



NOVEMBER 21–NOVEMBER 28, 2009

TRURO FAMILY NEWS

Thanksgiving Day Eucharist

Thursday, November 26th, 2009 at 10:30 am

Journey to Jerusalem

As the preparation for fifteen students and eleven parents draws to its grand finale, we want to thank the family of Truro for all your prayers, words of encouragement and financial support. It has been a time of study, experiences, and hard work—all of which has helped to prepare us for our time in Jerusalem.

Two of the experiences were visits to a Mosque and Synagogue. Here are some personal reflections from a few of our youth:

Mosque:

- The experience to the Mosque gave me a deeper insight to the Muslim faith. In such a cosmopolitan city, the things I have learned and absorbed will help me as I meet new people from this major religion. It will also help me to grow in my faith and beliefs and spread the word.
- The Imam was very welcoming and was very kind. I didn't like having to wear a head scarf. I felt kind of out of place being American.
- I thought that he (the Imam) was pretty cool. I thought it was very important that he used to be Christian and he can relate to us.
- I liked how he demonstrated what our facial expression will be when describing how every person will look on Judgment Day (looking up in awe of God with our mouths partially opened). It was interesting to see the Mosque and learn more about how Muslims pray.
- When I first entered I was quite nervous I wasn't sure if I would walk in and see turbans and all of the above. Once we met the Imam I felt a lot more welcome and his explanation of the Muslim roots was very enlightening. I didn't think that I would be as interested as I was once he began talking about some of the history and what they believe as Muslims. Not only did this visit help me with

my perspective of their faith but it also helped me find a way of connecting on equal ground with others that I may and will encounter in Jerusalem. In all, the trip helped me personally allot with many of the things I knew and thought about the religion. I think from now on I will be much more comfortable around Muslims and understand them better also.

Synagogue:

- This trip is one that I will cherish forever. I've always wanted to further my knowledge on Judaism and this experience at the Synagogue certainly opened my eyes and made me even more inclined to the foundations, history, and beliefs of this religion. Especially because there are so many points where my own faith and Judaism meet. The trip to the Synagogue implanted a sense of pride and a drive to honor my Lord in every little thing I do.
- It would be hard to become Jewish if you hadn't been born that because you'd have to learn the language (Hebrew).
- This was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. We are so different yet the people were very welcoming and the Rabbi was hilarious.

Please keep us in your prayers and we'll be sharing what God does in our lives upon our return!

Stephanie Findlay, Laura Beth Gathman, Amanda Tincher, Isabelle & Tory Baucuum, Matthew, Annie & Holly Desmairis, , John & David Walnut, Kaitlyn & Katrina Wagner, Ally & Julie Walsh, Gunnar & Tara Frodigh, Marianthy & Alejandro Posadas, Tyler & Lisa McClinton, Alex & Ray Mataloni, Christopher Ruane & Bonnie Clements, Victoria & Melissa Ciavarella

Special Giving for Holiday Greens & Music:

Throughout Advent, special giving envelopes will be in the pew racks, allowing you to offer special gifts in honor or in memory of loved ones. Your faithful participation and generous contributions will help us offer the finest adornments and music as an act of worship during this Christmas season! Please place your gift in the offering plates. Memorials and Thanksgivings received by December 7th will be listed in the Christmas Eve worship guides; afterward, they will be listed in the Epiphany Sunday worship guides.

Rectors Forum

Join us every weekend during the 10 am Discipleship Hour. Q & A will follow each forum. All are encouraged to come!

NOVACO

NOVACO is seeking volunteers to work with our families—we provide mentoring training. Please contact volunteer@novaco.org to find out more. NOVACO is seeking Board of Directors nominees for 2010. Please visit our website at www.novaco.org for more info, or e-mail questions to vneeley@novaco.org

Attention Singles at Truro

Mrs. Angela Minns would like to host a Christmas Dinner on December 16 for the Single Folks of CANA and ADV. If you would like to attend please contact Penny Rauh at rosierauh@aol.com.

Truro Preschool & Kindergarten Holds Month Community Nights Throughout The School Year

The hosting restaurant gives TPK between 5% & 10% of the evening's proceeds; food receipts need to be placed in the designated box. Tuesday December 1st TPK will be at Five Guys on Fairfax Blvd, in Fairfax City, from 5 pm to 8 pm. We would appreciate your support!

International Nativity Sets Needed

Do you have an international Nativity set that you would be willing to have on display for our Global Christmas Celebration? It will be on Friday, December 11, 6:30–9 pm. Please contact Alice Hunt at 703.273.1300, ext 312 for more information and/or to sign up!

Journey To Jerusalem Auction

by Jane Harris

Going, going, gone! Too bad because the auction was so much fun. Walking into the undercroft I was met with lovely tables heaped with delicious exotic Mediterranean food that sent me back for more. Then curiosity drew me to examine the stage area where everything from interesting to useful to eye catching antiques were well displayed. Then on to the transept where the silent auction was taking place. You could bid on all kinds of things from Redskin tickets to lovely hand knit things. Truly something for everyone. The live auction became a lively auction with some real competitive bidding amidst laughter and joking from the auctioneers and the crowd. Oh, but there was the one disappointment—where was the crowd? These kids were helpful and eager in their “send me” shirts. It was evident that much work and many hours were put in by kids and staff to make a great night out for us. And I for one say thanks and well done.

Perhaps it could be part of a full page on the Advent Teaching Conference weekend where we would also include the article on the experiences of the youth at both the Mosque and the Synagogue???? Since that is the weekend that we will be highlighting these students, it seems like a great front page expose!

Greeters And Newcomer Reception Hosts Needed For The Welcome Ministry

We are seeking men and women who desire to work for the Gospel and advance the vision of Truro Church by joyfully, warmly and personally welcoming visitors and newcomers. We do this through greeting people before our services, and arranging events such as our Newcomers Series class and Receptions to allow newcomers to learn more about Truro church. During this time we also help to foster new relationships, and assist newcomers in Getting Connected. The objective of each greeter or host is to make every visitor and newcomer feel valuable and welcomed and to greet each person as the face of Christ.

Currently we need folks who would serve on a rotational basis, Sundays from 8:00–8:40 am or 10:45 am–11:25 am as greeters in front of the church for both the Sunday morning main services. The Welcome Ministry also needs some friendly faces from both the 8:30 am and 11:15 am services to serve during the Sunday 10:00 am Discipleship Hour. It is during this time that the Newcomers Series class takes place. Some responsibilities would include: food and room set-up/clean-up, providing a welcoming environment, helping those registered in the class sign-in, and assisting people to the Education Building if they need child-care for their children. Please pray about joining the Welcome Ministry. We would love to have you. Training would be provided for both greeters and hosts.

For more information or to inquire about becoming part of this ministry please contact John Belizario at 202.288.5581 or e-mail john.belizario@gmail.com.

Advent at Truro

Christmas Wreath Making

Saturday, December 12th, 9 am–10 am, Common Grounds

Be part of the “Hanging of the Greens” this Advent season at Truro AND create a wreath of your own to take home! There will be a workshop on making Williamsburg-style wreaths of fresh and dried natural materials at 9:00 Saturday, December 12. This will be followed by making the wreaths for the Truro campus. The cost of the workshop is \$25 to cover materials. Please call or e-mail Catherine Woodcock at 703.847.2045 (catherine@woodcocknest.com) for a reservation. Those who only want to create the Truro wreaths may come at 10:30.

Carol Sing & Gallery Talk

Sunday, December 7, 6:00 pm (Art Gallery), 7:00 pm (Chapel)

The annual Truro Carol Sing will be held in the Chapel on Sunday evening, December 6th at 7pm. Featuring guest instrumentalists Matt and Kate Rogers, harp and saxophone duo, the Carol Sing is a wonderful opportunity to gather with friends and family to sing your favorite Christmas Carols. This year, there will be a reception before the Carol Sing in the Undercroft in conjunction with the newest Truro Art Gallery exhibit.

Mary Mother of God in Image and Word: December Art Gallery Exhibit

The month of December will feature a new exhibit in the Truro Art Gallery titled “Mary Mother of God in Image and Word” consisting of contemporary icons, curated by Ioana Belca in cooperation with the Washington Arts Group. Early scriptural and papyrus examples from manuscripts included in the book “The Lost Gospel of Mary: The Mother of Jesus in Three Ancient Texts” as well as other art historical expressions devoted to Mary will be included in the show.

In conjunction with the exhibit, there will be a Gallery Talk and reception on December 6th at 6 pm in the Art Gallery, following the Alive@5 service, and prior to the annual Carol Sing. On Dec. 6th the exhibition will also include a bronze casting of Mary’s bust from the Pieta in St. Peter’s. Don’t miss this exciting event!

Gifts that Give Hope Fair

Saturday, December 12th, 10 am–4 pm, Undercroft

Gifts that Give Hope is an alternative gift fair, which offers a selection of special gifts from Participating Nonprofits that give HOPE and HELP to those less fortunate.

Global Christmas Celebration

Friday, December 11th, 6:30–9 pm, Undercroft

A Family Ministry, TIPS and La Comunidad Hispana partnership

6:30–7 pm at Chili (everyone bring a pot to share!) 7–9 pm with singing, drama, puppets, cider, hot chocolate, and cookies.

A God Divided—A Review by Tara Frodigh and Mary Hudson

In *A God Divided*, Christopher Catherwood, a committed Christian, takes an in-depth look at the three monotheistic faiths: Christianity, Islam and Judaism. He examines the claims to truth of each of these faiths. Writing in an easy-to-understand style, Catherwood respectfully and clearly helps the reader to understand why Christianity, in contrast to both Judaism and Islam, is a relationship with the person of Jesus Christ and not a religion of works. He highlights the common historical roots of each of the three faiths, as well as practices today. He compares the three faiths clearly stating their similarities, and equally their differences. Each of the three faiths claims absolute truth, which puts them in conflict with one another and post-modern society. Catherwood points out that both Christianity and Islam are missionary faiths seeking to win converts. Through an understanding of all three faiths, Catherwood leads the reader to the realization that only Jesus Christ offers hope of a true relationship with God and the longing of the heart of God to see all peoples enter into that relationship. It is the rationale for God’s people to reach out to their Muslim and Jewish neighbors with the message of God’s love and offer of salvation through Jesus Christ.

A God Divided is the recommended selection for home group study following the Advent Teaching Weekend: “Engaging Abraham’s Children: Living Out the Good News With Muslims and Jews”. Christopher Catherwood, educated as a historian at Balliol College Oxford and Sidney Sussex College, currently teaches in England at the Institute of Continuing Education at Cambridge University, and Tulane, Villanova; and in the US at the University of Richmond. He wrote *A God Divided* with an emphasis on understanding the Muslim and Jewish faiths in order to equip the believer to effectively share the Good News with people they encounter from those faiths. It is a user-friendly book and includes a Reader’s Guide at the back offering good discussion questions for each chapter. Whether you were able to attend the Advent Teaching Weekend or not, we highly recommend that each person in the congregation participate in a home group study of Catherwood’s book, *A God Divided*.

Adopt-A-Family

A Holiday Opportunity For Individuals, Families, And Home Groups

The approaching holiday season presents a wonderful opportunity to participate in practical hospitality. You as an individual, family, or home group can adopt a family to give them the gift of a blessed and abundant Thanksgiving and/or Christmas holiday.

Fairfax FISH, through the gracious effort of Our Daily Bread working with Fairfax County, coordinates a program to match individuals and families in need of holiday assistance with donors. The intent is to provide these individuals and families with a holiday meal that they can prepare themselves. At Christmas a few small gifts or toys may be added. Now is the time! Please call John Hopson at 703.385.7099 for more information.

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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
10:00 am, Newcomers Class
11:15 am, Worship
01:00 pm, Newcomers Luncheon
05:00 pm, Alive @ 5
06:00 pm, Alpha
06:00 pm, Youth Group

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06:30 am, Men's Group
04:00 pm, Handbell Rehearsal
07:00 pm, AA Meeting
07:30 pm, Prison AfterCare Meeting
07:30 pm, UpperRoom

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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
07:30 pm, Boy Scouts
07:30 pm, Vestry

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No activities are scheduled for this day

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Thanksgiving Holiday
Parish offices are closed in observance of Thanksgiving

10:30 am, Thanksgiving Service with Communion

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Thanksgiving Holiday
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07:30 am, Men's Fellowship

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07:30 am, Worship
08:30 am, Worship
10:00 am, Worship (en español)
10:00 am, Rector's Forum
11:15 am, Worship
01:00 pm, Love The World Fellowship
05:00 pm, Alive @ 5
06:00 pm, Alpha

read ahead

November 29

The Carols of Christmas:
Luke's Poems of Jesus Birth

Mary's Praise
Luke 1:39-56

when you visit

Fill out a Welcome Card—Please join us immediately following the 11:15 service for a Welcome Reception in the Gunnell House Parlor. The Gunnell House is the historic home located just to the right of the main church as you enter by the ramp.

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: WEE Worship for 3 year olds-Kindergarten AND WOW Worship for 1st-6th grade is during both 8:30 & 11:15 services. Small Groups are during the 10 am Discipleship Hour.

Teens: Small Groups meet at 10am. Youth Group is Sunday from 6:30-8 pm in the Upper Room. Come for dinner at 6pm. Wednesday night Student Ministry Team 6:00 pm dinner, 6:30-8 training, located in the Undercroft.

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

BLESSING: For donation—two new wrought iron, antique style twin beds AND two brand new porcelain Kohler pedestal bathroom sinks. All items are free and available for pick-up in Vienna, Virginia. Please call Connie Shannon at 703.281.0744.

NEED: Seeking wonderful renters for a townhome in the Sudley Square development of Manassas Virginia. Sudley Square is located close to Splash Down Waterpark at Ben Lomond Regional Park. Please call Mimi Plumley at 703.536.8213 for more details.

BLESSING: 2009 WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENTS—"Journey to Jerusalem student selling WH ornaments. \$26 each. Gift-boxed. Perfect gift for collectors or those away from home. Available immediately. Please see Stephanie Findlay, Amanda Tincher, or Helen Findlay or call 703.378.7535 and leave your name, phone number, and the quantity you wish to purchase. Thank you for your support.

NEED: Seeking an a non-smoking Christian to share a Fairfax apartment in a great neighborhood. The apartment is located close to Best Western Fairfax off of Chainbridge Rd. All utilities are included with rent except phone and cable. Please contact Victor Pappoe at 571.426.2573 on Tuesdays, and Thursdays-Sundays.

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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