ANNUAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17
The Rev’d Lauren McDonald

We are grateful to the nominating committee for their efforts in producing this outstanding slate of parishioners to serve on the Bruton Parish Vestry 2020 - 2022. We are 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. Nominees from the floor must be present to affirm their willingness to stand for election. We will have a list of all parishioners in good standing, who are eligible to stand and vote. If there are no nominees, we will affirm the slate by acclamation. We hope to see you on Sunday, November 17, following the 9:15 a.m. service in the church.

Dick Hodgson
I became a member of Bruton Parish Church in 1975. My wife, Susie, and I were married by Cotesworth Lewis in 1982. Job changes caused us to leave Williamsburg in 1986 for a ten-year stretch in Wilton, CT. We joined Saint Mathews Episcopal Church in 1986 where I served as an usher and Lay Eucharist Minister until 1996. We then moved to Afton, VA and joined Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Greenwood, VA, where I served four years on the Vestry, and 18 years as a Eucharistic Minister, usher and greeter. In 2014 we retired to Williamsburg and re-joined Bruton. I am currently a greeter and have participated in the winter homeless shelter program, and as an adoptive parent for several student Canterburians. My career has been corporate business law. I would welcome the opportunity to serve on the vestry.

Sally McConnell
I grew up in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and moved to Washington, DC after college where I met Bringier. We married in 1983 and lived in Northern Virginia for twenty years. In the early 2000’s, I served on the vestry at St. James, Leesburg. Bringier and I moved to Williamsburg in 2004 so I could accept a marketing position at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. For Bringier, our move to Williamsburg was a homecoming, as he grew up near Lake Matoka. Our family joined Bruton that fall. After thirteen years at the Foundation, I worked at a child-serving non-profit and then for WHRO Public Media until retirement. We have two adult daughters, Cole who is studying to be a CRNA and Adele, who works in communications. I chair the Bruton Shop Committee and serve on the Altar Guild. In 2019 Bringier and I led the Bruton Winter Shelter, a ministry deeply meaningful to both of us. I am honored to be asked to stand for the vestry and look forward to serving if called.

Melinda Morgan
Being a life long Episcopalian and a third generation Bruton parishioner, I have come to appreciate how important the church and God’s teachings are to us now more than ever! Prior to moving to Williamsburg three years ago, John and I lived in Springfield, Virginia. I worked for the U.S. Department of Justice for 38 years and served as the Director of Finance for my last 15 years. During this time we raised two daughters while we attended St. Andrew’s in Burke, where I served terms of Senior and Junior Wardens, and on Outreach and Womens Living Ministries. All of these activities helped me transition to many similar opportunities here at Bruton. I am currently the President of Women of Bruton (ECW), serve on the Finance Committee, usher in two programs, Winter Shelter, sponsor Canterburians, and help in the office several times a month. By having this exposure, I am aware of many unmet needs in our overall community. I envision my role on the Vestry would be to help identify what is working and what could be better. I would also like to help address needs or program gaps that can prioritize the neglected. Thank you for this opportunity to be considered for your vestry.

Jessica Pierson
Born in Oklahoma, I spent my elementary and middle school years in Ohio before calling Virginia my home in high school. I made my move to Williamsburg to attend the College of William and Mary where I double majored in Art History and Literary & Cultural Studies. After graduation I took a hard left into the Accounting Department at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College where I have been fortunate enough to remain for over six years. However, I continue to pursue my artistic inclinations during my spare time. I am newer to Bruton, as I was not a part of Canterbury during my time attending W&M. I serve as both a service and concert usher, help with the Children & Youth Formation, assist with Youth Group, and lead the Upper School Sunday School. I am honored to be nominated for Vestry and look forward to serving this congregation if affirmed.
FELLOWSHIP & FORMATION

Bruton Theological Forum
Friday, October 25 @ 7pm (church)

Wednesday Fellowship Dinners
Wednesdays, November 6, 13 & 20

All Saints’ First Fridays Recovery Eucharist
Friday, November 1 @ 5:30pm

Bruton Guild of Authors
Nominations due November 1

Commemoration of All Faithful Departed Holy Eucharist
Saturday, November 2 @ 3pm

Third Annual Holiday Craft Fair @ SpiritWorks
Sunday, November 2 @ 10am

Newcomers’ Corner
Sunday, November 3 @ 10:30am

Women’s Half-Day Retreat
Saturday, November 9, 9am - 12pm

Bruton Singles Events

Living the Gospel Bible Study
Sunday, November 10 & 24 @ 11am

Annual Meeting
Sunday, November 17

Winter Shelter Volunteer Sign-Ups
Sunday, November 17

Ribbon Cross Fellowship
Tuesday, November 12 @ 9:30am

ECW Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 13 @ 1:30pm

Women Under Fortyish
Sunday, November 17 @ 1pm

2020 Lenten Devotional
Women of Bruton’s Fall Retreat
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Looking Forward to Being an Angel
Poinsettias for the Christmas Altar
SAWA Annual Tea
Winter Shelter Ministry
Where in the World is Deacon Jan?
Heartfelt Thank You from Your Gift Shop
Bruton Fall Series Videos on Our Website
Children & Youth Formation
Interesting Books in the Hennage Library
Another Successful Newcomers’ Welcome Reception
Newcomer Committee Needs You
Candlelight Concerts
Holiday Music at Bruton
Join the Consecration Choir
Birthdays & Membership
Friends of Bruton Gears Up for a New Church Program Year

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 2
Commemoration of All Saints’ Departed Holy Eucharist @ 3pm (chuchyard)

Sunday, November 3
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Baptisms @ 9:15am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II & 11:15am & 5:30pm

Sunday, November 10
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Children’s Church @ 9:15am **
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 5:30pm

Sunday, November 17
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Children’s Church @ 9:15am **
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & Annual Meeting

Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 11:30am
(Note that the 11:15am service will be moved to 11:30am because of the Annual Meeting).
Choral Evensong @ 5:30pm

Sunday, November 24
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Children’s Church @ 9:15am **
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm

Wednesday, November 27
Thanksgiving Eve Service
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 6pm

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Noonday Prayer @ Church
Monday - Saturday

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

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

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

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

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

NEWCOMERS’ CORNER
New members of Bruton are invited to join clergy, vestry and Newcomers Committee members for coffee in the Custis House at 10:30am, on the first Sunday of each month. This is a great opportunity to learn of the many ministries here at Bruton. Join us in the Custis House on Sunday, November 3.
“To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything He has given us - and He has given us everything. . . . Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder, and to praise of the goodness of God. For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference.”

Thomas Merton, Thoughts in Solitude

Our Gratitude

Gratitude is woven through our worship each Sunday. Gratitude is where our private prayers often begin. Perhaps gratitude should be front and center when we consider our pledges of financial support for our church.

The good gifts of a gracious God surround us every day. The beauty of nature, music and art; the inspiration of courageous people; the love of family and the kindness of strangers — all remind us of the giver of life itself. And what a gift we have in Bruton Parish Church! Through all the seasons of our lives, this spiritual community provides support, encouragement, challenge, and a closer walk with God.

Our Generosity

But as Merton puts it, true gratitude “is never unresponsive.” What better response than generosity? What better way to acknowledge bountiful blessings than by modeling openhearted giving ourselves?

Bruton offers so many ways to respond to gratitude with generosity by giving our time and our talents to worship, music, service, outreach, and fellowship. But our financial support has special leverage since it provides for the people and the infrastructure (clergy, staff, buildings, programs) that make our church a reality.

The recent forums on Bruton’s finances and budget for the coming year provided an illuminating overview of how our dollars are used and how they will support our church in 2020. If you would like to review this information, or if you were unable to attend, please use the links in the box to the right. The best way to do our part in supporting Bruton financially, both for the sake of the parish and for our own planning, is a thoughtfully-considered pledge. We will be recognizing these pledges in our worship on Sunday, December 1.

The Future

The name of our Annual Giving 2020 campaign, Forward in Faith, reminds us that we are looking to the future. Our support of the church today is helping to secure its future — by building a vibrant and engaged congregation, by providing Christian formation for the youth who will grow into tomorrow’s parish leaders, and by maintaining the physical facilities on which our successors will depend.

Each of us has the opportunity in our life to nudge the future, to contribute in meaningful ways to leaving the world a better place. Those of us who hope that in the coming years there will always be a strong Bruton Parish Church will want to do what we can today to help that happen. Both by giving generously to meet current needs and by remembering the Bruton Parish Church Foundation in our estate planning, we will all be making a difference for those who follow us.

When To Submit Pledges

Please submit pledges by Sunday, December 1, or bring them with you to church that day, when pledges received by then will be recognized.

Pledge Online

Pledges may be submitted online here or visit bit.ly/ bpcpledge2020.

View Finance Presentation

To view and listen to the September 29, 2019 presentation on Bruton’s finances and our budget for 2020, please click here online or visit bit.ly/ bpcannualgiving2020.

Annual Giving Brochure

To read the Annual Giving 2020 Brochure, please click here online or visit bit.ly/ bpc2020annualgivingbrochure.

More Information

For further information on giving to Bruton, including planned giving, please visit www.brutonparish.org/ giving.

Bruton Parish Episcopal Church

Annual Giving 2020

For the work of God’s church in our parish, diocese, nation and world, I/We wish to make a pledge for 2020. This amount, offered in faith, may be increased or decreased by me/us due to circumstances.

2020 Pledge: ________________

Signature: ____________________________________________

Date: ____________________________

Thank you!
ALL SAINTS’ FIRST FRIDAYS SERVICE
The Rev’d Lauren McDonald

This month First Fridays falls on November 1, All Saints’ Day. The service, hosted by SpiritWorks Foundation and Bruton, will be at 5:30pm in the choir of the church. It includes readings and prayers 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. Please join us in prayer at this candlelit service as we remember and celebrate the great cloud of witnesses who have come before us. All are welcome whether you’re in recovery or not.

ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST

A service of Holy Eucharist will be held at 3pm on Saturday, 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.

BRUTON R.O.M.E.O.’S IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER
Jim Carson

Bruton R.O.M.E.O.’s (Retired Outstanding Men Eating Optimally) gather at lunchtime on the third Thursday of each month for food and fellowship at a local restaurant. Membership requirements for this group are met simply by attending this Christian Fellowship meal. We will not meet during November or December due to holidays near our meeting dates. We’ll start up again in January!

NOMINATIONS FOR GUILD OF BRUTON AUTHORS
Debbie Rinner

The Library Committee is asking that nominations of new members to the James C. Livingston Guild of Bruton Authors be submitted by November 1. Members of the guild are parishioners who have published one or more books. The guild was begun in 2012, and has more than 43 members. New names to be added will be announced at the end of the year.

Nominations may be submitted online at bit.ly/BPCAUTHORSGUILD. Please send an email directly to authorsguild@brutonparish.org, or place in the Library Committee box in the Parish House. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Rinner at the above email.

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE
John Fogarty, Nancy Nelson, Marty Easton

Third quarter contributions statements have been mailed to each home, listing contributions received through September 30, 2019. Thank you for reviewing your statement and planning for fulfillment of this year's pledge, on or before December 31, 2019.

Are you 70.5 years of age or better? If so, you must take a required minimum distribution for the year from your IRA. An IRA charitable rollover gift can satisfy all or part of that requirement. This allows you to transfer any amount up to $100,000 directly to a qualified charitable organization such as Bruton Parish Church, without paying income tax on the distribution. The transfer does not generate taxable income or a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your tax deductions. We have an easy form that you can give (electronically or on paper) to your IRA administrator. Please call Marty Easton at (757) 345-2256 or email her at measton@brutonparish.org.

This information is not intended as legal or tax advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney or tax advisor.

SPIRITWORKS THIRD ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR
Lynn Smyth

Save the date of Saturday, November 2, and plan to join us anytime from 10am to 2pm for our Third Annual Holiday Craft Fair! This year we are excited to welcome the Women of Bruton who have graciously and generously offered to help us in our Dining Pavilion. We will serve coffee, muffins, warm cider and a full lunch. So come early and shop, or sleep in and join us for shopping and lunch!

There will be vendors, crafters, a silent auction and yummy home-baked goods! All proceeds will benefit SpiritWorks Foundation and its efforts in our community to educate, equip, empower and celebrate individuals and families on the journey from addiction to recovery.

If you are crafty and would like to sell your wares at the fair or you have a donation for our silent auction, please contact Lynn Smyth at spiritworks@brutonparish.org. If you are interested in helping in the Dining Pavilion with the Women of Bruton or you would love to bake some goodies, please contact Melinda Morgan at (703) 380-9875 or brutonwomen@brutonparish.org.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!
BRUTON THEOLOGICAL FORUM CONTINUES
The Rev’d Dr. Dan McClain

We continue hosting a series of lectures on some of the central teachings of Christianity with special attention to the ways these ideas connect with the culture, public life, and the sciences. Our first four lectures are already scheduled and will relate to Scripture, the relationship of Science and Religion, God, and Creation.

Lectures are free and open to the public, but require free tickets. More information about the forum and access to free tickets can be obtained online at brutonforum.org or at the Parish House.

Friday, October 25, 2019
Seeing through a Glass, Darkly: Scientific and Scriptural Knowledge
The Rev’d Dr. Andrew Davison
Cambridge University

Monday, February 3
Trinity and Unity in the One God
The Rev’d Dr. Katherine Sonderegger
Virginia Theological Seminary

Monday, March 30
The Fullness of Time: Jesus Christ, Time, and Modernity
The Rev’d Dr. Kara Slade
Princeton Theological Seminary

Lectures will be held in Bruton Parish Church at 7pm, followed by receptions in the Parish House. If you have any difficulty accessing the free tickets online, please stop by the Parish House and speak with Alex Narducci or Hilary Cooley, who can assist you.

CANTERBURY NEEDS YOU

Canterbury, the Episcopal Church at William & Mary, is blessed each year by the many volunteers from Bruton and the greater Williamsburg community who care for our students through hospitality, friendship, and, of course, food. In fact, our volunteers comprise one of the most characteristic aspects of this chaplaincy. We simply would not be what we are without them.

I invite you to learn more about our campus ministry and ways you, too, can get involved. Please visit www.episcopalwm.org, our new(ish) website, if you haven’t already. Read about our student leaders and the different ways Canterbury ministers to the student body.

Check out the Volunteer Sign-Up Link to see if there is some way you can join us in this ministry of bringing the Church to the campus of W&M, and then inviting students to see what God is doing in the world through Jesus Christ.

JOIN BRUTON BUILDERS TO HELP WITH PROJECTS
Isabel Burch

Bruton Builders has made plans to complete three projects in the next month or two, and we are hoping that some parishioners will join us as we start our work.

We frequently help with projects at Avalon, and we will have just finished refurbishing the wooden structure holding the playground equipment in the children’s play area. Much of the equipment had to be replaced because of rotted wood. We made the equipment safe and have provided a place where the children in residence can have fun.

Since that work is completed, Bruton Builders will once again work on sprucing up some outside areas of the Parish House. This will include power washing and painting along the side of the building next to the walkway, as well as doing some needed clean up there.

When both of these two projects are completed, we have agreed to work with Housing Partnerships to build a ramp for a resident in the Grove area of Williamsburg.

Bruton Builders is hoping that some parishioners might want to join us and have fun helping others while we work to complete these projects. People of any skill level are needed. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lou Nucci at builders@brutonparish.org.

RIBBON CROSS FELLOWSHIP
Kathryn Smith

Please join the Women of Bruton for a morning of fun, fellowship and ribbon cross making on November 12, from 9:30 am — 11:25 am at Williamsburg Landing's Jamestown Room. This is a great opportunity to help make ribbon crosses that are sold in the wonderful Bruton Shop. All of the proceeds from the sales are targeted to help with the Women of Bruton's outreach efforts! It is a great chance to meet many new folks! There is a regularly-scheduled Eucharist at 11:30 am at the Landing afterwards, which you are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Melinda Morgan on (703) 380-9875 or Kathryn Smith on (757) 229-2188. Hope to see you there!

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

We are hosting a catered dinner at the Parish House for parishioners and friends each Wednesday (on November 6, 13 & 20 this month) so we might eat and enjoy fellowship together. All are welcome, and parish committees or other ministries are encouraged to use this convenient meal as part of their time together. Meals will be catered ($10/person, $25/family), and you must RSVP by 5pm on the Monday before the meal at bit.lywednesdaydinners.

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www.brutonparish.org
DOK Intercessory Prayers

Part of our rule of life as The Order of the Daughters of the King® is consistent intercessory prayer. Prayers are said for four weeks and may be repeated. Anyone wishing to have prayers said for them or for others should fill out a blue request card in the church tower and drop it into the DOK prayer box. This month’s Prayer of Thanksgiving is offered by Karen Gordon.

Gracious Heavenly Father,
Thank you for creating us in your image
and for the love that we share.
Thank you for the peace and blessings
that you bestow upon each of us.
Thank you for the family and friends
that share our joys and sorrows.
Thank you for the earth and all you have made
that we may share in your beauty.
May we show our gratitude each day
in our Prayers of Thanksgiving to you. Amen.

ECW/ Women to Women

Melinda Morgan

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

- **Saturday, November 2**
  Fall Festival at SpiritWorks will be held from 10am to 2pm. Come and help out with the many fun activities!

- **Saturday, November 9**
  Half-Day Women’s Retreat in the Parish Hall from 9am to noon.

- **Tuesday, November 12 - Ribbon Cross Fellowship** at Williamsburg Landing from 9:30 to 11:15am, with a service of Eucharist which follows at 11:30am.

- **Wednesday, December 11: Advent Quiet Day**
  Join us in church from 3-5pm for quiet prayers and meditations during this busy season!

- **Sunday, February 9-16, 2020**
  Please sign up to help during Bruton Parish’s Winter Shelter. Lots of hands will be needed. Watch for details!

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

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

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

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

- The Ribbon Cross Fellowship will begin meeting on a quarterly basis beginning January 2020.
- Attend an Episcopal Church Women Board Meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Coffee, Tea & Thee room of the Parish House. The next meeting is November 13 at 1:30pm.

Bruton Singles

Heidi Elam, Donna Dodenhoff, Eda Martin & Sandy Lenthall

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

Saturday, November 9, 6pm
**Dinner @ La Casona Mexican BBQ & Grill**
Come join us at 6pm as we try out Williamsburg’s new already highly recommended Mexican restaurant, La Casona, 1784 Jamestown Road. Please contact Heidi Elam at (757) 897-5012 to rsvp.

Thursday, November 14, 6pm-9pm
**Good Shot Judy @ Williamsburg Lodge**
Come meet us at the Sweet Tea & Barley Room at 6pm to secure seating. The music will begin at 7pm. Hope to see you there (cost of refreshment only). Please contact Heidi Elam (757) 897-5012 to rsvp.

Sunday, November 24, 2pm
**“Songs for a New World” @ Williamsburg Regional Library**
Meet us in the Theatre lobby at 1:45pm. This was Jason Robert Brown’s first produced show, originally produced Off-Broadway in 1995. It is an abstract musical, a series of songs all connected by a theme: "the moment of decision." Soaring melodies and irresistible rhythms mark a wide range of songs that encompass jazz, gospel, funk, and Kurt Weill. Most memorable are two songs of lost love: the Ashmanskas-Burns duet "I’d Give It All for You," which perfectly captures romantic yearning, and Molaskey’s wry yet poignant "Stars and the Moon," which has become something of a jazzy standard, recorded by such luminaries as Audra McDonald and Betty Buckley. After the concert, we’ll walk over to Aromas for refreshment ($18/ticket). Please rsvp to Donna Dodenhoff by email to singles@brutonparish.org.

Thursday, November 28, 1pm
**Thanksgiving Dinner @ Hellenic Center Williamsburg**
Come celebrate Thanksgiving with us at 1pm at Hellenic Center, St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, on Mooretown Road for a delightful buffet-style Thanksgiving dinner. The price is very reasonable, the food exceptional, and the setting beautiful. Please contact Heidi Elam at (757) 897-5012 to rsvp.
WOMEN’S FALL COFFEE

Melinda Morgan

A BIG thank you to everyone who participated in the September 25th Fall Coffee sponsored by the Women of Bruton. It was a good opportunity to catch up with friends, meet some new folks and learn about many of the unmet needs in our local community, from two people who are on the front-lines: Charvalla West, Manager Community Resource Center, United Way, and Rebecca Vinroot Director of James City County Social Services.

Thanks for coming!

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**Every Day is a Day of Thanksgiving!**

Bessie Bierer

This is the month where we in the United States turn our thoughts to Thanksgiving. We gather intentionally and share our gratitude for the gifts from God and the gifts of the relationships that bind us together around our table and our community of friends and family.

When we give thanks, or say thank you, we are recognizing the undeserved gift that we have received, either tangible or intangible, and in that acknowledgement, we are also recognizing that we are dependent upon God and upon one another.

Thanksgiving offers us the chance to recognize our interdependence and give thanks. It gives us a moment to stop, notice, and reflect on the good things that God is doing in the midst of us, inside us, and sometimes, in spite of us.

So as November begins, let us join together in committing to deepening our spiritual discipline of gratitude. [excerpt from November 2018 “Every Day is a Day of Thanksgiving” by The Rev. Canon Heather L. Melton, Staff Officer for the United Thank Offering]

UTO is so grateful for everyone who participates each year with their Thank Offerings. We believe that gratitude is an important and needed expression of faith in the world today. Download the free Blue Box App & donate to UTOBLUEBOXAPP.ORG.

**Cycling Without Age Williamsburg**

The Williamsburg Chapter of Cycling Without Age is a joint project of the Williamsburg Area Bicyclists, a local recreational bicycle club and BikeWalk Williamsburg, a local cycling and walking advocacy organization. Founded in February, 2018 they are currently working with five local Continuing Care Retirement Communities in the Williamsburg Area.

The Williamsburg Area Bicyclists are offering 20 minute trishaw rides for seniors from 10am-1pm on Mondays, starting/ending at the Bruton Parish Gift Shop. When you arrive for your ride, you should park on the Duke of Gloucester Street in front of the Bruton Parish Gift Shop. At that time, you will be required to sign a release and liability waiver before your ride.

If you’re a senior unable to bike anymore, please contact Christine Britton by the Friday before your ride at (757) 229-2891 or email cbritton@brutonparish.org for more information and to schedule your ride!

**Thanksgiving Food Drive for FISH**

Lynn Smyth

We are nearing the time for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for FISH. As in previous years, we will be distributing shopping bags with lists of non-perishable items needed by FISH for their Food Pantry.

Our efforts during the summer food drive were remarkable! We delivered over 100 bags of food to FISH. In addition to the outpouring of support from our parish in terms of food collected, we were hugely successful in our volunteer effort to load, transport, unload and organize the donated items we delivered to FISH. The summer food drive was made even more meaningful and joyful as our volun-teers included parents who brought their children to be a part of this ministry.

The Thanksgiving Food Drive bags will be available on all Sundays in November at the church beginning on November 3. Bags will also be available in the Parish House during the week in November. A list of items needed by FISH can be found on our website, too. Bags of non-perishable groceries for FISH can be dropped off at the Parish House or brought to the Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6pm on Wednesday, November 27.

We will need people to help us load up the bags at 8:30am on Friday, November 29, at the Parish House and to take the food to FISH. We will help them sort the food once we have brought the bags into their office. If you can help with delivering the food, please contact Lynn Smyth at Thanksgiving4FISH@brutonparish.org. We hope that some of the youth in the parish along with their parents as well as others can help with this endeavor.

We thank you in advance for your ongoing generosity to this important community ministry.

**2020 Lenten Devotional**

Joyce Haines

The Bruton Parish Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King* is making preparations for the 2020 Lenten Devotional. Contributors are needed to provide written reflections on assigned scripture passages for publication in the Devotional. Individuals, couples, and families are invited to contribute. Scripture passages will be assigned on November 20, 2019 and will be due by January 20, 2020.

If you are interested in writing a reflection for next year’s Lenten Devotional or if you would like more information, please either contact Joyce Haines at (757) 472-1692 or LentenDevotional@brutonparish.org or Faith Croker at (757) 253-5773.
**Women Under Fortyish**

WUF will meet on **Sunday, November 17**, from 1:30 to 2:30pm in the Youth Room at the Parish House. We will continue discussing scripture and reflections from The Way of Love Bible Challenge. This month’s theme is “Pray.” Childcare will be provided. If you’re a youngish adult woman at Bruton, come share some food, fellowship, and spiritual conversation with your peers. Please contact the Rev’d Lauren McDonald for more information.

**Women’s Theological Book Group**

The Women’s Theological book group will meet on **Thursday, December 5**, from 1:30 to 2:30pm in Room 206 of the Parish House. We will be discussing Ann Weems’ Putting the Amazing Back in Grace. Though written in 1999, this book of extended prose poems is as relevant now as it was twenty years ago. As the daughter of a pastor, Weems reflects on the church and faith of her childhood, exploring the wonder, fear, and questions she had as a child, weaving them into the seasons of the church year. All women are invited to join us. For more information please contact the Rev’d Lauren McDonald.

**Living the Gospel Bible Study**

This adult Lectionary-based Bible study is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 11am in the Custis House. The study looks at the impact of the Gospel message on our everyday lives. **Join us Sundays, November 10 & 24.**

**Usher Ministry**

We are in desperate need of new ushers at the 7:30am and 11:15 am services! Please contact Ginny and Bill Dugge at ushers@brutonparish.org if you can help!

**Guide Ministry**

Our ministry needs YOU to serve the church. Many guides are retiring or moving away. We need you to serve as a greeter or as a guide. Join us and spend a few hours a week meeting people from all over the world. For more information, please contact Marcia Hibbitts at (757) 564-8240 or guides@brutonparish.org.

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**In Search of an Acolyte Coordinator!**

We are in search of a person willing to take the lead in coordination of our acolytes. In the past, the person overseeing this position has ranged in age, so please don’t shy away just because it’s working with children and youth. Volunteer description: Meet two times a year with Meghan Brewer, Coordinator of Children & Youth Programs, to lay out the teams for new acolytes to be trained. As acolytes graduate or move, we fill the teams with children and youth who are not currently on a team (once they’ve completed training). This coordinator sends the schedule out, and twice a year updates the schedule with any changes made to these teams. Additionally, this person communicates with families during times such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, extra services, and Easter when the teams are not assigned a schedule. The person retiring from this position is also willing to help answer questions and help get the new person off on the right foot. Please contact Meghan at (757) 229-2891 or mbrewer@brutonparish.org if you would consider volunteering in this position, as it is a necessary and special area of ministry for our church!
LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING AN ANGEL
Bill Dugge

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 after the morning services on Sundays, November 10 & 17 and in the Parish House from November 11 through the 30. Purchased gifts must be returned to the Parish House to Christine Britton’s office by Monday, December 6. Contact Bill Dugge at (302) 853-0002 or angeltree@brutonparish.org with questions.

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 4, 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. Include your telephone number on the correspondence or check.

Please contact Dianne directly at email poinsettias@brutonparish.org or (757) 229-4915 if you have any questions.

SALVATION ARMY’S ANNUAL TEA
T.J. Cardwell

The Salvation Army's Women's Auxiliary of Williamsburg cordially invites you to their Annual Tea on Thursday, November 7, from 2-4pm in Lewis Hall.

Enjoy sweets, savories, and tea amid creatively-dressed teddy bears (for sale) and purchase great silent auction items donated by local businesses. 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. Come support the Salvation Army and our families 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 November 1; your check secures your reservation, no ticket required. For more information, please call (757) 565-2129 or email sawa.va@hotmail.com.

WINTER SHELTER MINISTRY
Diane Abdo & Anna Martin

2020 will mark the eighth year that Bruton Parish will provide food, lodging, showers, haircuts and a warm welcome to our home-less neighbors. Bruton is one of more than 33 con-gregations in the greater Williamsburg area that support this important ministry under the umbrella of the Community of Faith Mission (COFM). Our week at Bruton begins with dinner on Sun-day, February 9, and ends with breakfast on Sunday, February 16, 2020.

Our Bruton Shelter week is made possible by YOU! Because of the dedication and support of so many parishioners, our guests, which can number up to 25 per night, receive a warm and safe place to sleep, a nourishing dinner, hot breakfast, and a bag lunch to sustain them during the day. Our shelter is held in Lewis Hall and opens to guests every evening at 6:30pm. There are opportunities to support check-in, dinner, security, overnight, breakfast and check-out.

Parishioners who have volunteered year after year will tell you they believe this hands-on ministry is the work we, Christians, are called to do. If you haven’t volunteered for a shelter week in the past, please consider doing so. There is a dedicated group of leaders who will show you the ropes! The ability to sign up online will be available November 17 and, despite the need for 125 individual volunteer spots, they go quickly!

Please mark your calendars now for the week of February 9 and be thinking about how you would like to help. You’ll be hearing more details from us very soon! If you have any questions about the Winter Shelter, please email COFM@brutonparish.org.
Greetings everyone. I’m beginning a column that will appear periodically, summarizing highlights of my ministry over the last quarter. In this initial column I will introduce myself.

Here’s some context. Several years ago, I formally began the Ordination Exploration Process. The initial phase had me interview with three clergy from the diocese. All three clergy asked the same question: “Why do you need to be ordained to do what you’re already doing?” My response was quick and direct, “The people I work with know that I love them; I want them to know that God loves them and so does the Episcopal Church.”

That statement continues to form the foundation of everything I do in ministry. Following 2 1/4 years of Deacon School and a year-long internship at St. John’s in Hampton, I was ordained a Deacon on April 16, 2016. Bishop Hollerith then assigned me to Bruton Parish. During the week, I serve as the Executive Director of SpiritWorks Foundation, the nonprofit I founded in 2005 for people in recovery from addiction. My work with SpiritWorks and in recovery ministry allows me to travel to many places to educate and advocate for individuals, organizations, and faith communities about addiction and recovery. If you don’t see me at Bruton, that’s where I am!

In August, I served for a week as the small group leader at the inaugural Camp Spirit Song, a specialized summer camp for children affected by opioid addiction which was held at the Claggett Center in Maryland. My role was to offer the SpiritWorks education program, Children of Families at Risk for children and youth aged 8-14. During camp, the BBC visited and spent one entire day with us, filming for their documentary, "Addicted: America's Opioid Crisis. The documentary is aired on BBC III and highlights the children and youth engaging in hard work during small group, sharing letters written to "Addiction", personal interviews, and concluding with Camp Out, where we had a huge bonfire ending a wonderful God-filled day.

In September I participated in a Recovery Sunday at Christ and St. Luke's and facilitated their Adult Forum. As one of the Co-Chairs of the Addictions and Recovery Commission for the diocese, I often travel to churches around southern Virginia to educate and advise churches about addiction and recovery topics.

In September I also made my first formal trip to the White House, where I participated in a meeting hosted by the Office of National Drug Control Policy and spoke on my experience of "Treatment and Recovery". I had the amazing experience closing the meeting with an official dismissal, just like I do on Sundays. Later that week, I flew to Florida as a consultant to the annual meeting of all the Chancellors from the Episcopal Church.

The ministry of deacons is to bring the needs of the world to the attention of the church and to call the church out to serve the needs of the world. Whether I am at Bruton, at SpiritWorks, or traveling around the diocese or country, I work to serve and advocate for individuals and families who suffer from the disease of addiction, to equip, educate, and empower those on the journey from addiction to recovery, and most of all, to bring hope by sharing the love of God.
HEARTFELT THANK YOU FROM YOUR GIFT SHOP
Lynn Karlisch

Autumn has arrived in all of its beauty here in Williamsburg. November is our traditional time for Thanksgiving, and we couldn’t be more thankful to so many who have made our first Bruton Gift Shop Jumble Sale such a success.

Thanks to our committee chairman, Sally McConnell, for keeping us organized and on track these past several months and making sure all of the details were completed.

A very special thank you goes out to Joan Gorczyk and Carolyn Hoffman for their tireless efforts over these last months in receiving, pricing, storing and displaying all of the amazing donated merchandise. Betty-Wright Armbruster made sure that our Friday evening Jumble Sale Preview for all of the parishioners was so enjoyed by everyone who attended.

We don’t want to forget all who brought in so many wonderful donations, helped us set up for the sale, worked with us during the sale, and had fun shopping as well.

Because of everyone’s time and energy devoted to this new event, we are so happy to announce that our first Jumble Sale grossed over $10,000 which benefits mission and outreach!

We also want to invite everyone into your gift shop as Christmas is in the air! We have such a nice selection of Nativity sets, advent calendars, Christmas cards, greenery and so many charming and collectible ornaments from which to choose. We also have received gift items for everyone on your list, from very fashionable jewelry and accessories for the ladies to adorable books and toys for the little ones.

There are lanterns, pillows, charming home decor items and Santas as well. Last, but not least, we have the cutest selection of gifts for our furry, four-legged friends.

We truly have something beautiful and thoughtful for everyone, and remember that you will be supporting Mission and Outreach each time you shop with us. We wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends.

BRUTON FALL SERIES VIDEOS ON OUR WEBSITE

All but one of the videos from the presentations given this past month during the Bruton Fall Series — Pilgrimages: Medieval & Contemporary — are available on our website. Please visit bit.ly/ BCPPilgrimageVideos directly, and click the blue “Video available here” link under each presentation. There are a number of other pilgrimages happening around the diocese. Check out the ones below and contact their coordinator if you are interested!

Choral Pilgrimage of England
January 30 to February 8, 2020
You are invited to join the Christ and Grace, Petersburg, for a Choral Pilgrimage to England, January 30 to February 8, 2020, led by the Rev Robin Teasley, William Owen, and Matthew Little. A Choral Pilgrimage is a rich musical and spiritual journey where pilgrims seek an encounter with the Holy in the glory of choral music and the spiritual sites of our Anglican heritage. We will be exploring some of these historic and sacred sites each day as we worship daily at Evensongs and sung Eucharists in some of England’s most beautiful cathedrals and collegiate chapels. We will hear the resident world-famous choirs (not guest or touring choirs) sing in their home settings. The Organists and Music Directors will frequently join us for a meal to tell us more about their work, and we will have special reserved seating in the Quire. William Owen has led six of these journeys at his former parish, Christ Church Christiana Hundred in Wilmington, DE. For further information, please view our brochure at bit.ly/ ChristGracePilgrimage or contact Christ and Grace at churchoffice@christandgrace.org.

England Pilgrimage: Sacred Spires, Joyful Choirs
February 6-15, 2020
Join Hickory Neck Church, Toano, for a choral pilgrimage to England – the birthplace of the Episcopal Church and the home of much of the music that has shaped our past, present, and future. February 6-15, 2020 (note: revised dates), we will journey from York, to Norwich, Cambridge, Salisbury, Oxford, Canterbury, London, and more, stopping each night in a magnificent cathedral, minster, or college to hear the beautiful renditions of evensong that each unique choir performs. You will also be able to tour historic towns, see the scenic countryside, and explore the art and architecture that has inspired Christians for centuries. Total cost per participant is about $3500 (double-occupancy; airfare, lodging, transportation, entrance fees, and most gratuities and meals included). For more information, please contact the Rev’d Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly at 757-566-0276, or jandrewsweckerly@hickoryneck.org. Please visit bit.ly/ HickoryNeckPilgrimage for a trip brochure and registration form.
CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION
The Rev’d Josh Stephens & Meghan Brewer

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3
Children’s Church will NOT be held so that all families can join us in the “big” church at 9:15 for baptisms that day! Instead of Sunday School for our children, a brief Group Activity will be held in Lewis Hall for K-5. Sunday School for our middle/high schoolers will be held in Room 206 of the Parish House. Joyful Noise Choir rehearses at 11:15am in the Parish House, and our Chorister Choir will rehearse at 6pm that evening.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10
Children’s Church will be held at 9:15am in St. Mary’s Chapel, followed by Sunday School upstairs for K-5th grade and in Room 206 for middle/high schoolers. Joyful Noise Choir for five-year-olds through 3rd grade will rehearse at 11:15am in the Parish House Choir Room. Chorister Choir will be held on Sunday evenings at 6pm in the Parish House Choir Room. Youth Group meets this Sunday from 4-6pm for middle schoolers, dinner at 5:30pm, and high schoolers from 5:30-7:30pm. We’ll be assembling the College Care Packages.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17
Children’s Church will be held at 9:15am in St. Mary’s Chapel, followed by Sunday School upstairs for K-5th grade and in Room 206 for middle/high schoolers. Joyful Noise Choir for five-year-olds through 3rd grade will rehearse at 11:15am in the Parish House Choir Room. Chorister Choir will be held on Sunday evenings at 6pm in the Parish House Choir Room. The Children, Youth & Canterbury Thanksgiving Feast will be held at 5:30pm. A sign-up sheet will be available soon.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27
THANKSGIVING EVE HOLY EUCHARIST
Join us Thanksgiving Eve for a service of Holy Eucharist on Wednesday, November 27 at 6pm. Pick up your donation bag at the church on Sundays or in the Parish House during weekdays. Bring your non-perishable donations with you to the service or drop them off at the Parish House beforehand.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29: TRANSPORTING FOOD DONATIONS TO FISH
We will need “all hands on deck” to join us at 8:30am at the Parish House to help transport donations of food to FISH. Stay afterwards and help with stocking their shelves!

This year during An Occassion for the Arts weekend, our youth held one of the major fundraisers of the year to benefit the Youth Mission & Pilgrimage Fund. The weather was beautiful, there were thousands of people in town, and many stopped by to purchase about 400 hotdogs, 450 hamburgers, water, sodas, chips, cookies, pickles and more! Thank you to all who donated their time or purchased items and supported our upcoming mission trips!

Fall Calendar

NOV 10
YOUTH GROUP - Service Project
Care Packages for College Students

NOV 24
THANKSGIVING POTLUCK
Join us for fun and food from 5:30-7:30pm

DEC 08
YOUTH GROUP
We will meet offsite. Stay tuned!

DEC 15
ICE SKATING, HOT COCOA & PIZZA
Bring friends! 4:00-6:30pm

Youth Group meets in the parish House & includes dinner. Middle school youth group meets 4-6pm; high school is 5:30-7:30 & finishes at the church.

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**Interesting Books in the Hennage Library**

Hugh Rowland, Library Committee

Our parish is blessed with The Hennage Library, a small (1,700) but carefully chosen collection of faith-based materials available to educate, enlighten and entertain members of our congregation. The Library was originally established with the generous support of Joseph and June Hennage. It is located in the lower level of the Parish House and is open from 9am to 5pm on Friday and daily whenever meetings are not scheduled there. Check the availability of the library by visiting the Parish Calendar on our website or call the Parish House at (757) 229-2891.

**1 Corinthians: 13 Studies for Individuals & Groups**
by N.T. Wright, Dale Larsen, and Sandy Larsen
Hennage call number: 227.2 Wri1 2009

For anyone desiring to plan a Bible study based on 1 Corinthians, this is an excellent choice. If you have read any of N.T. Wright’s scholarly works – by this point he has nearly 50 works to his name – you know that he subscribes to the way of Colonial Williamsburg’s George Wythe, namely, why use one word when you can use ten. Yet in this little book devoted to Bible study, Wright is concise, remains on target and guides the reader with excellent questions, suggestions, and exercises. Wright allows his scholarly brilliance to illuminate some important aspects of the society in the city of Corinth, yet he does it in a way that does not distract from his other role, that of a clergyman devoted to helping people of faith to explore their faith through Bible study.

**The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions**
by Marcus J. Borg and N.T. Wright
Harper Collins, 1998
Hennage call number: 232 BorM 1998

Twenty years ago, two leading scholars, N.T. Wright and Marcus Borg, co-authored a book on the historical Jesus that provides a good framework for thinking about the historical Jesus. Lest the reader has heard that Wright is a curmudgeon conservative and Borg is a flaming liberal, it should be noted that Wright and Borg are good friends who are able to debate important issues without resorting to simplistic dualisms, such as conservative/liberal. Both authors take their Christian faith seriously, but they start from different assumptions and arrive at different conclusions. On the one hand, Borg continues the Enlightenment approach that all true scholarship must be done with the goal of discovering an objective truth. On the other hand, N.T. Wright, who has a direct connection to the Episcopal Church in that he served as the Bishop of Durham of the Church of England, regularly challenges Enlightenment thinking. He believes that one does not have to check one’s Christian faith at the door when undertaking Biblical scholarship. Wright maintains that a scholar, even on a topic as vexing as the historical Jesus, can and should work within Christian tradition. Yet, as evidenced by his collaboration with Borg, Wright believes that Christian scholars should take seriously the wealth of new evidence and insights that continue to emerge.

**Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time: The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith**
by Marcus J. Borg
Harper Collins, 1995
Hennage call number: 232.908 BorM 1994

Although this book was published before the Borg-Wright collaboration book mentioned above, it can be seen as an elaboration of a number of the same topics. Borg takes seriously the yearnings many Christians to have both a fully contemporary faith that also welcomes rather than oppresses our critical intelligence and openness to the best of historical scholarship. What may be appealing to many readers is Borg’s discussion of his own personal journey of exploring the inner twining of faith and science. From the unquestioning of inherited notions to collegiate skepticism sometimes bordering on atheism to a mature faith. Borg illustrates that an authentic Christian life does not have to be rooted in creed or dogma, but rather in a life of spiritual challenge, compassion, and community.

**The Illustrated Jesus Through the Centuries: His Place in the History of Culture**
by Jaroslav Pelikan
Yale University Press, 1985
Hennage call number: 232.9 PelJ

This book has lots of beautiful pictures, and is a wonderful counterbalance to the ponderous works of Borg and Wright, mentioned above. In this wise, informative, and sumptuously illustrated book, Jaroslav Pelikan discusses how each age created Jesus in its own image, discovering in his life and teachings the answers to fundamental questions of human existence and destiny. Studying the images of Jesus cherished by successive ages—from rabbi in the first century to universal man in the Renaissance to liberator in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries—Pelikan suggests that the way a particular age depicted Jesus is an essential key to understanding that era.
ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL NEWCOMERS’ WELCOME RECEPTION
Kris Magnusson, Newcomer Committee Chairperson

Our semiannual Newcomers’ Welcome Reception was hosted in the Parish Hall on the evening of October 17th by our Newcomers’ Committee. There were fourteen newcomers. Also in attendance were vestry members and their spouses, several clergy members and parishioners, totaling twenty. The program began with Carl Hohl conducting a tour of the Parish House and Parish Gift Shop. The refreshments were more than ample and tasty. We were even treated to sweet Halloween desserts. Several newcomers expressed surprise at how a church of our size could make them feel so welcome, so quickly. A good time was had by all!

Visitors and newcomers, who visit the church during Sunday services, are asked to take a moment to complete the form in the blue folder at the end of each pew and drop it in the offertory plate or hand it to an usher. Once our church office receives this information, a letter and Newcomer Packet will be sent. Completing and returning the Family Information Sheet will let us better assist those who wish to become a part of our parish family. This form is also available online through our website. The Bruton Parish community is delighted to welcome newcomers into our parish family. For more information, please contact the church office at BPC@brutonparish.org or (757) 229-2891.

NEWCOMER COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU
The Newcomers Committee is in great need of members to welcome our new parishioners!

I was a "newcomer" to many schools and churches growing up, as we were an Air Force family who moved all the time, twenty plus schools and towns! The first thing that our family did when we moved was find a church and make new friends. It was important for us to find a church family and, wherever we went, we were welcomed with open arms. That's where the Newcomers Committee members come in.

We were all at one time a "newcomer" to Bruton Parish. Do you remember how wonderful it was to have that special person as your mentor? Sometimes it's awkward going to events when you don't know anyone. Having that "mentor" makes a huge difference.

The committee meets once a month in the Bruton Parish Library, and we host two receptions during the year, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. If you are interested in participating with this very important committee, please email newcomers@brutonparish.org.

Pictured from the top:
1) Newcomer Martha Kelly & Diane Koun, Shop Manager
2) Newcomers Betty & Roddy Delk; Marty Easton, Development Director; Spence Webster, Vestryman
3) Newcomers Peg & Larry Zensinger and Newcomer Committee Member Carl Hohl
4) Newcomers Committee Members Chuck Mullaly & Todd Skinner
5) Rev’ds Dan McClain & Lauren McDonald, and Newcomer Fran Kunz
Candlelight Concerts, Parish House Music Series, and Historical Organ Recitals for the Parish & Community

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

Saturday, November 2 - Organ Recital
Christopher Reynolds, Organist at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Richmond, Virginia

Tuesday, November 5 - Violin Recital
Moises Cunha, Violin & Rebecca Davy, Organ & Harpsichord

Thursday, November 7 - Organ Recital
Simon Templet, Organist from New Orleans, Louisiana

Saturday, November 9
Flute, Viola & Harp Chamber Recital
Serenity Trio from Harrisonburg, Virginia

Tuesday, November 12 - Baritone & Organ Recital
Including Five Mystical Songs by Ralph Vaughan Williams
Christopher Mooney, Baritone & Rebecca Davy, Organist

Thursday, November 14 - Organ Recital
Denise Cromer, Organist from First Presbyterian Church in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Saturday, November 16 - Choral Concert
Botetourt Singers & Women's Chorus from The College of William & Mary, Dr. Jamie Bartlett, Director

Sunday, November 17 @ 5:30pm - Choral Evensong
St. John's Episcopal Church Choir from Petersburg, Virginia, Charles Lindsey, Director

Tuesday, November 19 - Organ Recital
Mark Biondolillo, Organist at United Methodist Church Fox Hill in Hampton, Virginia

Thursday, November 21 - Chamber Recital
Gallery Players from The College of William & Mary, Susan Via, Director

Saturday, November 23 - Choral Concert
River Road Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir from Richmond, Virginia - Landry Duvall, Director

Tuesday, November 26 - Organ Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Thursday, November 28
Thanksgiving Day Organ Recital
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director

Saturday, November 30 - Organ Recital
Mark Biondolillo, Organist at United Methodist Church Fox Hill in Hampton, VA

Historical Organ Recitals
The College of William & Mary Wren Chapel
Saturdays @ 10am

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Rebecca Davy

Join the Consecration Choir
Come and sing with the Consecration Choir to help celebrate the election of the Rev’d Susan B. Haynes as the 11th Bishop of Southern Virginia! We are hoping singers from across the Diocese will join in this special event. Please spread this word to all singers across the Diocese. You do not need to be a member of your church choir to participate. Please visit www.diosova.org/bishopsearch/article465733.htm for details and requirements, regional rehearsal schedules, and to sign up. For more information, please contact Kevin Kwan directly at kevin.kwan@christandstlukes.org.

Holiday Music at Bruton
Rebecca Davy, Music Director
December 3 & 5 @ 8pm
Tarpley Handbell Ringers
Holiday Concerts
December 10 @ 8pm
A Journey Through Advent
Bruton Choirs & Orchestra
Advent Lessons & Carols
to include Ave maris stella by Cecilia McDowall

Doors open at 7:30pm, no ticket required (a freewill offering will be gratefully received).

Parking is permitted on the Duke of Gloucester Street during any service, concert and recital.

December 29
9:15 & 11:15am Services
Christmas Lessons & Carols
Friends of Bruton Gears Up for New Church Program Year

Jim Morford, Chair

Friends of Bruton is pleased that the long and complex installation of the new pipe organ has been completed. The church is once again open daily to welcome visitors and make new Friends. Bruton Guides have resumed welcoming visitors each day to share the story of our historic church. It is through the interaction between visitors and Bruton Guides that many people join Friends of Bruton and become a part of Our Worldwide Congregation.

With over 2,000 Friends of Bruton from throughout the nation and indeed around the world united with our more than 2,000 local Bruton congregants, Our Worldwide Congregation exceeds 4,000.

Last spring we celebrated our 7th Annual Friends Day with an all-day recognition of the momentous events of 1619 by conducting all activities at Historic Jamestown and Jamestown Settlement. Plans are now underway for the 8th Annual Friends Day, so you will want to mark your calendars now for Saturday, May 2, 2020.

The Cornerstone Circle, an extension of Friends of Bruton, which through annual sustaining contributions, permits the Friends Committee to sponsor projects that will make a lasting contribution to our church. Two projects are currently in the beginning stages of development. One is an oral history project that will capture recollections of senior parish members, who will help preserve the history of Bruton from as far back as the early 1940s to the present. A second project under consideration is to publish a book of selected articles from the past six or more years of The Bruton Fount.

Both projects will require funding from Cornerstone Circle membership that is based on an annual contribution of $100 or more per person. Each new Cornerstone Circle member receives a lapel pin representing the Bruton weathervane — the emblem of Friends of Bruton. Renewing members receive a gift in recognition of their continued support for the work of Friends of Bruton. This year’s gift is a 9x13” beautiful portrait of the church by a local artist.

Under active consideration by the Committee is a trip to the Holy Land next year. The Rev’d Chris Epperson, having recently returned from a tour there, is looking forward to leading a group to visit the land where our Judeo/Christian heritage was born.

Because of our interesting activities, the Friends of Bruton Committee believes it is time to expand our working committee from its original seven members to eleven members. To that end, we invite members of the congregation, who are interested in contributing to the ongoing work of Friends of Bruton, to contact Hilary Cooley at either (757) 229-2891 or hcooley@brutonparish.org to let us know of your interest.

In another significant action, the Friends of Bruton Committee has determined to redesign the Advisory Council. Rather than a group that meets annually, the Committee is compiling a list of individuals who may be called on from time to time to lend their particular knowledge or skill to assist the Committee in meeting its goals. These individuals will be known as “Resource Associates”.

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