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Bruton Parish: Under the Banner of Christ

The Rev'd Chris Epperson

Recent events around our state, country and world have left many of us baffled. The outbreak of violence in Charlottesville caught me by surprise. Political division seems worse than ever. Tension with North Korea and the other national players is unsettling at best. There is much to make us anxious.

How do we process these existential threats? We have to face the reality that this country is not of one mind when it comes to equality, and the value of all human life. It pains me to say it, but it is true. The political machinations of this country show ambiguity around the common good. We must acknowledge that the world is a complex and dangerous place, and that the actions of our country can come at great cost.

The Church – this church – is a place where we come together under a different banner. Here, we are followers of Jesus, first. Here, we seek first what is faithful. We find our faith in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In these times, we look to his witness, showing us what God looks like. We look to Jesus' teaching. We look to Jesus' willingness to sacrifice and suffer, showing us the absolute integrity of God, and God's commitment to a kingdom on earth that is far better than anything we are willing to create.

Bruton Parish Church is a place where we can share fears, grapple with our own perspectives, and hear those of others.

This is a place where we can gather in good faith and talk. This is a safe place, where despite our differences, we see one another as children of a loving God, our creator, redeemer and sanctifier.

Our Fall Education Series will be dedicated to comparative religion, so we can consider and understand the faith and practice of our neighbors. We are building a Habitat for Humanity house for a hardworking Williamsburg family. We offer Bible studies and various forums, dedicated to conversation, calling us to grow and live our faith in the risen Lord.

Are you afraid? You are in the right place. Do you want to dialogue with others? It happens here. Do you want to do something? Opportunities await this fall for learning, prayer, and action.

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.

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Fellowship & Formation

SpiritWorks Remembrance Service
Thursday, August 31 @ 7pm
Annual Parish Book Sale
Friday & Saturday, Sept. 1 & 2 from 9am-5pm
Sunday, Sept. 3 from 10am-3pm
First Fridays Recovery Eucharist
Friday, September 1 @ 5:30pm
SpiritWorks Kicks Off National Recovery Week with Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball Game
Saturday, September 2 @ 6:05pm
Newcomers' Corner
Sunday, September 3 @ 10:30am
Women's Evening Potluck
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Living the Gospel Bible Study
Sunday, September 10 & 24 @ 11am
Guides' Ministry presents:
Carson Hudson on Civil War Williamsburg
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Fall Lecture Series:
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6:30pm Coffee/Dessert ~ 7pm Program *
Cursillo Co-Ed Weekend
Thursday, September 28 - October 1
Fall Fellowship Festival
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Vestry Nominations Due October 2
Hands-On Outreach @ FISH
Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
One-Day United Way Food Drive
Thursday, October 19 @ 1-4pm
Tri-Diocesan Council on Aging Fall Camp
October 23-26 @ Shrinemont
Women's Lenten Retreat
March, 2-4, 2018 @ Chanco
12-day Tour of Ireland with Friends
May 1 - 12, 2018

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

Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 3
Holy Eucharist @ 7:30am, 9:15, 11:15 & 5:30pm

Sunday, September 10
Holy Eucharist @ 7:30am, 9:15, 11:15 & 5:30pm
Children's Church @ 9:15am *

Sunday, September 17
Holy Eucharist @ 7:30am, 9:15, 11:15
Children's Church @ 9:15am *
Choral Evensong @ 5:30pm

Sunday, September 24
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

Make your reservation early! Join us for shrimp, clams, oysters, crabs, hotdogs with all the fixings, and kids' activities from 4:30 to 7pm on Sunday, October 1, in the Parish Hall. Just \$15/person or \$25/family (pay at the door). Please rsvp by Monday, September 25, at rsvp@brutonparish.org or call 757-229-2891 and let us know how many from your family will be attending (adults and children). We are looking forward to seeing you!



Women's Theological Book Group

The Rev'd Lauren McDonald

The Women's Theological Book Group is open to all women and discuss works of fiction and non-fiction through a theological lens. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 14, from 1-2:30pm in Room 206 of the Parish House.

We will be discussing *A Year of Biblical Womanhood: How a Liberated Woman Found Herself Sitting on Her Roof, Covering Her Head, and Calling Her Husband 'Master'* by Rachel Held Evans. This book chronicles Evans' year-long attempt to live as literally as possible by the Bible's instructions for women. Join us for what is sure to be a lively discussion of women of valor both in and out of the Bible!

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

Women's Evening Potluck

All women of the parish are invited to the Women's Evening Potluck Dinner being held this month at Alice Oates' home on Wednesday, September 6, at 6:30pm. Please bring a dish to share and call Alice to RSVP and get directions at 757-645-4321.

Wednesdays Brown-Bag Bible Study

Bring lunch on Wednesdays in the Coffee, Tea & Thee room upstairs in the Parish House at noon. 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.

Women's Lenten Retreat

Please note that the date for the Women's Lenten Retreat is changed to March 2-4, 2018 at Chanco. Registration for the retreat will open in October. Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Come away across the James River for prayer and fellowship and renewal with your sisters in Christ from Bruton Parish. Watch *The Chronicle* for details!



Join us at the ECW Fall Coffee

The long days of summer are drawing to a close and that means that the ECW Fall Coffee will soon be at hand. Please save the date of Thursday, September 21, at 9:30am in the Parish Hall. September is National Recovery Month. The Rev'd Lauren McDonald and The Rev'd Jan Brown will discuss the Church's response to addiction in *Voices of Recovery: Stories of Hope*. Bring a friend and join us for coffee, conversation and fellowship. Please send an email directly to FallCoffee@brutonparish.org to make a reservation or if you have any questions.



Study "Inner Healing" This Fall

The Triangle chapter of the Order of Saint Luke is presenting a series of lessons on Inner Healing taught at St Martins Episcopal Church from 10-11:30am on Saturdays, September 16, 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 being, 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.

Co-Ed Evening Book Group

Susie Morrison

The first fall meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday, September 25, and new members are welcome! Our selection for September is *Ashley's War* by Gayle Lemmon. It is the story of a ground-breaking team of female American warriors who served alongside Special Operations soldiers on the battlefield in Afghanistan.

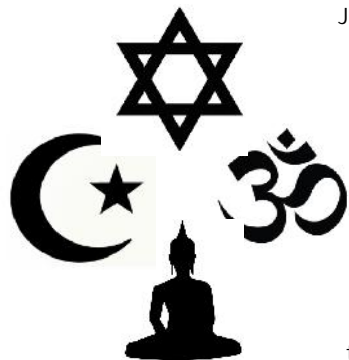
If you are interested in joining the group, or just want to try it for a month, please contact Susie Morrison directly by email at PMBOOKGROUP@brutonparish.org or call 757-846-6863.

Newcomers' Corner

New members of Bruton Parish are invited to join clergy, vestry and Newcomers Committee members for coffee in the Custis House at 10:30am on the first Sunday of each month. This is a great opportunity to become more acquainted with the parish and learn of the many ministries here at Bruton. Please join us on Sunday, September 3.

Books in the Hennage Library Helpful in the Coming Bruton Fall Lecture Series

Eleanor Burchianti and Bill Bynum, Library Committee



The Hennage Library contains a broad selection of books about the religions of the world. The short list below is a sampling of the Library's books about Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Judaism compiled from the Subject Catalog of the Hennage Library. A more comprehensive printed list of books in the Hennage Library compiled from the same source will be available at the Fall Lecture Series.

Program on Islam September 28, 2017

Islam Today: A Short Introduction to the Muslim World written by Ahmed S. Akbar (L. B. Tauris Publishers, 2002), Hennage call number: 297 Ahml 2002.

Although there are over one billion Muslims in the world, and over ten million in the West, most discussions of Islam are based on clichés or outright prejudice. This lively and compelling book sets out to bridge the gulf of misunderstanding.

Islam: The Straight Path written by John L. Esposito (Oxford University Press, 1988), Hennage call number: 297 Espl 1988

This exceptionally successful survey text introduces the teachings and practice of Islam from its earliest origins up to its contemporary practice. Lucidly written and expansive in scope, the book provides keen insight into one of the world's least understood religions.

Program on Hinduism

October 5, 2017

Great World Religions: Hinduism written by Mark W. Muesse (The Teaching Company, 2003), Hennage call number: 294.5 MueG 2003

Hinduism is the world's oldest living religious tradition, with roots deep in the early cultures of India. These ancient cultures, the most important of which were the Indus Valley civilization and the Aryan society, combined to create a highly diverse family of religions and philosophies. This book moves chronologically through the history of Hinduism, from its earliest precursors through its classical manifestations to its responses to modernity.

Hinduism written by R.C. Zaehner (Oxford Paperbacks, 1966), Hennage call number: 294.5 ZaeH 1966

Hinduism is both a way of life and a highly organized social and religious system, but in the modern world its essentials, perhaps more than those of any other major religion, are undergoing a process of redefinition. Professor Zaehner's book traces these concepts through the four-thousand year development of Hinduism, and explains the enduring foundations from which it continues to flourish and grow.

Program on Buddhism

October 12, 2017

Great World Religions: Buddhism written by Malcolm David Eckel (The Teaching Company, 2003), Hennage call number: 294.3 EckG 2003

This book presents a survey of Buddhism from its origins in India to contemporary times in America. The book introduces the vitality and adaptability of Buddhism which has transformed civilizations in Asia and become a lively component of Western culture.

Buddhism written by Richard A. Gard (George Braziller, Inc., 1961), Hennage call number: 294.3 GarB 1961

This book describes the way of Buddhism: its ideals and philosophy, its religious and moral principles and practices, its implications in the political solcai and cultural life of its followers.

Program on Judaism

October 19, 2017

Every Person's Guide to Judaism written by Stephen J. Einstein and Lydia Kukoff (UAHC Press, 1989), Hennage call number: 296 EinE 1989

Every Person's Guide to Judaism is an outstanding introduction to basic Jewish beliefs and practices. Authors Stephen J. Einstein and Lydia Kukoff describe a wide range of customs and rituals within the Jewish tradition, demonstrating the inherent connection between Jewish theology and daily living.

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Judaism written by Arthur Hertzberg (Simon and Schuster, 1961), Hennage call number: 296 HerJ 1961

This book is a classic overview of the Jewish religion. Arthur Hertzberg combines a superbly chosen anthology of the great writings of the Jewish tradition with incisive commentary and explanation.

To investigate the holdings of the Hennage Library in these areas more fully, the Subject Catalog is a powerful tool to use. The Subject Catalog lists the books in the Hennage Library by subject. Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Judaism all appear as subject headings in the Subject Catalog. In addition, the Subject Catalog has the category "World Religions" that includes combinations of the religions being studied in the Fall Lecture Series.

You can look through the Subject Catalog to accumulate several Hennage Library call numbers, which will lead you directly to the books you are interested in. There is a printed copy of the Subject Catalog in the Hennage Library. The Subject, Title and Author catalogs are all available online as downloadable PDF files. Go to the Bruton Parish Church website at www.bruntonparish.org then click "The Hennage Library" button on the left. On the Hennage Library web page, simply click on the top-most "Subject" word in bold that you see, and the Subject Catalog file will be downloaded to your computer.

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:

Islam - September 28

Dr. Oludanimi Ogunaike
W&M Religious Studies Department

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 Mark Katz
Temple Beth El of Williamsburg

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World Religion Resources in the Link Library

Bryant Cureton

If you are not able to come to the Parish House and visit the Hennage Library, a handy addition is our online Link Library, a gathering of online resources maintained by the Hennage Library Committee. In just four clicks of your mouse, you can be transported to where you will find resources on the four world religions featured in the Fall Lecture Series. And while most of the Link Library is focused on Anglican Christianity, you'll see materials there on other traditions as well, from Afro/Caribbean to Zoroastrianism. Go to www.bruntonparish.org, 2) click the Link Library tab in the left-hand menu, 3) click Enter the Link Library, 4) then scroll down to Other Religious Traditions and choose Other World Religions. Click away!

New Books in the Hennage Library

Bill Bynum, Library Committee

Holy Ground: Archaeology, Religion, and the First Founders of Jamestown (Jamestown Discovery, 2016)

Written by David Givens, Lisa Fischer, James Horn, William Kelso, Karin Bruwelheide and Douglas Owsley, this paperback discusses how Jamestown Rediscovery archaeologists back in 2013 excavated the graves of four prominent men buried in the chancel of the 1608 church. But who were they? Follow the trail as archaeological evidence, forensic analysis, historical research, and cutting-edge technologies help to unravel the mystery. This book was donated to the Hennage Library by the Friends of Bruton.

Cancer: Now What? Taking Action, Finding Hope, and Navigating the Journey Ahead (Stephen Ministries, 2017), paperback.

Written by Kenneth Haugk from Stephen Ministries, this paperback is a comprehensive how-to guide that helps cancer patients and their loved ones navigate the medical, emotional, relational, and spiritual challenges of cancer.

Grand Opening of the Bruton Parish Shop

Ribbon Cutting on September 16 @ 11am

Our beautiful shop has been completely renovated to better serve our customers' shopping needs and to highlight our outstanding selection of merchandise. We have an exciting new array of products in addition to our old-time favorites. There is something special for every member of our family. Several of our artisans will be present – demonstrating their skills and displaying their crafts.

Refreshments will be served and there will be photographers to document the festivities of this long-awaited day. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 16, for the ribbon cutting at 11am. Remember to wear your nametag for a 10% discount; 15% if you are a Shop volunteer. We look forward to greeting you!



Creative Carvings

Susie Hodgson

The Bruton Parish Shop is most fortunate to have among its vendors Jerry Draper, a lifelong woodcarver and cabinetmaker who makes



beautiful furniture during normal working hours. His employer was not using all the leftover wood, and a hobby was born for Jerry! He now spends his free time carving lovely artistic objects. The majority of his pieces incorporate the cross.

While butternut wood is his preferred carving stock because of its ability to hold detail and its incredible natural grain and color, he also uses mahogany, pine and walnut. Each completed piece gets three layers of finish.

The exquisite hand-carved pieces are signed and dated and can be personalized. They are beautifully crafted and make exceptionally nice gifts which may become treasured heirlooms as the years pass.

Jerry has been selling his pieces through us exclusively for twelve years and will be joining us on September 16. You can personally watch him carve his masterpieces. I know that I am going to place an order!

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, September 10 & 24.

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 1-5pm. 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!

Bruton Singles

Heidi Elam, Ruth Mullaney, Eda Martin & Donna Dodenhoff

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



Saturday, September 2, 7:30pm
Symphony Under the Stars

VA Symphony Concert, Yorktown Riverfront
Meet us at the Parish House reception area at 6pm to carpool to Yorktown to enjoy the Virginia Symphony concert at Riverwalk Landing. Bring a picnic supper and lawn chair to enjoy the performance under a canopy of stars (free concert). RSVP to Heidi Elam at 757-897-5012.

Saturday, September 16, 7pm
The Tempest

William Shakespeare's play performed outdoors at Jamestown Settlement
Meet us at 5pm for supper at Victoria's Restaurant on Route 5, after which we will drive to Jamestown. An adaptation of William Shakespeare's "The Tempest," performed by The Guild of the Shakespeare Festival, will be performed aboard Jamestown Settlement's re-creation of the Susan Constant and in the re-created colonial fort. An Elizabethan Fair pre-show will set the stage for the outdoor drama, which will begin at 7pm aboard Jamestown Settlement's Susan Constant, where events of the Storm will unfold. A procession of dancers and music will move the drama to the recreated fort at 7:30pm (\$20 Ticket, \$18 seniors + cost of meal). To purchase your ticket, call the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation at 757-253-4838. Please rsvp via email to Donna Dodenhoff at singles@brutonparish.org.

Saturday, September 23, 2pm
You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown
Williamsburg Players

Meet us for the 2pm matinee performance. "Currently celebrating its 50th Anniversary! YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN (Revised) is a fresh approach to the all-time 1967 classic, based on the beloved comic strip by Charles Schultz." To purchase your ticket, call the Williamsburg Players' Box Office at 757-229-0431. After the play, we will gather for appetizers and wine at Kathy Rose's house, a few blocks from the Williamsburg Players Theatre (\$20/ticket). Please bring an appetizer and contact Ruth Mullaney at 757-229-6961 if you'll be joining the group.

Giving at Bruton Parish: Using God's Gifts for God's Purpose

Marty Easton, Development

Last month I wrote about some of the terms we use related to giving at Bruton Parish. One was Annual Giving. September means getting ready for Annual Giving 2018. The vestry and I ask all parishioners and those who attend on a regular basis to please give thought to your pledge for the next calendar year.

A pledge is an annual financial commitment, offered in faith, for the mission and ministries of Bruton Parish in 2018. Pledge cards will be ready on Sunday, October 1, at the Fall Fellowship Festival. An online form on our website will be available, too. The only information asked is the amount you wish to pledge for the entire year 2018. The method and schedule by which you make your pledge payments is up to you.

One could think of a pledge (of any kind) as a personal statement. It affirms that I will complete something by a certain point in time. The pledge makes the thing take on greater importance. Then, I have to make a plan to achieve it, and proceed from there. For example, if I pledge to contribute a certain amount to Bruton Parish Church by December 31, 2018, I need to determine a pattern of giving for each week or month to get there. I have to try to follow it even when it is hard and get back on track when I fail.

This way of giving is intentional. It has the benefit of leading us to be regular and generous givers, as well. It makes us stop and think about how much we will set aside and how often, according to the way we receive income. The opposite of intentional is when we just bank on something -- anything-- being left at the end of the week, month, or year to give. In 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Paul writes:

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion.

That, then, is what a pledge card is: a tool for making up your mind.

All of our resources combine to provide a community of love, care and support held together by Christ.

I believe that our parish is amazing and exciting. Invest yourself through your energy, your prayers, and your money in the work God calls us to do here. Thank you!

Traveling With Friends

Jim Morford

Reserve your place now for the Friends of Bruton sponsored May 2018 Tour of Ireland. The 12 day tour, to be led by our rector, the Rev'd Chris Epperson, will include visits to Trinity College and the Book of Kells in Dublin; St. Patrick Center in Downpatrick, Titanic Belfast, the Giant's Causeway on the North Antrim coast, a walk on the Derry City Walls, the spectacular Cliffs of Moher, the Ring of Kerry, Blarney Castle (of course) and much more.

The tour will depart from Dulles International Airport on Monday, May 1, and return there on Friday, May 12. The price is \$5,899 per person (double occupancy) and includes round-trip airfare from Washington, DC; 10 nights in deluxe hotels; all meals (breakfast, lunch & dinner daily); and professional tour guides throughout.

The group size is limited to 20, so reserving your place early is recommended. The trip brochure is available online at <http://bit.ly/FOBIRELAND2018> where all details are available and the reservation form may be printed, filled out and mailed to Far Horizons. Brochures are also available at the Church Office, at Custis House and in the Tower.



Visit Dunluce Castle, which is situated on the Antrim Coast. The roofless ruins are breath-taking with the white chalk cliffs of Portrush close by. It was the former home of the clans McQuillan and MacDonnell.

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: \$ _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

THANK YOU!

Improve Chances for Success: Tutor Students at Matthew Whaley

Alta Cassady



As the new school year begins, more opportunities to mentor elementary school students at Matthew Whaley are becoming available. Over thirty members of Bruton Parish Church worked one-on-one with students in kindergarten, first, third and fifth grades last school year. Tutoring at the school has proven to be a popular outreach program for those participating.

Michael Thompson recalled, "I worked with a fifth grader on reading and focusing skills; it was remarkable to see the progress he made from last fall to early June. This is a worthwhile program with rewarding benefits for the school children and the Bruton Parish volunteer."

Other volunteers expressed similar satisfactory experiences at the appreciation reception in June, and many of their comments were recorded in an article in the July issue of *The Chronicle*. Tutors provided mentoring in a wide range of subjects from the arts, to reading, to math and science. Teachers at the school provided guidance to the tutors throughout the school year. An orientation program was held for tutors led by the guidance counselor to welcome volunteers and provide them with instructions on school procedures and volunteer handbooks.

Parishioners interested in the program are encouraged to discuss the program with members of the Matthew 25 committee and fellow parishioners who have served as tutors. If you are interested, please contact project coordinators Janet Estes at 757-253-1682 or Johanna Thompson at 757-564-5490.

Tutoring at the school has proven to be very successful as well. Janet Estes reports, "The teachers and administrators of the school were delighted with the dedication of the Bruton Parish volunteers last year and are so very pleased that we are continuing this important outreach program. They have told me that they can use as many volunteers as we can provide."

Hands-on Outreach Opportunity at FISH

Mary Kafes

Hard as it is to believe, October is just around the corner! October is Bruton's month to supply volunteers each Tuesday to help process clothing in the FISH Clothes Closet (located on Waller Mill Road just beyond Kmart) to be given to our neighbors in need. This is a great opportunity for real hands-on outreach so please check your calendar for October 3, 10, 17, 24 or 31.

The work shifts are from 9:30 am to 12 Noon and 1-3:30 pm (or you can bring a bag lunch and stay all day). The work is not strenuous, materials and instructions are provided, and fellowship and good conversation are guaranteed. Please contact Mary Kafes at 757-229-6550 or FISH@brutonparish.org to sign up or for further information. Many, many thanks in advance!

One-Day United Way Food Drive

United Way Mobile Food Pantry is a custom-made refrigerated truck delivering perishable food items for direct distribution to people in need. The program reaches individuals, including some in remote locations, who can acquire items they may not find in a traditional pantry, including fresh fruits and vegetables.

Bruton Parish and the Canterbury Association are partnered to staff the food drive on Thursday, October 19, from 1-4pm. The drive will be next door to the UW resource center at 113 Palace Lane. Please volunteer to help distribute this much needed food to those in need! To sign up, please contact Tim Watson at unitedwaydrive@brutonparish.org or 214-686-0335.



Great Bargains at the Annual Parish Book Sale

Stephen Fitton & Judy Collard

The proceeds from the book sale this year will be used for Parish Youth Programs. Don't forget to bring in your books to donate; we are running behind previous years in donations and the sale is fast approaching! Please also donate CDs, DVDs and puzzles, and bring your donations to the Parish House through Thursday, August 31, or contact us at 757-229-2891 for pick-up if you can't bring them here. Those needing books picked up are requested to have the books boxed and on the ground floor or preferably garage for pickup ... this makes it easier and safer for church personnel to pick them up! Please, no encyclopedias, VCR tapes or cassette tapes. There's still time to volunteer to help pick up book donations, set-up, staff the sale, and clean up afterwards! Please contact Stephen Fitton (757-897-4696), Judy Collard (757-565-2549) or send an email to booksale@brutonparish.org.

Friday & Saturday, September 1 & 2 from 9am - 5pm

Sunday, September 3, from 10am - 3pm

Habitat House Groundbreaking

Isabel Burch

A crowd of over 50 people gathered in Grove for the groundbreaking ceremony for the Habitat House which Bruton Parish is helping to build for the Fletcher Family. Our rector, Chris Epperson, was one of the speakers at the ceremony and spoke about the importance of having people of many backgrounds working together to make the world a better place. The people who attended the event represented many local churches as well as other groups from the Williamsburg area.



Theresa Fletcher is the mother of three wonderful children. Her son Tyrone, is a rising 11th grader at Warhill High School, where he plays football. She has two girls Natiyah and Ajah. Natiyah is a 2017 graduate of Warhill High School and will be attending Virginia State University in the fall, where she will major in Music Performance. Ajah is a rising 8th grader at Hornsby Middle School, where she is in the bridge club. The entire family took part in the groundbreaking.

The needed permits have just been received and the clearing of the lot for the Fletcher House will probably happen in mid-September. After that, the footings and foundation will be installed with our volunteer work starting at the beginning of October. We plan to have the house completed in time for the Fletchers to spend Christmas there. As soon as we receive information about the work days, we will use the Bruton Bytes and The Chronicle as well as the Sunday bulletin to let you know how to sign up. We hope to have many Brutonians helping with this great project.

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://hfaffiliateinsurance.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.



A Remembrance Service

The Rev'd Lauren McDonald

On Thursday, August 31, in honor of International Overdose Awareness Day, there will be a Remembrance Service at 7pm in the Pavilion behind the SpiritWorks Center at 5800 Mooretown Road. Please join us as we come together to remember those lives lost to addiction and support the families and friends who mourn. There will be a short prayer service and an opportunity to light a candle of remembrance. If you have lost someone to addiction, feel free to bring a photo of your loved one or a pair of their shoes so that we might include them in the service. There will be refreshments and fellowship after the service.

First Fridays Recovery Eucharist

The First Fridays Recovery Eucharist will be September 1, at 5:30pm in the church. The service is designed with prayers and readings that focus on helping people find ways to live faithfully in the midst of any kind of suffering, especially individuals and their loved ones who are living with addiction, co-dependence, mental illness, and trauma. 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'd Lauren McDonald will be our celebrant and the Rev'd Jan Brown will be our deacon and preacher. All are welcome!

Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball Game

Lynn Smyth

Tickets are now available for SpiritWorks' Celebration of Recovery on Saturday, September 2, at 6:05pm. Please consider purchasing a ticket and joining us as we celebrate those in recovery from addiction. The festivities will be held at The Diamond, 3001 N Boulevard, RVA, Home of the Richmond Flying Squirrels. Our fellowship begins with an all-you-can-eat buffet, followed by a game in which the Squirrels will take on the Bowie Baysox. The night will be capped off with fireworks.

Tickets are \$25/person and, if you are interested in attending, please contact Lynn Smyth at SpiritWorks@brutonparish.org, and we will deliver those tickets to you! If you will not be able to attend but would be willing to purchase ticket(s) that will allow an individual in recovery to attend, we would be grateful to you as well. Please consider supporting us in our effort to show the community that RECOVERY is POSSIBLE.



September is National Recovery Month

SpiritWorks Foundation is hosting two upcoming Recovery Services in collaboration with Bruton Parish.



Glow with Jesus: Let Your Light Shine

This year's Vacation Bible School had everyone "glowing and growing" with Jesus in shining ways. VBS for Bruton, St. Martin's, and Hickory Neck churches (along with some St. Stephen's folks, too!) was held here at Bruton from 9am through noon during the week of August 7-11.

There were 84 children in attendance, and almost as many volunteers helping to shepherd

them through the various activities of service, music, story-time, art, snack and recreation. Thank you to all who supported VBS through donations and/or sharing your time and talent! Just a few of the hundreds of photos below!



Children & Youth Formation in September

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, SEPTEMBER 3

There will not be any children's or youth programming this Labor Day weekend. Please join us in the "big" church at 9:15am. Don't forget to come and purchase some great bargains at the Annual Parish Book Sale, as proceeds benefit this year's Youth Mission Trip.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

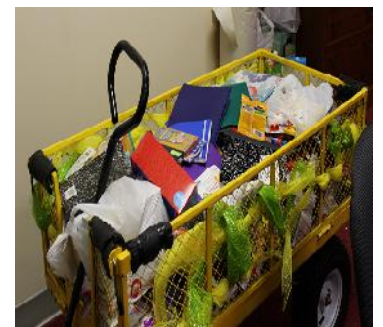
Children's Church will be held, and Children's Choirs will resume rehearsals immediately following the 9:15am service. Sunday School begins NEXT Sunday!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Children's Church will be held, followed by Sunday School (see details above), and the Children's Choirs will rehearse at their regularly scheduled time.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Children's Church will be held, followed by Sunday School and the Children's Choirs will rehearse.



Being a Stephen Minister

Laurie Krebs

Autumn is a time for new beginnings. As the school year starts and activities gear up, the churches in Williamsburg, and Bruton in particular, are planning the beginning of a new class of Stephen Ministers. People who are hurting or in crisis do not have to be alone in their pain. A Stephen Minister is a Christian friend who will walk alongside the person during a difficult time, bringing the assurance of God's love and mercy.



During the training class, beginning in the New Year, new Stephen Ministers will learn ways to listen effectively to their care receiver's concerns, keeping everything between them strictly confidential. Stephen Ministers are not expected to fix problems. With Christ at the center of the relationship, their job is simply to care for the person and allow God to provide the cure.

The wonderful part about Stephen Ministry is that we, the care givers, seem to get so much more than we give. Stephen Ministers across the country write about the blessings they have received as they work with those in need. Here are one example.

"Since becoming a Stephen Minister, I've experienced a richness of God's grace beyond anything I could have imagined. To truly listen with the ears of Christ, to see others through his eyes, to know his heart, to see Jesus working through you to touch the life of someone else is a window into heaven."

William, Business Owner Katy, Texas

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 info.

The Order of the Daughters of the King

Donna Marshall

The Order of the Daughters of the King® is an open community order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal, Anglican, Catholic and Lutheran churches in the United States and throughout the world. Founded in 1885, members undertake a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service.

By reaffirmation of the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation, a Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and to the strengthening of the life of her parish. The Order of the Daughters of the King is designated as a religious order, and not as an organization, because of the vow a Daughter takes. Daughters pay dues to the National Headquarters and to their Chapter, but the bylaws of the order prohibit fundraising.

The Bruton Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King® meets on the first Thursday of each month, September through June, at the Parish House in Lewis Hall beginning at 10am. Meetings usually last an hour and include scripture readings, devotionals, intercessory prayers, a book study discussion, and business. Women of Bruton who are interested in learning more about the mission of the Order, or who would like to just come and pray with the Daughters, are always welcome to attend the monthly meetings. For more information, contact Donna Marshall at 757-220-9546.



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 Donna Marshall and is from A Book of Blessings:

Eternal God, Creator of Heaven and Earth, you formed us in your image and gave us the ability to reason and learn. In your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. As a new school year begins, bless all who seek to learn . . . children, youth, and adults. Bless those who manage the places for learning . . . teachers, teacher assistants, administrators, counselors, coaches, secretaries, tutors, cooks, custodians, nurses, and bus drivers. Bless those who support students . . . parents, grandparents, and the volunteers of this church community. Provide them with an environment that is safe and that reflects your care and compassion. Bless them with your love and mercy. In your name we pray. Amen

Cursillo Co-Ed Weekend

Sept. 28 - Oct. 1
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Rector: Jim Thurmond of St. George's, Newport News. To apply to be a candidate or a team member go to www.cursillodiosova.org or contact Jim at jdtorsct@cox.net.

Candlelight Concerts for the Parish & Community by our Music Ministry

Saturday, September 2
Organ Recital
Cheryl van Ornam, Organist at Redeemer
Lutheran Church in Richmond, Virginia

Tuesday, September 5
Organ Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Bruton Organist

Thursday, September 7
Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director

Saturday, September 9
Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music
Director

Tuesday, September 12
Organ Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Bruton Organist

Thursday, September 14
Organ Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Bruton Organist

Saturday, September 16
Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director

Sunday, September 17 @ 5:30 pm
Choral Evensong
Canticles of Charles Stanford
Choirs of Bruton Parish
Rebecca Davy, Director
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist

Tuesday, September 19
Organ Recital
Stephen E. Henley, Organist from Bon Air
Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia

Thursday, September 21
Organ Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Bruton Organist

Saturday, September 23
Choral Concert
First Christian Church Chancel Choir,
Handbells, and Brass Ensemble from
Hagerstown, Maryland
Matthew Albright, Director

Tuesday, September 26
Organ Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Bruton Organist

Thursday, September 28
Banjo & Harpsichord Recital
John Bullard, Banjo & Markus Compton,
Harpsichordist from Richmond, Virginia

Saturday, September 30
Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director



Historical Organ Recitals

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

September 2, 9, 16,
& 23 – Rebecca Davy

September 30 –
Thomas Marshall

Bruton Kicks Off Fall Music Ministry

Adult Choirs Rehearse

Pelham and Chancel Choirs
Wednesday, August 30

Tarpley Ringers
Monday, September 11

Please contact Music Director, Beckie Davy,
for more details by calling 757-645-3431
or emailing bdavy@brutonparish.org.

Cantores, Choristers & Joyful Noise Resume

Our children's and youth choirs — Cantores, Choristers, and Joyful Noise — will resume rehearsals on Sunday, September 10. If you have a robe, please bring it on the 10th, and we will sort out new sizes. We look forward to seeing everyone! We will sing for the first time during the Blessing of the Animals service at 9:15am on Sunday, October 8!

Directed by Genrose Lashinger (757-221-0370 or joyfulnoise@brutonparish.org), children ages 4 through kindergarten are invited to join the Joyful Noise Choir which rehearses Sunday mornings (tba). The choir usually sings once a month from September through May for the Sunday 9:15am service of Holy Eucharist.

Also directed by Genrose, youth in grades 1 to 3 are invited to join the Choristers for rehearsal each Sunday during the school year in the choir room of the Parish House (757-221-0370 or choristers@brutonparish.org). They also sing once or twice a month from September through May for the 9:15am service of Holy Eucharist.

Directed by Ann Porter (757-564-7875 or cantores@brutonparish.org), youth in grades 4 through high school are invited to join the Cantores. They rehearse each Sunday during the school year in the choir room of the Parish House, sing once or twice a month from September through May for the 9:15am service of Holy Eucharist, and also periodically sing Choral Evensong.

If your child or youth would like to begin singing in the choirs this year, please contact the appropriate director above for more information or come to the first rehearsal!



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Guides' Ministry presents

Carson Hudson on Impact of Civil War on Williamsburg

Alta Cassady

How did Bruton Parish Church remain intact and unscathed by the Battle of Williamsburg?

Did members of the church continue to worship in our historic building during the Civil War?

Were people killed during the Battle of Williamsburg, and were they buried in the church yard?



Carson Hudson will answer these and other questions during the Guides' Ministry presentation on Wednesday, September 13, in the Parish House. Please plan to join us for coffee and dessert at 6:30pm and the program beginning at 7pm in Lewis Hall. The event is sponsored by the Bruton Parish Guides' Ministry.

Hudson will share his passion for nineteenth-century American military and social history with us during his presentation which will feature his most recent publication,

Yankees in the Streets: Forgotten People and Stories of Civil War Williamsburg. He is a Colonial Williamsburg program manager and a part-time educator at the Mariner's Museum and USS Monitor Center in Newport News. Hudson serves as the Williamsburg Battlefield Association's historian.

"Carson is a skilled and talented historian. He truly is one of our local treasures," according to Anne Conkling, member of the Guides' Ministry Education Committee and longtime trainer of church guides. She adds, "Do plan to join us on September 13th to learn more about Bruton Parish during the Civil War. Carson Hudson will transport us back in time to 1862 in Williamsburg."

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 bpcushers@brutonparish.org.

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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



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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: _____