A Farewell
The Rev’d Chris Epperson, Rector

Bruton Parish is blessed to have a staff comprised of long-serving, gifted people. It takes talented people to keep Bruton ticking. One of our committed and integral members of the staff, Mike Wanless, has retired.

Mike served this parish faithfully and effectively for 16 years. His role loomed large. Mike oversaw several large projects over his tenure. During his time, the rectory was renovated, the tower and roof of the church were restored, a new organ was built and installed, and countless improvements to the Parish House were completed.

I am deeply grateful to Mike for his service and tireless efforts. I encouraged Mike to allow us to hold a celebration honoring him. Mike, being who he is, declined public recognition. Please join me in wishing Mike well as he enters a phase of rest and refreshment.

Announcing the Arrival of a New Facilities Manager

Mr. Ernie Clements has joined the staff. Ernie brings decades of experience in facilities management, most of it from Colonial Williamsburg. He is the right person at the right time.

Ernie is not only a manager but a skilled craftsman. He is a master carpenter and has worked in all the intricacies of historic buildings. We are fortunate.

We benefit from the fact that Ernie already knows our historic church. He has advised us on several occasions with needed work on the church. Rarely do you find someone so knowledgeable about the particulars of a new job!

Ernie has already started at Bruton. You will see him around the place. Please give him a warm welcome.
FELLOWSHIP & FORMATION

Newcomers’ Corner
Sunday, March 1 @ 10:30am

Enquirer’s Class Continues
Sundays, March 1 & 8 @ 12:45-2pm

Women of Bruton
Silent Lenten Lunch *
Thursday, March 5 @ Noon

Lenten Series:
Christian Spirituality &
The Seasons of the Church Year *
Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 & April 2
Soup Supper @ 6:30, Program @ 7:15pm

First Fridays Recovery Eucharist
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The Soul of Our Country
Candlelight Concerts
Birthdays & Membership
Chanco Open House

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 1, 22 & 29
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Children’s Church @ 9:15am **
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 5:30pm

Sunday, March 8
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Children’s Church @ 9:15am **
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm

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

*** Noonday Prayer @ Church
Monday - Saturday

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

Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers
Wednesdays @ 11 am at the Church

Canterbury Evening Prayer
Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm in Wren Chapel
Thursdays @ 11am in Wren Chapel
when college is in session

** St. Mary’s Chapel in the Parish House

NEWCOMERS’ CORNER

New members of Bruton are invited to join clergy, vestry and Newcomers Committee members for coffee in the Custis House at 10:30am, on the first Sunday of each month. This is a great opportunity to learn of the many ministries here at Bruton. Please join us in the Custis House on Sunday, March 1.

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

Monday through Friday (9am-5pm), please call (757) 345-2250 directly or call the church office at (757) 229-2891. After 5pm and on weekends, please call the church office at (757) 229-2891 and choose Option 6. If necessary, leave your name, number and a brief message, and the clergy-on-call will return your call asap.

* Child care may be available for babies through elementary-aged children by reservation only. Please contact Meghan Brewer at (252) 347-7078 or childcare@brutonparish.org.
A black tie charity event.

**6-9PM | MARCH 21**

**HISTORIC CHRISTOPHER WREN BUILDING**

Tickets are $75/person.


Purchase physical tickets after morning services on Sunday at the church, at the church office (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm), or contact The Rev’d Dr. Dan McClain at chaplain@brutonparish.org or (757) 345-2255.

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 either Gloria Davey at gdavey@email.wm.edu or Caleb Rogers at ctrogers@email.wm.edu.

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

**Lenten Series:**

**Christian Spirituality & Seasons of the Church Year**

Adult Christian Formation

This year’s Adult Lenten Program will offer the series Christian Spirituality & The Seasons of the Church Year on Thursday evenings.

**Make plans to be here at the Parish House on these five Thursdays:**

March 5, 12, 19, 26 & April 2. Mark your calendars now for our Lenten study!

**We’ll begin with a soup supper at 6:30pm, followed by the program at 7:15pm.** Watch for more information in the coming month about the program on our website, in our weekly Bruton Bytes, and the parish announcements in upcoming Sunday bulletins.

**Bruton Forum Continues**

The Rev’d Dr. Dan McClain

Bruton continues hosting a series of lectures on some of the central teachings of Christianity with special attention to the ways these ideas connect with the culture, public life, and the sciences. They relate to Scripture, the relationship of Science and Religion, God, and Creation.

The Rev’d Canon Dr. Kara N. Slade is Chaplain at The Episcopal Church at Princeton, Associate Rector at Trinity Church Princeton, and the Canon Theologian of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey. She holds doctorates in Engineering and Theology from Duke University, and is author of the forthcoming The Fullness of Time (Wipf and Stock). Slade will address the doctrine of Creation in her lecture, **The Fullness of Time: Jesus Christ, Time, and Modernity** on Monday, March 30.

Lectures are held in the church at 7pm, followed by receptions in the Parish House. They are free and open to the public, but require free tickets. More information about the forum and access to free tickets can be obtained online at [brutonforum.org](https://brutonforum.org) or at the Parish House (stop by the office of Hilary Cooley).

If you cannot attend the event but wish to make a monetary contribution, you may donate online at [bit.ly/ONLINEGIVING](https://bit.ly/ONLINEGIVING), and please choose CANTERBURY MISSIONS FUND 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.
Lent Madness

Lent Madness began back in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev'd Tim Schenck. In seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church’s Calendar of Saints, Tim 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.”

Who will win the Golden Halo?
The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single 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 the organizers offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch. If you’d like to play along, check it out at LentMadness.org and download your bracket — it’s free! Our youth will be participating in Lent Madness during Youth Group every Sunday during Lent ... a little education and a lot of fun, why don’t you play along, too?

Heritage Center Tours to resume in March

Hospitality to visitors was important when Williamsburg was the busy capital of the Colony of Virginia. It remains a vital part of the mission of Bruton Parish Church. Join us at 2pm on Thursdays, March 19 & 26, for a special tour beginning at our Heritage Center Museum and concluding at the church.

After a greeting by one of our clergy, we will enjoy — in words, pictures and graphics — the history of Anglicanism in America from the colonial period to today. See the original iron weather vane that graced the Church tower, the Lectern Bible that was given to Bruton by England’s King Edward VII in 1907, and much more! Learn more about the church’s remarkable history and its role in the life of Williamsburg. Bruton Parish Church, a community of Faith and Service since 1674: a church for the colony, through revolution, transformation, hardship, and renewal. All are welcome, bring your friends and neighbors.

Women of Bruton Silent Lenten Lunch

Please join us for Listening to God: The Practice of Two-Way Prayer on Thursday, March 5, starting at noon until 2 pm. After the silent lunch with soup from the Carrot Tree, the Rev’ds Lauren McDonald and Jan Brown will give a short presentation on the practice of Two-Way Prayer, an intentional form of listening for God’s guidance through writing and then facilitate a session of the practice. Reservations are preferred for planning purposes by email Melinda Morgan at womentowomen@brutonparish.org. If you have any questions, contact Rosemary Jasper on (757) 585-7652. We hope to see you there!
First Fridays Recovery Eucharist

The First Fridays Recovery Eucharist will be on March 6 at 5:30pm in the chancel of the church. SpiritWorks Foundation and Bruton host this monthly service with prayers and readings that focus on helping people find ways to live faithfully in the midst of any kind of suffering, especially addiction, codependence, mental illness, and trauma. 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.

Walk a Labyrinth in Lent

Labyrinth walks will resume at 4pm on Sunday, March 22 at the Eastern State Hospital labyrinth (located two blocks behind the main hospital complex on Schmidt Road). Walking the labyrinth is an ancient form of walking meditation. We gather as a group to say a prayer, walk the labyrinth, and then have time to debrief afterwards. The entire event takes about an hour. For more information, contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald.

Women's Theological Book Group

The Women's Theological book group will meet on Thursday, March 26, from 1-2:30pm in Room 206 of the Parish House. We will be discussing Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stephenson. Stephenson is a Harvard Law graduate who went to Alabama to provide legal aid to people on death row who were either wrongly condemned or not afforded proper representation. He also started the Equal Justice Initiative. His book details his experiences working for justice. All women are invited to join us. For more information please contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald.

Women Under Fortyish

WUF will meet on Sunday, March 8, from 1:30-3:00 in the Youth Room at the Parish House. We will continue discussing scripture and reflections from The Way of Love Bible Challenge. This month's theme is "Go." We'll have the opportunity to discuss the ways that God calls us to Go and how Jesus is always coming along with us. Childcare will be provided. If you're a youngish adult woman at Bruton, come share in fellowship and spiritual conversation with your peers. Please contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald for more information.

ECW/Women to Women

Melinda Morgan

Mark your busy calendars now and join us at any of the following events planned for the coming year!

- Thursday, March 5: Silent Lenten Lunch
  Join us in the Parish Hall at noontime for the Silent Lenten Lunch.

- Friday-Sunday, March 13-15: Women's Lenten Retreat at Chanco

- Sunday, May 10: Mother's Day Reception
  at the Custis House at 10:30am

Please note that there are many additional opportunities to be involved on a regular, recurring basis:

- The Episcopal Church Women's Board Meeting will be held at 1:30pm on Wednesday, March 11. All meetings thereafter will be held on the second Wednesday of each month in the Coffee, Tea & Thee Room of the Parish House.

Lilies for the Easter Altar

Contributions are now being accepted for the lilies which will decorate the Easter altar. The deadline is Wednesday, March 27, 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) 870-3154 or at lilies@brutonparish.org.

ECW/Women to Women

This adult Lectionary-based Bible study is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 11am in the Custis House. The study looks at the impact of the Gospel message on our everyday lives. Join us Sundays, March 8 & 22.
**Junior Warden’s Corner**

Bill Dugge

I hope everyone’s New Year is off to a good start. Unfortunately, the church has not started off so great as we had to replace the Chiller unit. Our new Duke of Gloucester Street gate is scheduled to be in by the end of March. Our six car handicap parking on the Palace Green side of the church is marked, and the railing at the North door was added in hopes that this allows easier access to the church. We have some old and new projects for 2020. My goal for this year is to cut utility costs.

On another note, I would like to thank the many ministries and people who help keep our facilities running — especially the Bruton Builder ministry, for all they do in the community, Habitat for Humanity, and all the great work they’ve done around the church and Parish House. One more thank you for our Sexton, Ronnie Cotman, for over 36 years of service.

So if you are in the Parish House and you hear noise in the kitchen, or see tables and chairs being set up in Lewis Hall, or hear a vacuum in the halls, most likely it’s Ronnie. Please walk up to him and smile, shake his hand, and say thank you!

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**Canterbury Sunday Night Fellowship Dinners**

For the last several years, a dedicated handful of parishioners have supported Canterbury’s Sunday Night Fellowship Dinners by preparing and serving meals after our Sunday evening services. We are now in need of new volunteers to help continue this wonderful ministry to the William & Mary community. If you are interested in supporting this effort by helping prepare one meal a semester, please visit bit.ly/canterburydinners. Thank you for your willingness to volunteer!

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**For All That You Have, Give Thanks**

Bessie Bierer

March brings fresh breezes and warm days, the beginning of Spring and the increasing energy of the new season. During this season of contemplation and spiritual growth, join in partnership with the United Thank Offering and give thanks for the wonderous grace and gifts God has given you.

Thank you for considering a gift to The United Thank Offering! UTO Blue Boxes & Envelopes are available in the Parish House & Church Tower throughout the Giving Period from February 23 through April 19. You can also contribute by downloading the free Blue Box APP and donate to UTOBLUEBOXAPP.ORG.

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**Bruton R.O.M.E.O’s Gather for Lunch Monthly**

Jim Carson

The Bruton R.O.M.E.O’s (Retired Outstanding Men Eating Optimally) meet the third Thursday each month for lunch and fellowship. Join us Thursday, March 19, at 11:30am when we’ll meet at Maurizio’s Italian Restaurant (264 McLaws Circle, Ste E; turn at the second right from 199 on Rte 60, opposite KFC & Wendy’s, go about 40+ yards and turn left at Maurizio’s sign). Their menu can be viewed online at www.mauriziositalianwilliamsburg.com/menus/. We have made reservations for 18-20 at present. Invite a friend or someone who needs a ride to this Christian fellowship meal. Please call the church office to rsvp. Remember, nametags help. See you there!

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**Interested in Becoming a Bruton Guide?**

The Bruton Parish Guides’ Ministry is an expression of God’s love through hospitality to all who visit the Church. Our ministry needs YOU to serve as a greeter or a guide. Join us and meet fascinating people from all over the world while sharing our history.

Come to the church on Saturday, March 28, at 9am for information on the Guides Program. This will be followed by the opportunity to shadow the guides who will be working the first shift that day to see exactly what we do as guides. Share our church’s history, show our beautiful building to our guests, and meet interesting people. This is a wonderful ministry!

For more information, please contact Marcia Hibbitts at (757) 564-8240 or send her an email at guides@brutonparish.org.
**DOK Intercessory Prayers**

Part of our rule of life as The Order of the Daughters of the King* is consistent intercessory prayer. Prayers are said for four weeks and may be repeated. Anyone wishing to have prayers said for them or for others should fill out a blue request card in the church tower and drop it in the DOK prayer box.

This month’s prayer, *A Gelasian Sacramentary*, is offered by Faith Croker: Grant us, Almighty God, that by our annual observance of Lenten discipline, we may grow in the knowledge of Christ and make our lives worthy of his love; for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen

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**Daughters of the King to Begin Membership Classes**

Maridell Loomis

Bruton Chapter members of The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) will be starting membership classes soon and invite all interested women of the parish to join us. No special attributes are needed to become a Daughter — only a sincere desire to draw nearer to God, and to help others do the same.

We are a group of Christian women striving to fulfill the promises of our Baptismal covenant through the adoption of a Rule of Life — living a Rule of Prayer and Service to our neighbors. We find our Order to be a safe place in a busy world where we can be together and support each other in Christ’s love.

Please consider joining us. If you have questions or would like additional information, please call either Ricki Carson at (804) 229-5349 or Maridell Loomis at (757) 220-2835.

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**Bruton Singles**

Heidi Elam, Donna Dodenhoff, Eda Martin & Sandy Lenthall

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

Saturday, March 7 @ 6pm

**Dinner @ Waypoint Restaurant**

Come join us for dinner, conversation, and great company at this wonderful seafood restaurant. To rsvp, please contact Eda Martin at (757) 253-1477.

Tuesday, March 17 @ 5pm

**St. Patrick’s Day Celebration with Poisoned Dwarf @ The Corner Pocket Restaurant**

"What goes better with great food and drink than great music? Nothing! So come celebrate St. Paddy’s Day with Poisoned Dwarf at the Corner Pocket in Williamsburg VA and have a toe-tapping great time." (Cover charge: $5 plus meal). Call Heidi Elam at (757) 897-5012 to rsvp.

Saturday, March 21 @ 6-9pm

**Canterbury Gala and Silent Auction @ W&M Wren Building**

Come join us as for this black tie charity event and support our Canterburyians (W&M students attending Bruton) in their effort to raise money for charitable work and an upcoming mission trip. Tickets cost $75/person and can be purchased online at bit.ly/2020WMGALA. We’ll meet at the Parish House reception entrance at 5:30pm and then walk or drive together to the Wren Building. Please purchase your ticket and then let Heidi Elam (757) 897-5012 know you’re attending.

Friday, March 27 @ 7:30pm

**Concert @ William & Mary Great Hall**

Christopher Wren Building

Meet us at 7:15pm for a concert by Eya featuring Crossley Hawn, Allison Mondel, and Kristen Dubenion-Smith. Admission $5, free with W&M ID. Please rsvp to Donna Dodenhoff by email at singles@brutonparish.org.

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**Episcopal Relief & Development: U.S. Disaster Response**

The United States regularly experiences a wide range of natural disasters. Hurricanes, tornadoes and floods threaten the South, Midwest and other regions each year. Blizzards and ice storms impact the country’s northern areas, and earthquakes and wildfires are ever-present in the West. In recent years, the US has seen an uptick in record-breaking disasters. For example, the US was impacted by approximately 31 separate disaster events, including five hurricanes, three inland floods, two wildfires, two droughts, 12 severe storms and four winter storms since 2017. Especially today, as the changing climate exacerbates the frequency and intensity of these events, support for impacted communities must be immediate, and recovery must be strategic and sustainable.

Contribute to the US Disaster Fund and help communities prepare for and respond to crises at home. Our US Disaster Fund enables us to respond swiftly to emergencies in the United States, like providing local church partners with essential supplies and resources as needed. Your gift enables us to help dioceses prepare for crises and lessen the impact on their communities. Donate at bit.ly/ ERD-USDISASTERRELIEF.
Reserve Now to Attend the 8th Annual Friends Day on May 9th

Bill Kafes

Friends Day will be held this year on Saturday, May 9, featuring a two-part program: a morning program centered on the newly expanded Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg and a catered luncheon program featuring a talk by James Ingram.

This April the 65,000 square foot expansion to the Art Museums will officially open at a cost of $40,000,000 and after seventeen years of planning, fundraising and construction. Seven new exhibit galleries will provide additional room to showcase Colonial Williamsburg’s large and important collection of Anglo-American decorative arts in the DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum and the equally important collection of American folk art in the Abbey Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum — the two museums being housed in the same building. A number of new exhibits will be shown including “British Masterworks,” important British furniture, paintings and related objects in the Decorative Arts Museum and “American Folk Pottery” in the Folk Art Museum.

At 10am, the Museum doors will open to allow Friends to assemble in the Museum’s Hennage Auditorium with a special presentation by Matt Webster, Director, Grainger Department of Architectural Preservation and Research, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, who will describe the process by which the museum expansion was conceived and implemented. There will be no admission cost for the Art Museums for the morning program because the Museums are having free community access all weekend. Following Mr. Webster’s presentation, Friends will be free to tour the new and existing exhibits in the greatly expanded Art Museums.

At noon, Friends will reassemble at the Parish House for a reception preceding a catered luncheon at 12:30pm ($25). We are privileged to have an excellent speaker, James Ingram, who is well known for his role as a Colonial Williamsburg “Nation Builder” interpreting Gowan Pamphlet, the first African-American Baptist minister in America. Mr. Ingram will remark on his own spiritual journey and how his portrayal of Gowan Pamphlet has contributed to it.

Friends Day will conclude with an opportunity to attend an evening Candlelight Concert at Bruton Parish Church at 8pm.

Because of space limitations, only 80 luncheon reservations will be available, so it is important to reserve now by visiting bit.ly/FRIENDSDAY2020 where you can pay online or contact Hilary Cooley at (757) 229-2891 or hcooley@brutonparish.org to make other arrangements. Friends Day activities are open to all members of the local congregation, those Friends who live distant from Williamsburg, and those interested residents from the community. Mark your calendars now to join with other Friends of Bruton — we hope to see you there!

Cornerstone Circle Renewals

If you have not already done so, be sure to renew your membership in the Cornerstone Circle. Cornerstone members help to fund Friends of Bruton projects such as the Oral History project recently initiated. It’s easy to make your tax deductible donation. Please visit bit.ly/ONLINE GIVING and choose FOB-Cornerstone Member under Select Fund.

If you wish to become a first-time member, with your initial contribution of at least $100, you will receive a Bruton Parish Weathervane lapel pin. The weathervane is the symbol of Friends of Bruton is proudly worn by Cornerstone Circle members to show their support for the mission of Our Worldwide Congregation to preserve and promote the spiritual and historic heritage of Bruton Parish Church. To make your donation by check, please make it payable to Bruton Parish Church and include Cornerstone Circle in the memo to the church.
On February 16, 1995, a group of visionary women from Bruton’s Episcopal Church Women (ECW) opened a Gift Shop in the newly renovated Parish Hall site. Their goal was to provide customers with merchandise and warm Christian hospitality while contributing to our parish’s Outreach and Mission ministry. Their vision has, in fact, come to fruition with more than $2,250,000 donated to the many charities Bruton supports.

On Sunday, February 16, we recognized this Silver Anniversary with a wonderful celebration in the Gift Shop. After both the 9:15am and 11:15am services, we served cake and coffee and held a raffle for four $25 gift certificates. These were happily won by Bobbe Redding, Pamela Jay, Kathy Mullins and Meghan Brewer! Some parishioners actually shared that they had never been in the Shop and that they were amazed at how lovely it is!

To continue our 25th Anniversary year, we will hold a raffle on the first Saturday of each month throughout 2020 for a $25 gift certificate. Come in; you could be our next fortunate winner!

With Lent starting on February 26 (Ash Wednesday), you can enrich and deepen your Lenten season with many excellent Devotional short books and more indepth works. These will actually help you come to a more blessed and joyful resurrection experience at Easter. There are also some stunning cross necklaces and bracelets with spiritual significance for yourself or as meaningful gifts. Plan a visit to your Shop soon!
We would like to share with the congregation that Bruton volunteers successfully executed its 8th COFM winter shelter week from February 9-16. It was our great pleasure to work with over 100 dedicated, talented, and generous volunteers who made this week possible. Most all our volunteers tell us that they feel they received many blessings from their work in the shelter as they gave their time and talents in giving to others.

Our hats are off to those who worked the overnight and early morning shifts for their willingness to stay up all night tending to our guests. Our food service volunteers — breakfast, lunch, and dinner — were one of the ingredients that make Bruton Parish a very special week for our guests. Our guests always comment on what wonderful food we had and were genuinely thankful. Our check-in and check-out volunteers worked hard to help guests store and retrieve their belongings, receive their bed linens, sign up for showers, haircuts, bus tickets, laundry tickets and more. Security folks kept us all safe, and the sign-up and logistics volunteers, working behind the scenes, set things up for us to be able to function without incident. All these 100+ people helped sustain our guests this week. We are deeply grateful to all who participated.

We would especially like to thank the Rev’d Lauren McDonald who guided us in our preparation, helped find volunteers, and advised us along the way. She also managed to visit the shelter most every evening. Rev’d Lauren is thoughtful and caring about the population that the shelter draws and was an ever-steady presence for us.

The shelter was at capacity all but one night during the week, averaging roughly 27 guests per night. Our guests need this assistance for a wide variety of reasons, attesting to the reality that homelessness can occur under the most unexpected of circumstances. The COFM winter shelter system is serving more people this year, and the percentage of women needing shelter has increased to about one-third of the guests.

Our request that all who volunteer receive training was helpful as it offered advice not only on how the shelter works, but how to handle different and sometimes difficult situations. Key leaders and shelter managers were present each morning and evening as a resource.

Next year Bruton’s winter shelter week will be led by Paul and Robyn Hansen. They have a wealth of experience working in shelters in other areas and participated in a variety of roles in our shelter this year. We know they will enhance next year’s planning and leadership to create a positive experience for guests and volunteers.

One last thought, for those who have expressed a desire to volunteer, but hesitate for fear of having had no experience, please know that your hands and your hearts are all you need to participate. The leadership will provide you with the training you need. So please consider volunteering next year. The need for shelter does not abate.

Again, our sincere “thank you” to all who made the 2020 winter shelter a welcoming respite to those in need.

Here are just a few of the pictures taken when our youth provided the evening meal for our guests on Valentine’s Day!
The Rt. Rev’d Susan B. Haynes was elected the 11th Bishop of Southern Virginia at a Special Diocesan Council held September 21, 2019. Please visit bit.ly/ BISHOPHAYNES for more information about Bishop Haynes.

She was ordained and consecrated at 11 a.m. on February 1, 2020 at Williamsburg Community Chapel, Williamsburg. The service was live-streamed and recorded, and you can view the video at bit.ly/ RTREVHAYNESVIDEO.

The Ordination & Consecration program booklet can be accessed at bit.ly/ HAYNESBOOKLET.

Many more photos can be found directly on our Diocesan Facebook page at www.facebook.com/diosova. Here are some photos that our own Greg Davy took!
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. It 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 from 9am to 5pm on Friday and daily whenever meetings are not scheduled there. Check the availability of the library by visiting the Parish Calendar on our website or call the Parish House at (757) 229-2891.

**Books Featured on Lenten Dinner Cart**

The Library Committee has selected some books that will be available on our library cart at each Lenten dinner. You may peruse and sign them out for a month. Included on the cart will be the following:

**Welcome to the Church Year**

by Vicki K. Black, 2004

Hennage call number: 263.9 BlaW

From birthday cakes and anniversary dinners to summer vacations at the beach, each family has its own ways of marking the days and seasons of its life. For the Christian family “especially Episcopalians” it’s no different. With an array of colors and an assortment of rich traditions, Episcopalians move through the Church year, marking the days and seasons that tell the story of Christ in our lives in history and today. This book "written for newcomers to the Episcopal Church as well as lifelong members" takes readers by the hand and leads them through the Church year, from the first Sunday of Advent through the last Sunday of Pentecost, answering questions like "Why do we use purple in Lent?" and "What does Maundy Thursday mean?" In an easy-to-read conversational style, Welcome to the Church Year introduces readers to the traditions of the Church seasons and explains why we do what we do. But it does more than offer interesting trivia about church vestments and pageantry. Its insights can help readers participate in the liturgies of the Church year in a deeper, more meaningful way.

**The Liturgical Year: Its History and Its Meaning After the Reform of the Liturgy**

by Adolph Adam, 1981

Hennage call number: 264 AdaL

The liturgical year emanates and derives its growth from the passion and resurrection of Christ. The present year enumerated in the Roman Calendar is the sum of the feasts that have found their set place in the annual cycle. For each of these feasts and the seasons, Doctor Adam gives an individual historical-liturgical account. His basic aim is to explain the theological and spiritual substance of the liturgical year against the background of its historical development.

**Lent with Evelyn Underhill - Second Edition**

by G.P. Mellick Belshaw, 1999

Hennage call number: 242 BeL

Over sixty years has passed since Evelyn Underhill's death, yet her devotional writings have endured as a beacon to those who seek a deeper understanding of the "interior life" in the mystical Christian tradition. The editor's personal discovery of Underhill's works when he was a young student at General Theological Seminary moved him to pursue an extensive knowledge of her writings. From these he has skillfully culled readings appropriate for every day of Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Easter Eve and broadly following liturgical themes. Now back in print, these selections were chosen with the purpose of deepening Lenten observance by allowing the reader to follow the thought of Underhill, from the "spiritual stock-taking" theme for Ash Wednesday to Easter Saturday's joyful anticipation of God's ultimate Gift.

**A Lenten Pilgrimage**

by David Rosage, 1980

Hennage call number: 242 RosL

A Lenten Pilgrimage offers Christians a fresh and inspiring approach to Lenten prayer. Fr. David Rosage, a well-known retreat director and bestselling spiritual writer, has written a series of daily Lenten meditations based on Scripture and his travels through the Holy Land. Each meditation contains a passage from the Gospels and is tied to a particular place in the Holy Land. Throughout this series, the author vividly presents the great drama of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection — a drama which poignantly exemplifies God's immense love for humanity.

**A Season for the Spirit, 10th Anniversary Edition**

by Martin L. Smith, 1991

Hennage call number: 242 SmiS

Spiritually hungry readers who want to break through to a deeper experience of prayer and want practical help for Lent need look no further than to Martin Smith's A Season for the Spirit. Originally commissioned by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1991, A Season for the Spirit provides forty daily meditations for Lent, leading us on a journey of discovery in which we find that Christ, through the Spirit, embraces every aspect of our humanity. Each meditation concludes with a prayer and passage of scripture or quotation for further reflection and study. While it aims to assist a daily practice of personal prayer, it is also widely used by groups who pledge to meet regularly so that members can share their thoughts, reactions, and spiritual experiences.
This long-awaited companion volume to Howard E. Galley's classic The Ceremonies of the Eucharist provides clergy, liturgical assistants, and altar guild members with clear, step-by-step guidance for the liturgies of Lent and Easter. In addition to background material for the traditions and theology of each season, Mitchell includes specific preparations and instructions for each liturgy of the paschal cycle — Ash Wednesday through Pentecost — as well as Tenebrae, the Way of the Cross, the Vigil of Pentecost, the liturgies of the cate-chumenate, and the chrism mass. He also provides helpful ideas for how the often complex liturgies of these seasons can be done simply and well by small congregations.

Based on the liturgies of The Book of Common Prayer and the latest edition of The Book of Occasional Services, this ceremonial guide also draws on the paschal liturgies of other Anglican traditions, including those in Canada's Book of Alternative Services.

### Spirituality Rooted in Liturgy
by Shawn Madigan, 1988
Hennage call number: 264 MadS

In a journey spanning centuries — from Jewish roots to contemporary American experience and beyond — Madigan probes the meaning and foundations of liturgical spirituality. Organized with discussion questions and suggestions for further reading at each chapter's end, Spirituality Rooted in Liturgy is helpful for students, ministers, worshipers, and anyone seeking to enrich his or her experience of liturgy.

### The Ceremonies of the Eucharist
by Howard Galley, 1989
Hennage call number: 264.03 GaIC

"Unlike liturgical manuals of the past, which were intended specifically for the use of the clergy, this book is directed to a wider audience" to members of parish worship committees, priests, organists and directors of music, lectors, deacons, cantors and other singers, bishops, altar guild members, acolytes "in short, to all who bear responsibility for the planning and conduct of public worship." (from the Preface)

So begins Howard Galley's classic guide to the Eucharistic liturgy, The Ceremonies of the Eucharist. Galley opens his formidable liturgical learning and veteran ecclesial experience for all worshippers to access. Throughout, he enhances his suggestions for practice with "the rationale and historical background" for his recommendations.
CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION
Meghan Brewer

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
Children’s Church will be held at 9:15am in St. Mary’s Chapel in the Parish House, followed by Sunday School at 10:20am, and then our Joyful Noise & Chorister choirs will rehearse at 11:15am. Youth Group will be held from 4-6pm for middle schoolers in the Parish House and our high schoolers will meet from 5:30-7:30pm every Sunday in March (dinner is included for all). Lent Madness begins!

YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
Last summer, we explored the Navajo Land in New Mexico with our high schoolers and traveled the country roads of West Virginia with our middle schoolers. For our summer 2020 trip, both middle and high schoolers are headed to Asheville Youth Mission in Asheville, North Carolina.

After a week of working hard together in Christ, we will take a day to explore Asheville and enjoy tubing on the French Broad River with Zen Tubing (visit zentubing.com/aceraft.com to get a glimpse of the good times for our group).

The trip will be an amazing adventure, challenging, and lots of fun! A non-refundable deposit of $100 is required by March 15 to save your spot (the balance of $200 would be due by May 15) or pay the entire $300 fee all at once! Just visit bit.ly/2020bpc-youthmission to sign up and pay online. You can contact Meghan Brewer for more information at either (757) 345-6489 or send her an email at mbrewer@brutonparish.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE HERE AT BRUTON THIS YEAR
VBS will be held August 3-7 here at Bruton this year! The theme is Knights of North Castle! We invite our children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Kids will take on the role of brave knight and begin their quest each session by opening the King's Book. We'll explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor: the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters. We will explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

We will need ALL youth and adults who are available and willing to help make this a successful week for our children at Bruton, as well as our other local churches of St. Martin's and Hickory Neck. Stay tuned for more details to follow in the coming months!

Pictured above is Youth Group Bowling at Williamsburg AMF Bowling Lanes; gathering of youth saying farewell to Fr. Josh; and the group of skiers who went on the ski trip back in January, Fr. Josh’s last activity with our youth.
Read Presiding Bishop Michael Curry’s 2020 Lenten message and you may notice something different from previous years. For one thing, the tone is noticeably solemn, with phrases like “profound division,” “genuine crisis of national character” and “great national concern and urgency.”

But there’s also an invitation from Curry to join him and a group of other Christian leaders in weekly fasting on behalf of the United States as it grapples with “violence, discord, and confusion,” in the words of the Prayer for Our Nation found in The Book of Common Prayer, which Curry invokes in his message.

Curry and the same group of diverse leaders from evangelical, mainline Protestant and Roman Catholic churches released the “Reclaiming Jesus” statement in 2018. This year, in light of what they see as a worsening political and cultural crisis in the U.S., those leaders are committing to fast every Wednesday from Ash Wednesday until Advent.

But why fasting? And why now? Episcopal News Service sat down with Curry at the Executive Council meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, on Feb. 15 to talk about what led to this statement and invitation. The conversation below has been edited and condensed for clarity.

ENS: Many people today have come to see fasting as a sort of archaic form of self-punishment. What does fasting mean to you?

There are a lot of ways that people can fast. Abstinence, giving up something, is a modified form of fasting. Some people fast by giving up food – but you drink water, no matter what – until sunset, and then there’s just the 24-hour fast.

Part of fasting is a spiritual practice that, when I’ve done it, makes me realize how dependent I am on the habits that I have. We need food to live – that’s not the question. I’m more dependent on the excess that is beyond what is necessary for living. I have a feeling I’m not alone in that! So it is not punishment; it’s just kind of a calling back to what is essential, both biologically and spiritually. What do you really need to live? And that is quite liberating.

ENS: What does it mean to fast in the context of prayer and repentance? How does fasting connect with the political situation in the U.S. right now?

We are in a desperate situation right now when we are often failing to learn how to live together with difference. And this has nothing to do with partisan politics. This is bigger than that. Democracy depends on the human capacity for relationship. If those relationships aren’t there on some fundamental level, the very fabric of the democracy’s not going to hold. That is a house divided against itself. And Jesus said it before Lincoln quoted it: “A house divided against itself will not stand.” And that is not about where you stand on issues. That’s deeper. That is a deeper spiritual, relational reality. How do you get a toehold on that? That is a spiritual issue, and it’s going to take some spiritual engagement.

When I was in conversation with some of the other [Reclaiming Jesus] leaders, I said, "Let’s do this even if we don’t get a big following. Let’s do it anyway." Especially about the fasting part. The people who were in that group are Republicans and Democrats and independents. I mean, it’s a mix. And there’s a lot of stuff we don’t agree on. But we’re all Christian and we’re clear about that. Where we agreed was that our nation is in spiritual trouble. So we have to claim spiritual resources that help us engage that. It doesn’t solve everything, but it’s a first step. Fasting is in the biblical tradition – not just in the Christian tradition but other traditions as well. It goes back to Judaism, to be sure, but it’s in other religions – prayer and fasting in times of real and great peril, where divisions are deep. Gandhi sometimes fasted to stop violence between Hindus and Muslims. It didn’t always work, but sometimes it did.

There’s something about the fast where you put more of yourself out there than just talking to God about it. I can’t do everything, but this is a little something I can do. And it’s a reminder to me of how serious this is. I don’t think I’ve ever before prayed and fasted during Lent with a particular intention in mind before. But I’ve always done it as a spiritual practice. I grew up doing that.

ENS: It’s typically thought of as an inward practice, but you’re saying it can lead to an outward change, right?

Yes. When the group was talking, people kept looking for solutions. We didn’t have any. What do we do in this situation? And so part of fasting is a cleansing – biologically, too – but then there’s a cleansing to open us up to hear the Spirit. How do we help each other through this? And I don’t have those answers, but I believe in a God who does.

ENS: Is this the first time the Reclaiming Jesus group has made a specific invitation for prayer and fasting for national unity?

Yes, it was really specific. I think the last time we did it, it was a more general thing. This time, our nation is in peril. I’ve not seen it like this. And this is not about the president. This is not about the Democrats. Something is fundamentally wrong. We need God. God’s not gonna do it for us, but God will do it with us. And this is one profound way – a fast day a week throughout Lent, for example, or for the rest of the liturgical year – to actually pray for this country.

In the U.S., we pretty much live in areas where people are like us or think like us. Some of that is racial, but it’s bigger than that. America has resegregated in a new form: people who agree with me. There’s no real conversation. There’s no relationship going on. Even the sources of information that we get are segregated. That means you don’t have the capacity to recognize where you have differences and where you have common ground.

So that’s why, I mean, I’m almost pleading with Episcopalians – get on your knees. And if your knees can’t take it, if you just had a knee replacement, get on a metaphorical knee and pray. And if you’re not the kind of person who’s comfortable praying off the cuff, that’s why I took a prayer right out of the prayer book. There are some good prayers in there! God’s not looking for you to put on a show. He just wants you to pray. Take this Lent and really pray for the soul of our country. Not that we will be greater than anybody else – pray for the soul of our country.
Candlelight Concerts for the Parish & Community
Concerts are held in the church at 8pm unless otherwise noted. Doors open at 7:30pm, no ticket required (a freewill offering will be gratefully received).

Tuesday, March 3 - Organ Recital
Kelsey Berg, Organist at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Milledgeville, Georgia, & David Badaszewski at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Hawkensville, GA

Saturday, March 7 - Organ Recital
Cheryl van Ornam, Organist at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Richmond, VA

Tuesday, March 10 - Organ Recital
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director

Saturday, March 14 - Organ Recital
Agnes French, Organist from Williamsburg, VA

Sunday, March 15 @ 5:30 pm - Choral Evensong
Youth Choirs from All Saints Episcopal Church in Richmond, VA; Christ & St. Luke’s in Norfolk, VA; & Bruton Parish Church (Scott Hayes, Kevin Kwan, & Linda Leonard, Directors) Dr. JanEl Will, Organist

Tuesday, March 17 - Organ Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Thursday, March 19 - Choral Concert
Hoover High School Choir from Canton, OH
Mindy Whitesmith, Director

Saturday, March 21 - Harp Recital
Williamsburg Harp Society
Cynthia Campbell, Director

Tuesday, March 24 - Organ Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Friday, March 27 - Chamber Music Concert
Stargate High School Chamber Ensemble from Thornton, CO - Ariane Peger, Director

Saturday, March 28 - Youth Choir Concert - City Singers from Richmond, VA
Leslie Dripps, Director

Tuesday, March 31 - Flute, Bassoon & Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Suzanne Daniel, Flute & Bassoon, & Rebecca Davy, Organ & Harpsichord

Historical Organ Recitals
The College of William & Mary Wren Chapel Saturdays @ 10am
March 7, 21 & 28 - Rebecca Davy, Organist
March 14 - Norman Elton, Organist

First Baptist Church Choir joined Bruton Parish
Members of the First Baptist Church, Scotland Street, and their director, Reggie Fox, joined the Pelham Choir in singing at the 9:15am worship service on Sunday, February 16. It was a joyful time of fellowship, praise, and communion shared as we strive to continue reconciling past wrongs so that we can walk into our shared future as equal and beloved children of God.

Pictured below: 1) Beckie Davy, Bruton Music Director & Organist; Dr. JanEl Will, Bruton Organist; and Reggie Fox, First Baptist Church Music Director; 2) Gathering together after the service; and 3) the Pelham and First Baptist Choirs singing together at the offering.
This residential camp for boys and girls ages 8 to 16 years is a place for having fun, making friends, trying new things, and enjoying God’s creation. Join us at Chanco on March 21 or April 26 from 1-5pm for an Open House. 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 your child! Meet some counselors, tour their beautiful grounds, munch on some free hot dogs, and test your fear of heights on their superman swing!

Each morning of a camp session will feature three great camp activities and afternoons will include another activity block as well as free time for swimming. After dinner, campers will enjoy playing games and socializing outdoors during canteen time. Christian community will be a large part of the day as your camper spends the majority of his/her time making friends and enjoying new experiences with his/her campsite.

There will be various Evening Programs to allow the entire camp to gather together in fun. Once these are finished, all circle up to sing the Chanco song and share in a devotional before heading back to the campsite to rest up for another fun day.

Campers enjoy a range of outdoor activities, camp skits, songs, and rich traditions. Their residential camp program includes: Climbing Wall, High Ropes, Zip Lines, Low Ropes, Swimming Pool, Boating, Sailing, Paddle-boarding, Arts and Crafts, Archery, Basketball, Gaga, and other Games, Nature Classes, and Evening Programs. Many youth report discovering God in a different way in a relaxed, natural environment.

Campers are helped to become self-reliant, tolerant, helpful, and kind. These values, as learned in the Chanco experience, are then to be carried home and to the world at large.

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