The Pilgrims Way
The Rev’d Chris Epperson

One of my favorite quotes comes to us from Sir Isaac Newton. He said, "If I have seen further, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants." Newton was speaking about the development of his own thought as a scientist. He recognized that he was indebted to the work of others that came before him.

This is something we should all take to heart. We are shaped and informed by those who have come ahead of us. This is not limited to peculiar parts of our lives, but our lives in toto.

We should take this seriously as we approach our faith. As we consider our observance of the season of Lent, a time of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus, I would suggest reading the work of a fourth century pilgrim named Egeria.

She traveled to the Holy Land and offers us one of the most complete accounts of the observance of Holy Week in Jerusalem. Egeria is worth our time as we reflect upon the last week of Jesus’ life. She has a view of the commemoration of Holy Week that we simply don't.

During Lent, I will place in the weekly Bruton Bytes a portion of Egeria's writing for you to ponder. I will also include a few comments on the text. Take the time to give the selected passages a read. If you are so inclined, catch me for a few words about what you have read.

Chris +

The Church Renovates in Preparation for the New Organ

The church will continue to be physically closed through March for the physical installation of our new Dobson pipe organ. The Sunday and Wednesday worship services will be held in the Parish House. Noonday Prayer will not be held during this time.

Parking will continue to be available in front of the church on the Duke of Gloucester Street and, once the ice skating rink is removed, in front of the Parish Gift Shop. You can also utilize the two-hour parking lot behind the Parish House or the parking garage on Henry Street.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.
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- **Living the Gospel Bible Study**
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  - Soup Supper @ 6:30, Program @ 7:15pm
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  - Sunday, March 17 @ 1-2:15pm
- **Sweet Discourse:** A Visit with Temperance Flowerdew
  - Wednesday, March 20 @ 7pm
- **Lenten Labyrinth Walk @ Eastern State**
  - Thursday, March 21 @ 4:30pm
- **Women of Bruton’s Silent Lenten Lunch**
  - Walking the Sacred Path: Using the Labyrinth to Deepen Your Lenten Journey
  - Wednesday, March 27 @ Noon
- **CHANCO Open House**
  - Saturday, March 30 @ 1-4pm
- **Women’s Evening Potluck**
  - Tuesday, April 3 @ 6:30pm
- **Donations for Easter Lilies**
  - Due Friday, April 5
- **Women’s Theological Book Group**
  - Thursday, April 11 @ 1-2:30pm
- **Youth Mission & Pilgrimage Dinner & Auction**
  - Saturday, May 4 @ 6pm
- **7th Annual Friends of Bruton Day**
  - Saturday, May 4 @ Jamestown

* Child care may be available for babies through elementary-aged children by reservation only. Please contact Meghan Brewer at (757) 345-6489 or send an email to childcare@brutonparish.org.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE IN THE PARISH HOUSE**

**Sundays, March 3 & 10**
- Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
- Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
- Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm

**Ash Wednesday - March 6**
- Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Imposition of Ashes at 7:30am, 11am & 6pm in the Parish House
- Imposition of Ashes only from 12-4pm in St. Mary’s Chapel

**Sundays, March 17, 24 & 31**
- Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
- Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15, 11:15 & 5:30pm

**Holy Eucharist - St. Mary’s Chapel**
- Tuesdays @ 8am

**Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers**
- Wednesdays @ 11am

**Canterbury Holy Eucharist, Evening Prayer or Choral Evensong**
- Tuesdays @ 5:30pm in Wren Chapel when college is in session

**LIVING THE GOSPEL BIBLE STUDY**

This adult Lectionary-based Bible study is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 11am in the library of the Parish House while the church is closed. The study looks at the impact of the Gospel message on our everyday lives. Please join us **Sundays, March 10 & 24**, in the Parish House until further notice.

**NEWCOMERS’ CORNER**

New members of Bruton Parish are invited to join clergy, vestry and Newcomers Committee members for coffee in the Parish 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. Please join us on Sunday, March 3.

**SUNDAY USHER MINISTRY**

This ministry needs YOU to help serve the church. Some of our current ushers have retired, and we need to replace them. All services — especially the 7:30am & 11:15am — need ushers! Please think about it — if you already attend that service, why not usher once every six weeks? We really need your help! To volunteer for this important ministry, contact Ginny or Bill Dugge at ushers@brutonparish.org.
This year’s Adult Lenten Formation Program will offer the series Explorations of Different Forms of Prayer on Thursday evenings. **Make plans to be here at the Parish House on the five Thursdays in Lent: March 14, 21 & 28, April 4 & 11.** Mark your calendars now for our Lenten study wherein each week one member of our Bruton clergy will present a particular way of conceiving and practicing prayer. Below is a brief description of each of the talks. **We’ll begin with a soup supper at 6:30pm, followed by the program at 7:15pm.**

**Thursday, March 14**  
**Hearing God in the Still, Small Voice: Forms of Contemplative Prayer**  
The Rev’d Lauren McDonald will discuss a variety of forms of contemplative prayer, including centering prayer, labyrinth walking, breath prayers, praying in color, and more.

**Thursday, March 21**  
**Children and Youth at Prayer**  
The Rev’d Josh Stephens will examine the shift over the last few decades in our understanding of how children and youth are in relationship with God. For example, how did this change with the 1979 Book of Common Prayer? He will also draw on Godly Play, a Montessori-inspired Episcopal curriculum that is used in our Bruton Parish Sunday School program for elementary school students. He will reflect on his work with youth over the years and all they have taught him about prayer.

**Thursday, March 28**  
**The Poetic and Prayerful Imagination: Anglican Poetry as Divine and Self-Reflection**  
The Rev’d Dr. Dan McClain will share examples of Anglican poetry (e.g. Shakespeare, Herbert, Rossetti, Auden, Eliot), focusing on ways that such poetry helps foster reflection on the self and God.

**Thursday, April 4**  
**The Power of Prayer during Turbulent Times**  
The Rev’d Jan Brown will lead a conversation about the power and role of healing prayer, both individually and corporately. An exploration of types of healing prayer, uses for healing prayer, and practical opportunities for participating individually and with groups will be included.

**Thursday, April 11**  
**Lenten Series Q&A**  
Along with our other clergy, The Rev’d Chris Epperson will provide a question and answer session encompassing the four previous offerings on conceiving and practicing prayer. Be sure to join us!

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**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

All are invited! It is traditional to prepare and eat pancakes for supper on the night before Ash Wednesday, which is known by many names, including Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday, and Shrove Tuesday. The tradition is tied to the practice of using up stores of milk, butter, and eggs before Lenten fasting begins. This year’s pancake supper will be held at 6:30pm on **Tuesday, March 5**, hosted by our Youth Group.

The profits from the dinner will support our summer youth mission trips to Navajoland, NM and Appalachian Folk Life Center in Pipestem, WV. The cost is just $10/person or $20/family. Additional donations are welcome as this is a fundraiser to support youth mission trips! Pay at the door; children under five eat free.

If you’d like to volunteer to help set up, serve, and/or clean up that evening, please send an email to Meghan Brewer at mbrewer@brutonparish.org.

**Be sure to RSVP by Friday, March 1, by contacting the parish office at 757-229-2891 or email rsvp@brutonparish.org and let us know how many adults/children will be attending.**

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**ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARISTS & IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days prior to Easter. Sundays are not included in the count. Join us as we prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. Services of Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes will be held on **Wednesday, March 6**, at 7:30am, 11am and 6pm in the Parish House. If you would like only the Imposition of Ashes, visit between noon and 4pm.
**Wednesday 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.

**Walk a Lenten Labyrinth at Eastern State**

Join us at 4:30pm on Thursday, March 21, when there will be a Lenten labyrinth walk at the Eastern State Hospital Labyrinth. All are welcome to join in this ancient walking meditation. We gather as a group, say a prayer, walk the labyrinth, and then share our experience. The whole event lasts about an hour. For directions or more information, please contact the Rev’d Lauren McDonald.

**Christian Basics: A Class for Adults on the Episcopal Faith**

The Rev’d Josh Stephens

For those seeking to join the Church or wishing to renew their commitment to Christ and his Church, our adult class will be held from 2-3pm on Sundays beginning March 3 and will continue each Sunday with the final class on April 14. We will work through biblical basics, liturgy and the Book of Common Prayer, Anglicanism, prayer and discipleship, and more. The class is required for those wanting to receive baptism, confirmation, reaffirmation, or reception into the Episcopal Church, but all are welcome to join in the conversation and learning. Adults will be baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday, April 20. Bishop Jay Magness will be visiting to confirm, reaffirm, and receive adults on June 9, Pentecost Sunday. To sign up, email Christine Britton at cbritton@brutonparish.org or call her at (757) 229-2891. The class will take place in the Parish House with the exact location to be determined based on enrollment.

**DOK Lenten Devotional**

An electronic copy of the 2019 Lenten Devotional booklet sponsored by the Order of the Daughters of the King® will be available on our website on Sunday, March 3. Printed copies can be obtained during the morning services on Sundays, March 3, 10 & 17; at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper; during the Ash Wednesday services on March 6; and at the Women of Bruton’s Silent Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, March 27. Printed copies will also be available at the Parish House reception area. We are asking $1 donation per copy.

**Lilies for the Easter Altar**

Contributions are now being accepted for the lilies which will decorate the Easter altar. The deadline is Friday, April 5, 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 at (757) 229-4915 or at lilies@brutonparish.org.
Lent Madness Begins
March 7

Lent Madness began in 2010 seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church’s Calendar of Saints. The Rev’d Tim Schenck came up with this unique Lenten devotion, combining his love of sports with his passion for the lives of the saints. Lent Madness was born on his blog “Clergy Family Confidential” which has subsequently moved locations and become “Clergy Confidential.”

The format of Lent Madness is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a single tournament-like elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time and people vote for their favorite saint. 16 saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo. The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as quotes and quirks are offered, legends are explored, and even areas of saintly kitsch. Check out their glossary at www.lentmadness.org if you’re not sure about terminology.

The major change from 2010 to 2011 was the introduction of four “celebrity bloggers” to champion particular saints through the Faithful Four. In 2012, Forward Movement and Executive Director Scott Gunn partnered to create their own website and broaden the number of people involved in the writing process.

Along the way they’ve added more celebrity bloggers, a poster-sized bracket, weekly Monday Madness videos, and the Saintly Scorecard, an annual publication containing all 32 first round bios, information about how to participate in Lent Madness, and an essential Vocabulary List to decipher all things Lent Madness.

They’ve also inspired thousands of people along the way by forming an online community of people who are passionate about taking their faith, but not themselves, too seriously.

United Thank Offering
This Lent and Easter

Bessie Bierer

Join in the practice of offering thanks for your many blessings by participating in Bruton’s United Thank Offering.

Each week Bruton’s Youth & Young Adults will offer a prayer in response to “Becoming the Beloved Community.” Look for their prayers in the weekly Bruton Bytes and Sunday bulletins during Bruton’s 2019 UTO Giving Period (March 3 through April 28).

On March 3 & 17, UTO Volunteers will be sporting our NEW signature Blue Baskets filled with those recognizable Blue UTO Boxes & Envelopes.

These Blue Baskets have been made by the women of Dos Santos (Two Saints), a Diocese of Southern Virginia Latino Ministry supporting immigrant families in St. George’s Parish on the Eastern Shore. Many of you may remember Angelica Garcia-Randle, Diocesan Missioner for Latino Ministries for the Eastern Shore, from Bruton’s 2018 ECW Women to Women Fall Coffee & Outreach Fair.

Dos Santos’ Outreach serves a sizable migrant farm worker community providing a Food Pantry, an organic community garden and tutoring for children of these families. This is the only pantry for the Spanish population in the region.

UTO Blue Boxes & Envelopes will be available in the parish hall during services and in the Parish House reception area throughout the Giving Period from March 3 through April 28 (and in the church tower when services resume in the church). You can also contribute by downloading the free UTO Blue Box app and donate to UTOBLUEBOXAPP.ORG.

Please think of giving to the 2019 United Thank Offering. Even the smallest donations, when added together, can make a huge difference in the lives of others.
Help Feed Our Youth Group
To volunteer to help with our meals for youth group during March and April, please sign up at bit.ly/bpcyouthdinnners!

Sunday, March 3, 10 & 17
Children will continue to enjoy the 9:15am service with their families in the Parish Hall, followed by Sunday School, and then Children’s & Youth Choir rehearsal. Youth Group for middle schoolers will be held from 4-6pm and from 5:30-7:30pm for high schoolers (includes dinner at 5:30pm).

Tuesday, March 5
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Since dinner will be hosted by our youth group, with profits supporting our summer youth mission trips, we need you to volunteer to help out with set-up, serving, or clean-up. Please contact Meghan Brewer at either (757) 345-6489 or mbrewer@brutonparish.org.

Sunday, March 24 & 31
Children will continue to enjoy the 9:15am service with their families in the Parish Hall, followed by Lenten Activities hosted by Johanna Thompson, and then Children’s & Youth Choir rehearsal. Youth Group for middle schoolers will be held from 4-6pm and from 5:30-7:30pm for high schoolers (includes dinner at 5:30pm).

Youth Missions & Pilgrimage Dinner/Auction
Bruton’s middle and high school students are participating in two mission trips this summer. We need your support to pull off these amazing opportunities for our youth to grow in love and service.

Please come to our Dinner & Auction on Saturday, May 4, 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 trips. Tickets for this fun night are $25/person and they must be purchased by Monday, April 29.

The nursery will be open for infants and toddlers, and we’ll have separate activities for elementary school-aged children. Watch for more details in our weekly Bruton Bytes, Sunday bulletins, the website, and the April Chronicle.

Two Youth Mission & Pilgrimage Trips

July 6-17, 2019
Navajoland, New Mexico & Cataract Canyon, Utah
High School students are invited to help organize and attend a trip to work with a Navajo congregation, St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, to host a Vacation Bible School from July 8-12, 2019. On July 12, we will travel to Moab, Utah for a wilderness pilgrimage of five days and four nights of rafting through the remote Cataract Canyon in Canyonlands National Park. We will learn about Navajo culture along the way and spend time with God, our creator. Bruton Parish’s current high schoolers and their friends are invited, and they will be expected to gather for pre-trip meetings and to help with fundraisers. The trip cost is $1,300/person with a $400 deposit due by April 1. If you turn in your deposit by March 1, then you’ll receive a $100 discount on the trip. For more information, visit bit.ly/bpchighschoolpilgrimage2019 and sign up!

July 21-28, 2019
To Appalachian South Folk Life Center in West Virginia
Middle and high school students are invited to journey to the wild and wonderful mountains of West Virginia for a week of service work, prayer, cultural experiences, and time with God in creation. This trip will leave on Sunday, July 21, beginning a week working on local homes with the Folklife Center as our facilitators and home base. Students will be shaped by Morning and Evening Prayer, music, and group conversations, as well as the work completed each day.

On Friday, July 26, we will head to the New River Gorge for two nights of fun and rest including an adventure lake and white-water rafting through the New River Gorge. This trip costs $450/person with a $200 deposit due by May 1. If you turn in your deposit by March 1, you will receive a $50 discount on the trip.

We are grateful for parishioners’ support of our mission trips and pilgrimages. Stay tuned for upcoming fundraisers. Donations are welcome at any time to offset chaperone costs and youth scholarships. Write checks to Bruton Parish with “Youth Mission Trip Donation” in the memo and give to Fr. Josh Stephens. Please visit bit.ly/brutonwestvirginiamission2019 to sign up.

Olivia Grimsley painted her impression of a passage from the Bible story that was read during Youth Group.

Nursery is available Sunday in the Parish House from 8:30am through the 11:15am service for newborns through 4-years-old.

Children’s Church will join the 9:15am congregation in the Parish House.

Sunday School is held at 10:20am in the Parish House.

Joyful Noise, Choristers & Cantores Youth Choirs typically rehearse in the Parish House at 11:10am in the choir room (unless there is no Sunday School, then they meet at 10:20am).
From ski trips, to ice cream outings, making chili for a youth fundraiser and painting ... our youth had some great fellowship this past month!
Bruton Parish Episcopal Church

IT’S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE SPRING
Lynn Karlisch

March will be a busy month for all of us in your parish gift shop! With the beginning of Lent on March 6 this year, we will look forward to this very special time in our spiritual lives.

Your shop carries a number of devotional books for women, men, and children and would like to recommend a book by Max Lucado titled On Calvary’s Hill. This book is a compilation of forty readings for the Easter season.

Our manager, Diane Koun, was responsible for a very successful satellite Bruton Parish Gift Shop during the annual council meeting of the Diocese of Southern Virginia which was held on February 8 & 9 at the Williamsburg Lodge. We had a lovely table with many of our favorite items from the shop and our sales were strong. The most important part of being involved with the meeting was to introduce our shop to the many visitors from around our diocese.

Because of our managers’ buying trip to Atlanta in January, we are receiving new merchandise that you will want to see. We are expecting many charming hanging baskets and bird houses with bags of mosses to fill them. Accessories for women are filling our shelves in beautiful pastel colors for spring, and if you have some new little ones to shop for, you will find the most adorable knit hats and furry rabbit slippers.

We hope you will come to visit us, and while you are in the shop be sure and ask us about Oka-B!

SWEET DISCOURSE CONTINUES
A VISIT WITH TEMPERANCE FLOWERDEW
Jim Morford

The continuing series of historic presentations sponsored by the Bruton Parish Guides Ministry will resume Wednesday, March 20, in the Parish House. Beginning with coffee and cookies at 6:30pm, followed by the program at 7pm, we will be treated to a visit from Temperance Flowerdew as portrayed by Kate Tilley.

Temperance was born in England in 1590 into the aristocratic Flowerdew family. In 1609, she married Richard Barrow and traveled to the New World aboard the Falcon in a convoy of ships destined for Jamestown. Temperance survived the “Starving Time” of 1609-10. It is not known when she was widowed, but in 1613 she married George Yeardley, who would serve three times as Governor. Together they had three children. Following Yeardley’s death in 1627, Temperance married his successor Francis West. Truly the First Lady of Jamestown, she became one of the most influential and respected women in the Virginia Colony.

Kate Tilley received a B.A. in Theatre from DeSales University in Pennsylvania. She played Mrs. Shields at the Colonial Williamsburg Taverns and five other characters in CW’s Evening Programs for almost three years. Kate has appeared in 35 stage plays and over a dozen short films and cable TV episodes. Recreating historical clothing when she wasn’t on stage or on camera is what started Kate down the rabbit hole of researching colonial history. Since 2008 she has recreated garments for private customers, the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, Colonial Williamsburg, and the 1st, 2nd, and 7th Virginia Regiments. Kate, her husband, and their two cats are lucky to reside in the Historic Area of Colonial Williamsburg.

Plan to join us on March 20 for an entertaining and informative evening!

WE NEED YOUR HELP ON SHROVE TUESDAY

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 6:30pm on Tuesday, March 5, is being hosted by our Youth Group this year in support of their summer mission trips. We would like YOU to volunteer to help set up, serve, and/or clean up by emailing Meghan Brewer at mbrewer@brutonparish.org.

Please see the full article on page three with details about the supper and RSVP by Friday, March 1, by either contacting the Parish Office at rsvp@brutonparish.org or (757) 229-2891 and let us know how many adults/children will be attending.

Diane Koun and Lynn Karlisch with the Bruton Parish Gift Shop table at Diocesan Council. Proceeds from their sales of over $1,000 will benefit mission and outreach!
**FIRST FRIDAYS RECOVERY EUCHARIST**
First Fridays will be on **March 1** at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall. 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 mental illness, addiction, co-dependence, and trauma. During the service participants may light candles and write prayer requests. Join us in praying for those still struggling, mourning those we’ve lost, and celebrating with those experiencing recovery. All are welcome, whether or not you’re in recovery.

**WOMEN’S THEOLOGICAL BOOK GROUP**
The Women’s Theological Book Group will be reading **Holy Solitude: Lenten Reflections with Saints, Hermits, Prophets, and Rebels** by Heidi Haverkamp. Plan to join us on **Thursday, April 11**, when we’ll gather from 1-2:30pm for discussion and fellowship in Room 206 of the Parish House. All women are welcome! For more information, please contact the Rev’d Lauren McDonald at (757) 229-2891 or lmcdonald@brutonparish.org.

**WOMEN’S EVENING POTLUCK**
The Women of Bruton will be enjoying their next Potluck Supper on **Wednesday, April 3**, at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. All are invited and welcome to attend! Please bring a dish to share and join in the fun and fellowship. Please call Alice Oates at (757) 645-4321 with questions.

**WOMEN UNDER FORTYISH**
The WUF Pack will be meeting **Sunday, March 17**, from 1-2:30pm in the Coffee, Tea & Thee room on the second floor of the Parish House for fellowship and a discussion on the friendship of women. Wear your green and we’ll say a prayer for St. Patrick! Childcare will be provided — it’s helpful if you let us know how many “cubs” will be attending. For more information, please contact the Rev’d Lauren McDonald at lmcdonald@brutonparish.org.

Due to some logistical conflicts with Second Sundays, we’ll meet on **Sunday, April 13**, at 10am for brunch at Kate McClain’s house. On **Sunday, May 5**, we’ll meet in the Coffee, Tea & Thee Room of the Parish House from 1-2:30pm.

**LITERACY FOR LIFE**
Literacy for Life has adult learners waiting for people like you! For more information, call (757) 221-3325.

- No previous teaching experience is needed. We provide training, materials, and ongoing support.
- Complete nine hours (3 x 3-hour sessions) of initial tutor training.
- Available to tutor 1.5 hours per week for one year.
- Complete the online training registration form and select the training series that works best for your schedule at [https://literacyforlife.org/tutors](https://literacyforlife.org/tutors).

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**WEEKLY OUTREACH IN COMMUNITY BY M25 VOLUNTEERS**
The Rev’d Lauren McDonald

Some of the ministries at Bruton are very visible while others less so. Our ministry to Matthew Whaley Elementary School serves students, teachers, administrators, staff, and families on a weekly basis. Our team of Matthew 25 leaders does a phenomenal job of using Mission and Outreach funds to provide coats, holiday food boxes, spring break books, and other items for students who might not otherwise be able to afford them.

![Bruton Parish Church volunteers attend the orientation session by Matthew Whaley Elementary School Guidance Counselor Kendall Almasian.](image)

Even more amazing, though, is the dedication of the leadership team and the Bruton volunteers who go every week into classrooms, art and music rooms, and the library to tutor, assist teachers, shelve books, and generally provide support to those who are educating the students. More than 27 volunteers commit an hour or more of their time each week in a ministry of presence.

Over and over when I hear parishioners share their highs and lows in a group, they say that the Matthew Whaley ministry is a high. As much as we have given to the school, we have received in return.

Thank you to the Matthew 25 team and volunteers for all you do. We may not be able to see it, but we are so grateful for this ministry that you do, serving as the hands, feet and heart of Jesus at Matthew Whaley.

If you’d like to volunteer with this important ministry, please contact either Janet Estes (757-879-4710) or Johanna Thompson (757-810-6970) or email matthew25@brutonparish.org.
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.

Tuesday, March 5, 6:30pm
**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**
@ Bruton Parish in Lewis Hall
Come join us for the traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake supper in the Parish House. Be sure to sign up at rsvp@brutonparish.org or (757) 229-2891, and then let Heidi Elam know at (757) 897-5012 that you’re attending. They’ll save a place for you at the Singles table (cost $10/ person; pay at the door).

Saturday, March 9, 7:30pm
**Joan & Joni Concert**
@ Williamsburg Regional Library
Meet us at the WRL theatre lobby at 7:15 pm. Joan & Joni is a tribute to Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell performed by singer-songwriters Allison Shapira and Kipyn Martin. Allison Shapira is a “recovering opera singer” who recently found her authentic voice as a folksinger and songwriter. Kipyn Martin is an award-winning Americana singer-songwriter whose roots sink deep into the banks of the Shenandoah River. Both classically trained singers and up-and-coming musicians on the DC-area folk scene, they soon realized their musical influences were similarly shaped by the folk revival music of the 60’s. After the concert, we may end the evening at a nearby pub (tickets $5, Friends of WRL $4). Please rsvp to Sandy Lenthall via email at singles@brutonparish.org.

Saturday, March 16, 6:30pm
**Dinner @ Waypoint Seafood Restaurant**
Join us for dinner at 6:30pm at the Waypoint Seafood Restaurant in the Quarter Park Shopping Center near Harris Teeter. Please rsvp to Eda Martin at (757) 253-1477.

Sunday, March 24, 2pm
**Special Exhibit @ Jamestown Settlement**
**TENACITY: Women in Jamestown and Early Virginia**
Meet us at 2pm in the lobby ticket area at the Jamestown Visitor Center for this Special Exhibition which is on display through January 5, 2020 at Jamestown Settlement. Learn about women’s roles in the events of early Virginia history were rarely recorded. History gives us only fragments of their lives — a name here, a date of arrival there, a court case, a marriage or a death. Some of their stories have never been told. The exhibit is free with proof of residence in the greater Williamsburg Area. Please rsvp to Donna Dodenhoff via email at singles@brutonparish.org.

**BRUTON SINGLES**
Heidi Elam, Donna Dodenhoff, Eda Martin, Spence Witten and Sandy Lenthall

**PARISH HOUSE MUSIC SERIES**
This new music series will be held at 8pm in Lewis Hall of the Parish House. No ticket required; a freewill offering will be gratefully received.

Tuesday, March 12
**A Trio of Instruments: Music for Flute, Oboe & Piano**
Tonia Herren, Flutist, Melinda McKenzie, Oboist, Rebecca Davy, Pianist

Tuesday, March 19
**Music of Mozart**
Vocal Studio of Christopher Mooney with Rebecca Davy, Accompanist

Tuesday, March 26
**Art Song & Music for Four-Hand Piano from the Romantic Era**
Sarah Taylor, Soprano, Claudia Kessel, Alto, Diane Ruffer, Clarinet
Jane Alcorn & Sarah Bland, Pianists

**CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS FOR THE PARISH & COMMUNITY**
Due to final preparations for the arrival of our new Dobson pipe organ, there will not be any concerts or recitals in the church until the physical installation of the new organ is finished. This series will resume at the end of March. Concerts will be held at 8pm in the church, doors open at 7:30pm. No ticket required; a freewill offering will be gratefully received.

Thursday, March 28
**Youth Orchestra Concert**
Youth Orchestra & Youth Sinfonia from Northern Kentucky School of Music at Immanuel United Methodist Church in Lakeside Park, Kentucky
Ellen Stephens, Director

Saturday, March 30
**Youth Choir Concert**
City Singers from Richmond, Virginia
Leslie Dripps, Director

**HISTORICAL ORGAN RECITALS**
The College of William & Mary
Wren Chapel

Saturdays @ 10am
March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
Rebecca Davy, Organist
Friends Day participants will have the exceptional opportunity to partake of the Holy Eucharist at the site of Jamestown’s 1608 church, the first in English North America.

Today at Bruton Parish Church we practice open communion, but that was hardly the case in 1607 when the first communion was celebrated at Jamestown. The settlers likely used the third revision of the Book of Common Prayer adopted in 1559 that was in use for nearly 100 years. The communion service was probably delivered from the 1604 slightly revised version. That service established the conditions under which members could receive communion. The opening paragraphs set the stipulations:

So many as intend to be partakers of the Holy Communion shall signify their names to the Curate over night, or else in the morning afore the beginning of Morning Prayer, or immediately after.

And if any of those be an open and notorious evil liver, so that the Congregation by him is offended, or have done any wrong to his neighbours by word or deed; the Curate having knowledge thereof, shall call him and advertise him, in any wise not to presume to the Lord’s Table, until he have openly declared himself to have truly repented and amended his former naughty life, that the Congregation may thereby be satisfied, which afore were offended; and that he have recompensed the parties, whom he hath done wrong unto, or at the least declare himself to be in full purpose so to do, as soon as he conveniently may.

The same order shall the Curate use with those betwixt whom he perceiveth malice and hatred to reign; not suffering them to be partakers of the Lord’s Table, until he know them to be reconciled. And if one of the parties so at variance be content to forgive from the bottom of his heart all that the other hath trespassed against him, and to make amends for that he himself hath offended; and the other party will not be persuaded to a godly unity, but remain still in his frowardness and malice; the Minister in that case ought to admit the penitent person to the Holy Communion, and not him that is obstinate.

The first communion service was celebrated by the colonists’ Chaplain, Rev’d Robert Hunt, shortly after they arrived in May, 1607. A sail was strung among some trees over the communion elements. Bruton’s Rector, Rev’d Goodwin, celebrated the Eucharist in 1907 with a reenactment on the three hundredth anniversary of the first.

Following the May 4 service Friends Day participants will pause at the memorial dedicated in 1907 to Rev’d Hunt and that first communion service.

Space is fast filling up for Friends Day. If you have not done so, make your reservations today!
Our parish is blessed with The Hennage Library, a small (1,700) but carefully-chosen collection of faith-based materials available to educate, enlighten and entertain members of our congregation. The library was originally established with the generous support of Joseph and June Hennage. The library is located in the lower level of the Parish House and is open daily from 9am to 5pm during the week, whenever meetings are not scheduled there. The library is typically open on Fridays for reading and research as much as possible. Check the availability of the library by visiting the Parish Calendar on our website or call the Parish House on weekdays at (757) 229-2891.

New Acquisitions
New Acquisitions are displayed in the walnut shelving on the left side of the Hennage Library.

**Rome and Canterbury: The Elusive Search for Unity**  
(Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2007)  
Rome and Canterbury, authored by Mary Reath, tells the story of the determined but little-known work being done to heal the nearly five hundred-year-old divisions between the Roman Catholic and the Anglican/Episcopal Churches. It reviews the relevant history and theology, looks at where we are today, and concludes with some reflections on the future.

"Mary Reath has provided an invaluable service in describing, placing in historical context, and assessing the efforts of Anglicans and Roman Catholics to heal the breach which occurred at the time of the Reformation. Her lively and highly accessible account under-scores the determination of the two ecclesial communities to give witness to the unity Christ desires for the Church. At the same time, Reath does not overlook the theological stumbling blocks that have occurred along the way. Rome and Canterbury is an important and timely contribution to ecumenical dialogue" (review by The Rt. Rev. Frank T. Griswold III, past presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church in America).

This book has been purchased by the Bruton Education Committee and donated to The Hennage Library in honor of Ed Burchianti for his work as head of the Education Committee.

Since 2014, the Episcopal Church has been publishing a series of volumes on "The Church's Teachings for a Changing World." Each includes a set of short chapters on a central theme. Two that seem particularly useful for our collection are:

**The Episcopal Story: Birth and Rebirth**  
Written by Thomas Ferguson, this book "Traces the history of Christianity, with a special focus on the rise of the Anglican Communion and the birth and continual rebirth of The Episcopal Church.” The Rev. Dr. Thomas Ferguson is rector of St. John’s Episcopal Church in Sandwich, Mass., and adjunct professor of Episcopal and Anglican History at Bexley Seabury, where he previously served as academic dean.

**Following the Way of Jesus,**  
Written by the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in America, The Most Rev’d Michael B. Curry. "Bishop Curry leads off this volume with a clarion call for Episcopalians to join the Jesus Movement. A team of the church’s brightest stars follow up with reflections on the practice of ministry in light of the movement."

"In this definitive biography, renowned Bible scholar, Anglican bishop, and bestselling author N. T. Wright offers a radical look at the apostle Paul, illuminating the humanity and remarkable achievements of this intellectual who invented Christian theology — transforming a faith and changing the world...” A compelling modern biography that reveals the apostle’s greater role in Christian history — as an inventor of new paradigms for how we understand Jesus and what he accomplished — and celebrates his stature as one of the most effective and influential intellectuals in human history.

"The life of one of Christianity’s founders is told by renowned biblical scholar N. T. Wright, who believes that in focusing on Paul’s letters and theology, scholars and pastors have not considered Paul as a person and in the context of his times.” (Publishers Weekly)
Current Books on Prayer in the Hennage Library

In recognition of the topic of the current Lenten Study Series, "Exploration of Different Forms of Prayer," several books in the classification Prayer are referenced here:

248 Christian, Experience, Practice, Life; 226 Bible, New Testament; and 264 Liturgy and Worship. Here are short reviews of six books chosen from these subject areas.

Written by Elizabeth Rankin Geitz, Marjorie Burke, and Ann Smith (eds.), publication of this collection of prayers and poems by the Council of Women’s Ministries of the Episcopal Church grew out of "...the vision of Episcopal women speaking authentically with one another and with the church at large; a vision of women sharing the richness and diversity of their spirituality; a vision of women uniting in the midst of that diversity, modeling wholeness and health to the church."

From the book jacket: "In The Art of Prayer, Timothy Jones honestly shares his own struggles with prayer and invites you to be honest—and hopeful—as well. Offering biblically wise, warmly instructive explorations of our questions, Jones considers how you can become fluent in the world’s simplest language: talking with God."

After a brief introductory section (Prayer 101), Ms. Ann Lamott relates her life experiences that have convinced her that these three prayers are an essential part of her spiritual life.

In the introduction of his book, Father George A. Maloney, SJ gives the purpose of his book. "In this book I humbly offer the reader what I believe are insights, gathered mainly from Eastern Christianity, a vital source mainly unknown to Western Christians. I have tried to present a relevant body of teachings on Christian prayer, stressing especially the meaning and application of what I present as a Christian mysticism, yesterday, today, and in our eternal life to come."

The Kerygma Program, 1992. Hennage call number: 226.96 Purl c1
Written by John C. Purdy, This book examines the six petitions of the Lord's Prayer as subject matter for six separate study sessions. The objectives of the study sessions are "(1) To see what we can learn about the Lord's Prayer when it is set in its biblical context, (2) to see what the Lord's Prayer can teach us about the activity of prayer, and (3) to see what all of this teaches us about biblical spirituality."


The Reverend Pierre Wolff explains the provocative question in the book's title in the Introduction: "If we believe that there is prayer only when something is done by us, what kind of God do we suggest? In fact, a God who is deaf."
In this interesting meditation on prayer, Reverend Wolff suggests that our prayer life will be enriched by an initial silence "...to give the Lord the freedom to do as much as he can and wishes."

Learning Godly Play with Our Children
The Rev’d Josh Stephens

You might have heard that Bruton Parish's Children and Youth Ministry hosted a Godly Play training in early January. Folks traveled from as far as four hours away to join with some of Bruton Parish's own Sunday School teachers to learn more about this curriculum in a 20-hour training. Godly Play is a curriculum with a whole theology unto itself that was developed by Fr. Jerome Berryman and his wife, Thea. Bruton Parish has been using Godly Play for a long time, but recently our Children’s & Youth Coordinator, Meghan Brewer, and Fr. Josh Stephens began imagining about how to enrich the program and get more folks involved. What we didn’t realize was that the supporting beliefs behind Godly Play would be so helpful to our ministry with kids.

In Godly Play, Fr. Berryman applies his extensive study of Maria Montessori and her methods to Christian formation (something Montessori worked on, too). The result is that children are not viewed as empty vessels to be filled with religious knowledge but as fellow disciples who know much about God themselves. Berryman asserts that if kids are given an environment and a structure which supports their knowledge of God, then adults can learn much from them about the Almighty.

Berryman writes in his book Teaching Godly Play, "What are the ways that one can be at play with God? With a touch of whimsy the Holy Trinity can be thought of as a "playgroup" that invites us to play in three ways. First, we...play with God in creation. Second, we are invited to play with God's Son...in the Gospels and worship and the life of the church. Such play can result in redemption. Third, we are invited to play with God within, where we meet the Holy Spirit, to create, with God's grace, a meaningful life that adds beauty to God's creation."

We have three Sunday School classes at Bruton Parish: K-2nd grade, 3rd-5th, and Upper School. Our elementary school classes both use Godly Play and have had a dedicated group of four teachers supporting our kids for years now. We would like to have more folks involved with Godly Play. Are you interested in learning more and potentially rotating in to help with this neat program? Fr. Josh will be teaching about it during the Lenten Series on Prayer on March 21 at 6:30pm. Contact him for more information at jstephens@brutonparish.org.
OPEN HOUSE @ CHANCO: WHERE NO CHILD IS LEFT INSIDE

Visit Chanco for an Open House on Saturday, March 30, from 1-4pm and come see what all the fuss is about! Their open house is a perfect way to see if summer camp at Chanco is a fit for you. Meet some counselors, tour their beautiful grounds, munch on some hot dogs, and test your fear of heights on their superman swing! Check out a cool video of the superman swing at bit.ly/CHANCOSUPERMANSWING!

For more information, please visit their website at www.chanco.org, call them at 1-888-7CHANCO (888 724-2626) or email hospitality@chanco.org.

THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK

Community Café Williamsburg

Are you 60 or better? Stay informed and active! The Faith Community and Peninsula Agency on Aging are sponsoring an afternoon out. Join them on Thursday, March 7, for the Great American Songbook and explore the cabaret genre and its special characteristics — the intimate conversation and connection between the artist and the audience, selection of songs, the theatrical nature of the performance, and the unique contribution the singer brings to the material. Listen to examples and discuss the different vocalists as they personally interpret the Great American Songbook. Recordings and videos of cabaret artists from the current nightclub scene will be played. A short history of cabaret from Europe to America will also be presented by Susan James.

On April 4, join them for What’s Your Emergency? Find out what happens when you call 911! Chair Yoga and an introduction to our HEARTSafe Community too.

On May 2, join them for Keep Moving, where experts will demonstrate ways to improve your muscle strength, flexibility and balance.

The café is held from 1-3pm at St. Martin’s Episcopal Church on Jamestown Road. Bring your Williamsburg friends or come make new ones. Join them for a short presentation, snacks, and prizes.

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. This month’s prayer is by St. Thomas More and offered by Ricki Carson. It is copied from The Little Book of Prayers, edited by David Sciller.

Give us, Lord, a humble, quiet, peaceable, patient, tender and charitable mind, and in all our thoughts, words and deeds a taste of the Holy Spirit. Give us, Lord, a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, a love of you. Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation, dullness in prayer.

Give us fervour and delight in thinking of you and your grace, your tender compassion towards me. The things we pray for, good Lord, give us grace to labour for: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Jackie Polizzi

God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with.

~Billy Graham

By the time you read this, the thoughts of sharing your spiritual gifts may have become lost. In the month of February one of our readings and sermons was on that subject — spiritual gifts. On March 8-10, many women of Bruton Parish will attend a retreat at Chanco, again on — spiritual gifts.

The Stephen Ministers of Bruton Parish church wish to share the spiritual gifts that they have discovered and for which they’ve trained — to receive you with an open mind, heart, and prayer, and give you time, a listening ear, with confidentiality. Please allow us to do this for you, by calling a leader, either Mary Jean Hurst or John Fogarty at 757-220-2087.

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

Monday through Friday (9am-5pm), please call (757) 345-2250 directly or call the church office at (757) 229-2891.

After 5pm and on weekends, please call the church office at (757) 229-2891 and choose Option 6. If necessary, leave your name, telephone number and a brief message, and the clergy-on-call will return your call as soon as possible.
The 127th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia convened on Friday, February 8, and opened with Morning Worship. Much of the work of this year’s Council related to the search for a new bishop for Southern Virginia, and keynote speakers focused on changing ways of doing church.

The Diocese of Southern Virginia has 85 parishes, 16 missions, and one ecumenical community for a total of 102 congregations, along with four chapels and six shrines — and many of them were represented during council. Along with the clergy of Bruton Parish (Rev’ds Chris Epperson, Lauren McDonald, Dan McClain, Josh Stephens, and Jan Brown), we thank our delegates Elizabeth Greaf, Spence Webster, Ginny Elwell, Al Louer, Alice Oates and Jeanette Cureton, who also attended representing Bruton.

Council affirmed the Standing Committee’s call of Bishop Jay Magness as Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore to serve until the consecration of a new bishop. Bishop Magness addressed Council and preached at the Council Eucharist. In his address, Bishop Magness shared many things for which Southern Virginia can be joyous and thankful. But he spoke of change, both here in Southern Virginia and the wider Church. While the message of Christ's redeeming love stays the same, everything else is changing. You can read both the Bishop’s address and his sermon on the diocesan website at www.diosova.org.

After voting for various committees, ballots were tallied. Our own Rev’d Lauren McDonald was voted to the Disciplinary Board, along with the Rev’d Charlie Bauer. Thank you for your ministry!

After the Standing Committee Report, Pam Pringle and our own Rev’d Chris Epperson updated all in attendance regarding the progress of the Search and Transition Committee for the 11th Bishop of Southern Virginia during the last year. View the Diocesan Profile at www.diosova.org. Can you recognize the youth with his face painted with the Episcopal Shield?

Council continued with a presentation from Gannon Sims, Director of Ministry Formation at Fresh Expressions, an international movement of missionary disciples cultivating new kinds of church alongside existing congregations to more effectively engage our growing post-Christian society. “A Future for the Church” discussed ways in which church among the collegiate and young adult community can expand with fresh expressions.

Friday night concluded with Holy Eucharist, followed by a wonderful celebration of the ministry of Bishop Hollerith. He received many gifts from the diocese — a new fly fishing rod, boots, and more — and some wonderful gifts for his wife Lizzie in appreciation for all of their efforts on behalf of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. They are truly a blessing!

Bishop’s Nominations were also passed during council. Our own Scott Spence continues as the chair of the Diocesan Commission on Church Architecture. All other nominations can be found on our diocesan website along with more in-depth coverage of all the resolutions that were either passed, tabled, etc. along with Memorial Resolutions.

Council reconvened Saturday morning with more worship, ministry reports, memorial resolutions, capital campaign and a proposed budget presentation. Our second keynote speaker, The Rev’d Bobbe Fitzhugh, presented “From Maintenance to Mission: Taking the Church Back to What Jesus Started.”

Gareth Kalfas, Executive Director of Chanco, gave a wonderful presentation with an exciting video which included Rev’d Josh Stephens and Bruton’s youth group, along with Rev’d Dan McClain and our Canterburians! There are many exciting things happening at Chanco — including the raising of Hollerith Hall! Please visit their website at www.chanco.org — registration is now open for summer programs!

The Capital Campaign for Chanco which was launched during council last year has raised $2,593,384 towards its stretch goal of $3M. Thanks to a lead gift of $500k from the diocese, Chanco’s staff of three, 12 volunteers, and 289 families making commitments so far are well on their way, along with Bruton’s pledge of $50k over five years.
The new Hollerith Hall will enable many of the larger groups utilizing the conference center to gather for food and fellowship all together in one place. God at Chanco transforms lives. Visit them at www.chanco.org and make a donation today!

Our own Rev’d Dr. Dan McClain gave an inspiring presentation on the state of Canterbury in our diocese, and our answering the need for evangelism and pastoral care to those experiencing college and young adult life among us.

The Budget Report “Reflections & Moving Forward” was presented, outlining needs during 2018 along with a proposed budget for 2019. It was also announced that Chuck Marks, the diocese’s new treasurer, officially came onboard just Friday, February 8. The 2019 budget was passed.

During the break, folks were able to visit with our Rev’d Jan Brown at the table for Addiction & Recovery. Besides being our deacon, Jan is also the Founder/Executive Director of SpiritWorks Foundation, a recovery community center in Williamsburg that provides a variety of programs and services for children, youth, and adults affected by drug and alcohol addiction. Please visit www.spiritworksfoundation.org to learn more about this ministry.

Saturday morning we also had a heartening presentation from the Rev’d Bobbe Fitzhugh — “From Maintenance to Mission: Taking the Church Back to What Jesus Started.” A term first used by Archbishop Rowan Williams, a “mixed economy church” refers to fresh expressions and inherited forms of church existing alongside each other and in relationships of mutual respect and support — finding ways to bring Church to the community.

After a brief Q&A session following Rev’d Fitzhugh’s presentation and closing worship, The Rt. Rev’d Jay Magness officially closed the 127th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia.

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**FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE**

Ed Emery, Nancy Nelson, Marty Easton

After several of you reported receiving unusual emails with a sender name of “finance office,” we immediately contacted our I.T. professional. After review, he concluded that these emails come from an unknown third party, not from any of the brutonparish.org accounts. Unfortunately, it is impossible to stop random domains from sending messages as “finance office.” If you are in doubt as to whether an email is real or not, please delete it and give us a call at (757) 345-2256. We’ll let you know if we were trying to reach you!

We are in the process of phasing out Tithe.ly, the online giving platform. Please help us make this transition by making online payments through ACS Pay+ via our website.

Here’s how:

1. On the home page of our website at www.brunonparish.org, click GIVE.

2. Follow the instructions, by entering the amount, selecting the desired fund, and entering your email address. (Pledge payments are received into the Annual Fund.)

3. On the next screen, confirm your email address.

4. Proceed to the the next screen for giving/payment details. For recurring payments, you can select the frequency and date of credit card charges.

Phasing out Tithe.ly and having all online contributions come through ACS Pay+ will help streamline functions of the finance office in 2019.

Thank you for the gifts and pledge payments that continue to come in for the new organ. For an update on the status of your pledge to the organ fund, or for any other questions, there are two ways to reach us — finance@brutonparish.org or (757) 345-2256.
CORNERSTONE CIRCLE PREPARES FOR FOURTH YEAR
Jim Morford

As we count down the days toward spring and the Seventh Annual Friends of Bruton Day, the Committee is developing plans for the fourth year of Cornerstone Circle membership.

In establishing the Cornerstone Circle, the Advisory Council and Friends of Bruton Committee embraced the view that the Circle would become the source of funds for implementing projects that further the goals of Friends of Bruton. Those goals are to promote and preserve the historic and spiritual heritage of Bruton Parish Church. The Friends of Bruton Committee continues to investigate projects to pursue and welcomes suggestions.

As a token of appreciation, each first-time member of the Cornerstone Circle receives a lapel pin depicting the weathervane that flew above the Bruton steeple for over 250 years and is the symbol of Friends of Bruton. Each year those who renew their membership receive a unique gift in recognition and appreciation of their continuing membership.

In recognition of renewed Cornerstone Circle membership for the 2019/2020 year which officially begins with Friends Day on May 4, the Committee has authorized and obtained original art by local artist Gary Robertson illustrating the steeple at Bruton Parish Church. Each print is signed by the artist and is suitable for framing.

It is the hope of the Friends of Bruton Committee that suitable funds will derive from Cornerstone Circle membership to enable work on specific projects to begin in the near future.
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