



July-August 2012

# Down By The Riverside

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

## Thoughts from the Rector

*We read to know we are not alone*

*C.S. Lewis*

Do you read to know you are not alone? I've struggled with the truth of that thought since first hearing it many years ago. I've come to embrace it, though. Previously I would say things like "well, maybe sometimes, but not always," or "no, I read for information or insight," or "no, I read to escape a reality I choose not to face," or any number of other responses. But I've finally reached the conclusion that C.S. Lewis was right. Because no matter how I phrase it or think about it, I read in order to connect to another. Whether to gain a new perspective, be challenged with a new paradigm, to seek comfort or consolation, to learn from the past, or to free up my imagination - for whatever reason I read, I do it to reach outside myself.

My summer reading list this year is, once again, way too long, and full of varied genres, authors, and interests - lots of reaching outside myself. I'm not sure which ones I'll get read but if I could do nothing but sit and read all summer these are the books I would want to get read.

Fiction: *Defending Jacob*, by William Landay and *The Buddha in the Attic*, by Julie Otsuka are the scheduled Book Club selections for July and August here at Gloria Dei so they are on my list. In addition I'm hoping to read *Peter and the Starcatchers*, by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson, a prequel to J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan stories which I have always loved; and *The Dovekeepers*, by Alice Hoffman, a historical novel about four women who were eyewitnesses at Masada two thousand years ago.

History: Always a favorite genre of mine, my list includes *The Passage of Power*, *The Years of Lyndon Johnson*, the newest in Robert A. Caro's history of LBJ that covers the years 1958-1964; and *Prague Winter, A Personal Story of Remembrance and War, 1937-1948*, Madeleine Albright's amazing story of how she found out who she was, where she came from, and the circumstances of her childhood displacement.

Current Affairs: This is not a topic that usually shows up on my summer reading list but two books have been recommended to me by trusted friends so they made the list. *Drift, The Unmooring of American Military Power*, by Rachel

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Maddow, presents our country's "dangerous drift into a state of perpetual war" according to the author, who follows our history of war from Vietnam to Afghanistan; and *Boomerang, Travels in the New Third World*, by Michael Lewis, who travels to some of the countries hardest hit by the global fiscal crisis of 2008, and with wit as well as wisdom calls to our attention that it's not all about us, but we are a part of global economics.

Faith: *The Hunger Games and the Gospel*, by Julie Clawson, explores the themes in *The Hunger Games* (which I loved) that are also found in the gospels – loyalty, compassion, self-sacrifice, living with hope in a world gone mad; and *Still: Notes on a Mid-Faith Crisis*, by Lauren Winner. I am attracted to this book because I have come to trust this author through her other books: *Girl Meets God* and *Mudhouse Sabbath*, and so am willing to examine with her those times when we doubt, when we feel God is far away, when our spirituality seems hollow.

I am one of a number of folks at Gloria Dei who took the challenge on January 1<sup>st</sup> to read the Bible in one year so I will continue to do that daily reading as well. (By the way folks, we're halfway there!)

As I look over this list I can hear C.S. Lewis's words echoing in my mind. *We read to know we are not alone*. And so I will connect with American history, ancient history, imagination, current affairs, faith, those who are like me and those who are so radically different I cannot imagine what I will learn. I will listen for ideas, see visions, dream dreams. I will read and hope, read and pray, read and learn, read and love. And I will know that I am not alone.

May God bless you, and may you always know – you are not alone.

Peace,

*Joy +*



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Check out our Facebook page while you're there.

## Hello everyone.

My name is Marissa-Marie Reed and I am part of Gloria Dei's Confirmation Class of 2012.

We would like to thank everyone who helped out with the fund raiser for the polio vaccine shots for the people in Nigeria. By donating your old electronics such as cell phones, ink cartridges, etc., together with some contributions, we raised a total of \$255.80. With that money we were able to purchase 609 polio vaccines for the children of Nigeria.

I want to thank everyone again for your help and support in this project. I had a great time with the project on trying to help out people in other countries who are less fortunate then we are.

Sincerely,

*Marissa-Marie Reed*

On behalf of the Confirmation Class of 2012



Banner given to Gloria Dei by the 2012 Confirmation Class

## From the Rector's Warden

I'm writing this on June 25, 2012 – because that's the date it's due to the office. And, coincidentally, today (the 25th) is the day Philadelphia's "Welcome America" celebration kicks off – ten days of city-wide celebrations for the events of July 4, 1776.

Old Swedes' didn't make it onto the "Welcome America" calendar this year – although there is an event at the Mummies' Museum, just down the street from us, on June 28.

But it's always "Welcome America" at Old Swedes. Actually, it's always "Welcome everyone" and "There's room for everyone" at Old Swedes.

On Sunday June 17 Bishop Turner joined us to welcome two children into the household of God, as the baptismal rite puts it. Bishop Turner also confirmed four young women who've spent two years studying their faith in the classroom, in church, and in the larger world by raising money for polio immunizations.

I don't have a picture to show you, but there's something permanently burned into my mind's eye from that confirmation. Esther Duink was one of the young women confirmed. When she knelt in front of Bishop Turner, and all the people sponsoring her reached forward to put a hand on her shoulder to indicate their support for her, her little sister Ruthie was behind all those adults with her hand thrust into that crowd up to her shoulder so she, too, could touch her sister Esther. There's indeed "Room for everyone" at Gloria Dei, Old Swedes'.

Just this past Sunday, when we thought we'd have a very small, very quiet service after the events of the previous Sunday, a good-sized youth group with connections to Dr. Roak's family joined us and occupied even some of the seats in the balconies – an unusual sight outside Lucia time! "Welcome everyone, anytime."

Have you noticed the new signs on the wall – I'm thinking of the ones with the door that opens onto an endless grassy field under a gorgeous blue sky? "Welcome everyone, anytime."

The three large hydrangea bushes in the graveyard bloomed their hearts out for us and contributed flowers to church on several occasions. It's time to prune them again – and maybe transplant them so they're behind their gravestones and not in front of them hiding the inscriptions. Summer projects at Old Swedes ...

Once again, I'm going to plug the Evensong service on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM. That service had been a highlight of my week until my teaching schedule interfered once again. But I don't have class on Tuesday July 3rd –

and I'll be at Evensong that night. If you hang around a bit after the service until it gets darker, you can catch the incredible firefly show in the graveyard.

Good summer, everyone.

*Jerry Buescher*



Thanks to all the Altar Guild members who served in June - Peggy Buescher, Jeanette Woehr, Candy Roberts, Dolores Collins, Marge Lord.

Thanks to those who helped with our Sunday morning Hospitality in June, especially for our Confirmation and Bishop's Visit celebration: Peggy Buescher, Jerry Buescher, Ree Henning, Christine Amato, Heather Reed, Judy Lenhart, Jill Duink, and Megan Bartlett. And thank you to all who baked or bought goodies for our Sunday fellowship.

Thanks to those who served at St. John's Food Cupboard in June: Dolores Collins, Joe Collins, Sally Daly, Kathy Furber, Ree Henning, Rita West, Floss Brook, Sarah Eisenstein, Ann Blackstone.

Thanks to Megan Bartlett, Jerry Buescher, and Jim Minacci for officiating at Evensong while the rector was away.

Thanks to The Rev. Al Holland for celebrating Sunday Eucharist and being a pastoral presence while the rector was away.

Thanks to Deirdre Flint for our wonderful new summer banners, and for keeping our website and our presence on Facebook updated.

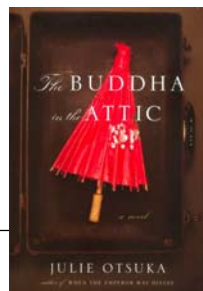
Thanks to those who write cards and make phone calls to those who cannot be with us on Sunday, and to those who pray daily the names requested, and to those who read and serve at the altar on Sundays, and to those who serve on our committees, and to those who guide and tend to our children.

Thanks to all who serve in so many ways at Gloria Dei.

## Calendar

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- July 2-6** Administrative Assistant on vacation
- July 4** Closed - National Holiday
- July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** Evensong 6:30PM - 7:00PM church  
Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome  
\$8.00 a session
- July 11, 18, 25** Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10-11:00AM  
All levels welcome
- July 17-31** Rector on vacation - The Rev. Albert Holland will officiate
- July 23** Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall  
**Defending Jacob** •  
*By William Landay*
- Aug 1-8** Administrative Assistant on vacation
- Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10-11:00AM  
All levels welcome
- Aug 6** Vestry Meeting - 7:00PM - Roak Room
- Aug 7, 14, 21, 28** Evensong 6:30PM - 7:00PM church  
Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class,  
all levels welcome \$8.00 a session
- Aug 27** Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall  
**The Buddha in the Attic** •  
*By Julie Otsuka*



**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*

# The Lectionary for July and August

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## July 1<sup>st</sup>, The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 8

*Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 Psalm: 30(1)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

## July 8<sup>th</sup>, The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 9

*God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm: 123(2)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

## July 15<sup>th</sup>, The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 10

*O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Amos 7:7-15 Psalm: 85:8-13(8)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

## July 22<sup>nd</sup>, The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 11

*O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm: 23(1)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22 Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

## July 29<sup>th</sup>, The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 12

*Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm: 145:10-18(16)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21 Gospel: John 6:1-21

### **August 5<sup>th</sup>, The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 13**

*O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalm: 78:23-29(24, 25)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

Gospel: John 6:24-35

### **August 12<sup>th</sup>, The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 14**

*Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm: 34:1-8(8)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

### **August 19<sup>th</sup>, The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 15**

*Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm: 34:9-14(10)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel: John 6:51-58

### **August 26<sup>th</sup>, The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 16**

*Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalm: 34:15-22(15)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Gospel: John 6:56-69



### **Altar Flowers**

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



## Highlights from the June 20, 2012 Vestry Meeting

- Income from the flea markets and Sexton Sideshow Memorial Day Picnic was more than anticipated. Some unexpected property expenses were also incurred.
- Several members of Gloria Dei have been attending trainings and making efforts to improve our ability to reach out to our neighbors in a loving, faithful way.
  - One such training was a series of workshops called “Transforming Congregations”. Participants who attended this training hope to create several events in the next six months that will foster and deepen our relationships with each other, with our tenant (YCCA) and with members of the surrounding communities. Look for more information in the future!
- There are 4 upcoming weddings and 1 baptism to be held at Gloria Dei.
- Yoga and Tai Chi classes continue to be offered. We may also offer a Zumba class in the fall.
- The Lucia 75<sup>th</sup> Committee continues to meet and discuss possibilities for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary:
  - Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> will be a reunion for alumni of past Lucia Fests
  - December 7-9<sup>th</sup> will be the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lucia Fest with 2 performances Friday, 3 Saturday and 3 Sunday
- Anyone interested in leadership formation, regular involvement in church, or volunteering is encouraged to speak to Joy or a vestry member. Current opportunities for ministry include: altar guild, inreach, outreach, stewards of creation (being more environmentally “green” at Gloria Dei), hospitality, worship and liturgy, stewardship, food pantry at St. John’s Episcopal, tutoring at St. James the Less, and more!
- The windows of the sextons’ house are under repair and restoration. Take a look!
- A small committee will be repairing the pew kneelers in the fall. See Carol Jenkins, Barbara Potts, or Dave Hammond if you’re interested in helping.
- All are welcome to attend vestry meetings. Next meeting is Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

## Gloria Dei Timeline: 1700-1750

**1700** The church building was dedicated on June 2, 1700. The English called this church “A Cathedral in the Forest”. The Swedish settlers called the church Gloria Dei, “A House to the Glory of God”. Building cost 30,000 dollars Swedish money. In today's money 30,000 Krona = \$3,879.73. The first orchestral music in Pennsylvania was played here by the Rosicrucian Brothers of the Wissahickon at the laying of the cornerstone and again at the dedication in 1700.

**1702–1719** Andrew Sandel – Rector

**1703** The first ordination of any clergyman in the Americas occurred here when Justis Falckner was ordained to the Lutheran ministry.

**1704** Two side rooms were added to act as buttress.

**1710** Vestry duties.

1. To take care of the church, see to its repairs, and, if necessary, put up additional buildings.
2. To maintain the parochial ordinances and regulations enacted at the general meetings, and to preserve order in time of divine worship.
3. To inspect the behavior of the people in their respective districts, admonish those that misbehave, and proceed with them further, if necessary.
4. To attend divine worship often, partake of the Lord’s Supper, and be edifying examples in all Christian virtues.”

**1719-1730** Jonas Lidman – Rector

**1730-1733** Johon Eneberg – Rector

**1731** A new organ was added. The marble baptismal font was made. It is one of the oldest fonts in continual use.

**1733** Gabriel Falk – Rector – Deposed. Parsonage house at Wicaco was built.

**1737-1741** John Dylander - Rector. **Johan Dylander** the greatest pulpit orator in America of his day, was so accomplished a linguist that, besides preaching sermons in Swedish and Latin “he delivered sacred orations in English and German without a trace of foreign accent.”

**1742** Henry Melchior Muhlenberg was consecrated. He was the founder of the Lutheran Ministerium in Pennsylvania.

**1743-1750** Gabriel Näsman – Rector Controversy over Moravians & German

## Philadelphia Timeline

- 1700 Philadelphia population about 2,000. Dec. 2, William Penn arrives.
- 1701 **October 25**, William Penn issues charter of privileges Hermits of Wissahickon play music at ordination of Justis Falckner First Presbyterian Church built, High Street and White Horse Alley (Market and Bank Streets). The first Presbytery in the United States was organized by seven Presbyterian ministers. Nov. 1, William Penn returns to England
- 1710 Christ Church built Second above Market.
- 1718 First American made printing press, Adam Ramage.
- 1719 First fire engine bought by any municipality for public purposes.
- 1723 Benjamin Franklin comes to Philadelphia. John Bartram commenced the first of America's botanical gardens
- 1730 First American Turnpike ran from Philadelphia to Lancaster
- 1731 **July 1**, Philadelphia Library founded. First Baptist Church built Second Street below Arch.
- 1732 The Philadelphia Hospital was established in connection with the Philadelphia Almshouse.
- 1733 First Fire Engine built in Philadelphia. St. Joseph's Catholic Church built in Willing's Alley.
- 1736 The Union Fire Company, first voluntary association was founded by Benjamin Franklin.
- 1739 **December**, Union Fire Company purchases first fire engine
- 1740 Philadelphia population 10,000.
- 1742 First Moravian Church built at the southeast corner Race and Bread Street
- 1743 First German Church built Race Street below Fourth. St. Michael's German Lutheran Church built corner Fifth and Appletree Alley
- 1744 Philadelphia Contributionship for insurance against losses by fire was established
- 1745 Head House Square built with bricks similar to Independence Hall. The first religious magazine was published in the German language by Christopher Sauer. New State House completed.
- 1750 Clockmaker creates solar system model

*Jeanette Woehr*



## WELCOME the Newest MEMBERS

... of Gloria Dei Church baptized on  
June 17, 2012: **Erianna Malia Newsham**  
**Emma Grace Taliaferro**

## Memorial Cards in loving memory of

### John Johnson, IV

By: Cathy & Jim Ufheil  
Bob & Carol Jenkins  
Amanda & Edwin Haury  
Dolores Kromchad

### Alice & Attilio Greco

By: Cathy & Jim Ufheil

### Raymond Capra

By: Barbara Turner

### Joan Terregano

By: Bob & Jean Neill

### James Myers

By: Bob & Jean Neill  
Bobby Neill

### Charles McCarthy

### Maryanne Delaney

By: Jean & Bob Neill  
Elizabeth McCorrison

### David McAllister (deceased 6/2/12)

By: Veronica McAllister

## 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  
Ann Blackstone  
Florence Brook  
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



## 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 (1/8/12); The Great Vigil of Easter (4/8/12); Pentecost (5/27/12); and All Saints Sunday (11/4/12). 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-Friday 9:30-2:30