



October / November 2018

Down By The Riverside

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

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - Jill Duink

Children's Worship, ages 4-9

Children were joyfully welcomed back to children's worship on Sunday morning, September 9. We were blessed at the altar following communion. Nave, Ailsa, Miss Julie and Miss Jill wondered together about the story of the Holy Family. The children did their work, then we prayed and feasted together.

Children's worship for ages 4-9 takes place Sunday mornings following the 10:00 service, leaving after communion. All are welcome!

Confirmation/Project Church, ages 10+

Children ready to understand and consider confirmation are invited to meet with Pastor Patricia, Miss Julie and Miss Heather twice monthly. The children will help design the lessons, projects and field trips.

Tuesday afternoon meetings, from 4:00-6:00 pm, will include a meal together

October 23

November 27

Sunday mornings, after the 10:00 service

October 7

November 4

December 2

Planning for the Future

Pastor Patricia, Julie Daye, Heather Myers and Jill Duink met on Sept. 6 to plan for the future of children's and family worship at Gloria Dei.

How can children know that God loves them?

How can children come close to God?

How can children worship?

How can children be more included in our church community?

How can the needs of children and families be met?

How can we welcome new children and families?

RECTOR'S WARDEN'S MESSAGE – Jim Ufheil

Summer disappeared – seems like it was just turning spring. But we did get quite a bit accomplished so far this year:

- Property concerns and issues were huge:
 - Roak House issues affecting the safety of the children in YCCA have been addressed
 - The office was painted, new donated furniture moved in and new blinds are being acquired
 - We've started turning green with new trash and recyclable bins, a plan to install rain barrels and a move to an electricity supplier that provides sustainable power
 - The electricity in the Rectory, the sanctuary and Riverside Hall has been upgraded
 - Air conditioning has been installed in both the sanctuary and Riverside Hall
 - We're upgrading the lighting in Roak from very old fluorescent ballast style to new energy efficient LED
 - We've scheduled work for repair of the holes in the church roofline on the west side and to have some pointing done on the brickwork masonry
 - The NPS has agreed to let us use the brick shed near the Christian St gate for trash and recyclable storage
 - The NPS has initiated a major property initiative that will clean up the exterior walls and walkways, trim trees and shrubs along Columbus Blvd, and improve the grounds inside the walls
- The Vestry has scheduled a retreat for early 2019 to work on future goals
- The Vestry is in the process of updating our budgeting process and financial reporting
- The Vestry started updating and/or developing updated job descriptions for the staff and vestry
- The Sacristy has been cleaned and organized for more efficient storage and access to our vestments and linens
- Our historical and valuable property and documents are being inventoried, digitally copied, and prepared for safer storage, in some cases offsite.

- And, we've maintained, and in some cases expanded, our usual workload of fundraising, stewardship and benevolent ministry

Things are getting done and not just talked about. And people are noticing. Thanks to the Vestry for their hard work and dedication.

But this has just been a beginning. There's still so much we can do and will do to move Gloria Dei into a new era with greater "curb appeal" for visitors, a more recognized presence within the community, a greater sense of being a stakeholder for the congregation, and a renewed pride to display to potential new members.

Please get involved – step up, speak up, and take part in an exciting new era for Gloria Dei! Everyone is important, and everyone is needed if we are to make the move in a smooth and efficient way.



PASTORAL CARE – Pastor Patricia

I absolutely love getting out to visit folks. My goal is to make home visits at least once a month with people who find it to difficult to come to Gloria Dei. If you are ill, I'd appreciate knowing so that prayers for your healing can be offered. If you are hospitalized or in the ER, please let me know. Pastoral Care at that time can make an important difference to decreasing discomfort and increasing hope. For some of us, receiving care, is something unfamiliar to us, especially if we give care to others. I understand. However, as human beings, we are all going to need care at some time or another in this life. If you have cared for others, it is OK for you to accept care when it is your turn. Your church and pastor are here for you. Please don't hesitate to call (267-366-8692).



We enjoyed our visit very much and gave thanks to God for all the care and support Sally received at Magee Rehab.

GREEN COMMITTEE UPDATE

God calls us to love the people we know and the people we will never know by loving and protecting the living things that provide air, water, food, and beauty for all.

Sustainable Energy for Gloria Dei

We are all thrilled to have air conditioning in the church and Riverside Hall. Not only will this improve the quality of our worship and other activities, but it will increase our rentals in the summer months.

But what about the additional emissions of carbon dioxide and methane into the air that this will cause? The Vestry has solved that problem! At the August meeting they voted to change Gloria Dei's electric provider to Green Mountain Energy,

an energy provider who will provide 100% renewable power! Our electricity will come from clean sources. Using sustainable energy goes along with our mission statement. Thank you Gloria Dei Vestry!

Blessing the Bins

Our 2 Simple Sort Trash/Recycle cans were blessed during an August service and are being used in the Riverside Hall. Barb Chilcot spoke with visitors that attended saying they were so impressed by our service and caring for our earth; being greatly amused by our "blessing of the trash cans". They loved that we care so much for the environment, they are going to share our ideas with their home church.

Wow...that's God working.

We produce so much trash and recycling; prayers are needed along with careful consideration as to how we can reduce. Our earth needs us.

Next meetings: Sunday October 7 & November 4, 8:30 am in the Rectory
On the Agenda: Website update, future ideas.



Changing to green energy is easy. Nothing changes for you, the consumer, Peco will still send the bill. Peco buys sustainable energy from a clean provider, it's that simple. No solar panels or wind turbines in the backyard. We would be happy to provide you information. Contact us at greencommittee@old-swedes.org



We choose Sustainable Energy for our electric needs.

You can too...

Contact: greencommittee@old.swedes.org for tips

Gloria Dei Green Committee

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**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BUY A SOLAR PANEL OR A WIND TURBINE
TO MAKE THE SWITCH TO SUSTAINABLE ELECTRICITY IN YOUR
HOME! - Julie Daye**

The companies listed below provide electricity that is 100% produced by renewable power such as wind or solar. You can make the switch with just phone call. There will be no change in how you are billed. You will be billed on your current PECO bill.

Green Mountain Energy - 888-232-3658

CleanChoice Energy - 800-218-0113

Inspire Energy Clean and Green Plan - 866-403-2620

The Energy Co-op - 215.413.2122

Community Energy - 866.946.3123

Rates vary widely between companies. They also change day to day depending on the electricity market, but if you decide to switch you can lock in a rate for a set time period.

GLORIA DEI NAVIGATORS ! – Carol Jenkins, Gloria Dei Navigator member

Members of the Gloria Dei Navigators have met on several occasions now. This small group has been doing behind the scenes work of our church. Here is a brief update on our progress.

First and foremost we have based our work in deep focused prayer. Our prayers are directly focused on the people and matters related to our church as well as beyond our walls.

We find this strengthens team members to the fact that we are members of a congregation who gather as followers of Christ and not members in a business meeting.

Discernment - (in Christian contexts) perception in the absence of judgement with a view to *obtaining spiritual direction and understanding*.

In the next step members have shared personal stories and have made themselves open and vulnerable to each other, to build trust and understanding. We now have a deeper understanding and appreciation of each other. We felt this was an important step to take before trying to delve into understanding the workings of our church family.

Next we moved into discussing our congregation. This is done from personal experiences and clear observations. We are using the **Parish Profile Report** as our guide, along with the appendix as our roadmap. A year has passed since its completion. We are delving into the contents to see where we have been and if we are accomplishing any of the suggested goals. What has changed since the report was compiled?

Lastly, it's important to understand that the Gloria Dei Navigators are searching for a clear signs of direction, to help guide our congregation into the future. We are not the final decision makers, we'll leave that to the vestry! We will be providing the vestry with our observations and to suggest a direct course of action which can empower and enrich our congregation.

In closing I ask you to keep the Gloria Dei Navigators in your prayers as you have been in ours.



PROPERTY REPORT – Bob Jenkins

New Projects:

- There has been a \$3,000.00 donation for an outside shed. I am in the process of shopping for one.
- We have secured Jim Battista to do repairs on the Church ie: repair the fascia board above the window on the front of the building, and do some pointing of brickwork. A vote was taken via Email. Work will begin in about 2 – 3 weeks.

Work in progress:

- The ductwork for the air conditioning has been installed in Riverside Hall. Jim U. is going to paint the vents.
- We received a quote from Garrett Electric to supply and install new 18 watt replacement led bulbs to retro fit existing florescent light fixtures in school / daycare. \$1,750.00

Completed:

- As you all know there was a rodent problem in the rectory. Orkin was called, traps were placed around the first floor and in the basement. To my knowledge nothing has been caught. Orkin also took care of all the openings from the outside of the rectory. The total cost was \$600.00.
- The two small air vents on the parking side of the Hall have been cemented and the holes filled. Marco will return to do more refilling if needed after settling.
- Jack Edmondson (Plumber) was called in to fix a leaking and corroded pipe in the sextons house. While on site, he also disconnected the water supply to the rectory kitchen refrigerator and capped the tube leading the the icemaker. \$425.00



Altar Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for an upcoming Sunday please call the office and let us 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.

SEXTON SIDESHOW UPCOMING EVENTS

October 14th - Let It Be Fall Brunch

\$10 includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, (gluten free available upon request)

Canadian bacon, fresh fruit, sweets, homemade cakes & cookies, strong church coffee, tea, juice. Craft beer, cider & mimosas available with donation. Live music provided by Paul Fejko, Will Williams, Julia Levitina, Barry Bohr, Carolyn Thorn, Sara Biemuller, Jamie Olson.

December 14th - Honky Tonk/
Hootenanny Musical Tribute to
"O Brother, Where Art Thou?"

7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Featuring an all-star cast of Philadelphia's Phinest Local Musicians.

Watch out for more details on Sexton Sideshow/Facebook or Instagram.



Ruth Duink always serves as a great helper to Paula, one of our sextons. We are proud of her. Thanks, Ruthie!



FIRST ANNUAL LADIES' TEA PARTY - Peggy Buescher

"Blessed is she who believed the Lord would fulfill his promises to her."
Luke 1:45

Re Henning and Peggy Buescher attended the first annual Ladies' Tea Party on Saturday, September 15, 2018, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. A warm welcome was given by the Bishop's wife, Suzanne, who spearheaded the event. It was a wonderful opportunity to network with other women in the Diocese and promote what's happening at Gloria Dei. Lucia was a big topic on the agenda. It's all about right relations and reaching out beyond our walls.

All proceeds from the event were donated to Thistle Farms. The mission of Thistle Farms is to heal, empower, and employ women survivors of trafficking, prostitution, and addiction. Thistle Farms does this by providing safe and supportive housing, the opportunity economic independence, and a story community of advocates and partners. Thistle Farms believes that, in the end, love is the most powerful force for change in the world. \$50 was donated from the Rector's Discretionary Fund toward this event.



Tea Party attendees.

FINANCIAL NEWS – Jill Duink

Stewardship and Budget Calendar

Thanksgiving and Stewardship Stories – October

All Saints Pledge Ingathering - November 4

Semi Annual Budget/Values/Narrative/Growth Goals – November 11

Our budget should embody God's plan for God's resources. On Sunday, November 11th, the 10:00 service will include thanksgiving for all God has given to us and thoughts on how our 2019 budget will support our mission, our hopes, our present, and our future.

2017 Audit

Gloria Dei's 2017 financial year was professionally audited. We passed muster with flying colors and with four recommendations 1) to formalize vestry reporting using a checklist 2) to consider accrual basis accounting and use of QuickBooks 3) to review all expenditures made by our revocable trust (this is already done) and 4) to formalize in writing the process and policy used to make payments. The report will be sent to the Diocese shortly. Copies will be available for those interested.

NEWCOMER RECEPTION – Peggy Buescher

A Newcomer Reception will be held in the Rectory on Saturday, October 6, 2018, at 5:00 PM. All are welcome to attend this casual gathering to meet Vestry members and others new to our church. Rev Patricia will hold a discussion on what Gloria Dei offers the community and our plans for the future. A light supper will be served.

Please RSVP to the church office at 215-389-1513
or to info@old-swedes.org.

STEWARDSHIP AND PLEDGING – Jerry Buescher

October brings the Pledging part of Stewardship back into focus. We'll start with a stewardship-themed service on Sunday October 7 and our pastor, Patricia, will make that the theme of her sermon.

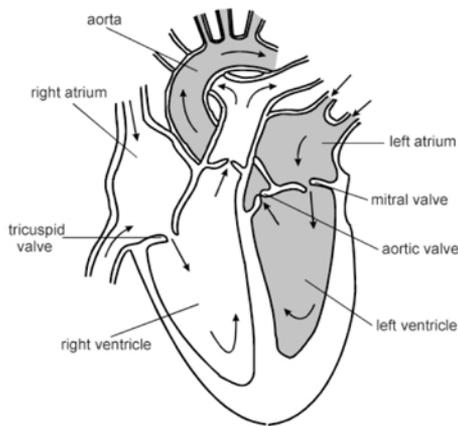
Our tag-line this year will be **Giving from the Heart**, and by "heart" we don't mean just that feel-good place. We mean also that muscular thing that beats in our chests, that has four chambers and a control center, and that makes our life possible.

Through the month of October, we'll spin out that theme, identifying which things in our parish manifest atriums and ventricles and sinus nodes. We'll focus on how the gifts we give come together in worship, teaching ourselves and our children, taking the good news of Jesus Christ to our community, and caring for each other.

Everyone will soon receive a letter outlining our thoughts on stewardship. And with that letter will be a pledge booklet. It won't be just a check-off list. It will talk about gifts given and put to work. It will talk about things we as a parish need to do, want to do.

Get ready to give from the heart ...

Stewardship Committee – Jerry Buescher, Barbara Potts, Mark Roberts, Richard Woehr



THE ALTAR GUILD IS ORGANIZING! – Peggy Buescher

The leadership for worship ministries is being revamped under the direction of Rev Patricia. The new Co-Chairs for the Altar Guild are Cathy Ufheil and Peggy Buescher. Each leader has assistants on her team who, in turn, invite people to join. The Altar Team consists of Meghan Bartlett, Jeanette Woehr, and Candy Roberts

Have you ever wanted to feel more a “part of” at church? Now is your opportunity to step up and be in service. Let us know if you’re interested in reading the lessons, being a chalice-bearer, or the crucifer. Training to be an altar server will begin in November.

Please pray about it and discern whether this is a calling for you at this time. Please notify Rev Patricia, Cathy Ufheil, or me if you are interested.



ANGEL TREE PROJECT – Peggy Buescher

The holidays are fast approaching and, with them, the Angel Tree Project. This will be our third year helping children at the Nebinger School, children who are less fortunate, during the holiday season. We will target thirty children this year, providing them with the presence of Jesus’s love at Gloria Dei and the spirit of Christmas. The congregants who participated in the past have shared how rewarding and satisfying they found that participation to be. The Principal sent a thank you note last year thanking us for what we do for their children during the holidays. She stated that our “thoughtfulness and caring gestures allow the holidays to be celebrated by their neediest families.” She continued to say the “work done by the Angel Tree Project is commendable and enriches so many of their first and second graders lives.” She thanked us for spreading joy one smile at a time. Please look for upcoming information regarding further details. And please feel free to contact Peggy Buescher (267-456-4718, or peggy.buescher@gmail.com).





PRAYER MINISTRY – Megan Bartlett

“Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray.”

(Psalm 5:2, New Revised Standard Version)

Since April, the Prayer Ministry intercessors have been asked to pray for over 75 people. We also faced with sorrow the death of one of our long-time intercessors and church members, Marge Lord. Her absence is felt by all, but especially by her best friend, Dolores Collins, who used to call her with each week’s prayer requests.

This month, we invite you to pray with us for the following people: Claire Bedrick, Joanne Bowers, Bonnie Coyle, Sally Daly, Kim Goodwin, Margie Kucinski, Geoff Pinkerton, Michael Sidoti, and all those who wish their names to remain confidential. Before you speak these names, the first three verses of Psalm 5 may be helpful to pray: “Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my sighing. Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray. O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.”

If you have a prayer request, please share it with me (megan77777@yahoo.com) or Rev. Patricia Cashman (215-389-1513). Please give us the first and last name of the individual(s), the concern or need, and whether or not we can list their name(s) in the bulletin and newsletter.

Thank you to all of our intercessors: Dolores Collins, Barbara Chilcott, Sally Daly, Re Henning, Richard Janssen, Margie Kucinski, Nora Melley, Cathy Ufheil, and Rita West.

Peace and blessings

HI, I'M NEW! – Tarah Van De Wiele

One Tuesday a few weeks ago I came to visit Gloria Dei for the first time. I have lived in Philadelphia since June and have been making my way around the city, discovering its history. As I'm sure you have heard hundreds of times, I came here because of its historical significance. I walked in the gate and expected to find a monument to the past, but instead was immediately confronted with the feeling that a dedicated and loving community of people cares very much for this place and for each other, in the present (there are many clues!). So naturally I wanted to know who this community was! I came the very next Sunday to the service. We probably weren't even four lines into worship when three of you had already said hello and made me feel welcome. After those first experiences, I knew this was where I wanted to plant my spiritual roots and grow. I have come to Philadelphia with my husband and two dogs, moving here after seven or so years as an expat in Nottingham, England. I am a life-long Episcopalian and student of biblical texts and sacred languages. I love to read, write, crochet, and chat at kitchen tables. I'm excited to get to know each of you.



Donate to Gloria Dei
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 at www.old-swedes.org and find out what else we're doing.
Check out our Facebook page while you're there.

THE CLERGY OF GLORIA DEI

Johan Campanius	(1646-1648)	Dedicated the original church at Tinicum
Laurence Lock	(1648-1677)	
Jacob Fabritius	(1677-1691)	
Lay Leaders	(1691-1697)	Maintained worship at Gloria Dei until Rudman arrived from Sweden
Andreas (Andrew) Rudman	(1697-1702)	Built Gloria Dei Church and buried on Church grounds
Andrew Sandell	(1702-1719)	
Jonas Lidman	(1719-1730)	
Johan Eneberg	(1730-1733)	Placed the baptismal font in Gloria Dei (1731)
Gabriel Falk	(1733)	Deposed
John Dylander	(1737-1741)	Buried in Gloria Dei Church; preached in German
Gabriel Nasman	(1743-1750)	Controversy over Moravians & German
Olof Parlin	(1750-1757)	Buried in Gloria Dei Church
Charles Mangus Wrangel	(1759-1768)	Powerful & popular speaker; attracted large crowds
Anders Goransson	(1768-1779)	
Matthias Hultgren	(1780-1786)	
Nicholas (Nils) Collin	(1786-1831)	Friend of Ben Franklin, lightening rod system installed in church building, last Swedish missionary

THE CLERGY OF GLORIA DEI (continued)

John W. Leadenham	(1863-1865)	Parish hall constructed
J. Sanders Reed	(1865-1868)	
Snyder Binns Simes	(1868-1915)	Ushered in the glory days of Gloria Dei; Hook and Hastings organ installed
Percy R. Stockman	(1916-1922)	Later director of the Seamen's Church Institute
Addison E. Ewing	(1922-1927)	
John Lowry Hady	(1927-1933)	
John Craig Roak	(1933-1972)	Largely responsible for Gloria Dei's designation as a National Historic Site in 1942; revived the traditional Lucia Fest; Roak House built
David Buchanan Rivers	(1972-2004)	Hook and Hastings organ and church building restored and parish hall kitchen renovated Parish hall was renamed to "Riverside Hall" in honor of him.
D. Joy Segal	(2006-2017)	Churchyard renewal, gravestone restoration and conservancy
Patricia Cashman	(2018-	



(Hospitality after Lucia Sunday Service)

Lucia Fest, 2018

St. Eric's Fair



Friday, **Dec. 7** - 6:00 & 8:00
Saturday & Sunday, **Dec. 8 & 9**
2:00, 3:30 & 5:00

Tickets: Adults - \$13
Children under 12 - \$7

Tickets available online to Dec. 3, 2018
at www.old-swedes.org and then at door

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THOUGHTS FROM HISTORIC GLORIA DEI PRESERVATION CORPORATION – Candace Roberts, Chair of the Board

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes’) Church is a hidden gem or secret garden that many tourists do happen upon. They are generally amazed at their discovery and delighted to find this oasis in an urban environment. Our Board is currently thinking about this notion of tourism versus visitation. Tourism brings people to a destination and we do want to share our rich history and blessings with visitors. Many come from around the world and we welcome them – every day! The Gloria Dei grounds are available 365 days/year.

However, if we start to think about visitation as a goal, we wonder if we can have an impact locally to offer our neighbors access to this faith-based institution and an understanding of what they can find here. We find ourselves living in a largely uncivil society. What can Gloria Dei offer to the community? By definition, faith is optimistic. But it requires work. Our Swedish forefathers and mothers were colonists. This is an unpopular term today. We need to consider though, that the first Swedes desired commerce with the Lenape. They were highly ethical people for the time they lived. It was not a case of conscious exploitation. If we think about our history, what can we learn to inform our actions now? Can we be an institution of intellectual thought and consider what it means to be a faith-based organization in the 21st century?

On November 11, we are coming up on the 100 year anniversary of Armistice Day. A remembrance day for people who believed they could fight a war to end all wars. What an amazing thought. Some might think they were naïve, but perhaps we can imagine that they were people of optimism and good faith.

Historic Gloria Dei offers a sense of permanence, and an understanding that some things endure. That is certainly cause for celebration, optimism and good faith!

Conserving and preserving an historic institution with important buildings and grounds takes a great deal of care and financial support. We hope you will join us in this mission. Check on our progress at www.preserveoldswedes.org. (Please consider a donation – a very quick navigation link on our site!)



Christian Burials

Now being accepted at
Gloria Dei
OLD-SWEDES CHURCHYARD

We have opened the *Amandus Johnson* section of our historic churchyard for the purchase of burial rights. Cremated remains may be interred in the traditional manner with interment in a family plot, single grave, or within the memorial garden.

Please contact the Church Office at 215-389-1513 for more details and pricing.

www.old-swedes.org



October 25th
7:30 to 9:30 pm - Riverside Hall

*To support the historic preservation of the properties
and grounds for Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church
so that future generations may share in
this historic and architectural treasure.*

100 HGDPC *Founding Lifetime Member*

This opportunity is for those who wish to support The Historic Gloria Dei Preservation Corporation and for those who wish to honor an important person in their life by making a gift in a loved one's name. The *HGDPC 100 Founding Lifetime Member* program will be offered to the first 100 individuals who pay \$1,000 or pledge \$1,000, to be paid quarterly or monthly over 12 consecutive months by check or credit card.

There are many benefits to becoming a HGDPC 100 Founding Lifetime Member

Benefits to enrich our society:

- You will be contributing to the long-term preservation of this historic property
- Your gift will inspire others to join in this mission to preserve Old Swedes
- You will have the satisfaction of knowing that your gift will be safely invested to provide support for decades to come

Benefits to share our story:

HGDPC 100 Founding Lifetime Members will be acknowledged for their contributions in the following manner:

- Names will be permanently displayed and honored on the website, in Annual Reports, and in selected HGDPC publications
- Receive a beautiful lapel pin to wear and identify yourself as a supporter of Old Swedes
- Receive a certificate of appreciation, suitable for framing
- Free attendance to one HGDPC event each year and offered discounted tickets to other events as may be appropriate
- Will be able to build marketing exposure by offering door prizes at events



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Please join us Today by check or online at www.preserveoldswedes.org*

save the date

- Oct. 2,9,16,23,30 **Evensong** – Tuesdays at 6:30pm.
Men’s AA Meeting – Tuesdays at 4:30pm, Riverside Hall
Meditation with Sheila –Tuesdays at 5:45pm, Riverside Hall. Re-center and find your inner guidance. Free.
Yoga with Sarah – Tuesdays 7:15PM, Riverside Hall. \$10 per class/10 class card \$90. A slow-flow mindful practice that uses the physical shapes of Yoga Asana to deepen your awareness of breath. Mats available to borrow. All levels welcome.
- Oct. 3,10, 17, 24, 31 **Chair Yoga with Kathy** –Wednesdays 9:00am, Riverside Hall. \$10 per class. A great opportunity to stretch and strengthen muscles, reduce stress, and develop better breathing habits. All levels welcome. No class October 3rd.
NEW CLASS - Tai Chi with Gretchen – Wednesdays 10:30am, Riverside Hall. \$12 per class. Intermediate/Advanced, but all levels welcome. Students learn lower & upper body movements, then link them together to practice “The Form”. Improves balance, calms the mind, strengthens & tones muscles, refines concentration.
- October 4 **Blessing of the Animals & NPS B.A.R.K.S. Program** – 6:30pm, Church Sanctuary. All God’s creatures are welcome! (For everyone’s safety and comfort please be sure animals are leashed or caged.)
- October 7 **Project Church** (Gloria Dei Youth Group) - Ages 10+, meets in the Rectory following 10:00am service
- October 8 **Historic Gloria Dei Meeting** –5:30pm in Riverside Hall
- October 14 **Sexton Sideshow Let It Be Fall Brunch** –11:30 – 2:30. \$10 includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, Canadian bacon, fruit, pastries, treats, coffee & tea. Cider &

mimosas available. Live acoustic music from 9 different local artists

- October 14 **Church of Sweden** -4:00pm, Service in church at 4pm, fellowship following in Riverside Hall
- October 18 **Swedish Colonial Society Meeting** -1:00pm - 3:00pm, Riverside Hall
- Vestry Meeting** -7:00pm, Roak Room
- October 20 **Flea Market** 8:00am - 3:00pm. \$25 per space, paid the day of the market. Held rain or shine!!!
- October 21 **US Poet Remembrance** - during 10:00am service
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- October 28 **First Lucia Rehearsal**



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- November 22 **Thanksgiving**
- November 25 **No Lucia Rehearsal**
- November 27 **Project Church** (Gloria Dei Youth Group) - Ages 10+, meets in the Rectory 4:00 - 6:00, meal will be served.



Memorial Cards in loving memory of:

Marge Lord

By: Heidi Alexander,
Ree Ree & Cookie, Carmella,
Pat Frat, Dot Bowman, Tony Pilla,
John & Nora Otero, Carol Bayock,
Dolores Collins, Joe & Maureen
Collins, Donna Collins, Sally Daly,
Jim & Cathy Ufheil, Bob & Jean
Neill, Bill & Carol Owens,
Doris Lord & Cheryl

Jean DeSantis

By: Jim & Cathy Ufheil

Dorothy Barreh

By: Bob & Jean Neill

Agapito Osano

By: Bob & Jean Neill, Bob Neill,
Alexis & Gary Neill

Frank DeJohn

By: Donna Collins

Jenny Ciarrocchi

By: Sally Daly

Fanni Nicastro

By: Dolores Collins

In Remembrance of:

Margaret Lord June 2, 2018
Joan Rife Parsons June 3, 2018
Nicholas Tridemas August 3, 2018
Chris Carter September 15, 2018
(Jeanette & Richard Woehr's son-in-law)



Sunday Service:
10:00 AM
Tuesday Evensong 6:30 PM
Office Hours

CLERGY

The Rev. Patricia Cashman, Rector

STAFF

Paul Fejko, Music Director
Christine McBride, Parish Admin.
Paula & James Minacci, Sextons
Mark Roberts, Treasurer

VESTRY

Peggy Buescher
Barbara Chilcott
Jill Duink, Accounting Warden
Bob Jenkins, Junior Warden
Leigh Jenkins, Secretary
Jamie Konowal
Heather Myers
Lisa Reeves
Mark Roberts
Eric Soltzcki
James Ufheil, Rector's Warden
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 (1/7/18); The Great Vigil of Easter (4/1/18); Pentecost (5/20/18); and All Saints Sunday (11/4/18). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advise of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.