

BRUTON PARISH

Annual Giving

2026

CLICK HERE TO PLEDGE ONLINE!

At Bruton Parish, stewardship is more than financial support — it is our faithful response to God's grace. Through our time, talent and treasure, we participate in God's work in the world, nurturing our parish community and beyond our church walls.

When you pledge, you participate in God's work, helping our church grow in faith, compassion, and outreach. Every pledge commitment strengthens our shared mission and is gratefully received.

Please make your pledge via Realm, our website, or by pledge card by November 16.

Questions & Answers

What is pledging?

Pledging is the act of committing to a giving amount for next year. It is spiritual practice to show gratitude for God's many gifts.

When we pledge, we make an intentional choice and then do our best to fulfill it. Our pledges together help the comptroller, finance committee, and vestry make prudent financial plans for the coming year.

How will my pledge be used?

Revenue from pledges goes to all that we are and do as a faith community. Our clergy, lay staff, buildings and grounds, worship ministries and outreach are all supported by your generosity. In this season of transition, your support is even more important and appreciated as we prepare our parish for a new Rector.

How do I begin the practice of pledging?

Think in terms of a proportion of the income you receive, either weekly, monthly or yearly. The biblical standard is a tithe, or 10%. Start with a manageable percentage such as 2.5 percent. If you have achieved that, work toward stepping up another 2.5 percent each year.



Ways of Pledging & Giving

Pledging & Giving via Your Realm Account

Using your Realm account is a simple way to make and pay your pledge for 2026. If you choose to use this method, go to your Realm Connect app, tap the Giving button at the bottom of the screen, and choose Pledge on the top of the screen. The next page will allow you to choose the Annual Fund Pledge button.

Pledging & Giving via the Bruton Parish Website

You may also use the website at www.brutonparish.org to make your pledge and give. It allows for the use of a credit card, debit card, or secure electronic transfer (ACH). It also offers a recurring gift option, on the schedule of your choice. You may opt to cover the additional processing fee at the time of transaction. Texting Bruton at 73256 is also a way to give.

Pledging & Giving by Check or Cash

By mail or in the offering plate. Offering envelopes are not required. Cash may be placed in a plain envelope. Write your name on the front and we will apply the amount toward your pledge.

Gifts of Stock

Donate appreciated securities or mutual funds held longer than one year and receive a tax deduction without paying capital gains tax. When initiating a stock transfer, please contact Margaret Driscoll in the Development Office at (757) 345-2256 or mdriscoll@brutonparish.org. Occasionally, we receive stock gifts with no donor identification, so to avoid this, it's helpful for the church office to know a stock gift has been put into process. Provide your broker the following for Bruton's Fidelity Investments brokerage account:

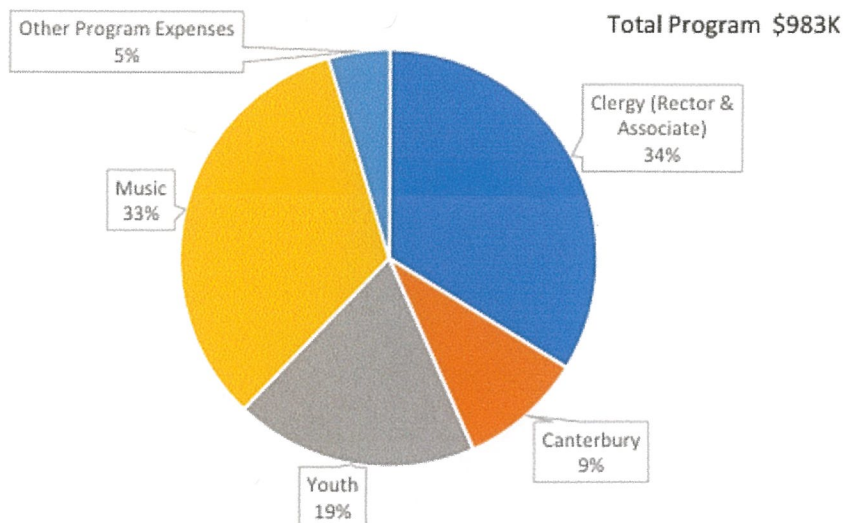
Account Name: Bruton Parish Episcopal Church
Fidelity Investments DTC #0226
Brokerage Account #X90-766745
Your Name (required for proper credit)

When you initiate a stock transfer, please contact Margaret Driscoll, who will watch for the shares and sell them promptly.

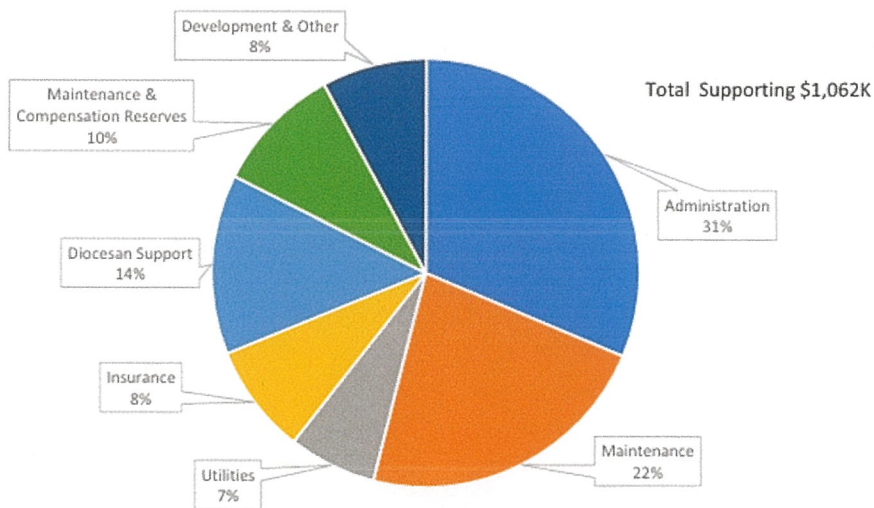
A Look at Projected 2026 Finances

Revenue = \$2,045,000

Program Expense Allocation



Support Expense Allocation



Gifts from an IRA

Those 70.5 years of better may make a Qualified Charitable Distribution directly from an IRA. Qualified charitable deductions are not included in income, so for those who take the standard deduction, there is a significant tax benefit. Provide your IRA custodian this information for sending a check: Bruton Parish Church, P.O. Box 3520, Williamsburg, VA 23187-3520 Attn: Finance Office, EIN # 54-0519571, and your name.

Statements are sent periodically during the year and you may request one at any time. Due to the tax law change, there is a small advantage to giving your

2026 gift in 2025 (if you itemize your deductions). If you choose to pre-pay in the fourth quarter of 2025, please indicate that this is your intent when making the gift.

(The information above is not intended as legal or tax advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney or tax advisor.)

Contribution statements are sent quarterly during the year and you may request one at any time. Your giving is also available to you to review through your Realm account.

For further information, to discuss your preferences for fulfilling a pledge, or to request a personal visit, contact Development Director Margaret Driscoll at (757) 345-2256 or e-mail mdriscoll@brutonparish.org.



Vestry Members

Taylor Banks, Carlyle Campbell, Judi Dorn, Joyce Haines, Robyn Hansen, Randy Hobbs, Diane Howerton, John Morgan, Sue Saunders, Lori Forcucci Smith, Michael Smith, Sue Warner

Members of the Clergy

The Rev. Charles H. Bauer, Associate Rector
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The Rev. Lauren M. McDonald, Associate Rector
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Key Dates

October 12 – Annual Giving 2026 Begins

November 2 – All Saints Sunday

**November 9 – Annual Parish Meeting
at 10:30 a.m.**

**November 16 – Pledge Ingathering
& Coffee Hour**