



May/June 2013

Down By The Riverside

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church Columbus Blvd & Christian St, Philadelphia, PA 19147 215-389-1513

Thoughts from the Rector

A New Vision for Old Swedes Church

From the 2013 Annual Report

What the future holds for the Church in the twenty-first century continues to be a mystery. Perhaps it has been the same each time communities, societies, nations have moved through awakenings, shifts in knowledge, self awareness, identity, and come to new understandings of what it means to be who we say we are. Nonetheless, each time is personal to those who live in changing times. And each time is challenging in ways beyond prediction or perception.

Yet the Church, the Body of Christ in the world, has always managed to not only survive but, through fire and fear, doubt and discomfort, distress and reimagining itself within its surroundings, has managed to thrive. And so shall it ever be, we believe, until that great wakin' up morning!

So, Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church sits at this most challenging of times for churches everywhere. Attendance is down, pledging is down, financial stresses and strains abound, all sorts of liturgies have emerged – some ancient, some contemporary, and many combinations thereof. Church is definitely not what it has ever been before. But, for us the question is not so much “what happened?” or “what are we doing wrong?” but “what are we called to be in this time?”

One thing is clear. The neighborhood church can no longer assume that it will survive simply because it is “the church.” The value of a church in a neighborhood has changed as the needs of neighborhoods have changed. And so, there is no fixed paradigm, or model, for us to simply emulate in order to insure our continued existence. It is up to each of us, in our churches, in our neighborhoods, in our communities, to determine the value, even the need, of a church to take up space that might otherwise be used in ways deemed more valuable for the health of the community at large.

At Old Swedes we tend to rest on our history and assume that because we have this wonderful past, and because we have been here so very long, surely we will always be here. Not so. After over three hundred years we face a shift in community and societal values that is so different from previous eras that we, along with many churches, can see clearly that there may be a time when we will no longer be here. In other, and harsher, words – our very existence is up for grabs.

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And yet, we have many ways open to us to change, to transform, into something that can continue to be the Body of Christ in the community yet functions as that Body in different ways than has been typical in past eras. What are these new ways in which we might see ourselves, our church, our calling, our mission, as of great import to the community within which we exist? And how do we begin to step out of our comfort zone (we know how to be church the “old” way) and encourage our brothers and sisters to join us on this new venture – when we don’t even know where we’re going? How will we tell the world who we are and what we have to offer? And how will we find out what it is the community around us values, needs, and honors?

We have a leg up here at Old Swedes. We have shared this beautiful space for a long time with those we call our Partners, or Affiliates. There are four major entities that I think it would do us well to consider as ways in which developing relationships might contribute to a wider understanding – both within and without the worship community – of the value of Old Swedes to the neighborhood.

NPS - The National Park Service owns and maintains the park setting lands within the walls that surround the property we own. They are great partners in this property and the staff at Old Swedes works on almost a daily basis to maintain good relationships with them. Much more relationship building, including members of the parish, will only insure a longer, healthier partnership.

QVNA – Queen Village Neighbors Association “strives to restore, preserve and improve the quality of life in this historic community.” A past president of QVNA termed Old Swedes “the anchor” of Queen Village. We have not cultivated this relationship at all until very recently, and that has been a mistake. This is an important place for us to be present and active as members of the community and no longer viewed as a separate entity that is not involved in the goals of the residents.

YCCA – Young Children’s Creative Arts is a pre-school that has leased space from us for twenty-five years. YCCA has an excellent reputation in the community. The income produced by this relationship has been crucial to our financial health, and continues to be necessary for us. We want to foster a relationship between Old Swedes and YCCA beyond Lessor/Lessee. A “YCCA Committee” from Old Swedes would be one possible way in which this relationship could grow in healthy ways that would benefit all involved.

SCI – Seamen’s Church Institute and Old Swedes have enjoyed a relationship for many years, though this relationship on the part of Old Swedes, has been specifically an outreach ministry. SCI has come to Old Swedes with a vision that would have them move onto our property and contribute in the building of a new facility, in order for both of us to minister to the needs of our constituent communities. The Vestry and the Board of SCI have been in

discussions to think about what that would encompass. In this early stage, we will need to do intentional relationship building. Both Old Swedes and SCI, will need to share our understanding of individual and shared mission calling, and individual and shared ministries so that together we might flourish in new ways. Discussions with the Old Swedes' congregation and the Queen Village Neighbors Association will be scheduled.

We have other relationships that will need our vigilance in order that they also may grow with us and continue to be a part of not only who and what we have been in the past but who and what we are becoming for the future. These include The Lucia Fest folks, The Swedish Colonial Society, The Church of Sweden, The Norwegian Church, the Old Swedes Court Homeowners Association, the Independence Court Homeowners Association, and many others who have shared in our past and with whom we hope to move into a new future.

It is a new day in the life of the Church, and a new season for the mission and ministry at Old Swedes. We can embrace the days to come with confidence that we have been called to this time, to this place, to this day, to do God's work in this place. Let us meet the days to come with faith, with hope, with joy, and with new vision for the future of the Body of Christ in this timeless, beautiful, historic place we call Old Swedes.

Peace,

Joy +



Many Voices at Pentecost

May 19, 2013

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. (Acts 2:4)

We will be bringing Scripture to life again this Pentecost at Gloria Dei. As we hear the reading from Acts on that day, the birthday of the Church, many of us will stand and read Acts 2:5-11 in different languages - all at the same time! If you would like to participate in this wonderful experience of bringing Scripture to life, and if you can read another language, please contact Joy. We have the Scripture available in many languages - French, Spanish, Italian, Greek, Latin, Welsh, Hebrew, Finnish, Swedish, Haitian, Danish, Ukrainian, German, Dutch, Flemish, Hungarian, Indonesian - just to name a few! Please consider being a part of this wonderful celebration. See Joy to get a copy of the reading in your choice of languages ahead of time. And plan to be in church by 9:30AM on May 19th for a quick rehearsal.

Rector's Warden Report

We've come through the season of Lent, enlivened for some of us by daily doses of "Lent Madness," (bracket posted all of Lent in Riverside Hall), and arrived at Easter and my favorite service of the year – the Easter vigil service. It's a special service in and of itself, but it also marks the anniversary of my arrival at Gloria Dei Old Swedes' – Easter Sunday, at the vigil service, in 2005. That was the day I stepped into the warmth and friendship and care of what's now "my parish" as well as yours. We've been through good times and difficult times – but we've been through all of them "together" and that's made a great difference in my life.

Once again, those of us who love that service sat in the dark with flickering candles, hearing the Word of the Lord from the very beginning in Genesis, through Exodus, through Ezekiel, and ending with Isaiah – as the sun rose over the Delaware and brightened the church as it has done all the time our church has been here.

Someone forgot to tell the weatherman that Easter was early this year – the graveyard didn't show its festive array of tulips until we were about two weeks into Easter. But they did appear and they're still gladdening that space. One of our flowering shrubs, a small pink-flowered cotoneaster, has also been giving its all, just south of the walkway that leads to the church. The dogwoods are getting ready to bloom and will probably be in bloom by the time you receive this newsletter. Sadly, our very old star magnolia, just north of the church entrance, seems to have bloomed its last in the Easter of 2012. In the words of Matthew, "Well done, good and faithful servant." There are plans for that tree's site – stay tuned.

While we enjoy Easter, we also get ready for the annual meeting on Sunday May 5, 2013. We'll hear a recap of the past year at Gloria Dei, speak about some of our plans for the year to come, and elect vestry members. If you're not an every-Sunday person at Gloria Dei, the Annual Meeting would be a good Sunday to add to your list of Sundays.

Nearly as soon as we're finished with Annual Meeting, the Spring Flea Market will be upon us on May 18. The spirit will be the same as it has been for eleven years, but there will be something different as well – food trucks. Five food trucks with outstanding reputations around the city will serve their food instead of the food we as parishioners have provided in the past. Yep, it's different but – hey – let's try something different this time, right? I have to say, though, that as someone who's made at least 60 meatballs, twice a year since, 2005 – I make that close to 1,000 meatballs – it's going to seem "odd" not to awake on the morning on Saturday May 18 without the aroma of simmering meatballs filling my house. Maybe I'll have to make a small batch anyway ...

Memorial Day weekend will bring another Sexton Sideshow event. Please

try to attend that – it’s not only great support for Gloria Dei, it’s also a whole lot of fun. Good music, good company, good food.

One last thing. This is the end of my term on the vestry of Gloria Dei and of my stint as Rector’s Warden. As with everything in anyone’s life, there have been “ups” and “downs.” But I’ve done it with your help. I’ve enjoyed the chance to write every couple of months. Maybe I’ll continue writing – there’s always room in ‘Down by the Riverside,’ right? Thanks for taking such good care of me, for fulfilling those promises made to me on Easter Sunday 2005 – welcome, you have a home here if you want it, let’s walk together to make the kingdom of God known in our little corner of 19147.

Jerry Buescher

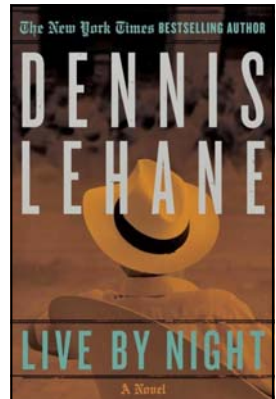
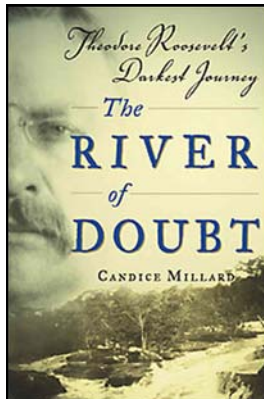
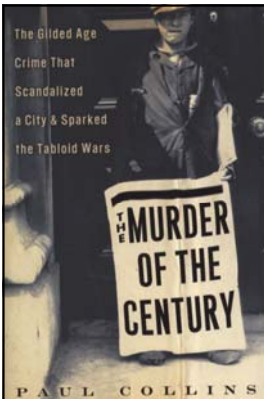


The Book Club at Gloria Dei

Here are our next books and meeting dates.

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| May 20, 2013 | The Murder of the Century: Gilded Age Crime that Scandalized a City & Sparked Tabloid Wars
by <i>Paul Collins</i> |
| June 24, 2013 | The River of Doubt- T. Roosevelt's Darkest Journey
by <i>Candice Millard</i> |
| July 22, 2013 | Live by Night by <i>Dennis Lehane</i> |

Marilyn Johnson



Can You Believe It

These all grew up at Gloria Dei. Now look at them!

We're so proud of our graduates!

Congratulations to all of you – and to your parents!



Austin Reid Jenkins – graduating from Roman Catholic High School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Rachel Ward Johnson – graduating from Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



Dillon James Minacci – graduating from Belmont University, Nashville, Tennessee



Tyler Gaebel Myers – graduating from The School at Church Farm, Exton, Pennsylvania



Rhian Alice Roberts – graduating from Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, California

Gloria Dei Old Swedes'...
Food Truck Flea Market



Sat. May 18th

8am-3pm \$25^{per} space

Featuring the Food Trucks of...


Zsa's Ice Cream! Chef Johnny Bravo!

Tacos El Rodeo! Foo!

Innovative Rocco Gallelli!

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Calendar

- May 1, 8, 15** Adult Education Class - 6:30PM - Roak Room
- May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10 - 11:00AM. All levels welcome
- May 5** Annual Meeting - following 10:00AM Service
- May 5, 12, 19, 26** Emanuel Lutheran Church Service at 8:00AM
- May 7, 14, 21, 28** Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome \$8.00 a session
Evensong - 6:30PM - 7:00PM Church
Bells - 7:00PM
- May 12** Swedish Service - 4:00PM - Church, Reception Riverside Hall
- May 16** Swedish Colonial Society - Riverside Hall - 1:00 - 3:00PM
Vestry Meeting - 7:00PM - Roak Room
- May 18** Flea Market - 8:00AM - 3:00PM - \$25.00 a space (we do not supply table) No reservations needed - money collected that day
- May 20** Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall
The Murder of the Century: Gilded Age Crime that Scandalized a City and Sparked Wars
By Paul Collins
- May 23**  - Riverside Hall - 7:30PM
- May 27** Sexton Sideshow Memorial Day Picnic - 11:00AM till ????? Tickets may be purchased at the door \$10 adults over 21 - \$20 family of 2 (2 adults - 2 children)
- May 28 thru June 11** Rector on Vacation

Calendar

- June 2** 10:00AM Service - The Rev. Tom Wand, Supply
- June 4, 11, 18, 25** Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome \$8.00 a session
Evensong - 6:30PM - 7:00PM Church
Bells - 7:00PM
- June 5, 12, 19, 26** Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10 - 11:00AM All levels welcome
- June 9** 10:00AM Service - The Rev. Richard Ullman, Supply
- June 20** Vestry Meeting - 7:00PM - Roak Room
- June 24** Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall
The River of Doubt - T. Roosevelt's Darkest Journey
By Candice Millard



Prayer
Chain

Requests For Prayers Are Always Welcome

Please contact the church office (215) 389-1513
or Florence Brook (267) 273-5175,
fbrook529@hotmail.com

Intercessors will pray on behalf of those in need



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Just visit us as www.old-swedes.org and find out what else we're doing.
Check out our Facebook page while you're there.

The Lectionary for May

May 5th, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Beautiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1st Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Psalm: 67

2nd Reading: Revelation 21:10,22-22:5

Gospel: John 14:23-29

May 12th, Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1st Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Psalm: 97

2nd Reading: Revelation 22:12-14,16-17, 20-21

Gospel: John 17:20-26

May 19th, Pentecost

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1st Reading: Genesis 11:1-9

Psalm: 104:25-35, 37

2nd Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: John 14:17, 25-27

May 26th, Trinity Sunday

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

1st Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm: 8

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

The Lectionary for June

June 2nd, Proper 4 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Merciful Lord God, we do not presume to come before you trusting in our own righteousness, but in your great and abundant mercies. Revive our faith, we pray; heal our bodies, and mend our communities, that we may evermore dwell in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43

Psalm: 96:1-9

2nd Reading: Galatians 1:1-12

Gospel: Luke 7:1-10

June 9th, Proper 5, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Compassionate God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Deliver us from the death of sin, and raise us to new life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:17-24

Psalm: 30

2nd Reading: Galatians 1:11-24

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

June 16th, Proper 6, 4th Sunday after Pentecost

O God, throughout the ages you judge your people with mercy, and you inspire us to speak your truth. By your Spirit, anoint us for lives of faith and service, and bring all people into your forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:10

Psalm: 32

2nd Reading: Galatians 2:15-21

Gospel: Luke 7:36-8:3

June 23rd, Proper 7, 5th Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world, In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalm: 22:19-28

2nd Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

June 30th, Proper 8, 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalm: 16

2nd Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Thank You Once Again to Liberty Tree

The skilled arborists from Liberty Tree & Landscape, who are artisans as well, once again spent five days on our property before Spring arrived this year. They cut and trimmed, shaped and nurtured some of our trees. This is the third year this marvelous crew has offered their expertise in maintaining the many trees on our property. This year we became acutely aware of just how valuable their services are. As we witnessed the loss and damage done to so many trees in our area during Hurricane Sandy, our own trees weathered the storm with no damage due to the care taken by these skillful folks. We have reaped the benefits of Liberty Tree's many loving and caring hours on our property this year and the past two years, and we have been blessed by their work. Thank you again to Mike Duffy and all the crew that work so hard to insure our safety and the beauty of this place.



Churchyard Renewal Project

The Churchyard Renewal Fund began with the collections from our Lucia Fest 2010. We have continued devoting the collections from Lucia Fest since 2010 to this project, as well as encouraging our readers each year to make a contribution to this timeless work. You will find an envelope in this month's Riverside that makes it easy for you to consider a contribution. (or you may donate online at www.old-swedes.org). The Churchyard Renewal Project is focused specifically on our graveyard - the tombs and gravestones most in need of restoration. In the past three years we have repaired and/or restored twenty of the most damaged stones as well as raised, leveled and cleaned a number of others. We are able to do this because of the generous contributions from you. We hope to be able to repair and/or restore at least ten more gravestones this summer. Please consider contributing this year to the continued work of restoring Gloria Dei's historic graveyard.



The Jazz Sanctuary, Inc. presents a Jazz & Joe event:

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Alan Segal Quartet

alan@alansagal.net 215-208-7314

Eddie Etkins – George Sinkler – Alan Segal – Leon Jordan

Thursday May 23

7:30 to 9:30 pm - Riverside Hall

(No Jazz during March due to Holy Week)

Tombstones in the graveyard

When touring the graveyard, visitors will notice a difference of inscriptions on the newer and older headstones. The newer tombstones just list the name and year of birth and death. However, the older headstones provide more information by listing names, complete birth and death dates and possibly a quote from the Bible or a line or two of poetry.

Charles Hedelius

Born May 21st 1804 Died April 1st 1837
The earth and the Heaven shall pass away
Yet will I forever praise thee O God

Some stones also provide additional family history or employment information.

Sacred to the memory of **Eleanor Donaldson**
wife of Andrew Donaldson shipwright
who departed this life May 12th A.D. 1773 age 36 years
Mercy she sought both night and day.
Wishing rom earth to be away
Yet did she own Gods will was best
Likewise his time to give her rest.

The early headstones are very detailed with age listed in years, months, and days and poems were engraved. This stone is engraved on both sides.

Sacred to the memory of **Catharine** wife of Peter **Cruise**
who departed this life August 9th 1830 aged 33 years 4 months and 15 days

Also

Joanna H. Cruise

who departed this life July 28, 1830 aged 7 years 1 month and 13 days.

“Transporting thought, thou dearest man adieu
I feel no sorrow but in leaving you
O thou my comfort, thought and only care
In these last words, thy kindness I’ll declare”
“My blessing to my babes; thou wilt be kind
To the dear infants whom I leave behind
Train them in virtue, piety and truth,
And form their manners early in their youth.”
“Farewell to all who now on me attend
The faithful servant and the weeping friend
The time is short till we shall meet again
With Christ to share the glories of his reign

There are inscriptions that provide information regarding the lives of people.

In memory of **William Sheed**
who departed this life February 1807 aged 57 years

Also

Mary Sheed

His consort who departed this life June 8th 1841 aged 70 years.

They were kind and affectionate parents and lived much respected by all who knew them

Spelling and abbreviations are different today from those in 1721.

Here lieth ye body of **William Williamson**
who died Decbr ye 23 1721 Aged 42 years

Reverse side reads

G.K.

Reader Rejoyce
Since he Who Lyes
Beneath This Stone
With Joy May Rise
When All The Just
With Joy Ascend
To Meet Their God
Savior & Friend

The oldest stone that is legible is a double stone for the sons of the second rector of our current Church Rev. Andreas Sandel.

Here lyeth the body of
Peter the son of Andreas
Sandel Minister of this
Church who dyed
April ye 21 A.D. 1708
Aged 2 years & 4 months

Here also lyeth the body of
Andreas son of Andreas
Sandel who died Aug 13
AD 1711 aged 2 weeks &
2 days

Reverse side reads

Job 8.9

We are but of yesterday & known thing
Because our days upon
Earth are a shaddow.

Take a stroll through the graveyard and see if you are able to locate the different styles of inscriptions.

Jeanette Woehr

Sexton Sideshow 5/27/13

Here it comes good people of Gloria Dei. The 4th annual Memorial Dei Family Picnic at Gloria Dei "Old-Swedese" Church.

Local live music, grilled burgers and hot dogs, and cold beverages are on order this day. Bring a chair or blanket to sit upon; a plate to pass is encouraged, maybe an outside game to play. There will be a sprinkler to run through so dress appropriately. Meet and greet the neighbors you know and the ones you don't!

There will be 2 stages of music this year. The main stage will be outside for our larger bands. Local bands such as Sweetbriar Rose, Irish Mist, Modern Colour, Emmett Drueding, Ben O'Neill and The Midnight Singers will be rocking the neighborhood!

Our second stage will be inside Riverside Hall and play host to singer-songwriters and duos. Some local talent so far include Eric 13, The Resonators and The Sun Flights. Josh Olmstead is also lined up to play. Paul Fejko will play some piano too! There is room for more and more to come so friend us on Facebook at Sexton Sideshow or connect to us on www.old-swedese.org.

Tix are family friendly at \$10 for an individual over 21; \$5 for an individual under 21 or our most popular \$20 family tix which allows for 2 adults and up to 4 children under 21. Each \$10 tix entitles you to 1 beverage, 1 burger, and 1 hotdog.

Each \$20 family tix entitles you to 2 beverages, 2 burgers and 2 hot dogs and 1 hamburger & 1 hot dog for each child under 21. Additional tix for beverages, burgers, and hot dogs will be available at reasonable cost.

Remember this is a fund-raising event to benefit Gloria Dei Church and a day to remember our brave fighting men and women who have passed. Join us on Monday May 27th gto celebrate together.

Doors open at 11am. Come early - stay late

Music starts at 11:30 on Sideshow Stage in Riverside Hall and at 12:00 noon on the Sexton Stage outdoors.

Just added: First Annual Dog Pageant sponsored by QVK9. Parade your pooch between sets to win a super cool trophy and sash. Fee for entry benefits QVK9.

The Sexton Sideshow Presents...

Memorial Dei Picnic & Music Fest

at Gloria Dei Old Swedes'

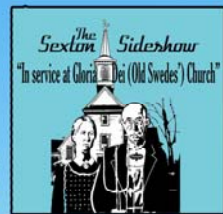
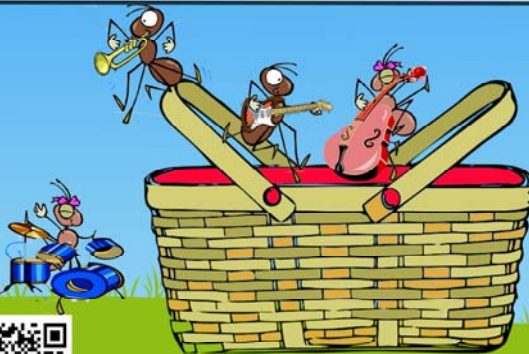
A great day of...

live local music!
food & beverages!
(bring your fave side-dish)
dog pageant!
sprinkler fun!
games!

Featuring music by...

The Midnight Singers
Ben O'Neill ♥ Eric 13
Sweetbrier Rose
Irish Mist ♥ Modern Colour
The Resonators
Emmett Drueding
The Sun Flights

May 27th 11am - 6pm



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Notes from the March and April Vestry Meetings

“The Holy Currencies” being exchanged at Gloria Dei: On April 14th, Megan Bartlett mentioned in her sermon “The Holy Currencies” or “Cycle of Blessings” here at Gloria Dei. These blessings - time/place, relationship, leadership, truth, wellness, and money - are ever-visible at Gloria Dei. As in the previous newsletter, the vestry meeting notes will be presented in terms of the Holy Currencies being exchanged here at Gloria Dei.



Time and Place: Thank you for the currency of TIME donated by so many of you in March and April: To Heather Myers, all of her set-up and clean-up crew, all those who brought food, and all those who participated in another successful and joyful Seder Meal; To Paula Minacci and all our volunteers who set-up, made, and cleaned up our delicious Easter breakfast; To Peggy and Jerry Buescher, Re Henning, Rita West, Barbara Turner and all who help with hospitality (aka - “food after church”) each Sunday; To all of our March and April altar guild participants; We thank each of you for donating your time to further Gloria Dei’s vision and mission. Thank you!

The property reports for March and April were reviewed at the vestry meetings: Mike Duffy and his crew at Liberty Tree were out to trim some of the London Plane Trees on the property. Take a look! Vestry members approved the purchase of a used baby grand piano for Riverside Hall. It is now in place and available for an additional fee when Riverside Hall is rented. It can also be played during Jazz & Joe. / Vestry members approved a proposal by YCCA to create an enclosed playground space to the south side of Roak House. Be on the lookout for changes as the work begins. / Gloria Dei members continue to meet with members of the Seaman’s Church Institute regarding a new administrative building and home of the Seaman’s Church Institute. Stay tuned as this exciting project develops!

Leadership: In April, our recent confirmand, Esther Duink, went to Guatemala with the rest of our pilgrims. Her experiences there have no doubt continued to sharpen her leadership skills. We thank her for her courage, which is an inspiration to all of our youth members!

Relationship: In early April, Rev. Joy Segal, Jerry & Peggy Buescher, Dave

Hammond, Julie Daye, Esther Duink, Sally Daly, and Heather & Tom Myers traveled to Guatemala to deepen our existing relationship with the members of our sister churches, La Ascencion and La Anunciacion. Stay tuned for more details on how you can help us maintain this relationship. / In March and April we've had many visitors to Gloria Dei. If you're new to us, welcome! We hope you'll return. If you're a member and have an interest in helping us make visitors feel welcome when they're in church or following up with visitors after they leave, please see Lisa Reeves or Rev. Joy Segal. / Many other opportunities to build and deepen relationships exist at Gloria Dei, Evensong - Tuesdays at 6:30pm, Bell chimes rehearsal - Tuesdays at 7pm, Book club - see insert, Jazz and Joe - last Thursday of April and May, Spring flea market - May 18, 2013 / Important partnerships between Gloria Dei and the community, Young Children's Center for the Arts (YCCA), National Park Service, Queen Village Neighbor's Association, Do you live in or near Queen Village? If so, consider representing Gloria Dei at the monthly meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm., Seaman's Church Institute

Truth: Megan Bartlett and Joy Segal are discussing a possible "Truth Event" to be held in Fall 2013 in which the parish will be invited to take digital photos of the neighborhood surrounding Gloria Dei and then gather to report on our findings. Stay tuned. / We may follow up this event with another "Truth Event" which could help us determine how best to assist members of our community who are impacted by poverty. Stay tuned for more details.

Wellness: There are several opportunities for physical and spiritual wellness at Gloria Dei, Yoga takes place on Tuesdays at 7:15pm in Riverside Hall, Tai Chi takes place on Wednesdays at 10am in Riverside Hall, An adult education group is discussing the book, "Flunking Sainthood" on Wednesdays at 6:30pm (4/17 - 5/15). Join us!, Are there wellness events that you would like to see at Gloria Dei? Let us know!

Money: Do you feel inspired to make a pledge to give a portion of the blessings that you've been given? If so, speak to Rev. Joy Segal about how to receive your pledge envelopes. / In the months of March and April, your monetary donations helped us keep Gloria Dei running smoothly AND provided supplies to our brothers and sisters in Christ in Guatemala. Thank you! /The monthly budgets were reviewed at the vestry meetings, We were blessed to have two more months of slightly fewer expenses than income., Our endowments are bringing in 10% more than budgeted. , We approved the allocation of \$800 to offset a portion of the costs of sending our members to Guatemala.

Megan Bartlett



In **REMEMBRANCE** of:

Lou Lafferty

By: Joe & Dolores Collins
Marge Lord
Eddie & Jackie Lord
Mike & Cathy Cottrill

Constance Kinney

Agnes E. Daly

By: Bob & Sally Daly

Joan Corrado

By: Dolores Kromchad



CLERGY

The Rev. D. Joy Segal, Rector

STAFF

Paul Fejko, Music Director
Terry O'Brien, Parish Administrator
Paula & James Minacci, Sextons
Deirdre Flint, Dir. of Comm.
Mark Roberts, Treasurer; O.S.C.A.R.

VESTRY

Megan Bartlett, Secretary
Jerome Buescher, Rector's Warden
Robert Dieters, Acct. Assistant
David Hammond, Acct. Warden
Carol Jenkins
Dolores Kromchad
Barbara Potts
Lisa Reeves
Mark Roberts
Jeanette Woehr



**A Statement of Purpose
of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church**

We the Congregation of GLORIA DEI (Old Swedes') CHURCH, existing by and for the Glory of God, knowing that God, through this Congregation, helps us to find our way and to use our gifts, gather together

- To honor and celebrate the acceptance of our differences and uniqueness;
- To be an inviting, welcoming, sustaining, loving community;
- To respond to the needs of others;
- To preserve and build upon the beauty, tradition, and heritage of this sacred place.

STANDING NOTICES

Weddings

Weddings at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church must be scheduled with the clergy at least three months in advance. All weddings in the church will be governed by the Canons of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and the Book of Common Prayer. Pre-marital counseling is a prerequisite. No weddings will be conducted during Lent.

Funerals

When death occurs a family member is asked to contact the clergy so that timely arrangements for a funeral may be made. It is appropriate for the funeral of a Christian to take place in the church. It is also appropriate that funeral arrangements be made in advance and kept in a file in the church office. Burial plots are available for members of the parish in the church's cemetery. Consult the church office for costs and details.

Baptisms

The sacrament of Holy Baptism is celebrated during one of the principle Sunday liturgies and is governed by the Canons of the church and the Book of Common Prayer. Baptism is normally celebrated on one of the four appropriate feast days designated in the Book of Common Prayer. These are: The Baptism of Our Lord (1/13/13); The Great Vigil of Easter (3/31/13); Pentecost (5/19/13); and All Saints Sunday (11/3/13). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advise of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.



Sunday Service:

10:00 AM

Tuesday Evensong 6:30 PM

Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday 9:30-2:30

Friday 9:30-12:30