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LIFT A BANNER IN THE LAND

Marty Easton

Banners are mentioned repeatedly in scripture and are part of ecclesiastical tradition. They identify us as members of the larger body of Christ, and call us to assemble to worship God.

A lovely processional banner has been designed and fabricated for Bruton Parish Church, and given to the Glory of God in loving memory of the Rev'd Robert A. Burch by Isabel Ware Burch. The banner was on view for the

The two portions of scripture on the banner are from John 21:15-25, in which Jesus appears and instructs the disciples by the fire at the seaside. The final words of Jesus in John's gospel are "Follow me."

first time on March 25th, as part of the Palm Sunday procession from the Palace Green to the church. It is made of heavyweight, lined nylon in bright blue and gold, on an oak pole with a cross at the top.

At the center of the banner the tower is depicted with the name and founding year of Bruton Parish (1674) beneath it. Wonderful detail can be seen in the pair of windows, both the wooden

louvres of the upper frame and the glass panes of the lower one. An exact rendering of the weather vane sits atop. Framing that image is an arch with cross, and two scripture passages: "Feed My Sheep" and "Follow Me". On either side of the steeple are olive branches, the symbol of perpetual peace.

Our new banner will be used from time to time and will reside in the chancel. It will also represent Bruton Parish when occasions such



Isabel Burch and the Rev'd Chris Epperson

as special services or broader convocations call for it to go "on the road".

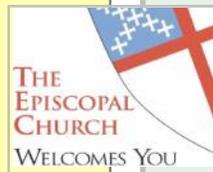
Isabel's late husband Bob was a priest in The Episcopal Church, and also had a career serving several humanitarian organizations overseas. After he and Isabel retired to Williamsburg in 2002, Bob was a constant presence at Bruton Parish until his death in 2006. We are grateful to Isabel for this beautiful contribution in Bob's memory, which will give pleasure to all who see it and remind us of our spiritual home.

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Thursday, May 17 @ 1pm
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Women's Retreat Rescheduled
June 15 - 17
* Child care may be available for babies through elementary-aged children by reservation only. Contact Meghan Brewer at 757-345-6489 or childcare@brutonparish.org.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 6 & 13
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
No Children's Church
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm
Sunday, May 20
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Children's Church @ 9:15am **
Choral Evensong @ 5:30pm
Sunday, May 27
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
No Children's Church
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm
Noonday Prayer @ Church
Monday - Saturday
Holy Eucharist - St. Mary's Chapel
Tuesdays @ 7:30 am
Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers
Wednesdays @ 11 am (Church)
Canterbury Evening Prayer
Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm in Wren Chapel
when college is in session
** St. Mary's Chapel in the Parish House.

Newcomers' Welcome Reception

Jim & Bet Vermillion

The Newcomers Committee is planning a welcome reception for Bruton Parish newcomers from 5:30 to 7pm on Thursday, May 17, in the Parish House.

The parish Clergy and members of the Vestry and Newcomers Committee will welcome new members in an informal gathering, which will be a wonderful opportunity for fun and family fellowship. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, sodas, coffee and other non-alcoholic drinks will be served. Bring your children; activities and appropriate refreshments will be provided.

A guided tour of the Parish House will be available before the reception. Gather at 5pm in the Parish House lobby near the reception desk. The reception will begin at the conclusion of the tour.

Please let us know how many adults and children will be attending by contacting the church office at either 757-229-2891 or email newcomers@brutonparish.org. Parking will be available on Duke of Gloucester Street in front of the Parish House.

BRUTON SINGLES

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

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



Friday, May 4, 7:30pm

Muriel Anderson Concert

Meet us at 5:30pm for food and fellowship at Culture Café on Prince George Street. We will then attend a performance at the Williamsburg Library Theatre by Muriel Anderson presented as part of the popular Dewey Decibel Concert Series at the Library. (\$5 ticket + meal). Please rsvp to Donna Dodenhoff at singles@brutonparish.org.

Tuesday, May 15, 7:30pm

Williamsburg Women's Chorus Spring Concert

Join us at Berret's Restaurant and Taphouse Grill at 5:30pm for dinner. Afterwards, we'll attend the popular, acclaimed Women's Chorus Spring concert at the nearby Presbyterian Church. Order your ticket online at www.women'schorus.org (\$18/ticket) and please contact Eda Martin to rsvp at 757-253-1477.

Sunday, May 20, 4:45pm

Cantori Choral Ensemble Spring Concert

Meet us at 4:45pm in the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church's lobby for "Songs of the People: Folk Songs from North America & the British Isles." Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door). After the performance we will stop for refreshment at a nearby restaurant (ticket + meal). Please contact Heidi Elam at 757-897-5012 to rsvp.

Monday, May 28, 2pm

Memorial Day Picnic

Spence Witten is inviting us on Memorial Day to his ancestral home, "The Beeches on Capitol Landing," which he has been renovating of late. Hamburgers and fixings will be provided by the host. Everyone is asked to bring side dishes or dessert. Come and enjoy good company and an unparalleled view of the Queen's Creek! RSVP to Spence Witten at singles@brutonparish.org.

MERRY MONTH OF MAY IN THE PARISH SHOP

Diane Koun

In the merry month of May, the drab days of winter are over and the flowers bloom in all their glory. Nature paints a riot of color for us to enjoy. It is our pleasure to present to you our pastel palette in ponchos, handbags, visors, and silk flowers.

This beautiful season of the year abounds with celebrations -- Mother's Day, Graduations, Weddings, Bridal Showers and Family commemorations. You will be thrilled with our selection of gifts for all these occasions. Is there a lady who would not love a piece of jewelry to perk up an outfit? What graduate would not love a money clip as he embarks on a new job? Jerry Draper's wedding cross will be a lasting treasure for a bride and groom. Our cross necklaces and charms, as well as our religious medals, have become a favorite of our customers.

We are constantly adding new books with religious, spiritual, inspirational or historic themes for your reading pleasure. Your children and grandchildren will find a great choice of books for them. Having trouble seeing the small print these days? Not to worry...our selection of stylish readers is great. For reading in the sun this summer, we suggest a wide brimmed visor or sunglasses to protect your eyes.

In June we will celebrate the first anniversary of the opening of the renovated shop. If you have not as yet visited the shop with the new Heritage Center, please add us to your "must do" list. We promise you will be pleasantly surprised by what you see! We offer a 10% discount to parishioners because this is your shop (remember to wear your Bruton nametag)! All profits benefit the mission and outreach program of the church.

As the busy season approaches, we welcome additional volunteers to our wonderful group of dedicated men and women who meet, greet, and assist our customers from near and far. Please contact me or Pam Michael at 757-220-1489 if you are interested in joining our Volunteer Family.



ANNUAL JEWELRY SALE

Plans are being made for our Annual Jewelry Sale the week of July 4th. Donations of jewelry, handbags, hats, scarves, belts, ties, wallets are being accepted now in preparation for the sale. Our customers really look forward to this fun event. Let's work together to make this the best ever sale because ALL proceeds from the sale go directly to the Church's Mission & Outreach program. We appreciate your participation!



LIVING THE GOSPEL BIBLE STUDY

This Lectionary-based Bible study is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 11am in the Custis House. The study looks at what the impact of the Gospel message is on our everyday lives. Please join us on Sundays, May 13 & 27.

FIRST FRIDAYS RECOVERY EUCHARIST

The next First Fridays Recovery Eucharist will be May 4 at 5:30pm in the church. This month we will also have a baptism and there will be refreshments following the service in the Custis House. SpiritWorks Foundation and Bruton host the service with prayers and readings that focus on helping people find ways to live faithfully in the midst of any kind of suffering, especially addiction, codependence, mental illness, and trauma. Join us in the chancel of the church for a service where we will pray for those still struggling, celebrate with those experiencing recovery, and welcome a child into his new life in Christ. All are welcome, whether or not you're in recovery.

"LAY DOWN YOUR BURDENS"

Women's Retreat Rescheduled: June 15 - 17

The Lenten Retreat was cancelled due to weather: space available for the new dates.



- Come across the water.
- Lay down your burdens and rest.
- Enjoy prayer, renewal, fellowship, and fun.
- Spend time in creation at beautiful Chanco.
- Share stories with your sisters in Christ.
- Be fed in body and soul.

We start with dinner at 6pm on Friday, June 15, after a ferry ride across the James. After dinner we get to know one another better and begin settling in for our retreat time, ending with Compline before bed.

Saturday activities will include interactive presentations on the theme of laying down our burdens by the Rev'ds Lauren McDonald and Jan Brown, small group conversation, personal time for walking, reading, napping, or being still in the presence of God, social time, and worship.

Sunday morning we will celebrate Eucharist together before heading home in time for lunch.

Lodging is in motel-style rooms with private baths and provided linens. Cost is \$175 double occupancy, \$200 single room. Please rsvp by May 15.

Scholarships available!
Contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald to register.

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY

On Saturday, May 5, there will be a sunset labyrinth walk at 7pm at the Eastern State Hospital Labyrinth in honor of World Labyrinth Day. All are welcome to join us in this ancient walking meditation. Contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald for directions or more information.

WOMEN'S THEOLOGICAL BOOK GROUP

The Women's Theological Book Group will meet on Thursday, May 17, from 1-2:30 in Room 206 of the Parish House. We will be reading St. Benedict on the Freeway by Corinne Ware. In this book Ware explores the questions "How can we heal the rift between our daily lives and the sacred? How can we live a life capable of hearing the still small voice of God while experiencing the speed and sensory overload of modern life?" Please contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald with questions or if you need help ordering the book.

This summer we will be reading three of the Chronicles of Narnia and gathering to discuss them on the third Thursdays at 1pm:

June 21 - The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

July 19 - The Voyage of the Dawn Treader

August 16 - The Last Battle

All women are invited to join us as we journey through the wardrobe into the land of Narnia where we will meet fascinating characters and explore our Christian faith through the storytelling of C.S. Lewis.

WOMEN'S EVENING POTLUCK

All women of the parish are invited to the Women's Evening Potluck on Thursday, May 10, at 6:30pm at Judy Lovegren's home. Please call Judy at 757-229-1794 to rsvp, and plan on bringing a dish to share.

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. Offered by Joan Whitla, the Prayer For Gratitude below is from the Saint Augustine Prayer Book.



Open our eyes, Lord, that we may see all that you give so abundantly, and teach us to be grateful; for the things we hold closest to our heart, for the things that all share in common, for the smallest of pleasures, and for the great hope of heaven. In all that you have given us, let us see your hand and let our delight in your gift become an unending prayer of thanksgiving and an ever-growing habit of generosity toward others. For the sake of him who loves us and gave himself for us, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ECW SPRING FLING!

Kim Defibaugh

Spring is here and ECW is ready to celebrate. Please join us on Tuesday, May 22, for an evening of fellowship



and a look back at our activities and accomplishments this year. We will have our business meeting and introduction of new officers from 4:30 - 5:30pm. The covered salad dinner and ice cream social will follow at 5:30pm. Spouses, partners, and friends are invited. Please bring a salad to share and rsvp by Friday, May 18, by either calling the Parish House at 757-229-2891 or the Spring Fling Chair, April Martin, at 757-220-2937.

WEDNESDAYS BROWN-BAG BIBLE STUDY

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

FISH SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

Mission & Outreach

From May 20 through Friday, June 1, Bruton will collect non-perishable food supplies to help fill the FISH cupboards for the summer. Children and teens who receive one or two meals at school each day will be home from school, placing additional pressures on already stretched food budgets.

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

Please fill your grocery bags and deliver your donations to the Lewis Hall lobby at the Parish House by Friday, June 1. Please do not overfill your bag - we ask that you use multiple bags and double - bag your items to prevent the bags from breaking.

Volunteers will be needed on the morning of Saturday, June 2, at 8:30am to help deliver the bags to FISH and to help stock the pantry shelves. All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate. Please email either Joyce Haynes or Wyatt Alston at Food4FISH@brutonparish.org to volunteer.

More information about FISH is online at williamsburgfish.weebly.com.

END OF SCHOOL YEAR PROJECT FOR MATTHEW WHALEY STUDENTS

Alta Cassidy

Parishioners will have one last opportunity to provide needy students at Mathew Whaley Elementary School with activity books and other items that they can take home for the summer vacation. On Sunday, May 6, tags with specific items to be purchased for a student will be handed out by Matthew 25 committee members after the morning services.

Each tag will include a list of the items as well as the grade and gender of the school student. The items are to be returned in a gift bag to the Parish House no later than Monday, June 4.

Kendall Almasian, Social Counselor at Matthew Whaley, worked with Janet Estes, Co-Chair of the Matthew 25, to develop the list of items that include activity books, a play ball, Play-Doh and Lego blocks. The items can all be purchased at Target or Walmart or ordered from Amazon.

Sample tag that will be available for pick up after morning services on Sunday, May 6.



Rachel Corliss, Library Media Specialist at Matthew Whaley Elementary School, thanks members of Bruton Parish Church for the 173 books that the M25 project provided her students earlier this spring. The books were chosen for specific students according to their reading level and given to them to take home over the Spring Break.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S CORNER

Dick Estes

Now that the stunning Heritage Center and Shop complex is open for all to admire and take advantage of, Bruton has other projects in the offing that will be of interest to parishioners. With a tip of the hat to our volunteer property coordinator Rick Boye and facilities manager Mike Wanless for their on-going work and planning, I'll insert a few lines in The Chronicle from time to time to keep you abreast of developments – and possible disruptions.

Organ Update

Of greatest interest over the next year will be the installation of the new organ, which, as of mid-March, is on an accelerated schedule, with a target date of early spring 2019. As we start the process of laying out a schedule for the removal of the current organ and the installation of the new one, we have begun to meet with contractors specializing in the restoration and renovation of historic buildings.

Further, we expect to be meeting in the coming weeks with the Dobson Company, the creator of our new organ (the term manufacturer would seem to understate the intricacy of the instrument).

Since there are over five thousand pipes with our current instrument, some of which are barely accessible, and the new organ involves technology and equipment not known sixty years ago when our current organ was installed, the preparation process will involve a renovation more significant than any at Bruton since the 1930's.

We will endeavor to keep the church open as much as humanly possible during this renovation and installation. We do know that the church will be completely closed for three weeks when Dobson arrives next year to actually install the organ, so we can expect that during that period, and possibly at other times, some services will be held in the Parish Hall.

The results will be worth any disruption. We are about to install a world-class instrument, one that is fitting for our world-class organists. And an organ of this caliber will attract many other top-flight organists as well. As we enter this project of marrying the 18th century with the 21st, we are not only installing a pipe organ, we are creating a work of art that will fit comfortably and appropriately into the living history that is Bruton Parish Church.



Audio-Visual System

Improvements to your ability to hear all that transpires during services are on the way, along with an advanced capability to record and even stream services and concerts. Last year, the Vestry approved the 2018 installation of an audio-visual system of speakers, microphones, and camera or cameras which will blend seamlessly into the current interior of the church. To date we have consulted one firm that specializes in such systems, and we should have its proposal soon. Part of the project will involve repairing or replacing the current, inoperative, loop which transmits to those with hearing aids. More information will follow when we receive designs and bids from additional audio-visual firms.

New Burial Site

A privilege of being a member of Bruton is to have the option of the churchyard as a final resting place for those who choose to be cremated. Our current burial site near the Duke of Gloucester Street wall is reaching full capacity. Accordingly, the area marked with flags near the western wall of the churchyard, which you may have noticed, will become a new burial ground. We are taking measures to ensure no existing graves are disturbed, including an already-accomplished ground radar scan. As we move forward in the coming months, we will add soil to level the burial area, and will commission the monument to those who will be buried there. Further, a small patio and bench will be part of the landscape design. We believe that the new area will be tastefully done, and will occupy a quiet and peaceful area of the churchyard.



As these and other major projects develop, we will keep you as informed as possible with periodic updates. You will also be seeing other smaller maintenance and renovation operations taking place around the church and Parish House. In the interim, please feel free to ask me any questions you may have.



ONLINE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Marty Jones

About 50% of our congregation is currently represented in the online pictorial directory, and new families have joined the church. We will continue to take pictures and collect the Personal Information Consent Forms.

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



There are THREE options on how to have your picture appear in the Directory:

OPTION 1: Pictures will be taken on the following Sundays -- May 6, June 3 & July 1 -- outside the north entrance of the church between (8:30 - 9am & 10:30-11am) morning services. The rain location will be in the Custis House. Most times it is easy to get individuals and couples pictures taken (and sometimes families, too, like the Snead Family above). We realize, though, how hard it is to get bigger families to be at the same place at the same time, so Option 2 may work best for families. Directory Committee members will come to the retirement communities and homebound members to take pictures, as requested.

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

OPTION 3: Call Hilary Cooley and arrange a time for her to take your picture in the Parish House (Fridays are usually available). If you have any questions, please contact Marty Jones at 757-810-4293.

Not only can you access the Online Pictorial Directory through the Parish Access Only tab of our website, you can also view Volunteer Schedules, The Chronicle, Vestry Minutes, Budget Reports, and Bruton Parish Church Endowment Minutes & Financials. If you don't yet have access, you'll need to request it using our Parish Access Only Request Form at

http://www.brutonparish.org/parish_access_only. Once reviewed, a username will be created and an auto-generated password will be sent to you via email if appropriate.

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

Bruton has over 2000 members in 2018. Thank you for being one of them!



BRUTON PARISH IS GOING TO HELP THOSE IN NEED IN WILLIAMSBURG

Isabel Burch

Spring is here, we hope, and many opportunities are opening up for Bruton Builders and any parishioner who wants to join us to help others in various ways.

The building of another Habitat House will begin in early May, and we are invited to take part in this project to provide a house for a deserving family. The house will be built next to the one which we helped build in December on Howard Road in the Grove area of Williamsburg.

We will also be helping with a number of projects at Avalon during the spring and summer as well as assisting a local resident with housing repairs.

Please consider joining your fellow Bruton parishioners as we reach out to help people in need in our community. We guarantee it will be fun and worthwhile. We will be including information in the weekly Bruton Bytes and the Sunday bulletins when the sign up process begins. In the meantime, if you have any questions, email builders@brutonparish.org or call Lou Nucci at 757- 564-9222 or 757-871-6766.



NEW ACQUISITIONS IN THE HENNAGE LIBRARY

Bill Bynum

The Hennage Library, in the basement of the Bruton Parish House, has four interesting new books, any of which you might enjoy reading. The following three books were suggested by members of the Bruton clergy to supplement this year's Lenten Study Series.

Faithful Living, Faithful Dying:
Anglican Reflections on End of Life Care
Cynthia B. Cohen, et al.
Morehouse Publishing, 2000
Produced by a task force convened by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 1997, this book examines the theological, spiritual and ethical issues surrounding death. It is intended as a teaching document and a useful discussion tool for the church, for individuals facing difficult decisions, for professionals, such as clergy and health care providers, and for those who make public policy.

Unashamed Anglicanism
Stephen Sykes, Abingdon Press, 1995.
The author asserts the value of taking seriously the roots and doctrines of the Anglican tradition and endeavors to reveal something of its true identity. To be unashamed of Anglicanism implies an understanding and appreciation of the contradictions and strengths of the Anglican inheritance. Stephen Sykes was the Bishop of Ely and Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge University.

Theology and Sexuality:
Classic and Contemporary Readings
Eugene F. Rogers, Jr., ed.
Wiley-Blackwell, 2002
This collection includes work from theologians and ethicists on both sides of the theology and sexuality debate, avoiding the tired conservative-liberal impasse by organizing selections under theological rubrics like Christology, trinity, anthropology, and church. An introductory essay provides a useful overview of the debate and explains the relevance of the selected readings. Eugene F. Rogers is a professor of religious studies at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

The following book was selected by the Library Committee:

A Great Cloud of Witnesses:
A Calendar of Commemorations
Office of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, Church Publishing, Incorporated, 2016.
The successor to Lesser Feasts and Fasts and Holy Women, Holy Men, this volume was endorsed by the 2015 General Convention for devotional or catechetical use and for use in public worship throughout the Church. It consists of commemorations of significant figures in the history of the Episcopal Church and those who have inspired and challenged us from the time of the New Testament to the present. Each entry includes a biographical narrative of the person or people, highlighting the significance of their lives and witness, together with a devotional collect, provided in both Rite I and Rite II language.

Fall Lecture Series To Consider The Reformation and Its Legacy Today

Ed Burchianti

Just over 500 years ago events in Europe reshaped Western Christianity as it was previously known and practiced. Those events have come to be known as "The Reformation." Actually there were four major reformation movements: German (Lutheran), Swiss (Calvinist), English (Anglican), and Roman Catholic (Council of Trent). The Fall Lecture Series will address these events and attempt to discern where we are as Reformation-legacy Christians today.

The program will consist of three sessions covering the 16th century Reformation events. It will close on the fourth and final week with a panel discussion focusing on the question of where are we today as Christian communities living out Christ's prayer "that they may all be one" (John 17:21a).

The talks will be geared to help us understand within each movement what was kept, what was added, what was removed and what was modified. This should help us to understand the genesis of the current differences (and yet similarities) which we experience today in our Christian communities. Hopefully, reflection on these events will help us all see what is central among all the movements and hence the basis of our Christianity unity.

The Christian Education Committee is still finalizing the speaker lineup and the dates for the Series. Please keep watch for additional news about the series in upcoming communications and think about inviting friends and neighbors.

NEWCOMERS' CORNER

New members of Bruton Parish are invited to join clergy, vestry and Newcomers Committee members for coffee in the Custis House at 10:30am on the first Sunday of each month. This is a great opportunity to become better acquainted with the parish and learn of the many ministries here at Bruton Parish. Join us on May 6.

SERVING OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

Jeanette Cureton, Registrar

Nominations are open for delegates and alternates to the 2019 Annual Council, the two-day meeting of congregations of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. It features elections and other business, worship, traditionally an address by the bishop, and a guest keynote speaker. The 127th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia will take place February 8-9, 2019, at the Williamsburg Lodge Convention Center.

Bruton Parish sends six delegates to Council. The term of a delegate is three years. Every year, two delegates rotate off and two new ones are elected. Previously elected and attending in 2019 are Elizabeth Greaf, Ginny Elwell, Al Louer and Spence Webster. The two new delegates will join them.

The term of an alternate is one year only, 2019. Two alternates attend Council and vote in the event that a delegate is absent. Both delegates and alternates also attend an evening Convocation V pre-meeting held several weeks before Council.

Ginny Elwell writes: "It was a privilege to serve as one of Bruton's new delegates to the Annual Council. This Council was organized around a topical theme, 'Fear and Love in a Divided World.' The Diocesan staff posted the meeting materials well in advance, so we were prepared to discuss and vote on all the resolutions presented. During the meeting, I was proud to see our clergy recognized for their leadership in various Diocesan commissions and programs. Participating in this Council made me realize how powerful we Episcopalians can be when faith and fellowship guide our actions." For an overview of the 2018 Annual Council, visit www.diosova.org.

To submit a nomination, please send an email to register@brutonparish.org or leave a note at the reception desk to the attention of Jeanette Cureton. Nominations are due June 11. In June the Vestry elects delegates and alternates from nominations received. As for qualifications, the Canons state: "All Lay Delegates shall be confirmed Communicants in good standing in the Parish or Mission they are elected to represent." Thank you!

ELECTION OF THE NEXT BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

Marty Easton, Diocesan Standing Committee

With the retirement at the end of the year of our diocesan bishop, the Rt. Rev'd Herman "Holly" Hollerith, a process will soon be set in motion following diocesan canons. The process will lead to the eventual election and consecration of the 11th bishop, and is under the direction of the Standing Committee of the diocese.

The Standing Committee will soon begin to create two working committees: A Search & Nomination Committee (to interview and select candidates to present for nomination) and a Transition Committee (to support all involved, ensure a smooth transition, and oversee the consecration).

In upcoming issues of the Chronicle, please watch for progress updates as the process unfolds.



SPECIAL WEEKEND PLANNED AS CAMP CHANCO CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

Former campers, parents of campers, retreat goers, Cursillo folks, and all Friends of Chanco are invited to celebrate the gift of Chanco over the last fifty years at a special weekend

from May 4-6. Overnight or day-time participants are welcome. The weekend culminates in a Eucharist at 11am on the bluff and a 1pm Pig Roast. Father Josh will be going after the 11:15 service. Contact him if you'd like to carpool over for the afternoon (\$10 for Sunday afternoon). Get all info and costs at <https://chanco.org/event/chancos-50th-anniversary-celebration/>.



THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE UNITED THANK OFFERING DISCOVER THAT THANKFULNESS LEADS TO GENEROSITY.

Bessie Bierer

Heavenly Father, giver of all good gifts, take our hands and lead us through the coming days. Teach us to share your gifts and blessings with others through our actions and offerings. Make us ever mindful to be the shoulders to lean on, the arms to lift up and the ears to hear the voices of the weak and forgotten. Remind us to show compassion and love in our daily lives. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

THANK YOU for your generous support of Bruton's 2018 United Thank Offering. Your support enables the UTO to continue its tradition of fostering the mission and ministry of The Episcopal Church.



The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

Easter Altar Lilies were given to the Glory of God

In loving memory of:

Drs. Raymond A. Adams and Jane Beery Adams, and Edmond Brodie Gregory II by the

Adams family;

Gunda Cabeke Bailey by Ted Bailey;

Herbert and Nancy Bell, A. Edwin and Melinda Kendrew, Charlie Hackett and Lawrence Caporal by the Bell and Caporal families;

Lib and Pat Bierer and Ralph Chamness by Bessie Bierer and Kim Chamness;

Bim Black by his partner Jim Mundy;

William Rolland Black by Lynne L. Black;

Harroll A. Brauer, Jr., Elizabeth "Skeeter" Brauer, Frank and Irene Colasurdo by Bill, Michelle, Colin, Lauren, Peyton, Jackie and Mason Brauer;

G. T. Brooks, Jr. by Scott, Dianne and John Spence;

The Rev. Robert A. Burch by his family;

Bill Burluson by his family;

Dr. Carl J. Carter and Leonard Sargeant III by Alice Lee Sargeant;

Christopher and Pamela Cowles by Suzanne and Carter Cowles;

Thomas J. Cox Jr. by his wife Susan;

Robert V. Croker, Jr. by Faith Croker;

Andrew Carver Diakun, Lisa Kimberly Diakun and Richard Dana Diakun by Betty and Alan Diakun;

Robert Smith Dutro by his wife, children and grandchildren;

Mary Robertson Epes, Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Robertson, Sr., Howard C. Robertson, Jr., Tracy Robertson, Rev. E. Bolling Robertson, Basil and Phyllis Millican and Lynda Millican by Bob and Bonnie Lent;

Earl and Helen Finley, Tony and Norma Pryor by Chuck and Marianne Pryor;

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Channing Moore Hall, Jr. by his wife Ida and their sons Channing III and Lesslie;

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Dr. and Mrs. George R. Hetrich, Brother, George R. Hetrich, Jr., Harman and Amelia Hohl, Sister, Janet Wamsher, Philip Clavell, Jr. and Ed Shipley by Carl and Carolyn Hohl;

John K. Kane II by his wife Nancy Kane;

Melinda and A. Edwin Kendrew by Ted Maslin;

Marilyn June Koehler by Donald W. Kohler;

William and Marie Krebs, Caldwell and Lydia Beatty parents of Laurie and Bill Krebs;

Karin Layo, Ashley McDonald and Robert

Kennedy by Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Arnold;

Calvin and Betty Loving by their daughter Penny Ely;

Margaret and Frank MacDonald by their daughter Nancy Weaver;

Esther and Joseph D. McKnight, Elizabeth K. and Vernon L. Nunn, Frances R. Crofton by Joyce and John McKnight;

Jacqueline McNair by Nancy and Perry Stone; Thomas C. Miller by his wife Nancy and their children;

Robert Mills and Phyllis Glendenning, parents of Anne and Rex Prosser;

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Juliet O. Morgan and Virginia T. Olhausen by John and Melinda Morgan and family;

Andrew Walker Mulligan by his parents Dianne and Scott Spence and his brother John Spence;

Nancy Nucci by Roberta and Lou Nucci;

Don and Ella Mae Parker, Patricia Parker by Randy, Sheldon, Susan, Liz and their families;

Edward Francis and Louisa Roebuck Seward, Edward Raymond Seward, Sr. and Louise

Mallory Seward, John Boone, Sr., Rae DeLawter Boone and Theodore A. Herbert by Ray and Eileen Seward;

Merle J. and Josephine Saville Shultz by their son Philip;

Phil Skrzypek by his wife Gayle;

Laurance and Steven Smith, husband and son of Bonnie Smith;

James B. Smith, Virginia M. Smith, Daniel D. Schwartz, Ruth J. Schwartz, D. Dudley Schwartz by Jim and Barbara Smith;

Albert Logan Steel, Jr. and Jane Page Mears, parents of John G. Steel;

Robert Taylor, Edna and Albert Dugge, father and grandparents of Ginny and Bill Dugge;

Ken Thompson, Bob and Melba Reagan by Rick and Gail Thompson;

Lyall and Beatrice Thompson, Paul and Lou Van Wert parents of Michael and Johanna

Thompson;

Martha W. Tussing by her family;

Lorraine France Weaver by her son, Craig Weaver;

John K. Webster by his family;

Laura and Herb Webster, Helen and Ray Hoffman by Margaret and Spence Webster; John Zglenicki by Neil Glenicki.

In memory of loved ones:

for our departed daughters, Bruton Chapter, Daughters of the King;

John and Jane Geisler

Bobbe Redding

Kathryn Smith

In memory of the parents of:

Margaret and Robert Birney

In honor of:

Bruton Parish Ushers and Christine Britton by Ginny and Bill Dugge;

Susie Morrison by Ron Harrington;

Our children and grandchildren by Charles and Joann Maslin;

Donald and Grace Van Brimer, Herb and Mary Winn parents of Jane and Hugh Van Brimer

CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION IN MAY

SUNDAY, MAY 6 RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Children's Church will not be held, so please join us in the "big" church for Recognition Sunday. Sunday School and Children's & Youth Choir Rehearsal will be held.

SUNDAY, MAY 13 MOTHER'S DAY

Children's Church will not be held because our Children's & Youth Choirs will be singing in the "big" church for the final time during the 9:15am service this year. Enjoy the rest of your day with your mom, as there will be no other programming this day.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Children's Church will be held, followed by our final Sunday School for this school year (Children's & Youth Choirs and Sunday School will resume in September). An Afternoon at Camp Chanco will be held (separate article).

SUNDAY, MAY 27

It's the Memorial Day Weekend, so we will not have any children or youth programming this day. Have a safe and enjoyable time together!

AN AFTERNOON AT CAMP CHANCO

All elementary school students with their parents, middle and high schoolers, and parents with younger children are invited for a fun Sunday afternoon trip on May 20 to Camp Chanco. We'll meet at the Parish House to leave at 11:30am, enjoy a ferry ride over and a short drive to the Diocese of Southern Virginia's Camp and Conference Center on the James River in Surry. We'll eat hot dogs, check out zip lines and a superman swing. Sign up by May 16 by emailing mbrewer@brutonparish.org.



Just a few of the pictures from the Youth Mission Trip Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser!



Nursery is available each Sunday on the first floor of the Parish House from 8:30am through the 11:15am service for newborns through 4-year-olds.



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



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

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

CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS

Tuesday, May 1
Voice & Organ Recital
Laraine Smith, Soprano & William Owen,
Organist from Christ and Grace Episcopal
Church in Petersburg, Virginia

Thursday, May 3
Choral Concert by the Advanced Chorus
from North Bergen High School in
North Bergen, New Jersey
Jennifer Penton, Director

Saturday, May 5
Handbell & Organ Concert
Bruton Parish Tarpley Ringers
Rebecca Davy, Director
& Dr. JanEI Will, Organist

Tuesday, May 8
Youth Orchestra Concert
Peninsula Youth Orchestra
from Newport News, Virginia
Dr. Richard Marcus, Director

Thursday, May 10
Baroque Violin Recital
Sophie Stevens, Baroque Violinist
from Washington, DC & Rebecca Davy,
Harpichordist from Bruton Parish

Saturday, May 12
Youth Choir & Strings Concert
Soli Deo & Young Musicians of Virginia
Karla Robinson & Sarah Umlauf, Directors

Tuesday, May 15
Organ Recital
Carina Sturdy, Organist
from Williamsburg, Virginia

Thursday, May 17
Flute Ensemble Recital
Flute Forte from Richmond, Virginia
Susan Davis, Director

Saturday, May 19
Youth Choral Concert
Christchurch School Choirs
from Christchurch, Virginia
Mark Parsons, Director



CHORAL MUSIC OF GEORGE DYSON
& PHILIP STOPFORD

Bruton Parish Cantores Youth Choir
Ann Porter, Director
Dr. JanEI Will, Organist
Sunday, May 20 @ 5:30 pm

Tuesday, May 22
Organ & Oboe Recital
Mary Beth Bennett, Organist &
Melinda McKenzie, Oboe & Oboe d'amore
Sponsored by Tidewater American
Guild of Organists

Saturday, May 26
Organ & Harpsichord Duo Recital
Dr. Ross Ellison, Organist
& Dr. Anita Renfroe, Harpsichordist
from Millersville University in
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Tuesday, May 29
Organ Recital
Mark Biondolillo, Organist
from First United Methodist Church
of Fox Hill in Hampton, Virginia

Thursday, May 31
Organ Recital
Dr. JanEI Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

HISTORICAL ORGAN RECITALS

William & Mary's Wren Chapel
Saturdays @ 10am
May 5, 12, 19, 26 - Rebecca Davy, Organist

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

Busy Bags come to Bruton

Leith Mullaly

Like many churches around our country, Bruton Parish will begin lending young children a "busy bag" to use while they sit in a pew for a worship service. These delightful bags, decorated by our own parish kids' hand-prints, have various items inside to engage youngsters -- which will allow parents to better focus on the actual service. A child's Bible story, a special photo album with Bruton people and places in the worship service, an "etch-a sketch", a small stuffed animal and other treasures can be found in the bags (no crayons!). Our wonderful Usher Teams will let parents know that these bags are available on loan during a service. "Busy Bags" are an important and tangible way to let families know that WE WELCOME their children into our parish family. Please let Father Josh or Meghan Brewer know if you have ideas of items we might add to the bags.





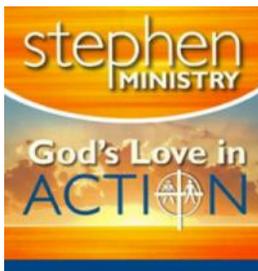
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STEPHEN MINISTRY

Jackie Polizzi

We hope that this Irish Blessing brings warmth to your heart: "May God grant you always: a sunbeam to warm you, a moonbeam to charm you, a sheltering angel so nothing can harm you, laughter to cheer you, faithful friends near you, and, whenever you pray, Heaven to hear you."

Please remember that Stephen Ministry is a part of this blessing. We are your "faithful friends near you." Please contact our Stephen Ministry Leaders, Mary Jean Hurst or John Fogarty, at the confidential phone line of 757-220-2087



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

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

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“Lay Down Your Burdens”

Women’s Retreat Rescheduled – June 15-17

The Lenten Retreat was canceled due to weather:
space available for the new dates



Come across the water.
Lay down your burdens and rest.
Enjoy prayer, renewal, fellowship, and fun.
Spend time in creation at beautiful Chanco.
Share stories with your sisters in Christ.
Be fed in body and soul.

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Sunday morning we will celebrate Eucharist together before heading home in time for lunch.

Lodging is in motel style rooms with private baths and provided linens.

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Contact the Rev’d Lauren McDonald to register.

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