where he also announced his retirement at the end of the year. He shall be greatly missed!

From Bruton, Janet Estes serves on the Resolutions & Memorials Committee; Scott Spence chairs the Commission on Church Architecture; and Isabel Burch is a Lay Deputy to the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church this summer from July 5-13 in Austin, Texas.

Many memorials, resolutions and the diocesan budget were covered. Many ministry presentations were given: ECW, Chanco, Episcopal Youth Community, Latino Ministries; Cursillo; Community Action Network at St. Paul’s, Newport News; Canterbury Programs by the Rev’d Tyler Montgomery; and Addiction & Recovery by the Rev’d Lauren McDonald. There were also two sessions by the keynote speaker Scott Bader-Saye, Ph.D., who is the Academic Dean and Helen and Everett H. Jones Professor of Christian Ethics and Moral Theology at Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas.

All of the presentations will be available on our diocesan website at [www.diosova.org](http://www.diosova.org) and you can search on social media for all things “council” using #diosova126.
Children & Youth Formation in March

SUNDAY, MARCH 4
Our Children & Youth Choirs will be singing during the 9:15am service, so please join us in the “big” church. There will be no Children’s Church. Sunday School will not be held either; our Children/Youth Choirs will rehearse immediately after the 9:15am service. Youth Group will be held throughout Lent with dinner at 5:30pm, followed by program and Compline.

SUNDAYS, MARCH 11, 18 & 25
Children’s Church will be held, followed by a Lenten Activity in the Parish House, and Childrens/Youth Choirs rehearse afterwards. Youth Group will be held throughout Lent with dinner at 5:30pm, followed by program and Compline.

Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Youth Mission Trip -- Buy Tickets Now!
Bruton’s middle and high school students are traveling to West Virginia to work with the Appalachian South Folklife Center to repair homes for those in need and to learn more about Appalachian life and culture on a trip from June 17-25. We will also spend a weekend at the New River Gorge encountering God in creation and having fun together.

We need your support to pull off this amazing opportunity for our youth to grow in love and service. Please come to our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, April 21, in the Parish Hall at 6pm. We’ll have entertainment, pictures of our last mission trip, as well as auction and donor options for this year’s trip. Tickets for this fun night are $25/person and they must be purchased by Monday, April 16.

The nursery will be open for infants and toddlers, and we’ll have separate activities for elementary school-aged children. Sign up at bit.ly/brutonyouthfundraiser2018 or purchase tickets through the Parish House during business hours. Thanks for your support.

Youth Summer Mission Trip to West Virginia
From June 17-25, our youth group heads to the mountains of WV where the Appalachian South Folklife Center will host us to help fix up the homes of folks who live nearby, and head to the New River Gorge to raft, swim, and have a good time for a couple of days. Current 6-12th graders can sign up directly online at bit.ly/brutonyouthmission2018 by May 1.

Open House @ Chanco
On Saturday, March 24, from 1 to 5 pm, Chanco will be open to welcome you! Come and meet the camp staff while taking a tour of the facility, flying along a zip line, climbing the rock wall, and enjoying face painting, hayrides, and refreshments. Join them for a fun day of festivities and an opportunity to introduce your child to the summer camp that has been voted #1 for six years in a row by Virginia Living magazine. Visit www.chanco.org or call 888-7CHANCO.

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

Children’s Church is age-appropriate worship held at 9:15am in St. Mary’s Chapel, tailored for children K-5th grade. Drop them off at 9am, then head to the church. Save a seat, as the children join the congregation at the Peace.

Sunday School is held from 10:30-11am for children through 5th grade in the Parish House, and in the Custis House for middle and high school youth. We meet in the church tower after communion and then walk to classes together.

Joyful Noise, Choristers & Cantores Youth Choirs rehearse in the Parish House at 11am in the choir room.
Candlelight Concerts

Saturday, March 3 - **Choral Concert**
Zephyrus Early Music Vocal Ensemble from Charlottesville, Virginia,
Megan Sharp, Director,
Jonathan Schakel, Harpsichord
Jane Leggiero, Viola da gamba

Tuesday, March 6 - **Organ Recital**
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, March 10 - **Choral Concert**
Ovation Singers from Staunton, Virginia,
Ray Hoaster, Director & Chris Bono, Organist

Tuesday, March 13 - **Clarinet & Organ Recital**
Matthew Little, Clarinet & William Owen, Organist from Christ and Grace Episcopal Church in Petersburg, Virginia

Saturday, March 17 - **Organ Recital**
Mark Biondolillo, Organist from First United Methodist Church of Fox Hill in Hampton, Virginia

Tuesday, March 20 - **Organ Recital**
Music of Johann Sebastian Bach in honor of his birthday; Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director

Saturday, March 24 - **Organ & Harpsichord Recital**
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director

Sunday, March 25 @ 5:30 pm **Passion Sunday Choral Evensong**
“Seven Last Words” by Michael John Trotta
Bruton Parish Choirs - Rebecca Davy, Director & Dr. JanEl Will, Organist
Wayne Hedrick, Flute
Victoria Hamrick, Oboe
Patrick Smith, French Horn

Tuesday, March 27 - **Organ Recital**
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Historical Organ Recitals
The College of William & Mary’s Wren Chapel
Saturdays at 10am
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - Rebecca Davy

Bruton Singles
Heidi Elam, Eda Martin, Donna Dodenhoff & 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 and call the listed coordinator.

Saturday, March 10, 7:30pm **Jae Sinnett Trio Jazz Concert**
Join us at 5:30pm for supper at Aromas. We will then attend the performance at the Williamsburg Library Theatre by the Jae Sinnett Trio with special guest, Grammy-nominated jazz vocalist Denise Donatelli ($5 general admission, $4 for members of the library, + meal). Please rsvp to Donna Dodenhoff at singles@brutonparish.org.

Saturday, March 17, 6pm **St. Patrick’s Day Celebration**
Join us at 6pm at Corner Pocket Bar-N-Grill for a St. Patrick’s Day celebration with music by the traditional Celtic band, Poisoned Dwarf. Enjoy great company, Guinness, green beer and traditional Irish fare ($5 cover charge + meal). Please rsvp to Heidi Elam at 757-897-5012.

Saturday, March 24, 12pm **In the Light of Caravaggio**
Meet us at 12pm for lunch at The Amber Ox Restaurant on Prince George Street. At 2pm we will attend The Muscarelle Museum of Art exhibit In the Light of Caravaggio: Dutch and Flemish Paintings from Southeastern Museums. This exhibition will feature important Caravaggesque paintings from the renowned collections of the National Gallery of Art in Washington and other U.S. galleries (cost of lunch and $10 for both exhibits; free to members and students). Please rsvp to Heidi Elam at 757-897-5012.

Saturday, March 31, 12:55pm **"Cosi Fan Tutte" Live from the Metropolitan Opera**
Join us at 12:30pm at The Movie Tavern at 1430 High Street for this cherished Mozart opera. The story begins with a wily old cynic and experimental philosopher, Don Alfonso, who determines to overturn the perfect, formulaic worlds of two young men, named Ferrando and Gugliemo. He bets them that their respective fiancées would not stay faithful for a moment if put to the test, and the challenge is accepted. ($8 ticket + meal). Please rsvp to Eda Martin 757-253-1477.
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Call 757-345-2250 directly
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757-229-2891

After 5pm and on weekends, 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.

Article submissions are due the 10th of each month and may be edited for length and content.

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Sixth Annual Friends Day at Bruton Parish

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Reservation Form
(please complete and return by Friday, April 19)

YES, I/We plan to attend the 6th Annual Friends Day at Bruton on Saturday, April 28.
Name(s) of those attending:

_______________________________________________________________________________
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Address:

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Email: ___________________________________ Phone: _______________________

YES, please reserve ________ (number of persons) for Presentation by Martha Washington as portrayed by Colonial Williamsburg’s Katherine Pittman in the church at 10am. Since this program will also be open to the public, it will be wise to both reserve and arrive early for this event.

YES, please reserve ________ (number of persons) for the Friends Day Luncheon at the Parish House at 12:15pm. The cost for the luncheon and the Sixth Annual Friends Day meeting is $15/person. The Rev’d Andrew McGowan will be our guest speaker. He is the McFaddin Professor of Anglican Studies at Yale Divinity School and serves as Dean and President of the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

YES, please reserve ________ (number of persons) for a special Tour of the Bruton Heritage Center in the afternoon (tour times to be determined). Groups will be limited in size, so it will be important for those wishing to take advantage of this opportunity to make advance reservations.

Friends Day will conclude with the Annual John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Concert at 8pm at the church.

Please make your reservation check payable to Bruton Parish Church (note “Friends of Bruton Day” in the memo) and mail it to the address below. Seating is limited, so you are urged to make your luncheon reservation as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Hilary Cooley at 757-345-2252 or hcooley@brutonparish.org.

Please mail your completed form along with your check to:

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