



Christmas at Truro

Christmas Pageantry

Interested in participating in this year's dramatic processions for Christmas Eve or Epiphany? Shepherds, Holy Families, Canopy Bearers, and Angels are needed for services on Thursday, Dec. 24th at 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm & 11:00 pm. The Epiphany Sunday pageant (January 3rd) will need star bearers, canopy bearers, and Holy Families for the 8:30 & 11:15 am services. Also seeking non-dramatic volunteers to help coordinate the proceedings! Contact Tina Owens for more information and rehearsal times tinaowens@cox.net. This is a fun way for your family to celebrate the Christmas season and serve together!

Services

Christmas Eve Services—Thursday, December 24

Family Services:

3:00 pm & 5:00 pm, Church

Holy Eucharist with children's & youth choirs, handbells, dance, & pageant.

Festival Eucharist:

6:45 pm prelude, 7:30 pm service, Church

Holy Eucharist with full choir and brass featuring a musical prelude of beloved Christmas carols and Poulenc's Quatre Motets Pour le Temps de Noel.

Noche Buena en La Comunidad Hispana

7:00 pm, Upper Room/Aposento Alto

Santa Eucaristía

Festival Eucharist

7:40 pm, Chapel

Holy Eucharist

Festival Eucharist:

10:15 pm prelude, 11:00 pm service, Church

Holy Eucharist with full choir and brass featuring a musical prelude of beloved Christmas carols and Poulenc's Quatre Motets Pour le Temps de Noel.

Christmas Day Service

Friday, December 25, 10:30 am, Church

Holy Eucharist for Christmas Day

Holy Innocents Services

Sunday, December 27

Weekend worship services focus upon the sanctity of human life from the perspective of the Christian narrative and calendar

New Year's Eve Service

Thursday, December 31

11:00 p.m. (Chapel)

Epiphany at Truro

Epiphany Celebration and Pageant

Sunday, January 3, 8:30 & 11:15 am (Church)

Special dramatic presentation of the visitation of the Kings to the Baby Jesus.

Live Nativity on Christmas Eve



A Venture Into Radical Hospitality

by Alana Johnson

Bailey's Crossroads is an apt name for a neighborhood of multi-cultural residents—and it's OUR neighborhood. It's a veritable mission field right on our doorstep. So, Tory's vision of extending radical hospitality left us wondering how to begin reaching out to people of many nationalities, languages, customs and culture right where we live. Immediately to our right are folks from China, to our left from Vietnam. Right beyond them are people from Turkey, South America, and Cameroon. And beyond them, well...what better way to find out than to invite the neighborhood to a Christmas celebration (doesn't everyone, no matter their culture, love food and a party)? So we mailed an invitation to 51 homes, addressing the envelope "To the Family at" (address) and bordered the invitation with "Merry Christmas" in nine languages. For those merry souls who come to the party, we will ensure that they leave with a gift bag containing "The Jesus Film" DVD, which is in five languages, and includes the "Story of Jesus for Children." For the no-shows, we'll take the gift bag with the DVD to their door, saying we were sorry they couldn't make the party. Either way, they get what is considered to be one of the best Gospel tools available today. The rest of the story, well—is up to the Lord!



Joy Unlimited

Yes, we have a Christian bookstore right here in the City of Fairfax. It is a 5-minute walk to Joy Unlimited, located at 10400 Main Street. Hours of operation are 11:00 am–6:00 pm Mon–Sat. Parking is available in the back and the store is also accessible with public transportation.

Joy Unlimited carries books, bibles, cards, music, wall art, T-shirts, jewelry and gifts. They also place special orders almost daily, and Joy Unlimited will do its best to find whatever it is that you need.

Each time you make a purchase, 10% of the sale goes to your ministry, including The LAMB Center, TIPS, Love the World Fellowship and FACETS.

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 14th will be listed in the Christmas Eve worship guides; afterward, they will be listed in the Epiphany Sunday worship guides.

Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Last month we read about the imprisonment in Iran of Marzieh and Maryam, two faithful believers in Christ who were imprisoned solely for becoming Christians. After 259 days in a prison that is notorious for its human rights violations, they were set free on November 18. Come join others in praise to the Lord for this answer to the prayers of His people! We will be meeting to pray for the Persecuted Church on Monday, December 14, at 7:00 pm, in Truro's Conference Room. This opportunity for awareness and prayer is given on the second Monday of every month. For more information call Alana Johnson on 703.772.3404 or email Alana2walk@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: donemery@aol.com, or Kekelwa N.Dall, Tel: 571.337.4821, E-mail: kenyad@cox.net.

Recommended Reading

Following up on our recent conference, *A God Divided* is the recommended book for small groups study during Advent. It is a comparative view of the religions of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. Books are available in the Outreach office or at Joy Unlimited, 703.703.385.9125.

Truro Recycles

Please note the recycling bins on the Truro campus and think carefully before you pitch your trash. The blue bins are for office paper only—no tissues, food wrappers, napkins, etc. The green bins are for plastic, aluminum, and glass—no Styrofoam, paper cups, or other trash. Using these bins carefully can help reduce landfill use and conserve our resources. Being good stewards of the earth is one of our commitments as Christians.



Tithe Envelopes

Labeled tithe envelope booklets are located in the covered walkway. The booklets are displayed in alphabetical order by last name. Please pick your tithe envelope booklet up this week or next week. If you want a tithe envelope booklet and you don't find one with your name on it, please contact Suzanne Driscoll at 703.273.1300 ext 120 or at sdriscoll@trurochurch.org.



Save-The-Date

BY DESIGN Conference, *Life Challenges*

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

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

—1 Corinthians 6:19–20

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 four more 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.

All teens and adults are welcome. Children's programs and childcare available.

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

Journey to Jerusalem/Youth Confirmation Interest Meeting

If you are interested in participating in the 2010/2011 Journey to Jerusalem or in Youth Confirmation please attend the Interest Meeting on December 13th from 1–2:30pm in the Upper Room. Those attending the Journey to Jerusalem must either be confirmed or have taken all of the confirmation course requirements with the intention of being confirmed. Questions or to RSVP, please contact Meghan Graham, mgraham@trurochurch.org or 703.273.1300 ext. 324.

Youth Taize Service December 16 at 7 pm, Chapel

The Truro Youth Choir and Jr. Daughters of the King will join in leading an Advent Taizé Prayer service in the chapel on Dec. 16th at 7 pm. The Taizé Community is an ecumenical Christian monastic order in Taizé, Burgundy, France. Composed of a little over 100 brothers who come from Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant traditions, the community has become known world wide for their sung prayers. The songs emphasize simple phrases of scripture, and are repeated in intent to aid meditation and prayer. Come join us for this short, beautiful prayer service as we worship God in this season of Advent.

Stewardship 2010 Update

The news isn't just good, it's almost unbelievable. Despite what many call the worst economy since the great depression, Truro's pledges are currently ahead of where we were this time last year. Last weekend, we completed our sixth week of our stewardship campaign. We still have several more weeks of the campaign left this year. In 2009, at the end of our sixth week, our campaign was effectively over because it was just before Christmas.

So what does all of this mean in real money? We've collected 419 pledge cards pledging a total of \$3,137,347. Our average pledge is \$7,488. This is truly something for which we should celebrate and be thankful.

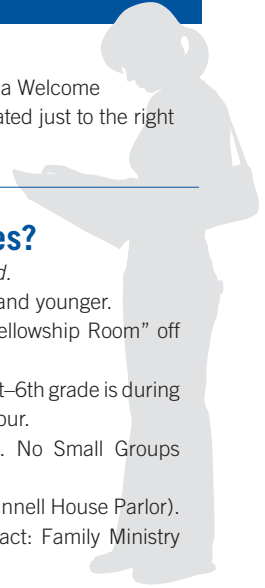
Welcome Paula Johnson

We welcomed a large number of New Members into Truro Church last Sunday, and neglected to welcome Mrs. Paula Johnson. We regret the omission, and are **happy to welcome Paula today**.

Save-The-Date

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!



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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
11:15 am, Worship
01:00 pm, Love The World Fellowship
01:30 pm, Youth Confirmation *Journey To Jerusalem* Interest Meeting
05:00 pm, Alive @ 5
06:00 pm, Youth Group

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06:30 am, Men's Group
04:00 pm, Handbell Rehearsal
07:00 pm, Prayer for the Persecuted Church
07:00 pm, AA Meeting

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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
07:00 pm, Finance
07:30 pm, Boy Scouts

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06:30 am, Men's Bible Study, (Truro)
11:00 am, Holy Eucharist, Chapel
04:30 pm, Bells & Children's Choir
07:00 pm, Advent Taize Service
07:30 pm, Discipleship Group

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12:00 pm, Seniors Lunch and Fellowship
08:00 pm, Lessons and Carols en Espanol

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read ahead

December 20

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

Simeons Blessing
Luke 2:22-33

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: This week is Awakenings Youth Worship Gathering in the Upper Room. No Small Groups at 10 am.

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: Great holiday deal—time-share in Orlando, 6 miles from Disney, the week after Christmas--\$500! Wonderful family gift! Money goes to the youth "Journey to Jerusalem" trip. Call Anna at 703. 273.1300. ext. 515.

BLESSING: Pyramid Commercial is Looking to hire a part-time person to answer our phones and do light office work at our office in Fairfax, Va. Pay \$10/hr. Contact: Brendan T. Murphy, Mobile: 703.727.3187, email: brendan@pyramidcommercial.com

BLESSING: For business owners, free IT assessment performed by OSOM Solutions a premier IT service provider. In these difficult times, know that a company based in integrity and competence can be there for your business. Please contact Amir Bayati at 703.395.5840 or amir@osomsolutions.com.

NEED: Former Turkish Missionary and son are in need of housing for three months starting December 20, while here in the US. Looking to house-sit. Please send any information or questions to Frances Blanchard, 859.514.3542, francesblanchard@yahoo.com.

NEED: Looking for folks that would be interested in commuting to and from work by bicycle. I work 7:45-4/4:30pm M-F. I live in North Arlington, and work in Old Town Alexandria. If anyone is looking for a bicycle commuting buddy feel free to contact me Thomas White at 202.390.3367 (cell) or 703.522.6360 (home).

NEED: Seeking wonderful renters for a recently remodeled 3 bedroom townhome in the Sudley Square development of Manassas Virginia. Sudley Square is located close to Splash Down Waterpark at Ben Lomond Regional Park. Rent: 1500 +utilities per month. Please call Mimi Plumley at 703.536.8213 for more details.

BLESSING: Christmas Fund-raiser: Christmas shopping done. Buy a Northern Virginia coupon book for \$25. This gift pays for itself. Contact Jake Hess at 703.503.9025 or athess89@yahoo.com.

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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