

# The CHRONICLE

Bruton Parish Church

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November 2017

## Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 19: Hope to see you there!

The Rev'd Chris Epperson

I am grateful to the nominating committee for their efforts in producing this outstanding slate of parishioners to serve on the Bruton Parish Vestry 2018-2020. I am also grateful to those brought forward and willing to serve. At the Annual Meeting, there will be an opportunity to make nominations from the floor. I assume that any nominees from the floor will be present to affirm their willingness to stand for election. We will have a list of all in good standing, who are eligible to stand and vote. If there are no nominees, we will affirm the slate by acclamation. I hope to see you at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 19, following the 9:15 am service in the church.

### Virginia "Ginny" Elwell

Ginny became a Bruton member in 2013 after joining the staff at William & Mary, and was confirmed here in March 2017. Through Bruton, she has found many opportunities to serve: as an usher, on the counting and Chronicle teams, as well as with Canterbury and the Winter Shelter program. This fall she has volunteered with the M25 program at Matthew Whaley.



Before moving to Williamsburg, Ginny lived for ten years in northern Virginia, where she was a development officer for the Smithsonian Institution, raising funds to build and open the National Museum of the American Indian. Previously, she worked for twenty years in sales management at several high-tech companies based in New York and California. During that time, she gained valuable experience serving as a board member for community organizations such as The ARC. In July 2017, she completed eighteen years on the Board of Trustees at Hartwick College (Oneonta, NY), of which she is a graduate. She earned her MBA at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

### Marty Jones

Marty and her family have been Bruton parishioners since 1977. Her husband Roger sings in the choir, and their children (now grown) were baptized and confirmed here.

Marty grew up in Southern Indiana, graduated from Indiana University, and married her college sweetheart. They lived in Indianapolis and Chapel Hill before moving to Williamsburg in 1976. For 20 years she owned a B&B and has held leadership roles in The Williamsburg Garden Club, Williamsburg Regional Library, and the Auxiliary of Sentara Williamsburg.

At Bruton, Marty serves as the Altar Guild Sacristan and has assisted with several projects: the Bruton Cookbook, Needlepoint Kneelers and Pulpit Chair seat cushions, the Floral Guild, and the Pictorial Directory. She also volunteers at the Reception Desk.

Marty was a member of the Vestry circa 2001-2004, when sequentially she was Register and Senior Warden with Bishop Hollerith. Currently she is completing the unexpired term of Erin Sloane and is now eligible to serve a full term of her own.



### John Snead

John grew up in Baltimore, Maryland, and was confirmed in The Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Ruxton, Maryland. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Virginia and a Master of Business Administration from The Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland. Currently he works as a Financial Consultant at Wells Fargo Advisors.



His wife Ginny and their three sons Jack, Will and James have been members of Bruton Parish since they moved to Williamsburg in 2011. At Bruton, he serves as an usher and had the opportunity to serve as a member of the Discernment Committee that helped develop the direction for the Bruton Parish Campaign for the Fourth Century.

Since July, John has been a member of the Vestry, completing the unexpired term of Jeremy Gottshall, who moved out of state. He is now eligible to serve a full term of his own.

### H. S. "Spence" Webster

As a life-long Episcopalian, Spence began serving the Church as an acolyte and crucifer during his teenage years. He became licensed as a Lay Eucharistic Minister 52 years ago and has served continuously in this ministry at seven churches.

At Bruton, Spence was a member of the Outreach Committee, is a Lay Reader and Chalice, and leads noonday prayer services. He is also an usher, receptionist in the parish office, and on the team serving soup and salad during Wednesday Lenten gatherings.

In several other Episcopal Churches, Spence's committee memberships included Finance, Investment, Outreach, Greeters and Newcomers. For seven years he was Treasurer at Grace Episcopal Church, leading their fundraising effort to support the Outreach Program. While at Grace, he and his wife Margaret encouraged fellowship by organizing Parish Potluck Suppers.

Spence is a graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Financial experience includes working as a Senior VP for Barnett Bank (now Bank of America) and consulting with an investment management firm serving institutional clients from Philadelphia to Miami.



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## Fellowship & Formation

Brown-Bag Bible Study  
Wednesdays @ noon  
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Commemoration of All Faithful Departed Holy Eucharist  
Thursday, November 2 @ 3pm  
11th Annual Teddy Bear Tea  
Thursday, November 2 @ 3-5pm  
First Fridays Recovery Eucharist  
Friday, November 3 @ 5:30pm  
SpiritWorks' Holiday Craft Fair  
Saturday, November 4, 10am - 4pm  
Newcomers' Corner  
Sunday, November 5 @ 10:30am  
Labyrinth Walk  
Sunday, November 5 @ 4pm  
Angel Tree Tags  
Available November 5 - 12  
Traveling with Friends Reception & Seminar  
Thursday, November 9 @ 5:30pm  
Living the Gospel Bible Study  
Sundays, November 12 & 26 @ 11am  
Where Love & Addiction Meet:  
Evening with Sandra Swenson  
Monday, November 13 @ 6:30pm  
Sweet Discourse: The Connections Between W&M and Bruton Parish  
Wednesday, November 15  
6:30pm coffee/dessert ~ program @ 7pm  
Habitat House - Bruton Build Day  
Saturday, November 18, 8:30am - 3pm  
Bruton Parish Annual Meeting  
Sunday, November 19 @ 9:15am  
Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist  
Wednesday, November 22 @ 6pm  
Thanksgiving Donations to FISH  
Bring by Wednesday, November 22 @ 6pm  
Volunteer on Friday, November 24 @ 8:30am  
Women's Theological Book Group  
Thursday, November 30 @ 1pm \*  
Angel Tree Donations  
Monday, December 4  
Christmas Altar Poinsettia Donations  
Due by Wednesday, December 6  
Women's Evening Potluck  
Wednesday, December 6, 6:30pm  
Annual Choir Holiday Concert  
Tuesday, December 12 @ 8pm  
ECW Advent Tea  
Thursday, December 14 @ 4pm  
Winter Shelter Week @ Bruton  
February 4-11, 2018  
Women's Lenten Retreat  
March, 2-4, 2018 @ Chanco  
12-day Tour of Ireland with Friends  
May 1 - 12, 2018

## Worship Schedule

Thursday, November 2  
Commemoration of All Faithful Departed  
Holy Eucharist in the churchyard @ 3pm  
Sunday, November 5  
Holy Eucharist @ 7:30am, 9:15, 11:15 & 5:30pm  
Children's Church @ 9:15am \*  
Sunday, November 12  
Holy Eucharist @ 7:30am, 9:15, 11:15  
Children's Church @ 9:15am \*  
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm  
Sunday, November 19  
Holy Eucharist @ 7:30am, 9:15, 11:15 & 5:30pm  
Children's Church @ 9:15am \*  
Wednesday, November 22  
Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist @ 6pm  
Sunday, November 26  
Holy Eucharist @ 7:30am, 9:15, 11:15 & 5:30pm  
Children's Church @ 9:15am \*  
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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

\* Held in St. Mary's Chapel in the Parish House.

## Commemoration of All Faithful Departed

A service of Holy Eucharist will be held at 3pm on Thursday, November 2, in the churchyard. All are welcome at this service, especially those who have a family member interred there. We invite you to bring loose flowers to place in the Flower Cross in memory of your loved one. We hope that you can attend and join in this service as we celebrate the bond we share here in this life and in the next.



## 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 more acquainted with the parish and learn of the many ministries here at Bruton Parish. Join us Sunday, November 5.

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

## Women's Theological Book Group

Rev'd Lauren McDonald

The Women's Theological Book Group is open to all women, even if you haven't joined us before. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 30, from 1-2:30pm in Room 206 of the Parish House. We will be discussing *The Four Vision Quests of Jesus* by the Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston, who is both an Episcopal Bishop and a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

In this book Bishop Charleston describes how he "came to read the Bible through the eyes of traditional Native American religion," focusing on four stories about Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Please let me know if you would like me to order a book for you.

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

### Upcoming Dates and Books:

January 18 - *Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers* by Anne Lamott

February 22 - *Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter, Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God* by Lauren Winner

## Dinners for Eight

Jo-Anne Hand

This is a great way to make new friends and become reacquainted with old ones!

Interested parishioners will be placed into groups of eight. Group members will take a turn hosting a gathering in their homes, at a restaurant or wherever. When and where a group meets will be determined by the individual group. The gathering can be a dinner, hors d'oeuvres, a brunch — the host and group decides. This is not a gourmet club. Fellowship is the main objective.

To sign up for Dinners for Eight, email your name, address and phone number to Jo-Anne Hand at [dinners4eight@brutonparish.org](mailto:dinners4eight@brutonparish.org) or call her at 757-345-6950 with any questions. Groups will be assigned in January 2018.



## Bruton Singles

Heidi Elam, Ruth Mullaney, Eda Martin & Donna Dodenhoff

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

Saturday, November 11, 4:30pm

### Dinner & A Movie

Join us at 4:30pm at Peter Chang's Chinese Restaurant on Richmond Road. We will then pick a movie at Regal Cinema in Newtown or at the Kimball Theatre (cost of meal + movie ticket). Please contact Ruth Mullaney at 757-229-6961.

Thursday, November 23, 1pm

### Thanksgiving Buffet

Come celebrate Thanksgiving and join us at 1pm for a Thanksgiving buffet at Hellenic Center, Greek Orthodox Church, at 4900 Mooretown Road (approximately \$30 per person, pay at the door). Please contact Heidi Elam at 757-897-5012.

Saturday, November 25, 10am

### Food & Feasts of Colonial Virginia

Meet us at 10am at the Visitor Center, at Jamestown Settlement. Step back into kitchens of another century. Discover how food was preserved and prepared on land and on sea by the English colonists and Powhatan Indians. Learn about the importance of corn. Witness how scarce rations for soldiers were transformed into stews, pies and breads. Afterwards we will stop at Sal's by Victor Italian Restaurant in the Williamsburg Shopping Center for lunch (admission free with proof of residency in Williamsburg, James City & York Counties + cost of meal). Please rsvp by contacting Donna Dodenhoff at [singles@brutonparish.org](mailto:singles@brutonparish.org).

## Women's Potluck

There will be no dinner in November, however, mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 6, at 6:30pm at Joan Lovegren- O'Brien's home. Please email [womenspotluck@brutonparish.org](mailto:womenspotluck@brutonparish.org) or call/text Joan at 757-784-2599 to rsvp for December.



Throughout this issue are pictures from the Fall Fellowship Festival



## An Invitation to Writers

Elizabeth Greaf & Rita Grove

It has become a tradition for members of Bruton to help prepare a booklet of devotions for the Lenten Season. This year, the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will be coordinating this project. The reflections are based on assigned daily Gospel lessons (250 word maximum). These devotional pages are written by individuals, couples, families and our clergy.

You are invited and encouraged (new and seasoned writers alike) to be a part of the 2018 Lenten Devotional. Scripture passages will be assigned by the first week in December and the deadline for completed reflections will be January 22, 2018. If you are interested in writing such a reflection for the Devotional or if you would like more information, please email [ECWDevotional@brutonparish.org](mailto:ECWDevotional@brutonparish.org) or call Elizabeth Greaf at 516-383-1137.



# Q, the Earliest Gospel

Bill Bynum, Library Committee

There is little written documentation about the formation of the four Gospels, so any description of the development of the Gospels must necessarily be conjectural. Historians conjecture that after the crucifixion of Jesus, his followers would recall his sayings and actions to each other as they awaited his expected return. As the years passed, an oral tradition of these story segments about the life of Jesus developed.

As more years went by, a form emerged for these story segments, consisting of a brief introduction followed by the action or saying of Jesus. Eventually, these story segments (historians call them pericopes) were combined into larger units, each dealing with a specific topic, such as the conflict between Jesus and other Jews, collections of sayings about an ethical life in community, and the arrest of Jesus, his trial and his execution.

After more years had passed, the first Gospel was written. Most historians think that this was the Gospel of Mark, written sometime shortly after 70 CE. This first Gospel was followed by the writing of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke in 80-90 CE and the Gospel of John around 100 CE.

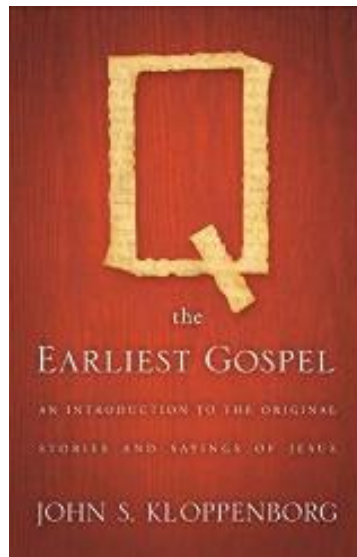
Beginning in the eighteenth century, biblical scholars began to examine the texts of the four Gospels for clues about their development. The Gospel of John is quite different from the other three Gospels in both form and content, but the Gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke are closely related textually. Historians investigated this relationship by examining the three Gospels side-by-side. As a result, these three Gospels are usually referred to as the Synoptic Gospels (syn = together, optic = seen, that is, "seen together").

Many scholars decided that because a number of pericopes from Mark also appear in Matthew and Luke, Matthew and Luke probably used Mark as a source in creating their Gospels. Moreover, the Gospels of Matthew and Luke share 4,500 words of pericopes that do not appear in Mark. The agreement between Matthew and Luke in these pericopes is exceptionally high. Not only are the same Greek words used by Matthew and Luke, the order of the words is identical. This led scholars to conjecture that Matthew and Luke used a second written source in addition to Mark, which they called Q (for *quelle*, the German word for source).

For all of the nineteenth century and most of the twentieth, most scholars were satisfied with the idea of a source like Q, but were

uninterested in its reconstruction. It was not until the mid-1980s that a large project to produce a fully documented and collaborative reconstruction of Q was begun under the auspices of the Society of Biblical Literature. The Critical Edition of Q was published in 2000. John S. Kloppenborg, Chair of the Department and Centre for the Study of Religion at the University of Toronto, was one of the three co-editors of The Critical Edition of Q.

The Hennage Library, located in the basement of the Parish House, has a copy of his interesting book Q, the Earliest Gospel:



An Introduction to the Original Stories and Sayings of Jesus, Westminster John Knox Press, 2008, Hennage call number: 226KloE. In this book, Professor Kloppenborg clearly presents his justification for the existence of Q and its importance in the early history of the Jesus movement.

In chapter one, Professor Kloppenborg leads the reader through an examination of the different proposed ways that Mark, Matthew, and Luke were created, using detailed examples. He shows why, in the opinion of most biblical scholars, the sayings provide evidence that the source Gospel Q existed and how Matthew and Luke used Mark and Q to create their Gospels. In chapter two, Professor Kloppenborg describes the steps

involved in reconstructing Q.

Chapter three is devoted to an examination of the importance of Q. Professor Kloppenborg discusses five features that distinguish Q from Mark, Matthew, and Luke. First is the role of geography and topography in the organization of Q. Second is Q's treatment of the function and significance of the miraculous. Third is Q's silence on Jesus' death and Q's view of his significance. Fourth is Q's understanding of the vindication of Jesus. Fifth is Q's concrete ethics.

Chapter four is devoted to a detailed comparison of Q with two Gospels written early in the Jesus movement, the Gospel of Thomas and the Gospel of James. As a part of the book's conclusion, Professor points out that: "It is not a dying and rising savior that we see in Q, but a sage with uncommon wisdom, wisdom that addressed the daily realities of small-town life in Jewish Galilee." The book concludes with an English reconstruction of Q as an Appendix.

If you find this gem of a book interesting and want to read further about the development of the Gospels, the Hennage Library contains two copies of the standard reference in this area, Ancient Christian Gospels: Their History and Development, by Helmut Koester, Trinity Press International, 1990, Hennage call number 226 KoeA.

## Sunday Ushers Needed

We are in need of ushers for all three morning services, especially more Usher Teams at the 7:30am service, and more members of several of our existing teams for 9:15 and 11:15 services. Please consider volunteering to be the first smiling face a parishioner or visitor sees on Sunday morning. We welcome you to join our team! If you'd like to volunteer for this ministry, please email [ushers@brutonparish.org](mailto:ushers@brutonparish.org)

## First Fridays Recovery Eucharist

This month's First Fridays Recovery Eucharist will be November 3 at 5:30pm in the church. The service is designed with prayers and readings that focus on helping people find ways to live faithfully in the midst of any kind of suffering, especially individuals and their loved ones who are living with addiction, co-dependence, mental illness, and trauma. During the service participants may light candles and write prayer requests. We pray for those who are continuing to struggle, mourn those who have died, and celebrate with those who are experiencing the joy of recovery. All are welcome, whether or not you're in recovery.

## DOK Intercessory Prayers

Part of our rule of life as The Order of the Daughters of the King® is consistent intercessory prayer. Prayers are said for four weeks and may be repeated. Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for them or for others should fill out a blue request card at the church tower and drop it in the DOK prayer box. The prayer below is offered this month by Joan Whitla, and is taken from Psalms Now by Leslie F. Brandt, a contemporary paraphrase of the Psalms (and based on Psalm 136).



### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank You, God, for all these things that reveal Your love.

Thank You for the heavens that cover us, for the earth beneath our feet, for the sun in the day and the stars in the night, for the snow and the rains, for mountains and valleys and trees and flowers.

Thank You, God, for those people who demonstrate Your love.

Thank You, God, for those great men and women who followed You throughout history, for the priests and prophets and apostles and ministers, for doctors and teachers and mothers and fathers and painters and musicians and writers and farmers and laborers and clerks, for those men and women who gloried in Your love and dedicated their lives to loving others.

Thank You, God, for choosing me to be one of Your people, for calling me and equipping me to communicate Your love to the world around me.

Thank You, God.

## Labyrinth Walk

At 4pm on Sunday, November 5, there will be a labyrinth walk at the Eastern State Hospital Labyrinth (13 Schmidt Road). We will be offering prayers for our state, nation, and world prior to the November 7 election. All are welcome to join us in this ancient form of walking meditation. The event usually lasts about an hour. Contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald for more information.

## Save the Date for the ECW Advent Tea

Soon our thoughts will turn to the Advent season when we prepare our hearts for Christmas. On Thursday, December 14, we will gather for our annual Advent Tea. This traditional event of tea, treats, fellowship, and musical performances by our bell ringers and youth choirs starts at 4pm.

Please RSVP by Monday, December 11, with your name and that of each of your guests by emailing [ECWAdventTea@brutonparish.org](mailto:ECWAdventTea@brutonparish.org) or calling the church office at 757-229-2891. Please sign up for donating tea sandwiches and cookies. Gluten-free items are especially appreciated.

Table hostesses are needed to welcome our guests. Please contact Marget Bradenham at 757-229-7266 if you are interested.



## Women's Lenten Retreat

The Rev'd Lauren McDonald

Come away across the James River for prayer, fellowship, and renewal with your sisters in Christ from Bruton Parish on March 2-4, 2018. The Rev'd Jan Brown and The Rev'd Lauren McDonald will be our facilitators.

The retreat will begin at 6pm for dinner on Friday, March 2, and end with Eucharist before lunchtime on Sunday, March 4. To attend, you must commit to the full retreat. The retreat will be alcohol-free.

Space for up to 40 women has been reserved at Camp Chanco, and meals will be provided. \$175 per person covers food and lodging for a double room (single occupancy is \$200). Rooms are motel-style with two beds plus a bathroom. Linens are provided.

Visit our website and download the registration form. Please print and fully complete the Registration Form or stop by the Parish House for a physical copy, and include it with your check made payable to Bruton Parish with Lenten Retreat in the memo. Please either mail your registration form and check to the Parish House or drop it off at the receptionist's desk.

If the cost is prohibitive, please contact Lauren regarding the possibility of a scholarship by calling 757-229-2891 or sending an email to [lmcdonald@brutonparish.org](mailto:lmcdonald@brutonparish.org).



## Episcopal Church Women's Ribbon Crosses

ECW Ribbon Crosses are back! ECW has been busy creating ribbon crosses to raise funds for outreach (\$1 donation). They are available in the Parish Shop – stop by and purchase a few!

## Looking Forward to Being an Angel

Christine Britton

As you make your Christmas list this year, please make room for an Angel Tree child. The program targets those most affected by poverty — children. The Salvation Army emphasizes that Angel Tree donations may be the only Christmas gifts that some of these children receive.

Tags will be available in the Parish House from November 6-15 and available at the church after the morning services on Sundays, November 5 & 12. Purchased gifts must be returned to the Parish House or to the Salvation Army directly by Monday, December 4. Please contact me at [cbritton@brutonparish.org](mailto:cbritton@brutonparish.org) or 757-229-2891 with questions.



## 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.

## The Best Gift Shop In Town

Susie Hodgson

That is what many of our customers are saying as they browse through the shop. The newly renovated shop is so welcoming and colorful with the wide assortment of sparkling Christmas items. There are colorful umbrellas hanging from the ceiling with scenes from master painters. We've already sold 60, but we've ordered more of this hot item.



New this year are beautiful Christmas ornaments of Bruton Parish. One is porcelain with a scene of the church, another one is a brass cut-out of the church and the little door is open! Did you know that we have sterling silver charms by Rembrandt that are an heirloom gift? For you art lovers, there are beautiful watercolors by Boden Portwood. If you need a baby gift, look no further. The

shop has everything from silver items to cuddly stuffed animals and books.

For two Saturdays, Vernon Randle was our enthusiastic greeter at the entrance and we thank you, Vernon!

The shop is a "one-stop-shop" for all your Christmas shopping. There is something for everyone on your list, so we hope to see you soon!

## Annual Teddy Bear Tea

T.J. Cardwell

The Salvation Army's Women's Auxiliary of Williamsburg cordially invites you to the 11th Annual Teddy Bear Tea on Thursday, November 2, from 3-5pm in Lewis Hall.

Enjoy sweets, savories, and tea amid hundreds of creatively-dressed teddy bears that will be given to children at Christmas. Funds raised support the projects the ladies take on to help those in our community such as the Christmas Angel Tree Program, Back to School backpacks for school children and the Transitional Housing Program. A few specially-dressed bears will be available for purchase, and there will be a silent auction for multiple items both large and small. Support the Salvation Army and our children in the community who are in need.



The cost to attend is \$20/adult and \$7/child with proceeds to benefit the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary. Donations are always welcomed. Please make checks payable to Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary and mail to Sarah Avellar at 3005 E. Whittaker Close, Williamsburg, VA, 23185. Checks should be received by October 28; your check secures your reservation, no ticket required. For more information, please call 757-565-2129 or email [sawa.va@hotmail.com](mailto:sawa.va@hotmail.com).

## Poinsettias for the Christmas Altar

Dianne Spence

Contributions are now being accepted for the poinsettias that will decorate the Christmas altar. The deadline is Wednesday, December 6, 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 Altar Guild and send to Dianne Spence at 102 Walnut Hills Drive, 23185-3427. Please do not



send the checks to the church office. I include your telephone number on the correspondence or check.

Please call me directly at 757-229-4915 or email [poinsettias@brutonparish.org](mailto:poinsettias@brutonparish.org).



## Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for FISH

Stacey Grimsley

Bruton's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive benefitting the FISH Food Pantry will soon be underway. Our youth assembled the bags for the food drive during their monthly gathering on October 15. Bags will be made available to parishioners before and after services beginning Sunday, November 5.

Parishioners are asked to fill one or more bags with non-perishable food items. Please do not over fill, use multiple bags instead. Donations should be brought to the Thanksgiving Eve service at 6pm on Wednesday, November 22, to receive a blessing before being delivered to FISH. If you cannot attend the November 22 service, please bring your donation to the Parish House prior to Thanksgiving.



Volunteers of all ages are needed at 8:30am on Friday, November 24, to transport the donations to FISH and help stock the pantry shelves. We anticipate hundreds of bags this year, requiring people-power and vehicles, so please plan to join us at the Parish House at 8:30am on the morning of the 24th. Let's thank God for our blessings and bless others by donating food to FISH.

## Getting Started on the Habitat House

Rev'd Lauren McDonald

Work is starting on the Habitat House that Bruton is sponsoring. Saturday, October 28 will be the Pastors Build Day, when clergy throughout our community will work together on the house. Saturday, November 18 from 8:30am - 3pm, is the Bruton Build day.

We will need volunteers to work at the site and volunteers to bring lunch. All Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am - 3pm, and some Saturdays in November and December will also be available for individuals to volunteer.

To sign up for the Bruton Build Day, please contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald. Volunteers to work on site must be 16 years or older, and all volunteers must fill out a waiver.

Waivers and safety instructions are available at [habitatpgw.volunteerhub.com](http://habitatpgw.volunteerhub.com) We're hoping to have the house ready for the Fletcher family by December 31. Additional work dates will be added once the building begins. Volunteer as much as you are able!



## Bruton-Matthew Whaley Partnership Update

Janet Estes

After a very successful first year in our partnership with Matthew Whaley Elementary School, Bruton parishioners are continuing to respond to the needs of our littlest neighbors.

Last year we tutored children from kindergarten through fifth grade in math and reading and worked in the art room, music room, and library. The donations we made to the school included: sweatshirts, sweatpants, and coats in the fall; holiday food boxes at Christmas Break; books at Spring Break; and indoor and outdoor toys at the end of school! The principal, teachers, and staff have expressed their appreciation of our efforts many times over. But we here at Bruton are the lucky ones because we have the joy of helping our young neighbors flourish — with not only the necessities for learning, like clothing and food, but with our dedication and growing affection for these children.

The following is a brief update on our current status with Matthew Whaley:

We currently have 25 tutors and classroom helpers at Matthew Whaley!

Due to the kind donations of sweatshirts and sweatpants by Bruton parishioners to the school recently, students will "be covered" no matter what happens while they are at school. Accidents can and do happen with children, and they just need a quick change of clothes! Thank you for your donations.

The M-25 Committee has purchased coats for needy students at the school. It is hard to believe, but many children do not have the security of a warm coat for those cold and windy days to come. Money to purchase the coats is part of the committee's budget provided by the Outreach Committee.

Christmas food boxes will be wrapped and delivered to Matthew Whaley again this year to help families get along during holiday break, when children are not able to access school meals (again, thanks to the Outreach Committee for funds to purchase the food). Volunteers will gather in the parish hall at a time to be determined to wrap and fill the boxes. Please check the weekly Bruton Bytes and Sunday bulletins for further information.

## Hurricane Relief

In September, the Mission & Outreach Committee approved a \$5000 donation that was sent directly to the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas. You can help make a difference to all areas of the world that are suffering through disasters by making a donation to the Episcopal Relief & Development at [www.erd.com](http://www.erd.com).



Jo-Anne Hand & Jeanne Blount preparing to deliver coats to Matthew Whaley Elementary School.

## Mission & Outreach Deliberates Grant Allocations

During the September and October Mission & Outreach Committee meetings, the group deliberated over the 30+ grant requests received by Bruton Parish in 2017. The committee will finalize grant allocations at their November meeting.

## Traveling with Friends

Jim Morford

The Friends of Bruton Committee cordially invites you to attend a Travel Reception & Seminar to learn more about our upcoming trip in May 2018 to Ireland:

When: Thursday, November 9  
Where: Parish House  
Time: 5:30 to 7pm  
Re: Presentation with Q&A about Traveling with Friends

Friends of Bruton has sponsored two overseas and five one-day trips. Join us to learn about our next trip, offer your suggestions for new destinations and have your questions answered. We look forward to seeing you on November 9!

"We travel not to escape life,  
but for life not to escape us."



## Ice Rink Parking Adjustment

Mike Wanless

Colonial Williamsburg will begin installing the Ice Rink on November 1. As was the case last year, parking for Parish House events will be on the Duke of Gloucester Street east of Nassau Street. The Ice Rink will be in operation until February 28, 2018 and will be dismantled in March as of this message.

Also, please do not enter or exit Duke of Gloucester Street from North Henry Street at any time as a matter of public safety. Colonial Williamsburg has also asked for our cooperation in not pulling cars up onto the grass when parking on the Duke of Gloucester Street. Please keep vehicles on the cobblestone edges and pavement only.

Please direct any parking questions to me by either calling 757-229-2891 or sending an email to [mwanless@brutonparish.org](mailto:mwanless@brutonparish.org).

## Two Events for SpiritWorks

Lynn Smyth

November is an exciting month for SpiritWorks, and we hope you will join us at the two events we have planned! First, SpiritWorks will host a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 4, from 10am to 4pm at 5800 Mooretown Road. They are hosting crafters and vendors in hopes to raise funds by selling hot cider, coffee and muffins to the early shoppers and lunches/soft drinks to our later guests. There will be raffles, too! If you'd like to reserve a craft space, help us prepare (grill) and serve in the food pavilion or bake muffins, cookies or brownies for our food pavilion, please email [spiritworks@brutonparish.org](mailto:spiritworks@brutonparish.org). This promises to be a fun event and as always, we are grateful for your help!

The second event is Where Love and Addiction Meet: An Evening with Sandra Swenson on Monday, November 13, in the church. Join us for an evening with author Sandra Swenson, who has written two books about her journey as the mom of a son suffering with the disease of addiction: *The Joey Song* and *Tending Dandelions*. *Tending Dandelions* is a collection of honest meditations for mothers with addicted children. While Sandra writes from a mother's perspective, the evening promises to be a meaningful experience for fathers and other family members as well.

Beginning at 6:30pm in the church, Swenson will read passages from her new book and answer questions after each. After this portion of the event, we'll move from the church building to the Parish Hall for a meet-and-greet/book signing. Parking will be available on the Duke of Gloucester Street in front of the church. While there is no charge for this event, we would very much appreciate an RSVP for planning purposes.

In addition, we are offering pre-sales of both of Ms. Swenson's books. The cost for each is \$15 (plus convenience fee) and ordering in advance helps us to ensure that we order enough for everyone. Visit <http://bit.ly/whereloveandaddictionmeet> for details or to purchase books. If you have any questions, contact Lynn Smyth directly at 757-565-3717.



## Third Quarter Contribution Statements

Third Quarter Contribution Statements will have been mailed by the end of October, and contain contributions received through September 30, 2017. Contributions received after that date will appear on your Fourth Quarter statement. For corrections or questions, please call Steve Hibbitts, Treasurer, at 757-564-8240. We are most grateful for your support of Our Lord's work through the ministries of Bruton Parish.



## Living the Gospel Bible Study

This Lectionary-based Bible study is held at 11am every second and fourth Sunday in the Custis House and examines the impact of the Gospel message on our everyday lives. Join us on Sundays, November 12 & 26.

## Stephen Ministry

MaryJean Hurst

Interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or think you might need a Stephen Minister? Call MaryJean Hurst at 757-220-2087 for more information. Stephen Ministers are congregation members who receive 60+ hours of training to equip them to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through a difficult time. A Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour.

### A Prayer for Thankfulness

Thank You, God, for stars that glow beyond the end of time, the sea, untamed flowers in the wood, the gentle souls who walk with me, and the children who are born and grow and learn to handle life's demands.

Thank you, God, for end of pain, for final ceasing of the rain that brought dire floods, November's chill and drying leaf, the gradual release from grief, the understanding of a friend.

Thank you, God, for sun's great gift that, being, caused life to exist, season's cycles, morning mist, and memories of times far past, whose precious hours could not last, but gave reason to be living. and human gratitude expressed each autumn in Thanksgiving.

Ms. Margaret Stavelly Payne

## Fall Fellowship Festival

Below are just some of the great pictures taken at the Fall Fellowship Festival on Sunday, October 1. Over 250+ of our fellow parishioners came out this year to enjoy beautiful weather, delicious seafood, fantastic music, and a very creative face painter.

A great big thank you once again to Harrison Bresee and Bill Carr, our cooks, for grilling oysters, a low-country seafood boil, shrimp, and so much more including hot dogs for the kiddos!

Thank you also to Meghan Brewer, our Canterburians, and all those who helped with set-up beforehand and clean-up afterwards. We hope to see you next year for another great fall fellowship festival!



## Did you know?

Sylvia Saba

There are over 450 services available in the Greater Williamsburg Network of Care. You can find information online about service providers and their locations, health insurance, availability of emergency food, clothing, housing and a Community Calendar of events, meetings, trainings and support groups. Please visit [WmbgCares.org](http://WmbgCares.org) and explore the Greater Williamsburg Network of Care. Flu season has started — have you had your flu shot yet? Get protected!

## Winter Shelter Ministry February 4-11, 2018

Lianne & Douglas Boller

For the sixth year in a row Bruton Parish will provide food, overnight lodging, showers, haircuts, clothes, and a warm welcome to our homeless neighbors. Bruton is one of 33 congregations in the greater Williamsburg Community that participates, from November through March, in this vitally important ministry under the auspices of COFM, the Community of Faith Mission. Our week at Bruton begins with dinner on Sunday, February 4, and ends with breakfast on Sunday, February 11.

Last February, through a host of dedicated Bruton Parish volunteers, as many as 25 guests were sheltered overnight in Lewis Hall from the rain and cold. Each guest received a kind-hearted and sincere greeting, a delicious dinner served by Brutonians, a warm and safe night's sleep, and all were provided with nourishing breakfasts and bag lunches to sustain them during the day. How was this possible? Because of YOU — a large and splendid band of Bruton parishioners who volunteered for this worthwhile ministry.

There are approximately 125 individual volunteer slots to be filled. Many volunteers, who return each year, will tell you that this ministry is a truly fulfilling experience. Frequent comments are: "I really believe this is the type of hands-on work that we Christians are called to do," and, "This experience moved me to re-read those verses from Matthew."

Sign-up will begin Sunday, November 12 for Breakfast, Check-in, Dinner, Overnight and Check-out slots. Slots fill up very quickly so don't miss your chance to get the slot you want!

Bruton's 2018 Winter Shelter Week will be chaired by Lianne and Douglas Boller. Their successors for 2019 will be Sally and Bringier McConnell. If you want more information about serving in this wonderful ministry, please give the Bollers a call at 757-345-2551.

## Guides' Ministry Program

### The Connections Between W&M & Bruton

Alta Cassady

The close relationship between Bruton Parish and William and Mary dates back to July 23, 1690. The newly appointed Commissary of the Bishop of London, James Blair, introduced the founding of a college in the colony in his "Several Propositions." The following year Blair travelled to England seeking the support for a college from church leaders and the reigning monarchs.

In February 1693, King William and Queen Mary granted a charter for a college in Williamsburg and named James Blair its president for life. Blair continued serving as Commissary and Rector of Bruton Parish Church as well as presiding over the new college until his death in 1743.

The connections between Bruton Parish Church and the College of William and Mary will be the topic of the next Sweet Discourse on Wednesday, November 15. Coffee and dessert will be served in Lewis Hall in the Parish House beginning at 6:30pm with the program to follow at 7pm.

Wilford Kale, a well-known local author, speaker and historian, will be our speaker. He is a retired newspaper journalist who has made his home in the Williamsburg area for nearly 55 years. He was bureau chief for The Richmond Times-Dispatch from 1971-1992 and has written extensively on the Historic Triangle's history in books and magazines.



His best known book is *Hark Upon the Gale: A History of the College of William and Mary*, which many of you may already own. His most recent volume, *From Student to Warrior: A Military History of the College of William and Mary*, was published in late April of this year. Kale has recently signed a contract to write a book on the history of Yorktown.

Anne Conkling encourages guides and members of the church to attend. "Do come to our November Sweet Discourse. Wilford and I have been friends for many years," said Anne, "and he is a dedicated researcher. He will share the history of the college and its connection to the church. Religion and education have always had a closely-knit relationship. Come on November 15 and get acquainted with Wilford. He is a great storyteller."





# Children & Youth Formation in November

Meghan Brewer

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

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

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

Joyful Noise, Choristers & Cantores Youth Choirs typically rehearse in the Parish House at 11am (unless there is no Sunday School) in the choir room.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

No Children's Church or Sunday School as the children and youth are singing during the 9:15am. Choir Rehearsal will be held immediately following the 9:15 service. Youth Group will gather from 5:30-7:30pm (includes dinner) when we'll be putting together College Care Packages.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Children's Church will be held at 9:15am, followed by Sunday School at 10:30am and Choir Rehearsal at 11am. Youth Group will gather from 5:30-7:30pm (includes dinner) with Game Night.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Children's Church will be held at 9:15am. Parents, don't forget to attend the Annual Meeting in the church following the 9:15am service! Sunday School will be held at 10:30am and Choir Rehearsal at 11am. Children, youth and their families will be joining our Canterburians for a Thanksgiving Feast at 6:30pm. Please RSVP to Meghan Brewer and bring a dish to share!

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Join us at the Parish House at 8:30am to transport the Thanksgiving donations to FISH. Please contact Meghan Brewer to let her know you'll help!

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Please enjoy the Thanksgiving weekend with your family. There will be no children or youth programming that Sunday.

# Youth Mission Trip 2018: Country Roads, Take Me Home, West Virginia

Father Josh

We're headed on a mission trip next summer to the mountains of West Virginia to work with the Appalachian South Folklife Center (ASFC). We'll connect with local folks who have fallen on tough times and need help with home repairs.

Much of West Virginia has never recovered from changes in industries like coal and timber that have left hundreds of thousands without jobs. This gives us a real opportunity to meet the people who call this beautiful place home and be a part of their lives in some small way. We'll also take time with this organization to get to know the unique culture of Appalachia — the history of the people and their land, and how they belong to it. (Visit [folklifecenter.org](http://folklifecenter.org) to see with whom we'll be working.)

Our trip will take place from June 17-25, 2018. The cost for the trip will be \$400/participant. As always, don't let the cost prevent you from participating; we're glad to help.

We truly hope that you will join us to play hard, work hard, and pray hard. We believe our time in service to others, in prayer and worship, and in having fun in creation can make a real impact on the world and on us.

We hope you will sign up at [bit.ly/brutonyouthmission2018](http://bit.ly/brutonyouthmission2018).

The deadline to sign up to attend the Youth Mission Trip is May 1, 2018.



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Youth Lock-In (1)  
Children's & Youth Choirs singing during Blessing of the Animals (2)

Children's Church on Sunday (3)

Youth Group assembling Thanksgiving Bags (4)

Face Painting at the Fall Fellowship Festival (5)



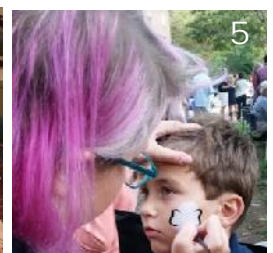
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# Candlelight Concerts for the Parish & Community by our Music Ministry

Concerts are held in the church at 8pm unless otherwise noted. Doors open at 7:30pm, no ticket required!

Thursday, November 2  
Choral Concert - Virginia Wesleyan Chorale from Norfolk, VA - Bryson Mortensen, Director

Saturday, November 4  
Choral Concert - Choir from St. Joseph on the Brandywine Church in Greenville, DE  
Mary Ellen Schaubert, Director

Tuesday, November 7  
Chamber Music Recital  
U.S. Army Band Reed Trio

Thursday, November 9  
Early Music Recital  
Adrienne Lotto, Soprano, Jane Leggiero Cello & Gamba, Daniel Corneliussen, Harpsichord

Saturday, November 11  
Choral Concert  
W&M's Chorus & Botetourt Singers  
Sarah Froom Gallo, Director

Sunday, November 12 @ 5:30 pm  
Choral Evensong - Music of Alan Bullard  
Bruton Parish Choirs, directed by Rebecca Davy, Dr. JanEl Will, Organist

Tuesday, November 14  
Flute, Organ & Harpsichord Recital  
Darla Wilmot, Flutist & Rebecca Davy, Harpsichord

Thursday, November 16  
Chamber Music Recital  
William & Mary Gallery Players  
Susan Via, Director

Saturday, November 18  
Handbell Concert - Youth Handbell Choirs of Davidson United Methodist Church in Davidson, NC - Kevin Turner & Katie Ann McCarty, Directors

Tuesday, November 21  
Organ Recital  
John Palmer, Organist from Calvary Episcopal Church in Memphis, TN

Thursday, November 23 @  
Thanksgiving Day Organ Recital  
Laurence Caldecote, Organist from All Saints Parish Church in Northhampton, England

Saturday, November 25  
Organ Recital  
Libby Boyer, Organist from Gloucester, VA

Tuesday, November 28  
Holiday Choral Concert  
St. Gertrude High School Women's Honors Ensemble from Richmond, VA  
Lisa Fusco, Director & Rebecca Davy, Organist

Thursday, November 30  
Holiday Organ Recital  
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

## Historical Organ Recitals

William & Mary's Wren Chapel @ 10am

Saturdays, November 4, 11, 18, 25  
Rebecca Davy

## Holiday Music at Bruton

Rebecca Davy, Music Director

Our annual choir holiday concert will take place on Tuesday, December 12, this year at 8pm in the church sanctuary. Accompanied by strings, flutes, oboes, and handbells, the choirs will sing music from the baroque period and the end of the 20th century.

We'll open with Georg Philipp Telemann's Christmas cantata of 1720, *Uns iste in Kind geboren* (To us a child is born), part of a cantata cycle he composed for the entire year while living in Frankfurt. The cantata is in eight varied movements with solos and choruses, not dissimilar to the famous cantatas of J. S. Bach, but certainly less contrapuntally dense. It is a delightful, joyous work, appropriately intended to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Next on the program is a setting of Mary's Magnificat, which has been attributed to the early German baroque composer, Dieterich Buxtehude, but was not likely written by him. No better or secure attribution has been made, and the connection with Buxtehude is based solely on its inclusion in the library of a friend, who owned much of his music. The style suggests another composer, but the date of origin is surely still the latter part of the 17th century. The Magnificat is divided into six movements which alternate choral and solo passages and brief instrumental ritornelli.

We will end the concert with American composer Libby Larsen's *Ringeltänzei*, completed in the 1980s, arranged for choir, strings, and handbells. The movements of this work depict festive caroling and dancing during the Christmas season, especially as was the tradition in medieval France. Larsen is one of America's leading composers and has been especially hailed for her sensitive settings of fine text to fine music. I hope many of you will have the opportunity to experience this concert and enjoy both something old, even possibly familiar, along with something fresh and new. May you have a blessed holiday season filled with family, friends, and music.



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# Annual Giving 2018

Marty Easton

Thank you for the wonderful response to this fall's annual appeal. Pledges are coming in daily. Please take time to consider your pledge for 2018. Bruton Parish relies on the annual fund to be who we are and do what we do — provide spiritual sustenance to our church community and to those in the surrounding area through worship, music, Christian education for all ages, fellowship, pastoral care and outreach. To ensure that Bruton Parish is here for us this year and next, in times of joy and solace, please make your pledge and increase it as you are able.



The online form is very easy to use — visit <http://bit.ly/pledge2018>. Or there are several ways to submit your physical pledge card — at the reception desk at the Parish House, in the offering plate, or by mail.

All pledge cards will be brought forward and blessed on Sunday, November 5.

## MOBILE GIVING ONLINE


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Pastoral Emergencies  
Monday-Friday, 9am - 5pm  
Call 757-345-2250 directly  
or call the church office at  
757-229-2891

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

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

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