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WAFFLE HOUSE HUNGER

Rev'd Joshua Stephens

I preached a sermon not long ago that began with a Waffle House story. It was fun to joke about who eats at a Waffle House and who will not eat there. I learned that our parishioners are as divided on that one as my own family is!

The story I told was about a time when I was very hungry after a long mountain bike ride and found myself at a Waffle House looking forward to a big meal. I sat next to another table where a father and son were eating together. The father looked like a respectable working-class guy, but the son looked pretty worn out and tired. There was a certain awkwardness between them. When their food arrived, the father said a prayer that was unlike anything I had ever heard. He thanked God for the food, sure, and for the blessing of his boy, but he also asked God to be with them in a way that expressed a deep longing that he had for his son. He asked that God bring about healing and forgiveness between them. And that this son of his might know the incredible love of God and the salvation and hope and restoration that comes with life in Christ. By end of this "grace," the entire Waffle House said, "Amen!"

At that moment, I recalled the words of Jesus in the Beatitudes when he said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." The hunger that I felt that day after a long bike ride was nothing compared to the deep longing this man had for his son. He longed that his son might know the living bread who is Jesus the Christ.

Each and every one of us asks questions about who we are, why we are here, and what a good life looks like. In the deepest parts of our souls, we long for a sense of meaning and a place to belong. We are starving for it. We are longing for something more than the cultural norms of post-modern America. Unfortunately, too often we try to fill our famished souls with things which cannot sustain us. Jesus speaks into our longings and offers the very thing for which we have been starving: it's the bread of life that we're after. It's only Christ who can sustain us.

In fact, it is this holy sustenance-the bread of life-that has brought the faithful together as a church at Bruton for over 340 years! We find ourselves returning again and again to gather around Bruton's altar to offer gifts of bread and wine which God transforms into "The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven," and "The Blood of

Christ, the cup of salvation." Everything we do at Bruton, like making copies of sermons to send out to the home-bound, welcoming visitors to our Shop and Heritage Center, and teaching children a lesson from Godly Play, is all because we long to share life in Christ. We are bound to God and to one another in this banquet of redemption!

IT'S AN EXCITING TIME FOR MINISTRIES TO BEGIN ANEW.

As summer ends, now is the time when Bruton's program year kicks off. It's an exciting time for ministries to begin anew as families return from time on the road and the school year begins. You'll notice more activity on all fronts. I hope you will take some time to prayerfully discern how you might share in God's work at Bruton. Our Matthew 25 ministry to mentor and tutor at Matthew Whaley School is looking for new helpers. Our Canterbury Program is welcoming college students and needs parishioners who can prepare meals and more. Our youth and children's ministry is serving scores of kids each week, and it could use folks for one-off projects and long-term aid. And I cannot wait until our September 30th Fall Fellowship Festival when we can gather as a church for a fun afternoon with music, face painting, and the gifts of the sea.

We do all of these things, not because Bruton is an activity club, but because we have tasted the living bread which sustains us and binds us one to another and we hunger for more of that bread. It's the bread of life we want. Are you hungry? It's the bread of life we're after. And it's here today. He's here today. Won't you take him in?

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 18. 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

Brown-Bag Bible Study
Wednesdays @ noon
Bruton Singles
Annual Parish Book Sale
Parish-Only Preview Sale
Thursday, August 30 from 3-6pm
Friday & Saturday, August 31 & September 1
from 9am - 5pm
Sunday, September 2 from 10am - 3pm
Remembrance Service for International Overdose Awareness Day
Friday, August 31 @ 7pm
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DOK Eucharist & Meeting *
Thursday, September 6 @ 10am
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Sweet Discourse *
A Visit with Lady Washington
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Cursillo Co-Ed Weekend
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Fall Fellowship Festival
Sunday, September 30, from 4:30-7pm
Vestry Nominations Due October 1
Hands-On Outreach @ FISH
October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
Fall Lecture Series *
The Reformation & Its Legacy Today
Thursdays, October 4, 11, 18 & 25
Stephen Ministry Hosts Donna Authers
Tuesday, October 9, 6:30-8:30pm
Tri-Diocesan Council on Aging Fall Camp
October 22-25 @ Shrinemont
Women's Fall Retreat
Saturday, October 27, 9am - 12pm
Annual Meeting
Sunday, November 18, following 9:15am
* Child care may be available for babies through elementary-aged children by reservation only. Please contact Meghan Brewer at 757-345-6489 or send an email to childcare@brutonparish.org.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 2
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 5:30pm

Sunday, September 9 & 23
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Children's Church @ 9:15am**
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 5:30pm

Sunday, September 16
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Children's Church @ 9:15am**
Choral Evensong @ 5:30pm

Sunday, September 30
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Children's Church @ 9:15am**
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm
Compline @ 8:00pm

Noonday Prayer @ Church
Monday - Saturday

Holy Eucharist - St. Mary's Chapel
Tuesdays @ 8am (as of September 4)

Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers
Wednesdays @ 11 am (Church)

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

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



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, September 30, in the Parish Hall. Just \$15/person or \$25/family (pay at the door). Please rsvp by Wednesday, September 26, by email 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!

To volunteer to help set-up, cook, and/or clean-up for this event, please call Meghan Brewer directly at 252-347-7078 (cell), 757-345-6489 (office) or email mbrewer@brutonparish.org.



SPIRITWORKS HOSTING TWO RECOVERY SERVICES

The Rev'd Lauren McDonald

SpiritWorks Foundation is hosting two upcoming Recovery Services in collaboration with Bruton Parish. Join us at either of the services below.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

On Friday, August 31, in honor of International Overdose Awareness Day, there will be a Remembrance Service at 7pm in the Church. 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. There will be refreshments and fellowship in the Custis House after the service.



FIRST FRIDAYS

RECOVERY EUCHARIST

The First Fridays Recovery Eucharist will be Friday, September 7 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.

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.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

BIBLE STUDY

This adult Lectionary-based Bible study is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 11am in the Custis House. The study looks at what the impact of the Gospel message is on our everyday lives. Please join us on Sunday, September 9 & 23.

PARISH BOOK SALE TO BENEFIT YOUTH MISSION

The proceeds from the book sale this year will be used for our Youth Mission & Pilgrimage Fund. Donations of CDs, DVDs and puzzles will still be accepted through August 31. Bring your donations to the Parish House or contact 757-229-2891 or booksale@brutonparish.org for pick-up if you can't bring them here. Those needing books picked up are requested to please 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.

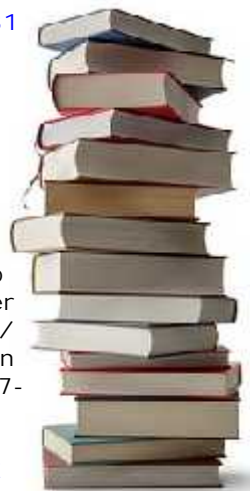
Parish-Only Preview Sale
Thursday, August 30
from 3-6pm

Friday & Saturday, August 31
& September 1
9am - 5pm

Sunday, September 2
10am - 3pm

We will need many volunteers, not only to help pick up book donations, but to help set-up, staff the sale, and clean up afterwards! There is still time to volunteer by going online to <http://bit.ly/BOOKSALEVOLUNTEERS> or contact Stephen Fitton at booksale@brutonparish.org or 757-221-7277.

COME AND SHOP AT THE BOOK SALE
FOR SOME GREAT BARGAINS!



PARISH PICNIC

Throughout this issue of The Chronicle you'll find pictures from the Parish-Wide Summer Picnic!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT MATTHEW WHALEY

Alta Cassady

The new school year has begun, but there are still opportunities to volunteer at Matthew Whaley Elementary School. Members of Bruton Parish have worked with students at the nearby school over the past two years.



Johanna Thompson (left) and Janet Estes, co-chairs of the Matthew Whaley Project, and the Rev'd Lauren McDonald provide spiritual guidance and support.

Volunteers read to children and coach them in specific academic areas as well as provide assistance to teachers in the classroom. Others share their talents working in the library, art room and music room.

As Matthew 25 co-chair Janet Estes stated, "Our parish has become part of the fabric of the school and, simultaneously, has also become an important part of the Bruton Parish outreach mission to the community."

Interested parishioners should call the Parish House or contact Janet Estes or Joanna Thompson. They may also send an email to M25@brutonparish.org to volunteer. As Janet has said, "No experience required."

SALVATION ARMY APPLE TREE PROGRAM

Christine Britton



One hundred local children-in-need will have new outfits to wear when they start back to school. With the addition of backpacks and school supplies from the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary, these students can have a great beginning to their new school year. Pictured to the

left are the Rev's Lauren McDonald and Josh Stephens along with the many donations given by all those who generously participated!

PAPER, PENCILS, AND CRAYONS, OH MY!

Meghan Brewer



Thanks to the generosity of Bruton Parish parishioners, the students and teachers of Matthew Whaley will have a solid start to the school year. When noses are running and pencils break, our donations will help ease the minds of our sweet friends. Again, many thanks for your love and support of this year's school supply drive!

WINTER SHELTER 2019

Sally & Bringier McConnell

Although it's only September, planning is already underway for Season 7 of Community of Faith Mission (COFM) which will offer 18 weeks of shelter at different host sites across the Williamsburg Area between November 11, 2018 and March 17, 2019. Bruton's Shelter week is January 13-20, 2019.

Last year COFM sheltered 114 individuals ranging in age from 2 to 76 years old. Of the guests, 68% were male and 32% female. The number of guests and the number of shelter weeks totaled 2700 facilitated shelter stays and volunteers logged 11,400 hours to make the program happen!

The season starts at James River Baptist Church on Centerville Road and also includes St. Olaf Catholic Church in Norge as a new overnight partner.

Check upcoming issues of The Chronicle for more information about Bruton's Shelter week and the opportunity to volunteer. Online sign up will go live in November!

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 help 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 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 and consider signing up!

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



Check out the Mission & Outreach page on our website where you can learn more about ways in which you can volunteer at the church and in our local community.

TUESDAY MORNING EUCHARIST: A SLIGHT CHANGE IN TIME WHILE THE STRENGTH OF THE EUCHARIST REMAINS

Mary Kafes

In this world that seems to be spinning faster and becoming more frenetic with each passing month, there is an oasis of calm, peace and quiet every Tuesday morning in St. Mary's Chapel in our Parish House. Right here is the opportunity for all to take a step back from the busyness of life and find spiritual refreshment, comfort, and strength in the Holy Eucharist.

Led by our clergy, this Tuesday congregation has at various times included parishioners, non-parishioners, members of other churches, students and visitors to Colonial Williamsburg. Everyone is welcome!

Starting Tuesday, September 4, Holy Eucharist in St. Mary's Chapel in the Parish House will be celebrated at 8am, rather than the earlier time of 7:30 as has been the practice. Following the Eucharist, coffee, fellowship and light breakfast snacks are shared in the Parish House by those whose schedules permit.

Hopefully, with this later start time, more folks will be able to include this wonderfully intimate service into their spiritual lives. Please come and join us. Perhaps Tuesday morning will become an integral step in your faith journey.



DAUGHTERS OF THE KING EUCHARIST

Donna Marshall

The Bruton Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King will meet on Thursday, September 6, at the Parish House. Daughters will gather at St. Mary's Chapel to celebrate Eucharist at 10am, and will then move upstairs to the Coffee, Tea & Thee Room for their meeting.



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. A three-month period of discernment, discovery, and preparation is required for membership. Daughters pay dues to the National Head-quarters and to their chapter, but according to their bylaws, can do no parish 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 10am in the Parish House. Meetings last approximately an hour and include scripture readings, devotional presentations, 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, please call Donna Marshall at 757-220-9546.

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. This month's prayer is offered by Joyce Haines from a pocketbook of prayers entitled Prayers for All Occasions.

Almighty God, behold our universities, colleges, and schools with your gracious favor, that knowledge may be increased among us and all good learning flourish and abound. Bless all who teach and all who learn; and grant that in humility of heart they may ever look to you, the fountain of all wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WOMEN UNDER FORTYISH

Young adult women at Bruton are meeting monthly for conversation on faith and spirituality, Bible study, and fellowship. If you are interested in being part of these gatherings, please contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald at lmcdonald@brutonparish.org.

WOMEN'S EVENING POTLUCK

The Women's Evening Potluck will resume Tuesday, September 18, at 6:30pm. Jo-Anne Hand is hosting. Please rsvp to Jo-Anne for directions at 757-345-6950. Bring a dish to share!

WOMEN'S THEOLOGICAL BOOK GROUP

The group meets on Thursdays from 1-2:30 in Room 206 of the Parish House. All women are invited to join us. Upcoming dates and books are:

- October 4: Surprised By Joy
by C.S. Lewis
- November 8: The Irrational Season
by Madeleine L'Engle
- December 13: Advent in Narnia
by Heidi Haverkamp

WOMEN TO WOMEN FALL COFFEE & OUTREACH FAIR

Women of Bruton, mark your calendars! Join us on Thursday, September 20, from 10-11:30am in the Parish Hall, where you are invited to the Annual Fall Coffee with a twist!

Coffee
Outreach
Ministry
Make New
Relationships

In addition to coffee and light snacks, we will also learn about opportunities to serve in our local community, our diocese, and the world. Representatives from seven organizations: Avalon, Women for Congo, Dos Santos Food Pantry, Latisha's House, Matthew 25, the Episcopal Church in Navajoland, and SpiritWorks Foundation, will make short presentations as well as having tables set up with more information. Come and join us as we make new relationships, strengthen old ones, and

discover ways we can partner with other women in ministry. For more information, contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald or Alice Oates.

SWEET DISCOURSE:

A VISIT WITH LADY WASHINGTON

Jim Morford

The Bruton Guides Ministry is pleased to announce that the very successful "Sweet Discourse" series will resume on Wednesday, September 26. As the series of programs high-lighting the history of Bruton Parish Church continues, we are delighted that it is being co-sponsored by the Heritage Center Committee. Coffee and light dessert will be served at 6:30pm, followed by the program at 7pm in Lewis Hall.



Last spring many of us enjoyed a presentation by young Martha Washington as portrayed by Colonial Williamsburg interpreter Katherine Pittman. We now have the opportunity to visit with our nation's first First Lady as portrayed by Mary Wiseman.

We are delighted to welcome back to Bruton our friend Mary Wiseman, who sang with the choir for thirty years before moving to northern Virginia. She has recently returned to the area. Her stellar career in Historical Interpretation and Living History has led her through years at Colonial Williamsburg, where she worked with character development and interpretation, with a focus on women's studies. Her characters included Mrs. Geddy, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Randolph, and most notably Martha Dandridge Custis Washington.

From Williamsburg, Mary moved to Northern Virginia, and for almost fifteen years she was the quintessential Lady Washington at Mt. Vernon. There she entertained children, VIPs, and her greatest followers -- the public who make pilgrimages to Mt. Vernon in search of the Washington mystique.

Plan now to be educated and entertained by Lady Washington at our "Sweet Discourse" on September 26. All are invited. Bring your friends and neighbors!

WOMEN OF BRUTON FALL RETREAT ... SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 27, 9am - 12pm in the Parish House



The Fall Retreat theme is Mary and Martha - Where Contemplation and Action Intersect. We will gather for a time of fellowship, discussion of the story of Mary and Martha, small group conversation, and deepening our relationships with each other and God. If you're feeling weary of what's going on in your life or in the world, or just want some time for renewal with your sisters in Christ, join us for this half day retreat. For more information, please contact the Rev's Lauren McDonald or Jan Brown.

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

Thank you for looking over your second quarter contributions statement, for the period ending June 30th. To satisfy an amount remaining on a 2018 annual pledge, here is an option you may not have thought of: put appreciated stock to work by donating shares to Bruton Parish. You will receive an income tax deduction for the stock's value on the date of transfer, and pay no capital gains tax. To make an electronic transfer, give your broker the type and number of shares you would like to contribute and this information for our Fidelity Brokerage account:

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Please let us know to expect your transfer. Thank you for considering this option.

Many pledges toward the new organ were made two or more years ago. Now the building of the organ is in progress! Your generous pledges and gifts enabled us to undertake this project. Please take a moment to review your organ pledge, and contact Ed Emery, Controller, Nancy Nelson, Financial Assistant, or Marty Easton, Development Director, at either finance@brutonparish.org or 757-345-2261 if you have any questions. We are happy to give reminders or updates on pledge payments, both made and due.

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RECEPTION VOLUNTEERS

Kathryn Smith

The reception desk at the church office needs help, especially substitutes. Due to vacations, illnesses and "retirements," we are short-handed. This is a good way for newcomers to meet people. Shifts are from 9am to 1pm and 1pm to 5pm weekdays. Duties include answering the telephone, greeting visitors, and being an extra pair of hands to help the church office with projects like stuffing envelopes, etc. If you are interested, please contact me at 757-229-2188 or visit the volunteer section of the church's website at www.brutonparish.org.

BRUTON SINGLES

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

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

Sunday, September 1, 7:30 pm
Symphony Under The Stars

Virginia Symphony Orchestra
@ Riverwalk Landing, Yorktown

Meet us at 6pm at the Parish House Reception area to carpool to Riverwalk Landing, Yorktown for the "Symphony Under The Stars" performance by the Virginia Symphony Orchestra on the lawn at the Yorktown waterfront. Bring a picnic supper and a lawn chair. RSVP to Heidi Elam at 757-897-5012.

Saturday, September 8, 1pm
Wine Tasting Tour

@ Saude Creek Vineyards, Lanexa

Meet us at 1pm at the Parish House Reception area to carpool to Saude Creek Vineyards located at 16230 Cookes Mill Road in Lanexa for a Wine Tasting (\$10/person). RSVP to Donna Dodenhoff at singles@brutonparish.org.

Tuesday, September 11, 8-10pm
English Country Dancing

with Williamsburg Heritage Dancers

Meet us at 8pm at the Newport House at 710 South Henry Street for English Country Dancing. Williamsburg Heritage Dancers meet weekly to learn and enjoy this style of social dance (\$1 contribution). RSVP directly to Sandy Lenthall by emailing singles@brutonparish.org.

Saturday, September 22, 2pm
Shakespeare In Love

@ Williamsburg Players

Meet us for the 2pm matinee performance at Williamsburg Players, followed by a potluck supper at Kathy Rose's house located near the theatre. Call Kathy Rose to rsvp at 757-259-9037 and let her know what you will bring.



Bruton Singles enjoying dinner at Habana Hemingway. Clockwise from left: Craig Weaver, Donna Dodenhoff, Eda Martin, Heidi Elam, Katharine Holland, Gary Davis, Shirley McFall, Spence Witten, Kathy Rose, Sandy Lenthall, and Tom Mills



GIFT SHOP TALK

Diane Koun

We have exciting news — Christmas at Bruton premiers in the shop at the end of September! Advent calendars, Christmas cards, Nativities, beautiful ornaments, books for little ones and adults, giftware, tableware, and accessories will abound. The shop will be decked out in greenery, lights, and bows. Come early for best selection and use your parishoners' 10% discount for your purchases.

What's NEW in the Shop?

We have adjustable bracelets, available in silvertone and goldtone featuring the Episcopal shield and Bruton Parish Church. Brand new "Bruton specific" items include: a music box with a picture of the church and Amazing Grace as the tune; our linen tea towel embroidered with a gold cross and Bruton Parish Church; new Bruton ornaments; and a Jefferson cup with Bruton Parish Church logo. All have been well received by parishioners, local customers, and tourists.



Accessories including handbags, ponchos and wraps, new umbrella and raincape designs, gloves, and hats are perfect for our Virginia weather.

Candy kabobs for Fall and Halloween are ideal treats for your grandchildren. After selling more than 400 of these kabobs last Fall and Christmas, we know that they are winners!

Pewter baby cups and small jewelry or trinket boxes decorated with a raised pewter cross make lovely gifts.

For the pampered pet, we are offering breed specific dog stockings.

Can't figure out what to buy for people on your list? Let one of our knowledgeable volunteer sales staffers give you suggestions. Do you know someone who could use a little perking up? We have thoughtful gifts and cards that convey, "I am thinking of you and I care." As you know, sometimes a card, note, or small gift will make a big difference in a person's life. Stop in, we will help you select the perfect remembrance.

Getting ready for football and tailgates? Take a look at our new Fall tailgate table. Surprises await you!

Our volunteers are so special! They enjoy meeting and greeting our visitors and have fun working together. They are proud of the part they play in the shop's contribution to the church's mission and outreach program. We are so appreciative of their time and talents. Will YOU join us for the Christmas season? We would love to have each of you spend some time volunteering in the shop. Call Diane Koun or Pam Michael at 757-220-1489 or just stop in to see us.



GOOD BOOK CLUB

FACEBOOK GROUP

Bruton's Good Book Club Facebook group will be discussing the Sunday lectionary readings online each week. If you have a Facebook account and want to join in, put "Bruton Parish Good Book Club" in your search and ask to join the group. We'd love to have you as part of the conversation! You can find the link at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1956489351235251/>. If you have any questions, please contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald at lmcdonald@brutonparish.org.

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. This is a great opportunity to become better acquainted with the parish and learn of the many ministries here at Bruton. Join us on Sunday, September 2.

Walk a Labyrinth

There will be a labyrinth walk on Thursday, September 20, at 5:30pm at the Eastern State Hospital labyrinth. All are welcome to join in this ancient walking meditation. We gather as a group, say a prayer, walk the labyrinth, and then share our experience. The whole event lasts about an hour. For directions or more information, contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald at lmcdonald@brutonparish.org.



CURSILLO CO-ED WEEKEND

The next Cursillo Weekend will be September 27-30 at Chanco On The James in Surry. Linda Tandy is the rector for this weekend. Cursillo is Spanish for "short course" and the weekend offers a short course in Christianity. The movement was started many years ago in an effort to help young Christian men grow closer to Christ. Today, there are Cursillo movements all over the world. On the three-day-weekend, candidates learn how to grow as leaders in their communities and in their own personal journey with Jesus. For more information and an application, go to www.cursillodiosova.org.

FALL CAMP AT SHRINE MONT REGISTRATION OPEN OCTOBER 22-25

Fall Camp is a four day adult conference sponsored by the Tri-Diocesan Council on Aging which represents all three Episcopal dioceses in Virginia: Dioceses of Virginia, Southwest Virginia, and Southern Virginia. It is held Monday through Thursday each year at Shrine Mont Conference Center in Orkney Springs, Virginia. More information about Shrine Mont itself is available at www.shrinemont.com.

Visit <http://bit.ly/FALLCAMP2018> for details and download a brochure with registration information (or stop by the Parish House to pick up a physical copy).

The keynote speaker will be Lauren F. Winner, who writes and lectures widely on Christian practice, the history of Christianity in

America, and Jewish-Christian relations. Her books include *Girl Meets God*, *Mudhouse Sabbath*, a study of household religious practice in 18th-century Virginia, *A Cheerful and Comfortable Faith*, *Still: Notes on a Mid-Faith Crisis*, and, most recently, a book on overlooked



biblical tropes for God, *Wearing God*. She is completing a book called *Characteristic Damage*, which examines the effects of sin and damage on Christian practice. Dr. Winner, an Episcopal priest, is vicar of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Louisburg, North Carolina.

We will be entertained by Folk-Theologian Ed Kilbourne, a Methodist minister, who is known for his collections of moving music, quirky humor, and insightful monologues. He has earned a reputation as one of America's cutting edge religious communicators, a folk-theologian if you will, offering his teaching in story and song. Ed combines acoustic guitar, singing and commentary. Additionally, Ed offers a half-hour devotional each morning before breakfast. Read more online about Ed by visiting www.edkilbourne.com. Visit the Shrine Mont website for more information.

STEPHEN MINISTRY HOSTS DONNA AUTHERS

Mary Jean Hurst

Join us as we welcome Donna Authers, writer of *A Sacred Walk: Dispelling the Fear of Death and Caring for the Dying* (2008, A&A Publishing) on Tuesday, October 9, in Lewis Hall beginning with dessert and coffee at 6:30pm, followed by the lecture and Q&A from 7-8pm, and book sale and signing by the author from 8-8:30pm. Please RSVP to the Parish House front desk by October 4 so we can plan accordingly. Neighboring churches will also be invited.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, That whoever believes in Him shall not perish But have eternal life.

(John 3:16)

A LOAD OF BRICKS

Joan Gilkison

What do you do when a
Load of Bricks falls on your head
It's painful and scary and stressful
The Bricks never stop falling
It's all you can deal with
Because you are on your own
You forget about calling

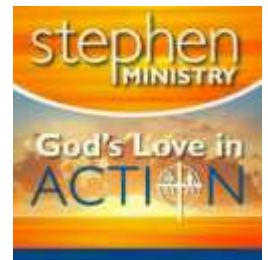
Because you cover your head
And try to keep out of the way
Making yourself small and unseen
You lose sight of the world around you
And you have forgotten those who care
They are the Volunteer Brick carriers
Watching and waiting for the load to share

The brick Carriers are loving, and strong
Capable of sharing your load
All the while protecting and
Cherishing those you love
They too, have known your painful road

When all you think of is the injustice
And the pain and the stress and the dark hole
Open your eyes and look for the light
Of the Brick Carriers
They care for your essence and your soul.

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The Stephen Ministers of Bruton Parish Church are your Brick Carriers – we will come with needed prayers and a confidential listening ear. Please contact Mary Jean Hurst or John Fogarty, our Stephen Leaders, at 757-220-2087.



DONATE TO EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT

Our country regularly experiences a range of natural disasters. Hurricanes, tornadoes and floods threaten the South, Midwest and other regions each year, blizzards and ice storms impact the country's northern areas, and earthquakes are an ever-present danger on the West Coast. Preparing ahead of time can do much to reduce the potential loss caused by these events and increase our ability to respond to our neighbors.

Episcopal Relief & Development's (ER&D) US Disaster Program works at home in areas affected by disasters. Through their wide network of Episcopal dioceses, they offer resources and training to help communities prepare for disasters and provide support so vulnerable people can make a full and sustained recovery. Our Church partners are an integral part of these communities; because of our ongoing relationships we are there before others arrive and stay with them long after the news cameras have gone. Donate today at <http://bit.ly/ER&DUSDONATE!>



THE REFORMATION AND ITS LEGACY TODAY

Ed Burchianti

Save the
Dates for the
Bruton Fall
Lecture Series

This year's Fall Lecture Series will address the historical events which occurred over 500 years ago. Known as The Reformation, it reshaped Western Christianity. It will also include a forum of local clergy discussing where we are as Reformation-legacy Christians today.

The program will consist of three sessions (October 4, 11 & 18) covering the 16th century Reformation events and a fourth session (October 25) which will be a panel discussion. The panel will focus on the question of where we are today as Christian communities living out Christ's prayer "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21a).

The session schedule and presenters are:



October 4

GERMAN REFORMATION

Rev'd Dr. James Cobb
Lutheran Pastor

October 11

SWISS REFORMATION

Rev'd Dr. James Cobb

October 18

ENGLISH & ROMAN CATHOLIC REFORMATIONS

Professor Alexander Angelov
Religious Studies Department
The College of William & Mary

October 25

PANEL DISCUSSION WITH LOCAL CLERGY

Moderated by
Drs. Angelov and Cobb

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

The talks/panel will begin at 7pm sharp and will be preceded by a light coffee/dessert get-together starting at 6:30pm. Now that the dates have been set, think about inviting friends and neighbors.

REFORMATION READS

The Library Committee

As we look forward to the Fall Lecture Series on "The Reformation and Its Legacy Today," let's remember that the Hennage Library (lower level of the Parish House) is good place for digging deeper. Here are a few of the books available on the Reformation in its various forms:

The Reformation: A History (shelf number 270.6/MacR-check the New Books shelf)

Written by Diarmaid MacCulloch, this book is a thorough, authoritative source. Karen Armstrong (A History of God, etc.) wrote of it: "It is difficult to imagine anybody writing a better book about the Reformation."

All Things New: The Reformation and Its Legacy (270.6/MacA)

Written by Diarmaid MacCulloch, this book is a collection of helpful essays in three groups especially relevant to our lecture topics: "Reformations Across Europe," "The English Reformation," and "Looking Back on the English Reformation."

Not Angels, but Anglicans: A History of Christianity in the British Isles (283/ChaN)

Written by Henry Chadwick, ed., this book is an illustrated overview of the almost 2,000 years of Christianity in Britain that puts the English Reformation in a larger context.

Biography can be a great way to explore the richness of history. Some relevant examples in our collection:

Martin Luther: The Christian Between God and Death (284.1/MarM). Written by Richard Marius, no one looms larger in the Reformation story.

John Calvin: A Sixteenth Century Portrait (284.2BowJ). Written by William J. Bowsma, the central figure in the Swiss Reformation.

Thomas Cranmer: A Life (283/MacT). Written by Diarmaid MacCulloch, this book is a biography of the Archbishop who guided England through the early Reformation and led the drafting of The Book of Common Prayer.



Archbishop
Thomas
Cranmer, a
leader of the
English
Reformation

Richard Hooker: Prophet of Anglicanism (283/SecR). Written by Philip B. Secor, the Church of England theologian who articulated a distinctive Anglican perspective.

Visit the special section devoted to The Reformation on the Link Library of our parish website, a collection of useful resources on the internet.

Prayer For the
Unity of the Church

O God the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, our
only Savior, the Prince
of Peace: Give us grace
seriously to lay to heart
the great dangers we
are in by our unhappy
divisions; take away all
hatred and prejudice,
and whatever else may
hinder us from godly
union and concord; that,
as there is but one Body
and one Spirit, one hope
of our calling, one Lord,
one Faith, one Baptism,
one God and Father of
us all, so we may be all
of one heart and of one
soul, united in one holy
bond of truth and peace,
of faith and charity, and
may with one mind and
one mouth glorify thee;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

From the Book of
Common Prayer
(page 818)

CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

There will be no children or youth programming this Sunday, so please have a safe Labor Day Weekend. Stop by the Parish House and support the Annual Parish Book Sale to benefit Youth Mission this year!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Children's Church, followed by Children & Youth Choir rehearsal at 10:30am (only for this Sunday; then 11am thereafter). A Family Pancake Breakfast will be held at 11am following choir rehearsal. Stay tuned for more information!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Children's Church, followed by Sunday School and then Children & Youth Choir rehearsal. Stay tuned for information about youth programming.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Children's Church, Sunday School and Children & Youth Choir rehearsal.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Children's Church will be held, followed by Sunday School and Children & Youth Choir rehearsal. The Fall Fellowship Festival will be held from 4:30-7pm in the Parish House. Please be sure to rsvp at 757-229-2891 or rsvp@brutonparish.org.



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Anyone interested and willing to help teach a few lessons this Sunday School calendar year for the children or teens, please contact Meghan Brewer — we are still in need of helpers and substitutes!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Below are some pictures from this year's VBS for children from Hickory Neck, St. Martin's, and Bruton Parish held at Hickory Neck Episcopal Church in Toano. The children were able to see God in many ways throughout the week through Bible stories, group activities and songs!



Fun in the Sun at the End of Summer Pool Party for Families with Children & Youth

Nursery is available each Sunday in the Parish House from 8:30am through the 11:15am service for newborns through 4-years-old.

Children's Church is age-appropriate worship held at 9:15am in St. Mary's Chapel, tailored for children K-5th grade. Bring them at 9am, then head to the church. Save a seat, as they'll join the congregation at the Peace. We also hold an age-appropriate service for 3-4 year olds in the room next to the nursery.

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 Meghan Brewer at the Parish House.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Mark your calendar for this special service at 9:15am on Sunday, October 7.

CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS FOR THE PARISH AND COMMUNITY BY OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

All programs begin at 8pm, unless otherwise noted. Doors open at 7:30pm, no ticket required (a freewill offering will be received). Parking is permitted on the Duke of Gloucester in front of the church for any concert, recital or service.

Saturday, September 1

Trombone & Organ Recital
James Martin, Trombonist from
Shepherdstown, West Virginia &
Daniel Miller, Organist at First Baptist
Church in Winchester, Virginia

Tuesday, September 4 - Organ Recital
Mark Biondolillo, Organist at First United
Methodist Church of Fox Hill in Hampton

Thursday, September 6 - Organ Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Bruton Organist

Saturday, September 8 - Organ Recital
Stephen Henley, Jr., Organist at Bon Air
Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia

Tuesday, September 11 - Organ & Harpsichord
Recital - Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director

Thursday, September 13 - Organ Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, September 15
Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director

Sunday, September 16 @ 5:30 pm
Choral Evensong: Canticles of Charles
Villiers Stanford - American Guild of
Organists, Tidewater Chapter
Season Opening Program
Choirs of Bruton Parish, with Rebecca Davy,
Director & Dr. JanEl Will, Organist

Tuesday, September 18 - Organ Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Thursday, September 20 - Organ Recital
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director
joined by her student, Michael Gibson

Saturday, September 22 - Organ Recital
Final Recital on the 1955
Aeolian-Skinner Organ
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director

Saturday, September 29
Oboe & Harpsichord
Melinda McKenzie, Oboist &
Rebecca Davy, Harpsichordist

HISTORICAL ORGAN RECITALS

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

September 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 - Rebecca Davy

BRUTON KICKS OFF FALL MUSIC MINISTRY

PELHAM & CHANCEL ADULT CHOIRS REHEARSE

Every Wednesday
Pelham Choir @ 6pm, Joint Choirs @ 6:45pm
Chancel Choir @ 8:15pm

TARPLEY HANDBELL RINGERS

Mondays starting September 10, 6-7:30pm

Please contact Music Director,
Rebecca Davy, for more details about either choir
or the Tarpley Ringers by calling
757-645-3431 or emailing
bdavy@brutonparish.org.

CANTORES, CHORISTERS & JOYFUL NOISE RESUME

Our children's and youth choirs will resume rehearsals on Sunday, September 9, at 10:30am (just on this date).

Joyful Noise Choir (children ages 4 through kindergarten) and Choristers (youth in grades 1 to 3) are directed by Genrose Lashinger. Both choirs rehearse Sunday mornings after Sunday School in the basement of the Parish House.

The choirs sing once a month from September through May for the Sunday 9:15am service of Holy Eucharist. Genrose can be reached at 757-221-0370 or joyfulnoise@brutonparish.org or choristers@brutonparish.org.

Cantores (youth in grades 4 through high school) are directed by Ann Porter. They also 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 periodically sing Choral Evensong. Ann can be reached at 757-564-7875 or cantores@brutonparish.org

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!



CANDLELIGHT CONCERT USHERS

Volunteers are invited to participate in this unique outreach ministry. If interested, please contact Les Hoffman at concertushers@brutonparish.org or 757-253-9877 or Rebecca Davy at 757-645-3431 or bdavy@brutonparish.org.



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2018 UTO GRANTS FOCUS ON " BECOMING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY: RACIAL HEALING, RECONCILIATION & JUSTICE"

Bessie Bierer, UTO Ministry Leader

Thank you to everyone who, through a personal spiritual discipline of gratitude, contributed to the United Thank Offering's Ingathering. As a result of your gratitude and generosity, \$1,283,216.21 was raised nationally. Remember that every penny given to UTO is given away the following year.

This year, the focus of the granting process was Becoming the Beloved Community: Racial Healing, Reconciliation and Justice. Following are three of the 34 grants awarded this year.

Episcopal Migration Ministries - Presiding Bishop's Award:
Partners in Welcome, \$62,000

Expanding beyond its public-private partnership in refugee resettlement, Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) is creating the Partners in Welcome program, a network that supports congregations, dioceses, and organizations as they welcome and seek right relationship with their immigrant and refugee neighbors. This grant will provide for staffing and equipment to launch this program.

Global Partnerships - Gifts to Missionaries, \$11,900

This annual contribution supports the work of all Episcopal Church missionaries. This year, the award will support 38 missionaries and 2 overseas Episcopal converts.

UTO in Partnership with the Office of Government Relations

Julia Chester Emery UTO Internship, \$49,452.11

This grant will provide funds for the continuation of the Julia Chester Emery UTO Internship. This project seeks to aid in the personal and professional development of a young woman interested in lay ministry by providing intentional mentoring and leadership experience through the Episcopal Public Policy Network and UTO.

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

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

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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.

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Nominations for Bruton Parish Vestry

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.



BRUTON PARISH
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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 2018 nominating committee will consider all nominations received and seek more if necessary.

The nominating committee will have eight members. Four are retiring vestry persons: Jeanette Cureton, Alice Erickson, Bill Greaf and Mark Serena. 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 18, 2018.

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 1. 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: _____