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Annual Giving for a Thriving Parish

Marty Easton, Development

What is your definition of a thriving parish? To me, it means there is work to do, a place to do it, and people to share in it. These three things shape the parish and enliven its purpose: work to do, a place to do it, and people to share in it.

Our work is to proclaim our knowledge and love of God and live out our calling as disciples of Christ. The things we accomplish are meant to bring ourselves and others into closer relationship with God, as revealed in Scripture and in the life of Jesus.

The place is our church and parish house. They enable us to worship God and practice our faith in community. Here we do things, or plan and dream of what we want to go out and do. In gatherings large and small, in celebration and solace, God is made manifest.

As people we have various roles and titles, but we are all ministers. Parish life is a gift we both give and receive. We are on the front lines! The worshiping, guiding, serving, learning, all make us grow in the desire to do more, and to invite others to know the Gospel.

Could this be a thriving parish without work, a place and people? I think it would be hard. I think Jesus came as a person to follow, not as a concept to study in solitude. So we are meant to be in communion and share the Sacraments he left us.

Soon it will be October, the month to discern and submit our pledges for 2018.

The steady flow of income from our pledges is the tangible support for this parish, held together by Christ. Why do you pledge? I pledge because I was taught to, but that's not really enough of a reason. It's more a matter of how I see myself: as a member of the body of Christ. I hope the way I see myself is always changing. Giving — and giving more — is part of growing into the full stature of Christ.

This year has been successful on many fronts. We will meet budget requirements and be able to add to the maintenance reserve fund for the needs that will invariably arise. Funding for ministry beyond the parish will grow this year to \$95,000. Generous giving has made this possible. Please read the materials that you will receive at home about Annual Giving 2018 and give prayerful consideration to your pledge. Then return your pledge card, to keep Bruton a thriving parish — with work to do, a place to do it, and people to share it with.

BRUTON PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Annual Giving 2018

For the work of God's church in our parish, diocese, nation and world, I/we wish to make a pledge for 2018. This amount, offered in faith, may be increased or decreased by me/us due to circumstances.

2018 Pledge: \$ _____ *Pledge packets will be available*

Signature: _____ *at the Fall Fellowship Festival.*

Date: _____ *Those not picked up will be mailed October 2.*

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Fall Fellowship Festival
Sunday, October 1 @ 4:30-7pm
Newcomers' Corner
Sunday, October 1 @ 10:30am
Vestry Nominations Due October 2
Hands-On Outreach @ FISH
Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
Elderhood: Finding Your Purpose
Thursday, October 5 @ 1pm
Fall Lecture Series Continues:
Four Major World Religions
6:30pm Coffee/Dessert ~ 7pm Program *
October 5 - Hinduism October 12 - Buddhism
October 19 - Judaism
First Fridays Recovery Eucharist
Friday, October 6 @ 5:30pm
Shop's Pre-Owned Jewelry & Accessories Sale
Saturday & Monday, October 7 & 9, 10am-5pm
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W&M Alumni Homecoming Tailgate
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Tri-Diocesan Council on Aging Fall Camp
October 23-26 @ Shrine Mont
Women's Theological Book Group
Thursday, October 26 @ 1pm *
Newcomers' Welcome Reception
Wednesday, October 26 @ 5:30pm
All Faithful Departed Holy Eucharist
Thursday, November 2 @ 3pm
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

Sunday, October 1
Holy Eucharist @ 7:30am, 9:15, 11:15
Children's Church @ 9:15am *
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm
Sunday, October 8
Holy Eucharist @ 7:30am, 11:15 & 5:30pm
Holy Eucharist & Blessing of the Animals
in the church @ 9:15am
Sunday, October 15
Holy Eucharist @ 7:30am, 9:15, 11:15
Children's Church @ 9:15am *
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm
Sundays, October 22 & 29
Holy Eucharist @ 7:30am, 9:15, 11:15 & 5:30pm
Children's Church @ 9:15am *
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.

Fall Fellowship Festival

There's still time to rsvp if you haven't already! Join us for shrimp, clams, oysters, crabs, hotdogs with all the fixings, and kids' activities from 4:30 to 7pm this Sunday, October 1, in the Parish Hall. Just \$15/person or \$25/family (pay at the door). Please contact Meghan Brewer as soon as possible at (252) 347-7078 or mbrewer@brutonparish.org and let her know how many from your family will be attending (adults and children). We are looking forward to seeing you!



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

Vestry Nominations

Enclosed in this issue is a nomination form for our upcoming Vestry election at the Annual Meeting in the church following the 9:15am service on Sunday, November 19. Strong lay leadership is key to moving forward together. Please consider submitting your name or that of someone with whom you have spoken. All information needed is included on the form (nominations are due by Monday, October 2).

Study "Inner Healing" This Fall

The Triangle chapter of the Order of Saint Luke is continuing to present a series of lessons on Inner Healing taught at St Martins Episcopal Church from 10-11:30am on Saturdays, October 14 and November 18.

Leaders are Becky and Chris Shenefiel who have extensive training in Healing Prayer from Francis and Judith McNut, Nigel Mumford, Chuck Cook, Rita Bennett and others. Becky and Chris have had extensive training thru OSL (please visit the referenced website below to learn about the extensive training in the Gospel Miracles to be a member), and through the McNut's Christian Healing Ministries in Jacksonville, Florida (where you can see on their website at www.christianhealingmin.org the extent of their training programs and ministry).

We will learn about deep spiritual healing which is a process that helps with our sense of belonging, sense of worth and sense of being competent. Spiritual maturity and healing old wounds will be explored. This wonderful couple will be a resource for deeper learning about healing for us all.

For more information about OSL see their website at <https://orderofstluke.org/en/about.html>. All are welcome to attend! To register for this event, please send an email with your contact information to oslwb1@gmail.com.

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.

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 Please join us on Sunday, October 1.

Four Major World Religions

Ed Burchianti

Scheduled for four consecutive Thursday evenings beginning September 28, the Bruton Parish Fall Lecture Series has as its theme Four Major World Religions. The talks will begin at 7PM promptly in Lewis Hall and will be preceded by a small coffee and dessert social beginning at 6:30pm. The presentations will last approximately 45 minutes and be followed by a question and answer period.

Avail yourself of the opportunity to learn about and explore these religions which are the faith and belief systems of much of the world's population. The Fall Series is always open to the entire community and you are encouraged to invite your neighbors and friends. Presentations will focus on the following religions:

Hinduism - October 5

Dr. Mark McLaughlin
W&M Religious Studies
Department

Buddhism - October 12

Dr. Kevin Vose
W&M Religious Studies
Department

Judaism - October 19

Rabbi David Katz
Temple Beth El of Williamsburg



Newcomers' Welcome Reception

The Newcomers Committee is planning a welcome reception with wine and cheese for Bruton Parish newcomers from 5:30 to 7pm on Wednesday, October 26 in the Parish Hall. The parish clergy and members of the Vestry and Newcomers Committee will welcome new or nearly new members in an informal gathering. Join us for heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, sodas, coffee and other non-alcoholic drinks. Bring the children as activities and refreshments will be provided for them.

A guided tour of the Parish House will be available before the reception and will start at 5pm in the Parish House lobby near the reception desk. Please let us know you will be attending by contacting the parish office at 757-229-2891 or newcomers@brutonparish.org (parking will be available on Duke of Gloucester Street).





The Blessing of the Animals

Join us in the church during the 9:15am service on Sunday, October 8, for a wonderful opportunity to bring your pets for a blessing ... be they furry or scaly (hopefully, they don't bite)! If you'd rather, bring a stuffed animal representing your pet!

Women's Theological Book Group

This book group is open to all women and discusses works of fiction and non-fiction through a theological lens. Our next meeting will be from 1-2:30pm on Thursday, October 26, in Room 206 of the Parish House. We will be discussing *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

In this book, Taylor explores spiritual practices that help us to slow down and pay attention so that we encounter God everywhere we go. From the introduction, "I have no idea what you will see when you look at your life - but if you are tired of arguing about religion, tired of reading about spirituality, tired of talk-talk-talking about things that matter without doing a single thing that matters yourself, then the pages that follow are dedicated to you. My hope is that reading them will help you recognize ... some of the altars in the world."

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

Upcoming Dates and Books:

November 30 - *The Four Vision Quests of Jesus* by The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston

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

Women's Potluck

All women of the parish are invited to the Women's Evening Potluck Dinner being held this month at Janet Estes' home on Wednesday, October 11, at 6:30pm. Please bring a dish to share and call Janet to rsvp and get directions at 757-253-1682.

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 the parish house. To participate in any event, please procure tickets to the function and call the listed coordinator.



Sunday, October 1, 4:30pm

Fall Fellowship Festival @ Bruton Church
Come and join our fellow parishioners for shrimp, clams, oysters, crab, hotdogs with all the fixings in the Parish Hall. \$15 per person (pay at the door). To RSVP, call the Church 229-2891 to RSVP. Please call Heidi Elam (757-897-5012), and we will save you a seat at the Bruton Singles table.

Sunday, October 8, 1pm

Occasion for the Arts @ Merchants Square
Meet us at 1pm the Parish House Reception area as we begin our walk to the Occasion For The Arts to enjoy the splendid annual celebration of visual, literary and performing arts in and beyond Merchants Square. The juried show brings the work of talented fine artists, lively performing artists, food and beverage tastings together. Cost of meal only. Call Ruth Mullaney (757-229-6961)

Saturday, October 21, 7:30pm

Jimmy Masters & Bill Gurley

Dewey Decimal Series

Williamsburg Regional Library

Meet us for supper at 5:30pm at The College Delly on Richmond Road. We will then attend the concert by Bill Gurley who is a multi-instrumentalist, singer, and songwriter from the Northern Neck of Virginia. Together with his wife Pam they have released several highly acclaimed recordings: *Lights of Home*, *October Winds* and *The Gurleys*. Joining Bill Gurley will be jazz bassist Jimmy Masters in a musical collaboration. (Tickets \$5, \$4 for Friends of the Library, + cost of meal. (RSVP Donna Dodenhoff@brutonparish.org).

Sunday, October 22, 2pm-4pm

Opera in Williamsburg "The Barber of Seville" @ Kimball Theatre

The Barber of Seville by Gioachino Rossini, one of the most popular operas in the world, will be held in the intimate setting of the 400-seat Kimball Theatre, featuring conductor Jorge Parody with a world-class cast. This film is in Italian with English subtitles (tickets \$48 General Admission, \$43 seniors). Purchase your ticket and rsvp to Eda Martin at 757-253-1477.

M25 & Matthew Whaley Fall Clothing Drive

Our Matthew 25 folks are collecting sweatpants for children at Matthew Whaley Elementary School. Sweatpants with elastic at the waist and ankles are needed in neutral colors (i.e. navy blue, gray, black) in small & medium (10 pair each size) and large and extra large (5 pair each size). A total of 15 sweatshirts are also needed in the above sizes. Please drop off clothing donations at the Parish House by Tuesday, October 10, in the designated bins in the reception area and outside of Lewis Hall.



First Fridays Recovery Eucharist

This month's First Fridays Recovery Eucharist will be October 6, at 5:30 p.m. 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. This month the Rev. Lauren McDonald will be our celebrant and preacher.

September is National Recovery Month

Kim Defibaugh

The Rev'd Jan Brown and the Rev'd Lauren McDonald gave a presentation about addiction and the opioid pandemic at the Episcopal Church Women's Fall Coffee at Bruton Parish Church on Thursday, September 21.

In addition to serving as clergy at Bruton, the two women also run SpiritWorks Foundation, a recovery community organization in Williamsburg for individuals and families healing from the disease of addiction. To find out more about the services SpiritWorks offers or ways to volunteer please call (757) 903-0000 or stop by the recovery center at 5800 Mooretown Road.



Pictured: Rev'd Jan M. Brown, Elizabeth Greaf (ECW President), Alice Oates (ECW Fall Coffee Chair), and the Rev'd Lauren McDonald

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, October 8 & 22.

Fall Women's Retreat

The Rev'd Lauren McDonald

Did you love the Lenten Women's Retreat? Did you miss out on the Lenten Women's Retreat and wish you could have gone? Do you long for a few hours of prayer, guided conversation, and fellowship with your sisters in Christ at Bruton? Are you weary of the relentless news cycle and wish to have your spirit renewed?

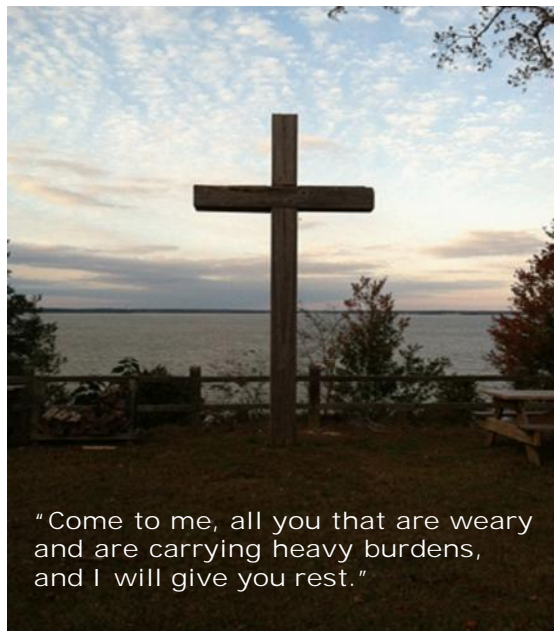
Come and join us for a half day Fall Women's Retreat on Saturday, October 14, from 9am until noon in the Parish Hall. The Rev'ds Lauren McDonald and Jan M. Brown will be our facilitators. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided. There is no cost but do let us know that you're coming so we have enough materials. Contact Elizabeth Greaf to rsvp or with questions at FallRetreat@brutonparish.org.

Childcare is available! If you would like to reserve a space for your child, please contact Meghan Brewer (childcare@brutonparish.org or 757-229-2891).



Women's Lenten Retreat

Come away across the James River for prayer and fellowship and renewal with your sisters in Christ from Bruton Parish. Registration will open on October 14 at the Women's Fall Retreat for the next gathering at Chanco on the James from March 2-4, 2018.



"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Save the Date for the ECW Advent Tea

Fall has arrived and soon all thoughts will turn to Advent which will prepare our hearts for Christmas. Before you know it we will be gathering for the annual ECW Advent Tea. Don't forget to put Thursday, December 14, on your calendar! Please join us in the Parish Hall at 4pm for tea, treats, fellowship and musical performances by our bell ringers and children's choir.



Are You a W&M Alumni?

The Rev'd Tyler Montgomery

Calling all W&M alumni! Please email me at chaplain@brutonparish.org with your W&M class year so that we may include you in our seasonal alumni mailings and events like the homecoming tailgate on Saturday, October 21, from 12-3pm on the lawn near Blow Hall. If you know other W&M alumni who are Episcopalian, please let us know about them too!

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.



Diocesan ECW Fall Meeting & Love Heals Conference

November 4, 9am
St. Francis, Virginia Beach

The Diocesan Episcopal Church Women invites you to join them on Saturday, November 4, for their Annual Fall Meeting and Love Heals Conference at St. Francis, Virginia Beach. The keynote speaker will be Becca Stevens, founder and president of Thistle Farms, the largest social enterprise in the U.S. run by survivors of domestic violence. She has been featured in The New York Times, ABC World News, NPR, PBS, and CNN.



In 2011, the White House named Becca "Champion of Change" for her work against domestic violence. The ECW meeting will be held from 9-11am. Becca Stevens will speak from 11:30 to 12:30, pm followed by lunch at 1pm. Everyone - men and women - are invited to attend.

A ticket for lunch is required (cost is \$15) and the deadline to purchase a lunch ticket is Friday, October 20. Please Contact Helen Sharpe-Williams at 757-487-8183 or email helen.sharpe-williams@earthlink.net.



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 by Claudia Powell and was found online from guideposts.org and written by Bob Hostetler in "Power of Prayer" (9/27/16).



An Autumn Prayer

Abba, Father, the trees are ablaze with your glory.
The seasons change, but you never do.
You are always beautiful, in the green and freshness of spring as in the golds and reds and chills of autumn.
Make me like you.
Let my life reflect your beauty, season after season, as the calendar of my life turns and turns and turns.

The trees are letting go of this year's foliage. Help me let go of both blessings and burdens, and surrender them both to your loving care.

Fallen leaves pattern the ground with variety. So design my own fallings and failings into whatever design will please you most. In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.

Fall Camp at Shrine Mont registration open

The Tri-Diocesan Council on Aging will hold its annual Fall Camp October 23-26 at Shrine Mont in Orkney Springs, VA. Visit <http://bit.ly/FALLCAMP2017> for details and download a brochure with registration information (or stop by the Parish House to pick up a physical copy).

Back by popular demand will be Terry Hershey, storyteller, sanctuary gardener, author and ordained minister, as keynote speaker. Bishop Martin

Townsend, retired bishop of the Diocese of Easton, returns as chaplain. Once again we will be entertained by Folk-Theologian Ed Kilbourne. Visit the Shrine Mont website for more information.

WFIA Helping Seniors Stay at Home

Marty Easton

Williamsburg Faith in Action (WFIA) is going strong! Bruce Minett has joined the WFIA staff as outreach coordinator. He contacted me recently with several pieces of news to share.

WFIA is celebrating 15 years of operation as a not-for-profit serving this area. That's 15 years of helping seniors and adults with a chronic illness or physical disability live independently, through the help of its services. These services fall into the broad categories of in-home help and visits, transportation, respite care and telephone reassurance calls.

Ashleigh Washington has been appointed executive director upon the retirement of Rita Smith on June 30 (pictured below on the left). When Rita became executive director in 2008, her staff consisted of one part-time employee. Since then WFIA has grown in services, staff, volunteers and donors. Congratulations, Ashleigh.



Mary Cooper & Splash

"Visiting Canines" is a unique and recent program addition. Parishioner and WFIA volunteer Isabel Burch has been taking her Portuguese Water Dog, Splash, for weekly visits with Mary Cooper. Isabel writes, "It is amazing to witness the bond that Mary and Splash have developed. Although Mary says she enjoys seeing me, it is obvious that she is happiest being with Splash, who sits quietly by her for an hour, enjoying the patting and attention from Mary. I am happy to have that time with Mary too."

WFIA is seeking a volunteer Congregational Coordinator from Bruton Parish. The Congregational Coordinator promotes WFIA to his or her congregation, encouraging members to get involved. Bruce Minett would be happy to give details to anyone interested in filling this role.

Bruton Parish has been in relationship with WFIA from its inception. Members of Bruton Parish have been board members, care receivers and volunteers. Participation fosters caring relationships for all involved. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, the WFIA staff will work to match assignments with your interests, schedule and availability. Training is provided. For further information about WFIA or its services, please visit www.wfia.org or phone their office (354 Mclaws Circle) at 757-258-5890. Best wishes to our community partner WFIA for continued success in the years to come.



It Was a Grand Parish Shop Re-Opening

Diane Koun

WOW is the word most often exclaimed as people cross our threshold for the first time. We had a special WOW day on Saturday, September 16, when we celebrated our Grand Re-Opening with our Rector, Father Chris Epperson, doing the honors of cutting the red ribbon and asking God's blessing on all who enter the shop.

Our new red banner and lots of red and white ribbons welcomed both parishioners and visitors alike to see the shop and get a sneak peak of our Christmas merchandise. It was a grand day, not in word only. Delicious refreshments added to the festive mood.

Our "Meet the Artists" was well received with Jerry Draper, Wood Carver; Michael Podesta, Calligrapher; and Boden Portwood, Watercolorist, in attendance displaying their creative talents. Our thanks to all of them.



Churchyard after the Blessing of the Animals

The Bruton Parish Shop is excited about joining you for the Blessing of the Animals service in the church on Sunday, October 8, at 9:15am.

We will be setting up a table in the churchyard and featuring St. Francis pet tags, Episcopal animal collars and leashes, and "raining cats and dogs" umbrellas. We'd prefer cash or check in the churchyard, but credit cards may be possible. We also welcome you and your pet in the Parish Shop after the service. Treats available!

Pre-Owned Jewelry & Accessories Sale

We are once again holding a Pre-Owned Jewelry Sale this fall over the Columbus Day weekend. Come and find great bargains on Saturday & Monday, October 7 & 9, from 10am to 5pm and Sunday, October 8, from 11am-5pm. Don't miss this popular event with lovely jewelry, hats, scarves, purses and belts at incredible prices. Please donate any gently-used items to the sale by bringing your contributions to the reception area of the Parish House. All proceeds from the sale benefit Mission and Outreach!



Christmas at Bruton

Our "Christmas at Bruton" is now officially open. Christmas cards, Advent calendars, Nativities, and ornaments comprise a beautiful array of Christmas merchandise. But that's not all! You are bound to find the perfect gift for everyone. Make us the first stop with your shopping list. Gift packaging available.

Join With Friends of Bruton For a Day at Smithfield

Jim Morford

Friends of Bruton is sponsoring a day-trip to historic Smithfield on Saturday, October 21. The tour will be led by renowned historic architect Dr. Carl Lounsbury and will include:



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

St. Luke's is the oldest church in Virginia and oldest church in British North America of brick construction. According to local tradition, the structure was built in 1632. It is of particular interest to Bruton Parish Church because (absent the tower) its dimensions are within inches of the brick church that preceded our present 1715 church building.

Lunch at Smithfield Inn

During the 1700s, Smithfield's bustling wharf harbor had become a popular destination for ships bringing goods from the Old World to the New. Those ships would then return loaded down with two New World delicacies — peanuts and the hams that have made Smithfield world famous.



An original town residence was converted to an inn and tavern in 1759 to serve those traveling from Norfolk to Richmond by stagecoach, steamboat and, more recently, by motor car. Thus began the over 250 years of Southern hospitality and charm that still defines the "Old Inn on Main Street."

Bacon's Castle

Bacon's Castle, the nation's only surviving High Jacobean structure, was originally home to a prosperous planter, Arthur Allen, and his family.

Following Allen's death, the house was inherited by his son, Major Arthur Allen II. A loyalist supporter of the colonial government and member of the House of Burgesses, Major Allen was driven from his house in 1676 by followers of the patriot rebel Nathaniel Bacon, whose uprising later came to be known as Bacon's Rebellion. The episode later gave Bacon's Castle its name though the house remained in the Allen family until 1844.



If time permits, we will visit the oldest English formal garden in North America. The reconstructed garden replicates what was on site during the lifetime of Arthur Allen and his son.



Windsor Castle (Tentative)

The plantation dates to a land grant of 1,450 acres by the King of England to Arthur Smith in 1637. Arthur Smith's great grandson, Arthur Smith IV, established the town of Smithfield in 1750. The first recorded use of the name "Windsor Castle" dates from 1884.

The cost of the tour will be \$25/person and includes all admissions. Lunch at Smithfield will be "on your own". Transportation will be by carpool. The tour will be limited to a maximum of 25 people, so make your reservation early by contacting Hilary Cooley at 757-229-2891 or via email at hcooley@brutonparish.org.

The Itinerary (All times are approximate)

8:30 am – Assemble at Parish House to carpool to Smithfield

9:00 am – Depart Parish House parking lot for Smithfield

10:30 am – Visit St. Luke's Episcopal Church

12:00 Noon – Lunch at Historic Smithfield Inn

(T) 12:45 pm – Brief visit to Windsor Castle, Smithfield

2:00 pm – Visit Bacon's Castle

4:30/5pm – Return to Parish House Parking Lot

Up to Date With the Cornerstone Circle

All members and Friends of Bruton are cordially invited and welcome to join the Cornerstone Circle. The Friends of Bruton Committee and Advisory Council created the Cornerstone Circle in order to offer an affiliation that will provide an ongoing base of financial support for programs and projects of Our Worldwide Congregation. It is hoped that many of our more than 1,700 Friends of Bruton, beyond those members of our local congregation who are also Friends, will want to become Cornerstone participants.

All who join the Cornerstone Circle for the first time receive a lapel pin replicating the ancient Bruton weathervane – the symbol of Friends of Bruton. Each subsequent year as participants renew, they will receive a gift in recognition of their contribution. For this 2017-18 year, the gift is a choice between two limited edition art tiles, numbered and signed by the artist.

The Committee is considering numerous suggestions for projects and programs to support the Friends of Bruton goals of preserving and promoting the spiritual and historic heritage of Bruton Parish Church and its unique place in the founding of our nation. An annual, tax deductible donation of at least \$100 per individual will help sustain these efforts.

An early priority of the Cornerstone Circle is to support the soon-to-be-opened Heritage Center. There are several projects currently under consideration. Each will be aimed at enhancing the experience of all who visit the church and the Heritage Center.

Building Starts in October on Habitat House

Isabel Burch

We are excited that building on our Habitat House for the Fletcher family will be starting soon. The house is located at 122 Howard Drive in the Grove section of Williamsburg.

For those who are interested in volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, there will be some Saturdays and weekdays from October through December where you can volunteer with the church or on your own time. Exact dates for both will be available in early October. Once the start date to build is confirmed, Bruton Parish build dates will be finalized and notice will be given so that volunteers can sign up online.

In the meantime, if you want to be ready for the build, you can fill out a Liability Waiver and take the quick online training now. Both of these may be accessed from the following information.

LIABILITY WAIVER: All volunteers must fill out a liability waiver (every 12 months) before volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. Please download it from <http://www.habitatpgw.org/liability-waivers>.

REQUIRED TRAINING: All volunteers must take the quick online "Volunteering on a Habitat for Humanity Job Site" course at <http://hfhaffiliateinsurance.com/volunteers> prior to volunteering on the job site. The access code for courses is: W8NAEBTG. Please provide your first AND last name for the training, for tracking purposes.



Traveling With Friends

"Making memories with FRIENDS is not a waste of time. It's a lifetime moment that will be treasured forever."

Join Rector Chris Epperson and other friends for an unforgettable trip to the Emerald Isle sponsored by the Friends of Bruton from May 1-12, 2018. This twelve-day tour will visit Dublin, Belfast, Derry, Limerick, Killarney, and along the way visit historic castles, cathedrals and many wondrous sites such as the Cliffs of Moher and, of course, Blarney Castle.

Total Price from Washington, DC \$5,899/person, double occupancy \$1,599 single room supplement (The price includes all air taxes and fuel surcharges) and includes

Airfare from Washington, DC, economy class

Hotels: 10 nights in deluxe hotels (where available), all rooms with private facilities

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily

Sightseeing: In private deluxe motor coaches, expert guides, and all entrance fees

Director: Experienced Tour Director will accompany group throughout Ireland

Transfers: In private deluxe motor coaches

Miscellaneous: Hotel taxes and service charges, Baggage handling and portage at the hotels.

Visit <http://bit.ly/FOBIreland2018> for the complete exciting itinerary and get registration details. The group size is limited, so don't delay, sign up today!



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



"The Irish, with their glowing hearts and reverent credulity, are needed in this cold age of intellect and skepticism."
Lydia M. Child (1802-1880)

Another Successful Parish Book Sale

Father Josh Stephens

Our 2017 Book Sale was a wonderful success thanks to the support of the entire Bruton Parish community, but especially Steve Fitton, Judy Collard, Susie Morrison, and the dozens of other adult volunteers. The Book Sale raised over \$6000 this year! One thing that is new this time around is that these funds are going directly to support our summer 2018 youth mission trip. This money makes a huge difference for our youth and their families because they offset the considerable expenses required to travel with a large group of people, thus making it possible for more youth to take advantage of our mission trip.

The Book Sale was also a tremendous opportunity to bring together many different people from within the parish. While we have long had a few families with children who volunteered for the sale, this year we saw over 25 middle and high school students who were volunteering for the first time. They made a major difference in helping with the set-up, breakdown, and operation of the sale, and the adults and youth worked together seamlessly. Perhaps more than the money raised, the gathering of our community for the cause of God's mission is to be celebrated. We are grateful to all who were a part of it.



Fertile Source of Information: Three African American Sextons Who Served As Guides to Bruton

Alta Cassady

Will Molineux, well known local journalist and author, will present the Guides' Ministry program on Wednesday, October 18. He will be sharing information based on his years of research, observation and comments on the history of Williamsburg as an author, journalist and editor of the Daily Press. Will is an active member of Bruton Parish Church and served as Junior Warden and Senior Warden in the 1970s while on the vestry.



His presentation, Fertile Source of Information: Three African American Sextons Who Served As Guides to Bruton Parish Church will address the first efforts to interpret the church's history for visitors. Molineux will be focusing on the contributions of William Galt, Alexander Pleasants and William H. Baker beginning in 1896 and continuing at least until 1939.

Molineux observed in a February 22, 2015 article in the Daily Press, "Tourists in Williamsburg before the city's restoration was well underway were left on their own to wander about unescorted, except at Bruton Parish Church. There, they would be greeted by the African-American sexton."

"For nearly four decades, three men served as guides to the churchyard and the cruciform structure that, along with the Powder Magazine and William and Mary's colonial campus, were Williamsburg's principal historic landmarks. But it was the church that was 'the cynosure of all eyes' as the Daily Press put it in 1928."

Molineux stated that during the early years of the twentieth century, "The succession of sextons - William Galt, Alexander Pleasants and William H. Baker - were on site and sought-out sources of information."

These programs are presented by the Bruton Parish Guides Ministry in Lewis Hall in the Parish House. On Wednesday, October 18, the event will begin at 6:30 pm when coffee and dessert will be served followed by the program that at 7pm.

Bruton Guide Bill Armbruster encourages attendance, "You will not want to miss this presentation. Will and I were classmates at William and Mary and he went on to enjoy a distinguished career. He is the author of the well-known Images of America book on Williamsburg, a compilation of historic photographs and recollections."

Elderhood: Finding Your Purpose

Who are these new age 70's? What do they want? Much research has been done to examine this period between "being a work in progress to finding fulfillment". You may be physically, or socially active, or not. You may be an active role model for society, or may find quieter ways of forming your legacy. Fulfillment can be found both in solitude and community.

Come to the Community Café on Thursday, October 5, from 1-3pm at St. Martins Episcopal Church on Jamestown Road and share in the discussion about the purpose and value of the extended lifespan. Jenny Inker, gerontologist from Virginia Commonwealth University, will lead us in this lively topic; followed by a Guided Meditation by Nikki Peet.

The Café is free and open to Williamsburg residents age 60+, or caregivers. It is sponsored by local congregations, businesses, and the PAA. Join us for a short presentation, snacks and prizes.

Winter Shelter Week

For the 6th year in a row Bruton Parish will provide a week of Winter Shelter. The dates are February 4-11, 2018. Volunteer sign-ups will begin soon for one of these many activities that will enrich YOUR life !

FISH Thanks!

Mary Kafes

Heartfelt thanks go to all who have signed up to work on a Tuesday in October in the Clothes Closet at FISH. There are five Tuesdays this year so there is still room for you if you have a couple of hours to do some real hands-on outreach right here in our community. Call me at Kafes at 757-229-6550 or email FISH@brutonparish.org to sign up or for further information.



Thanksgiving Food Drive for FISH

We are nearing time for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for FISH. As in previous years, we will be distributing bags with lists of desired non-perishable items for the FISH pantry after Sunday services throughout November. In advance, we thank you for your ongoing generosity to this important community ministry. Please watch for more information through our weekly Bruton Bytes and in the service bulletins during the coming weeks.

Children & Youth Formation in October

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. We'll continue holding an age-appropriate service for 3-4 year olds in the room next to the nursery during this time frame.

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.

If you have any questions regarding the formation for our children and youth, please contact me (mbrewer@brutonparish.org or 757-345-6489).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Children's Church will be held at 9:15am, followed by Sunday School at 10:30am, and Choir Rehearsal at 11am. Be sure to join us at the Fall Fellowship Festival from 4:30-7pm.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Children's Church and Sunday School will NOT be held since the Blessing of the Animals service will be held in the church at 9:15am. Please bring your furry or feathered friend (or a stuffed animal representing them) for a blessing! Our youth choirs will be singing for the first time this year at this service. Choir Rehearsal will be held immediately following the service.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Children's Church will be held at 9:15am, followed by Sunday School at 10:30am, and Choir Rehearsal at 11am. Youth Group will be held for middle and high schoolers in the Parish House from 5:30-7:30pm (dinner included).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

All middle and high schoolers are invited to a Youth Group Lock In at the Parish House starting at 7:30pm. The cost is \$10/youth. The lock-in will end with the 9:15am church service on Sunday morning.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 & 29

Children's Church will be held at 9:15am, followed by Sunday School at 10:30am, and Choir Rehearsal at 11am.

Please join us in welcoming the "three amigos" pictured below who just joined youth group this school year!

Pictured below were those who attended the youth group dinner and skateboarding event on Sunday, September 17, followed by Compline at the church to kick off the new year.



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,

Tuesday, October 3
Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director

Thursday, October 5
Organ Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, October 7
abridged Beggar's Opera by John Gay
Temple University Students and Faculty
from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Tuesday, October 10
Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director

Thursday, October 12
Vocal Recital
Adrienne Lotto, Soprano
& JanEl Will, Accompanist

Saturday, October 14
Organ Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

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

Thursday, October 19
Organ Recital
Jordan Prescott, Organist from Emmanuel
Episcopal Church in Baltimore, Maryland

Saturday, October 21
Choral Concert: In Remembrance
Music of British composer, Will Todd's,
World premiere of "O God We Praise You"
Combined Choirs from Bruton Parish and
Christ & St. Luke's in Norfolk, Virginia
Will Todd, Director & Dr. JanEl Will,
Organist

Tuesday, October 24
Chamber Music Recital
Hampton Roads Chamber Players
Jorge Aguirre, Director

Thursday, October 26
Organ Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton
Parish

Saturday, October 28
Organ Recital
Mark Biondolillo, Organist from
First United Methodist Church of
Fox Hill in Hampton, Virginia

Tuesday, October 31
Organ Recital: Hymn Sing
& Choral Preludes
In commemoration of the 500th
anniversary of Martin Luther's
Reformation
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director

In Remembrance

Music by British composer Will Todd
with the composer in residence

World premiere of

O God We Praise You

Saturday, October 21, 8pm

Choral anthems will be interspersed with short poetry
readings. The choirs from both Bruton Parish (directed
by Rebecca Davy) and Christ and Saint Luke's (directed
by Kevin Kwan) will perform together.

Will Todd, Director & Dr. JanEl Will, Organist

Bruton Parish
Church
201 Duke of
Gloucester Street
Williamsburg,
Virginia

No ticket required,
a freewill offering
will be received.

Doors open at
7:30pm

Historical Organ Recitals

The College of William & Mary's
Wren Chapel @ 10am

Saturdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28
Rebecca Davy

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2017 Nominations for Guild of Bruton Authors

It is not too late to nominate a member to the James C. Livingston Guild of Bruton Authors. The Library Committee has set a deadline of 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 41 members. Members added in 2016 will be announced at the end of the year. So far there is one individual for this year, but more could be added.

Nominations may be sent to Debbie Rinner at authorsguild@brutonparish.org or placed in the library committee box in the Parish House.

Sunday Ushers Needed

Bill & Ginny Dugge

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! Please contact us at ushers@brutonparish.org.

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757-645-2050

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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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Nominations for Bruton Parish Vestry



BRUTON PARISH
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What does it mean to be a member of the Bruton Parish vestry? Generally, it means responding to God's call to be a channel of God's love, by supporting the clergy's leadership toward spiritual vitality of the parish. We do this through faithful, active participation in worship and parish life. It also means representing the parish with leadership in the management of finances, buildings, grounds and other assets. Vestry meetings are held once a month on Monday evenings.

The Bruton Parish vestry has 12 members. The term of a vestryperson is three years. Like all churches in the Diocese of Southern Virginia, we use a rotating vestry system. It is designed so that each year four members rotate off and four new members join.

This flyer is a means to nominate someone you believe to be called to this ministry. After receiving consent from the person, fill out and return the bottom portion. You may also nominate yourself. The 2017 nominating committee will consider all nominations received and seek more if necessary.

The nominating committee will have six members. Two are retiring vestrypersons: John Fogarty and Fay Weirich. The other four will be recruited from the parish at large. The committee will identify a balanced slate of four willing individuals, representative of the congregation. Nominees will be formally elected at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 19, 2017.

A nominee must be a confirmed adult communicant in good standing, faithful in corporate worship, in giving and in prayer. Please speak with the Rev'd Chris Epperson if you have questions about vestry service or the nomination process. Thank you.

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Vestry Nomination Form

Please detach and return this form to the parish house. You may hand deliver or mail it to the attention of Jeanette Cureton by Monday, October 2. If you prefer, put the information below in an email to Jeanette and send it to vestrynoms@brutonparish.org

I wish to nominate _____ for consideration by the nominating committee to stand for election to a three-year term on the vestry. He/she is willing to serve. I feel this person is well-suited for this ministry of leadership in our church for the reasons below. He/she has sought to be a part of parish life in the ways I have listed below.

Signature: _____

Date: _____