

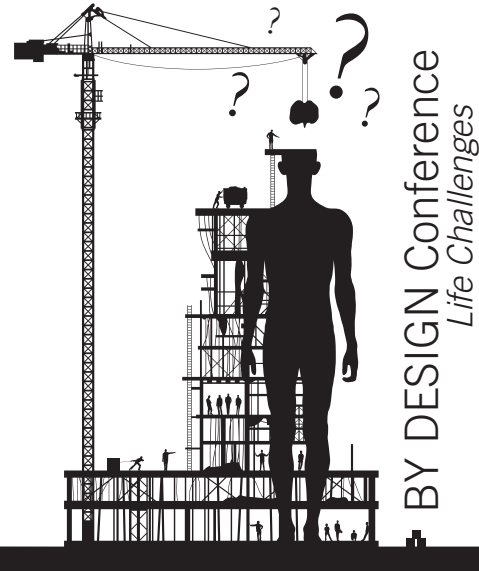


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TRURO FAMILY NEWS

Thank You Truro!

In the month of December clothing donated by Truro parishioners was distributed to Love the World Fellowship. Members of the Wilkinson Home Group along with Rich Eller and family distributed the clothing along with backpacks filled with gloves, hand warmers, a poncho, personal hygiene items, goody bags and a personal Christmas greeting from Tory and Munny Yates. In all, over 100 coats (60 of which were new) and 100 new backpacks were distributed to this very appreciative homeless community. God definitely showed up and showed off his love. Thank you Truro for your generous donations! And a special thanks to Burlington Coat Factory and Sports Authority for offering the coats and backpacks at reduced cost.



BY DESIGN Conference *Life Challenges*

Fri. January, 15, 6:30–9 pm and Sat. January, 16, 8:30 am–1 pm

This year's focus at the 2nd Annual BY DESIGN Conference will be on ***Life Challenges*** including conflict, depression, and suicide. We also will be offering sessions on the following topics: *Men, Women, Parents of Special Needs, and Parenting & Marriage*. Speakers include: Mary Yerkes, Jama Thurman, Penelope Hayes, Steve Tees and Ronald C. Zabel.

This conference is for teens and adults. Children's programs and childcare will be available.

Contact Alice Hunt, ahunt@trurochurch.org or 703.273.1300 ext. 312, for more information.

Brazil 2010 Info Meeting January 10

Come to the Gunnell House at 1:00 pm. Sunday, January 10, for a light lunch and an information session on Truro's Brazil 2010 Youth/Young Adult mission trip. Open to those 13–29, the trip is part of Global Awakening's Youth Power Invasion to Curitiba, Brazil, June 30–July 14. Our team will join with young Brazilians who will serve as translators and prayer partners for a series of healing crusades in churches across Curitiba. We will learn how to pray for the sick and practice what we've learned as we co-labor with Jesus to bring healing, encouragement and love to those who come forward for prayer each evening. If you think God may be calling you to be part of this trip, join team leader Susan Fleming and other potential team members to learn more. (Parents of teens welcome!) For more information, please call Susan at 703.354.1861 or e-mail flemfamily@cox.net.

NEW BEGINNINGS DIVORCE CARE—January 9–March 27, 2010. DVD Seminar Series and support group meetings, Saturdays 5 pm–7 pm, Conference Room. Explore life after divorce. Learn coping, healing, and recovery from renowned Christian experts. Free Seminars, Workbook price \$15.00. Contact: Don Emery, Tel: 703.401.0295, E-mail:

donemry@aol.com, or Kekelwa N.Dall, Tel: 571.337.4821, E-mail: kenyad@cox.net.

TRURO PARISH RETREAT—May 21–23, 2010. It will be held at Canaan Valley Resort in Davis, WVA. (www.canaan-valley-resort.com). The Falls Church went here for their retreat the past couple of years. Registration details to follow. Hope to see you there!



Just Born
Evelyn Rebekah Garcia
Springmann

December 12, 2009
Born To Becky Springmann
Grandparents: Steve and Mary Springmann

Alpha Is Coming!

Who are you thinking of inviting to Alpha? Is that person YOU? Alpha starts Sunday January 17 at the Auld Shebeen, walking distance from Truro Church.

Alpha is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. The Alpha course usually meets once per week for 10 weeks, and includes an amazing one-day or weekend getaway. Each session, people enjoy great food, laughter and learning in a fun and friendly atmosphere where no question about life or God is seen as too simple or too hostile...questions like—Is there a God? Why am I here? Where did I come from? Where am I going?

Alpha is for anyone who thinks there may be more to life than meets the eye.

People attend from all backgrounds, religions, and viewpoints. They come to investigate questions about the existence of God, the purpose of life, the afterlife, the claims of Jesus and more. Some people want to get beyond religion and find a relationship with God that really changes life. Others come for the close, long-lasting friendships that are built during the Alpha course.

Register TODAY. Brochures are available in your pew rack and can be dropped in the offering plate when it comes by. Please contact alpha@trurochurch.org or Maria Sachlis 703.980.9160.



Vestry Highlights

The December 22 Vestry meeting began with worship and prayer for Truro.

The Vestry approved the 2010 Budget of \$3.8 million, same as last year, but which focuses on the following priorities the Vestry and Leadership Staff have established for Truro: Next Generation, Worship, Small Group & Community, Community Integration & Evangelism, and Discipleship/teaching.

A task force was formed under Jack Maier’s leadership to recommend a plan for the future of Love the World Fellowship.

The Vestry approved a funding plan for the Undercroft Renovation which will begin after Christmas and hopefully be completed in mid January.

Warren Thrasher, Executive Director, reported on staffing and the new hires (youth leader and Outreach Director) that are expected. Please also pray for God to send Truro His choice for our contemporary worship leader.

The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Virginia have filed their initial briefs and we will need to reply by the end of January. Final briefs may not be filed until February.

Fr. Tory reported on his ecumenical meetings with the ACNA and the RCC. Fr. Marshall reported on the Advent Teaching series *Irresistible Invitation: Responding to the Extravagant Heart of God* by Maxie D. Dunnam.

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: **Treasurer’s Report:** November contributions were \$322,196 :
: giving Truro a year-to-date gain of \$60,443 which represents a :
: little less than half what will be spent in the Undercroft renovation. :
: We are trusting God and His people to end the year without a :
: deficit and with enough to totally pay for the renovation. :
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Lenten Study For Home Groups

Looking ahead to Lent, which begins February 17, Truro will continue the tradition of building up home groups. Our church-wide study for Lent this year will focus on “Irresistible Invitations.” Once again we will support the formation of new home groups and the growth of current ones so that everyone who attends Truro will have an opportunity to participate in our spiritually enriching Lent program.

Home groups are an important part of our church life at Truro because they provide each of us an opportunity to: 1) Pursue a deeper

understanding of God’s Word in the company of fellow believers; 2) Care for one another in a more personal way; 3) Deepen our connection to our church by pursuing a common purpose in an environment of worship, prayer and fellowship; 4) Invite visitors to experience life at Truro outside of the church sanctuary.

Please begin to prayerfully consider hosting a home group for the 40 days of Lent as we pursue our study of “Irresistible Invitations.” Stay tuned for more information in the weeks to come.

Life Management Study

Do you want to discover more of God’s plan for your life? Reduce stress and anxiety? Acquire the life management tools that will enable you to overcome procrastination, over-commitment and sleep deprivation? Register for this 13 week class to be held on Monday or Tuesday evenings beginning January 4 or 5. Registration fee is \$95.00 (\$75 for Truro members). Partial scholarships may be available. Satisfaction guaranteed or money back to anyone who completes the course. Call Christian Stewardship Ministries at 703.591.5000, or E-mail Ken@csmin.org



Preschool & Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2010–2011 school year at Truro Preschool & Kindergarten begins in January.

Registration is done by a lottery system, and current families must submit their registration form and \$75.00 fee no later than Thursday, January 21st. Alumni families must turn in their registration paperwork by noon Monday January 25th to be included in the Alumni lottery. All families that are new to our school may register in person on January 26th in the Upper Room at 9 am.

Three things needed for registration: a completed TPK Registration form, an original a birth certificate or passport (by law the registry number must be recorded), and a check for a non-refundable registration fee of \$95.00 for any student new to the Preschool, or \$75.00 for currently enrolled students.

Registration applications may be downloaded from our web page www.truropreschool.org, or picked up in the Preschool Office or in the glass walkway.

Please check our website for the classes offered and tuition rates for the 2010–2011 school year.

Tours will be offered throughout the month. Please contact the Preschool Office 703.691.1006 for dates and times.

The Website Is Now Live

You may have noticed the launch of our new and improved website. Truro Church has worked with Site Organic (Edge Media) to provide you a brilliant website with updated features, new content management system, and a remarkably fresh design. We believe our recent change will strengthen our ministries here at Truro and improve our communications. We are still going through a couple of changes and appreciate your patience and support.



Keep the Stars in Your Eyes

by Marshall Brown

I met a man named Landrum P Leavell at a Conference in Sedona Arizona 23 years ago this month. Landrum at that time was Pastor of Royal Palms Baptist Church in Phoenix. And the thing I remember about him is the way he ends all of his letters, both personal and business letters. He signs off with a greeting particularly appropriate to this time of the year. It says, "Keep the Son in your eyes!"

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany—the coming of the Three Wise Men, and we also celebrate the first Sunday of a New Year, 2010

In Matthew, Chapter 2, this is what we read:

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

Wise people keep the star in their eyes. I sense the Lord inviting us to *keep the stars in our eyes* as we enter a new year.

The church of Jesus Christ is destined for the stars. And we can taste some of that heavenly inheritance in the here and now—but only if we look at the church with stars in our eyes! That is, look at one another as persons for whom Christ died. Look at that person sitting next to you, look at the pastor standing before you, as precious diamonds for whom Jesus shed his very life's blood.

Look at the church, and **treat** the church as what she really is: the Bride of Christ. And remember that the next time you criticize the church, you are bad-mouthing another man's wife.

As Truro Church moves more fully into the vision of *Radical Hospitality, Profound Transformation, and Inspired Service* our Home Groups will be key. Persons not currently involved in a Home/Small Group will be urged to join one, at least for the season of Lent.

Happy New Year, Blessed Epiphany! Keep the stars in your eyes.



NEW WINESKINS FOR GLOBAL MISSION 2010

APRIL 8–11, 2010

SPEAKERS AND MISSIONARIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD will come inspire and equip churches to fulfill our Lord's Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. 1000+ clergy and lay leaders, mission committee members, youth leaders, Sunday school teachers and potential missionaries are expected at New Wineskins 2010. **Save the dates and bring a team to this encouraging, life-changing conference!**

New Wineskins Missionary Network
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info@newwineskins.org www.newwineskins.org

sun 03	Epiphany Sunday 07:30 am, Worship 08:30 am, Worship 10:00 am, Worship (en español) 11:15 am, Worship 01:00 pm, Love The World Fellowship 05:00 pm, Alive @ 5
mon 04	06:30 am, Men's Group 07:00 pm, AA Meeting
tue 05	09:30 am, Women's Bible Study 11:30 am, Military Prayer 04:30 pm, Hosanna and Praise Dance 06:00 pm, Worship Dance 06:45 pm, Young Adults 07:00 pm, Personnel Committee 07:30 pm, Boy Scouts
wed 06	06:30 am, Men's Bible Study, (Truro) 11:00 am, Holy Eucharist, Chapel 07:30 pm, Discipleship Group
thur 07	09:30 am, Women's Bible Study 10:00 am, DOK Bible Study 07:00 pm, East Africa Action Group 07:00 pm, Daughters of the King Prayer Vigil 07:15 pm, Choir Rehearsal
fri 08	12:00 pm, Senior's Lunch and Fellowship
sat 09	09:00 am, Alpha Training 10:00 am, Daughters of the King Installation 05:00 pm, New Beginnings— Divorce Recovery Group 06:00 pm, Special Forces R n R 06:00 pm, Jr. Daughters of the King
sun 10	07:30 am, Worship 08:30 am, Worship 10:00 am, Worship (en español) 10:00 am, Rector's Forum 10:00 am, Youth Small Groups 11:15 am, Worship 01:00 pm, Informational Session: Brazil 2010 05:00 pm, Alive @ 5 06:00 pm, Youth Group

read ahead

January 10

Epiphany—
How to Invite Others to Jesus

God as Guest, Pt 2
Luke 4:16–30, 2 Sam 7:18–29

when you visit

Fill out a Welcome Card—These are found in the pew racks in the Church and Chapel. After you fill one out, please put it in the offering plate as it goes by, or give it to an usher on your way out. Filling out the card will allow us to send you more information about Truro.

what about children, teens, young adults, and families?

Our KidZone Team wears green shirts and will help find the right place for your child.

Nursery: Nursery available on Sundays during 8:30 & 11:15 am worship for ages 3 and younger.

Nursing/Cry Room: For nursing moms and upset infants/toddlers, located in the "Fellowship Room" off the Undercroft beneath the sanctuary.

Pre-K to Grade 6 AND Teens: No WEE or WOW Worship, Small Groups, or Youth Group, on Dec. 20, 27, or Jan.3. Programs will resume on Jan. 10. There are no scheduled Wed. night Ministry Dinners and Training on Dec. 16, 23, 30, and Jan. 6, we will resume on Jan. 13. Thanks so much!

Young Adults: We meet Tuesday nights for dinner and fellowship from 6:45–9 pm (Gunnell House Parlor). Anyone and everyone from late teens to mid thirties is welcome to join! Contact: Family Ministry at 703.273.1300.

needs & blessings

NEED: Truro parishioner in need of a live-in caregiver. Please contact Tim Teague, Ph.D. 703.273.1300 ext. 420 or e-mail tteague@trurochurch.org.

NEED: Looking for two volunteers who are 55 or older to become friends of residents in one of the Brain Foundation's homes in Fairfax City. Meet once a month to develop friendship. Bring them to church events as appropriate. For more information, contact Trudy Harsh at 703.830.8852 or trudy.harsh@cox.net.

LOST AND FOUND: Please check out the Lost and Found shelf downstairs in the brick walkway! There are all kinds of nice items belonging to someone...maybe it's you! (Items not claimed will be donated. Thank you.)

LOOKING FOR HELP OR A JOB? If you are an employer or know of positions in your company, please check out the resumes on Truro's web site. Contact information can be obtained through Tim Teague, 703.273.1300, ext 420. If you would like to post your resume on Truro's website, please contact Truro Communications at communications@trurochurch.org, or ext 127.

truro family news submissions

The *Truro Family News* is published weekly by Truro Church. Submissions are due two Mondays (10 business days) prior to the requested weekend to be featured. Submissions are subject to editorial review. Preference is given to Truro members and not-for-profit organizations affiliated with Truro. Truro Church does not necessarily screen, recommend, or endorse any advertisements. E-mail submissions to communications@trurochurch.org. **Needs & Blessings Requests:** Truro member requests will be published for 1–2 weeks max. All submitted requests must include the member's first and last name, along with an e-mail address and/or daytime phone number and 35 words max. Incomplete information may result in the delay of your submission being featured. Questions? Pls. contact communications@trurochurch.org, ext. 127, or www.trurochurch.org/TFN.

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