



September/October 2015

# Down By The Riverside

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

## Thoughts from the Rector

*From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. (John 1:16)*

### Giving and Receiving

There is so much to be said about giving and receiving; in particular, what we discover about ourselves and what we learn about others when we give and when we receive. How we understand who we are and what is important to us is tied up with these human traits of giving and receiving.

I know folks who have a hard time receiving. They are great givers, generous, loving, caring. Yet something about accepting from someone what they so freely offer to others makes them uncomfortable. And then there are those we often call takers - those who have no trouble accepting what is offered, yet don't ever learn about giving.

The relationships we hold dear have, intrinsically, dynamics of giving and receiving, in ways we often do not see - sometimes healthy, sometimes not so life-giving or relationship affirming. Even something as simple as offering a hand in friendship or a moment of time in conversation are ways we give of ourselves to each other, defining, strengthening, renewing relationships through the simple offerings of human comfort. And in receiving the hand offered, the time given, we often find a renewed sense of purpose, of identity, of hope.

Giving and receiving go hand in hand. They complement each other. They encourage an understanding of what it means to be fully human, fully a part of God's Good Creation.

I'm guessing by now you know where I'm going with this giving and receiving thing.

Yes, October is the time of year when we consider our lives together and what it takes for us to be a family, a worship community, and a presence as the Body of Christ in our community. And that conversation has to do with our own giving, and in understanding what it is we receive as members of this gathering of common folk on a common mission to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves."

So, you will find in this issue of *Down by the Riverside* a **Commitment 2016** trifold. I ask that you put this trifold someplace where you can find it when you need it. And between now and November 8<sup>th</sup>, which is Commitment Sunday this year, I ask you to consider two things: what it is you receive from Gloria Dei, and what of your time, talent, and treasure you are willing to give for the continued mission and ministry of Gloria Dei in the coming year. Occasionally pick up the trifold and read it, then put it away again. And I encourage you to make it a practice during the next couple of months to include in your prayers a petition to God about what you are being called to contribute.

And please understand this: The Church never wants the money we need to feed our children or pay our rent or keep the heat on. The Church is here to give aid when it can to those in need. The Church never asks for the time we need to spend with those in our care who are ill or cannot be left alone, or the time we must spend working for wages to pay the bills. The Church offers a presence to those who need a companion along the way, an encouraging shoulder to lean on, a place to rest. The Church never asks us to sacrifice our own well-being or that of our families. The Church encourages us to be present with one another in heart, body, mind, and soul; to know the truth of living in love and hoping in faith.

What the Church asks for, and asks you to consider, is what God asks of us every day. Look to the birds of the air, the flowers of the earth. See the sun and the moon and the stars. Breathe deeply of the air that gives you life and feel the dampness of the rain that renews the earth. Consider the gift of life itself: of minds to think and hearts to love and souls to know of faith and hope. Know of the gifts of God. See them. Take them. And thank God for them. Then consider, of all we have, and all we need to take care of, what can we give for the life of the Church.

*Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through him.  
(Colossians 3:17)*

Peace,

*Joy +*



**HGDPC**  
Historic Gloria Dei (Old Swedes')  
Preservation Corporation

*A Subsidiary of Gloria Dei  
(Old Swedes') Church  
Philadelphia*

Something New at Old Swedes!!!

## Dinner Church

Wednesdays, 6-8PM  
9/23, 10/28, 11/18

Food, Fellowship, Worship, Thanksgiving

Dinner Church offers a new way to share a meal and a worship experience as we gather around a dinner table in the parish hall, give thanks for our time together, nourish our bodies and souls, and share in food, prayer, scripture, and conversation.

Come as you are. No need to bring anything, but if you wish to contribute you may bring something for the meal – cookies, flowers, bread – or you may donate for the next meal.

All Are Welcome!



## Guest Chefs at Ronald McDonald House

We are once again going to be Guest Chefs at Ronald McDonald House, on Sunday, October 11, 2015. We will leave for RMH at 3:30PM from the church parking lot and will return by 7:30PM. We will be planning the menu after church on Sunday, October 4, 2015. If you cannot go with us but would like to contribute to the meal, or if you would like to join us and need a ride, please let Joy know.



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*Make a pledge payment*  
*Purchase books*  
*Make Amazon purchases*



Now all these things can be done online at Gloria Dei's website!  
Just visit us as [www.old-swedes.org](http://www.old-swedes.org) and find out what else we're doing.  
Check out our Facebook page while you're there.

# A Celebration & Thanksgiving for St. Francis



“ . . . renew our covenant  
with these creatures  
in our care . . . ”

**October 4 - 5:00 pm**

**Gloria Dei Church**  
(Old Swedes’)

Columbus Blvd. & Christian Street  
Philadelphia, PA. 19147

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All animals are invited and welcome in church,  
but please be sure to leash or cage them for  
everyone’s safety and comfort.

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Reception following the Service



## Thoughts from the Rector's Warden

Hopefully all of you have been enjoying the beautiful summer weather. We had a couple of really hot and humid Sunday services inside the church. When we did move to the comfortable air conditioned Roak room for Sunday services, we were filled to capacity. Not because people knew we would be in the air conditioned room, most didn't realize the move until they arrived. Services in the Roak room are always more intimate and take on a different vibe. The small venue created an atmosphere of a family gathering. Even the visitors who love to worship in our historic church didn't seem too disappointed.

We had many volunteers join us as guest chef's at Ronald McDonald house this summer. The outside grills were filled with delicious chicken, hamburgers, veggie burgers and hot dogs. Of course we had an abundance of side dishes and desserts. One comment made was that we always have so much food. I said of course we do, were Episcopalians! Thanks to all who helped make it a success.

Lastly don't forget the children are getting ready to head back to school and are in need of supplies. There is a large bin at the back of the church to collect donated supplies of paper, pencils, notebooks, folders or any kind of school supply. Let's help our neighborhood children in need.

Wishing you God's love and presence in your daily life,

*Carol Jenkins*

## Vestry Notes

At its July meeting the vestry approved a few projects. One of the largest of those was approval to gain pricing for the possible installation of air conditioning in Riverside Hall. Three vestry members will be researching quotes. We feel as if this would be a great investment for the hall as it not only will make parishioners more comfortable in the summer months but will also allow the church to bring in more revenue with hall rentals during the hotter times of the year.

At the time of the meeting we were still waiting on quotes from our two other larger projects: the graveyard restoration and the installation of security cameras on the grounds.

The vestry approved purchasing a 1/3 page advertisement in the QVNA magazine. On the subject of QVNA, the most re-occurring point when we talk about affiliates is that we still do not have someone to act as a representative for Gloria Dei at the QVNA general meetings. Those meetings occur the same night as vestry meetings (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month) at 7pm. If you feel it is something you may like to do, let any one of us know and we can provide more information. We currently have a few parishioners that attend the Pennsport Civic Association meetings who are able to bring back information about the community as well as inform them of church events.

The vestry began to consider updating the Graveyard Rules and Regulations and received a draft of that update at the July meeting. This subject will be considered in the next few months.

The vestry was also given information on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy Guides from The Episcopal Church's recent General Convention and from the Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church. This is a subject the vestry will continue to discuss as we consider guidelines for our parish.

The next vestry meetings are Thursday September 17 & October 15 at 7pm. As always we invite anyone to join us whether you have something to share or would just like to be more informed.

*Leigh Jenkins*

### NOTE

The full version of the Vestry Minutes and Financial Report will now be posted on our website after Vestry approval each month

# All Saints Sunday

## November 1, 2015

All Saints Sunday is a major feast day in the church year. Gloria Dei celebrates this feast day each year with the tolling of the bell and the reading of the names of those who have died this past year at the beginning of the service. Friends, family, neighbors, companions, pets, and those buried from Gloria Dei will all be included in the litany to be read. If you would like a name or names included in our bulletin and read aloud on that day, please call the office at 215-389-1513 no later than Noon on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.



## Episcopal Community Services

[www.ecsphilly.org](http://www.ecsphilly.org)

*Mission: Episcopal Community Services (ECS) empowers vulnerable individuals and families by providing high-quality social and educational services that affirm human dignity and promote social justice.*

*Vision: Episcopal Community Services is faith in action and leads the way in responding to changing human needs.*

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church partners with ECS in contributing to the needs of the community, reaching out to the weakest and most vulnerable in our neighborhoods. This summer we supported ECS's *Fill The Bus Drive*, and we want to thank all who contributed school supplies for the children at St. Barnabas Mission and children in need at three other elementary schools in Philadelphia.

We collected SO MUCH!!!

Crayons and paints galore!

Pens and Pencils and Markers!

Dictionaries and Construction Paper!

Notebooks and Backpacks!

And so much more!!!

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!**

We are so thrilled with the response to this drive. Please keep ECS in your prayers. Check out their website and see what amazing work they are doing. And watch for the next time Gloria Dei joins with this wonderful organization in supporting and encouraging involvement in the lives of our neighbors.

## History at Gloria Dei

The graveyard once again is receiving a face lift with several tombstones being repaired. One of the tombstones being repaired is located on the south side of the Church by the side door. The heart breaking inscription is no long legible but fortunately a parishioner back in the 1880's recorded the tombstone inscriptions.

Memento of **Lizzie** the affectionate daughter of Thomas & Harriet **Martin**

Born March 16th 1837 Died December 24 1857

When Christmas bells rang out their chimes

And holly boughs, and sprigs of thyme

Where hung on many a wall,

Our Lizzie in her beauty's prime,

Lay in our darken'd hall.

No Yule log burned upon the hearth

We sang no song of Christmas mirth!

With hearts bow'd down - with spirit riven

We gave our darling's soul to Heaven

Our gift to Christ the Lord.

Also, being repaired is the oldest legible tombstone, which is very unusual. It is a double tombstone of two sons of our second rector Rev. Andreas Sandel. This tombstone is also located on the south side of the Church close to the walkway.

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

Job 8.9

We are but of yesterday & know nothing

Because our days upon

Earth are a shadow.

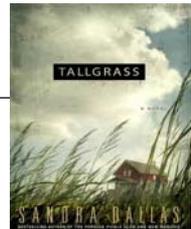
Take a stroll through the yard and see all of the restorations.

*Jeanette Woehr*

## Calendar

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- Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** Evensong - 6:30pm - 7:00pm - Sanctuary  
Yoga - 7:15-8:15pm, Riverside Hall, drop in class, all levels welcome, \$10.00 a class  
Mindful Meditation - 7:15-8:15pm, Roak Room open to all levels, \$5.00 donation suggested
- Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** Yoga - 9:00am - drop in class - all levels welcome - \$10.00 a class
- Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30** Qigong - 10:30-11:30am, Riverside Hall, drop in class, all levels welcome, \$10.00 a class
- Sept. 13** Sunday School Starts!
- Sept. 14** HGDPC Meeting - Roak Room - 5:30pm
- Sept. 15, 22, 29** Bell Choir Rehearsal - 7:00pm
- Sept. 17** Vestry Meeting - 7:00pm - Roak Room
- Sept. 19** Swedish Colonial Society Meeting - Riverside Hall - 10:00am
- Sept. 20** Liturgy Committee Meeting - Riverside Hall - 12:00 noon  
Swedish Service - Sanctuary - 4:00pm, reception to follow in Riverside Hall
- Sept. 23** Dinner Church - Riverside Hall - 6:00-8:00pm
- Sept. 24** *Jazz & Joe* - Riverside Hall - 7:30pm  
at Gloria Dei
- Sept. 28** Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall  
*Tallgrass* by Sandra Dallas



## Calendar

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- Oct. 1** Diocese Pre-Convention Meeting - Riverside Hall - 7:00-9:00pm
- Oct. 4** Blessing of the Animals Service - Sanctuary - 5:00pm
- Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27** Evensong - 6:30pm - Sanctuary  
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm  
Yoga - 7:15-8:15pm, Riverside Hall, drop in class, all levels welcome, \$10.00 a class  
Mindful Meditation - 7:15-8:15pm, Roak Room open to all levels, \$5.00 donation suggested
- Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28** Yoga - 9:00-10:00am, Riverside Hall, drop in class, all levels welcome, \$10.00 a class  
Qigong - 10:30-11:30am, Riverside Hall, drop in class, all levels welcome, \$10.00 a class
- Oct. 11** Ronald McDonald House Guest Chefs - car pool leaves 3:30pm  
Swedish Service - Sanctuary - 4:00pm, reception to follow in Riverside Hall
- Oct. 12** HGDPC Meeting - 5:30pm - Roak Room
- Oct. 15** Swedish Colonial Society Meeting - Riverside Hall - 1:00-3:00pm  
Vestry Meeting, Roak Room - 7:00pm
- Oct. 22**  - Riverside Hall - 7:30pm  
et Gloria Dei
- Oct. 24** Fall Flea Market - 8:00am - 4:00pm
- Oct. 26** Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall  
*TBD*
- Oct. 28** Dinner Church - Riverside Hall - 6:00-8:00pm
- Oct. 31** Sexton Side show - Riverside Hall - BooGaLoo - 5:00-7:00pm family activity  
Sexton Sideshow - Riverside Hall - 7:00pm - 10:00pm live concert

# The Lectionary for September

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## September 6th, Proper 18

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. **Amen**

Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23

Psalm 125

James 2:1-10,14-17

Mark 7:24-37

## September 13th, Proper 19

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalm 19

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

## September 20th, Proper 20

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us a beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalm 1

James 3:13-4:3,7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

## September 27th, Proper 21

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Esther 7:1-6,9-10; 9:20-22

Psalm 124

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50



# The Lectionary for October

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## October 4th, Proper 22

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for this life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Psalm 26

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

## October 11th, Proper 23

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Job 23:1-9,16-17

Psalm 22:1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

## October 18th, Proper 24

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Job 38:1-7,34-41

Psalm 104:1-9,25,37b

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

## October 25th, Proper 25

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalm 34:1-8

Hebrews 7:22-28

Mark 10:46-52



## Altar Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for an upcoming Sunday please call the office and let Vicki know. You may provide the flowers yourself or you may provide funds for flowers and a volunteer “flower person” will purchase and place the flowers for you.

## Summer Showcase

Sexton Sideshow "Takes it to the Church", on June 25th, was a wonderful showcase of singer song-writer talent welcoming back Eric 13!

The evening began with 16 year old Lily McAndrew who recently won a prestigious award from D'Addario Foundation to attend Crown of the Continent Guitar Workshop and Festival in Big Fork Montana this August 30th - Sept 6th.

Our very own Carolyn Thorn sang beautifully in the church setting. Morgan Pinkstone was up next performing for the first time in the church sanctuary.

Heather Blakeslee performed with 2 member band "Sweetbriar Rose" which really livened things up. Hannah Taylor was the last of our female singers. It was also her first time singing in the church. We pulled two people from the audience, Stacy Rinaldi and Jamie Olson to join Hannah Taylor and Heather Blakeslee in a great rendition of "Sweet Virginia". Rollicking indeed...

Of course the night was to celebrate our very own Eric 13, who was back from his worldwide tour with Combi Christ. Eric MC'd along with yours truly and then performed some killer renditions of his songs with saxophone accompaniment. A great night of music in the Old Swedes Church. Look for more of these in the fall. Like us at Sexton Sideshow on Facebook and follow us on Instagram. Get involved. Join Together.

## Make Music Philly 2015

Rewind back to June 21st of this year. Sexton Sideshow hosted 20 artists who performed on our grounds, the Riverside Hall and in the church sanctuary. This is done every year since 1980 to celebrate World Wide Day of Music on the summer solstice, June 21st. This is our second year to participate in this event.

Our day of Music started in the Riverside Hall with Nytros singing during our Sunday Brunch and then continued in the church with bell ringing and our own Paul Fejko. Many artists performed throughout the day including Carolyn Thorn, Paul St. John, Broken Prayers, Kevin Killen, Bosom Band, Ryan from On the Coaling Band, Elwood James Band, Jimmy Strummer, Joy Ike, Matt Wheeler, North Lawrence Midnight Singers, and more.

Monies were raised, songs were sung, brunch was served, all were satisfied. Hope to see you next year on June 21st for the next Make Music Philly.

Sexton Sideshow

*Jim & Paula Minacci*



**September 24 & October 22**  
**7:30 to 9:30 pm - Riverside Hall**

**THE BEST FLEAS AT THE OLDEST CHURCH**  
*Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church*

# FALL Flea Market

*Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>*  
*8:00am to 3:00pm*

*Spaces - \$25.00 Paid at the Door*

*BAKED GOODS, HOMEMADE  
CHILI, HOTDOGS, MEATBALLS,  
SODA, PRETZELS*

**HISTORICAL CHURCH TOURS AVAILABLE.  
BEST FLEAS IN SOUTH PHILLY!  
COME JOIN THE FUN!!**

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*For information (215) 389-1513 [www.old-swedes.org](http://www.old-swedes.org)*

# SEXTON SIDESHOW

PRESENTS AT GLORIA DEI

## Graveyard Boo-ga-loo

SATURDAY, OCT. 31<sup>ST</sup>

... 5 - 7 pm FREE ...

Family Fun ... Pumpkin Painting

... Trick or Treating in the Graveyard ...

AND THEN AT

7 PM TO 11 PM

Music by: **Shyboyz** \$10 Donation

**The Primaries**

**Kinks Tribute Band**

**Nirvana Tribute Band**

Trick or Treat or Trick or Treat or Trick or Treat or Trick or T

Come dressed for Zombiegraveyard Fun!  
Live Performance Art

Sponsored by:





**In Remembrance of:**

**Pamela Ruth (Duerr) Walker** 1950 -2015

**Domenique Morgan Pitone** 1998 - 2015

**Ignacio Corazo** 1930 - 2015

**Celebrate the newly married:**

**Nicole Mullen and Gustav Detter**

June 6th, 2015

**Jamie Konowal and Nora Meeley**

June 20th, 2015

**Memorial Cards:**

**Joe Rauch**

By: Bert Kugiak

Chris and Eileen Szabo

**Joe Marnie**

By: Bert Kugiak

Mike Maculicci

**Jason McCone**

By: Bert Kugiak

Joe and Dolores Collins

Marge Lord

**Pamela Walker**

By: James and Cathy Ufheil

Vicki Cusack

**Helen Gurney**

By: Dolores Kromchad



**Sunday Service:**

10:00 AM

Tuesday Evensong 6:30 PM

**Office Hours**

Tuesday - Thursday 9:30-2:30

Friday 9:30-12:30

**CLERGY**

The Rev. D. Joy Segal, Rector

The Rev. Paul Harris, Assoc. Clergy

**STAFF**

Paul Fejko, Music Director

Vicki Cusack, Parish Administrator

Paula & James Minacci, Sextons

Mark Roberts, Treasurer; O.S.C.A.R.

**VESTRY**

Barbara Chilcott

Jill Duink, Accounting Warden

Kimberly Goodwin

Re Henning

Carol Jenkins, Rector's Warden

Leigh Jenkins, Secretary

Jim Parsons

Barbara Potts

Mark Roberts

Nils van Ammers

Rita West

Jeanette Woehr



**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 (1/11/15); The Great Vigil of Easter (4/5/15); Pentecost (5/24/15); and All Saints Sunday (11/1/15). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advise of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.