



November/December 2014

Down By The Riverside

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

Thoughts from the Rector

*Remember to Breathe. Remember to Pray.
Remember to Give Thanks. Remember.*

There's so much to do! November and December descend on us in a flurry of leaves and winds and shorter days and busy, busy, busy-ness! So much to do! At church, at work, at school, at home.

These are challenging months. In the middle of the secular world's worries and woes, celebrations and joys, we consider what we are thankful for as we observe and participate in Ingathering Sunday (November 9th this year) - when we are asked to bring our pledges to church and together offer what we have to the mission and ministry of Gloria Dei. Thanksgiving Eve we gather as the family we are and offer from our own cupboards food for those in our midst who are hungry. We celebrate our history with Lucia Fest. We prepare for the coming of the Babe in Bethlehem, taking a deep breath as we recognize this, the greatest gift of an all loving, all giving, all gracious God, and trying so very hard to glimpse in the darkness and stress of the last days of the year the hope that is in us.

We cook and clean, and then cook and clean some more. We bake and shop, we sing carols and light trees and windows and decorate our homes. We hang stockings and give gifts.

And in the middle of some nights in these last months of the year we often find ourselves thinking of days past, holidays when those we have lost were still with us, when those who are separate from us now, for whatever reason, were a part of our gatherings, days we looked forward to, nights we remember.

Memory can be a tricky thing. But however we gather our thoughts and prayers as we prepare for the days to come, for another Thanksgiving, another Christmas, another year, we each carry with us all those days past, and in some mysterious way, those days, those folks long gone, those meals and gifts and gatherings feed our present and fuel our future.

As you take time this season to plan for the days to come, remember the days and the years past - remember with joy, with thanksgiving, with love. Be

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at peace with where you are now, and look with joy and anticipation to the days to come.

May the busyness of these days not overcome the joys that are offered by a loving God to all of us.

“That’s about it, friends. Be cheerful. Keep things in good repair. Keep your spirits up. Think in harmony. Be agreeable. Do all that, and the God of love and peace will be with you for sure. Greet one another with a holy embrace. All the brothers and sisters here say hello. The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you.”

(2 Corinthians 13:11-14, from *The Message*, c. 2002)

Peace, *Joy +*



Surveys and Inspections are Underway!

The church and the Historic Gloria Dei Preservation Corporation are in the process of learning more about the existing conditions of the entire church campus, including the graveyard and components of the altar within the sanctuary. Three firms have been selected to assess and provide the organizations with much-needed information and understanding of the current condition of our historic site. The studies are necessary to evaluate the needs of the site in order to seek assistance from appropriate funders to preserve our National Historic Landmark.

Daley+Jalboot Architects Inc. (D+JA) have recently begun their Infrastructure Study review which includes the Church, Riverside Hall, Roak House, the Sexton’s House, the Rector’s House, and the perimeter brick walls. Their study includes the digital documentation of the existing conditions of all buildings with regard to major building components and systems. These components encompass the building envelope, roofing, flashing, windows, doors, trim, interior finishes, millwork, fixtures, and mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. D+JA will also provide a preliminary code review to evaluate compliance with the American for Disabilities Act. Their report will be forthcoming in the next few months along with cost estimates for the recommended repair work.

Materials Conservation Co. (MCC) will begin shortly on their assessment of the grave markers. A thorough survey of the existing conditions of each marker will be provided, along with a prioritized conservation plan for the entire graveyard. A cost estimate will also be provided so the work can be budgeted and planned.

In collaboration with MCC, J&M Preservation Studio will be studying the existing conditions of the sanctuary's altar. The altar platform has sunken over time and there are several floor tiles that have come loose. The tiled platform was likely constructed in the late nineteenth/early twentieth century, at the same time other modifications were made along the front of the church. This alteration also included relocating some of the grave markers/plaques that were originally at the front of the church to the aisles of the sanctuary. However, the remains of eleven church members were not relocated and continue to reside under the altar area.

The team will be surveying and identifying the cause of settlement around the altar platform while minimizing the disturbance to the sanctuary. They will be removing select tiles and drilling holes through the subfloor so they can insert a boroscope to view the conditions below. Once they have viewed the conditions of the framing they will determine the structural loading capacity of the existing framing members.

After the investigation is complete, the existing tiles and loose nosings will be reset, and the team will report their findings and recommendations.

Stay tuned for updates and photos on these investigative studies in the coming months!



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.

The Church and Money

The biblical view on money is easily interpreted as the opposite of God's will. (One cannot serve both God and money - Matthew 6:24). But this does not mean that money is not spiritual. Money certainly does influence our spirit. The question is how.

Money can monopolize our thoughts and decisions. Money can serve to make us freer, safer, and smarter. Money can isolate us (with people only wanting you for your money) or liberate us (people helping each other with their needs for food, health, justice ...) Money can impoverish us or enrich us as a human being. The choice is not God or money. The reality is that money will have an impact on our spiritual disposition in life.

While we do not like to think about it, spiritual places like churches need a lot of money. People tend to consider churches as places where we live by faith, hope, and love - the parts of our life that have no direct monetary value. Therefore: churches don't need money.

And in fact, many aspects of our church life can do without money. But, as with many aspects of our lives, our spiritual service work often needs a meeting room, some staff to support our ministry, and some spiritual leadership.

When you add in ministries that represent our community (outreach, music, historic preservation) and a 300+ year old sanctuary that helps us connect with our spirituality, we quickly find ourselves with a budget that needs constant stewards, donations, and contributions; people who continue to share their money as service.

There is no doubt that money and church go together. At Gloria Dei, we hope to keep money operating in a way that serves our congregational family, enriches us individually, and builds our collective spiritual strength. Money can serve our spiritual well-being and this is how money is positively spiritual.



At this time of Stewardship, please include money in your prayer and your discernment, and consider with God how much you would like to share of it with Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church.

To assist with your consideration – we have included a *Commitment* brochure with this issue of the *Riverside*. On the inside, you will see the many ministries and community service areas that we engage in at Gloria Dei. Please let us know where you would enjoy assisting with time and talent.

On the inside right panel, is a chart to consider increasing your financial gift by 10% - a concept of tithing your financial gift. If you are moved by spirit to make a financial gift, please fill out the brochure and place it in the Offering Basket on November 9th, or give it to Joy, or mail it!

Respectfully,

Candace Roberts

2014-15 Stewardship Chair



Requests For Prayers Are Always Welcome

Please contact our Prayer Chain Coordinator, Megan Bartlett, with your prayer requests. You may email her (megan77777@yahoo.com) or phone her (267-251-3579), or you may contact the church office or the Rector at 215-389-1513. All request will remain confidential.

Intercessors will pray on behalf of those in need



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

Thoughts from the Rector's Warden

Fall is in the air and the trees are beginning to change color. Gloria Dei is a delight this time of year, providing a country like setting in our small section of the city. Red and yellow colors fly thru the air as the wind blows the leaves around. Come marvel at the beauty of God's creation and walk the churchyard. It looks spectacular!

As we enter a very busy time of year with Thanksgiving coming, we ask you to remember those who are less fortunate. I never cease to marvel at parade of people carrying cans of food up the isle to be placed on the altar during Thanksgiving services. Food that will be donated to our local families in need. Join us in our mission to help support those who might go hungry.

It's a time to reflect all we have and to give thanks.

Speaking of giving thanks, I would like to thank all who helped make our guest chef's at Ronald McDonald house a success. The families loved all the homemade food.

This is a very busy time of year for us, with Lucia practice filling our Sunday afternoons. Most of us are involved in Lucia weekend in one way or another. We need all the help we can get, so come out and join the fun.

Winter is coming, and with that Advent, and Christmas. Our church will be dressed for the occasion with garland and bows, and filled with the sound of beautiful carols. Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Wishing you all the joy the season can hold, take time to enjoy the holidays with family and friends.



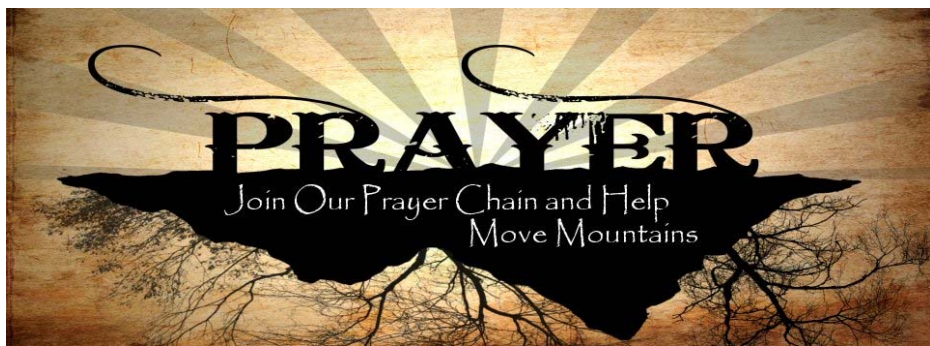
Look for **the blue UTO box** to be passed around in November.

United Thank Offering does good things when we Give.

Give for Blessings, Give for Family Memories, Give for ?

Bring some change and Give.





Prayer Chain Ministry

As Thanksgiving approaches, I find myself reflecting on the blessings in my life and being concerned about those whose needs aren't met. I've become more intentional in my prayer life, noticing opportunities to pray for those who are hungry, homeless, sick, or those who feel alone, lost, or hopeless. In October, I felt a call to coordinate Gloria Dei's Prayer Chain Ministry. The prayer chain is a group of individuals who take a few moments each day to pray for the concerns of others. A prayer chain works best when there are individuals (called "intercessors") committed to devoting a few minutes each day to pray AND when the needs of others are brought to the attention of the prayer chain coordinator. So, here's how you can get involved:

Become an intercessor. There is no commitment other than sharing with me your phone number or email address and devoting time each day to pray. Every time a new prayer concern is brought to my attention, I'll pass that concern on to you so you can pray for the person for 30 days.

Share your prayer concerns. Prayer requests can be made to me or Rev. Joy Segal or by filling out a Prayer Request Form, available on the table in the back of the church. Prayer requests are kept confidential among the intercessors.

Thank you, in advance, to all of our intercessors past, present, and future and to those who faithfully bring to light the concerns of our members.

Sincerely,

Megan Bartlett

- megan77777@yahoo.com

- 267-251-3579

Thanksgiving Eve at Gloria Dei

Once again we will celebrate Thanksgiving at Gloria Dei this year on Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve, November 26th, with a service of Thanksgiving and Holy Communion at 7pm. We ask that you bring a canned good or dry good to bring forward during this service to be placed on the altar and blessed. We will share this ingathering of food with those in our community who are in need.

We have much to be thankful for here at Gloria Dei. Hopefully many of you will join us, and bring family and friends, as we thank God for the blessings of this place and this community.

*Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

(Psalm 95:2)

Gloria Dei History

One of the parishioners also had an impact on society. A ship captain traveled to South America where he was introduced to rubber trees. He brought the rubber back to Philadelphia and instructed people how to make rubber boots. In May 1918 Mary McCalla Evans wrote the following letter:

My memory often reverts to many statements of my dear Aunt Isabella Cruse, as to the fact of my grandfather Captain Peter Cruse, being the first conveyor of rubber in America.

He was a captain in the old merchant man service, and traded in the West Indies and South American ports. He was born in Gothenburg, Sweden, and was at first in the Swedish Navy, having run away to sea, as so often the Swedish lovers of the Great Deep were apt to do. Being Anxious to go to America, his mother, who taught him the love of the Bible, which he learned to read at her knee, urged him if he went to America, to go where her cousin, Rev. Nicholas Collin, had long since settled.

So Captain Cruse came to America, and Philadelphia. He at once attached himself to "Old Swedes" Church, and was a devoted attendant when on land. It is said of him if his vessel was returning from a voyage, near the first of any month, he would speed his boat to the utmost so as to be on hand at church on the first Sunday of the month, as the sermon on that day was always preached in the Swedish language. He himself wrote and spoke seven languages.

In Philadelphia the Captain fell in love with Catharine Simpson, daughter of James Simpson, a builder of vessels. Her favorite brother, James Simpson, Jr.,

became the founder of the large shipbuilding firm of Simpson & Neil, who built the first floating dry docks in America at the foot of Christian Street wharf. Catharine was only seventeen years old and as her parents had other matrimonial ideas for her, she resisted them, and married the Swedish First Mate, afterward Captain Cruse, and later a ship-owner of quite great repute.

After one of his voyages from South American he landed in Philadelphia, some ninety years ago, with what he called "a queer cargo," for it was composed of clumsy rubber shoes in the rough. The virgin rubber had been melted, and before hardening, the feet of the natives had been presses, after cooling, into the soft substance, and they were to have the outside rough edges pared off with knives after reaching this country.

When the vessel reached Christian Street wharf, many of the prominent shipping men of Philadelphia were invited to visit the ship, and inspect the cargo. Among these shipping men one recalls the names of Thomas Earp, John F. Ohl, the Bernadous, and many others, all of whom were enthusiastic over the then mysterious substance in the vessel's hold, which they were told was to be converted into shoes which would resist rainy weather. The local papers of that period made many favorable comments on the value of the cargo, and in the practical utilization of the product of the rubber tree. In these days of motor cars, and the necessary rubber tires, what great strides have been made since Captain Cruse came up the Delaware River with his "queer cargo."

The carved angels and open Bible that hang below the organ loft in the rear of the Church were carbon dated in 2000 to determine if they were from Sweden or carved here by a local shipbuilder. It was determined it was of yellow pine common to both Sweden and the United States at that time. The inscription on the left hand page reads: The people who sat in the darkness have seen great light and on the right hand page, Glory to God in the Highest.

The marble baptismal font was made in 1731. It is one of the oldest fonts in continual use. The organ is a Hook and Hastings tracker organ from 1903.

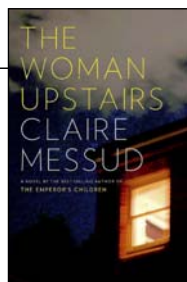
Records of the long procession of births, marriages and deaths of those who have come to worship here - archives now of American History have been computerized. 1750 - present. Computerizing Rev. Collin's records were a genealogist dream. He would list the person's name, what he did, where he was from, and who his forefathers were. Rev. Collin also wrote "Remarkable Occurrences". He would comment on sailor's coming at the late hour of 10 O'clock after the shutters had been closed and lamps extinguished requesting marriage ceremonies, or of couples not producing the proper credentials.

Historic Churches of Philadelphia Watercolors by Benjamin Eisenstadt hang in Riverside Hall. The building was built in 1863 as a Sunday School building.

Jeanette Woehr

Calendar

- Nov. 1** Sexton Sideshow - Day of the Dead - 6-11pm
- Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23** Lucia Rehearsals 12:45pm
- Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25** Evensong - 6:30pm - 7:00pm- Church
Bells 7:00pm
Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome
\$8.00 a session
- Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26** Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10 - 11:00AM.
All levels welcome
- Nov. 9** Swedish Service - 4:00PM - Church,
Reception Riverside Hall
- Nov. 12** *Jazz & Joe* - Special Event, 7:30pm
at Gloria Dei
- Nov. 20** Swedish Colonial Society - Riverside Hall - 1:00-3:00PM
Vestry Meeting - 7:00PM - Roak Room
- Nov. 24** Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall
The Woman Upstairs —————
by Claire Messud



- Nov. 26** Thanksgiving Eve Service - 7:00pm
- Nov. 27, 28** Church and Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov. 30** Lucia Dress Rehearsal and Dinner



Calendar

- Dec. 1, 2, 3** Rector Away - Clergy Conference
- Dec. 2, 23, 30** Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome
\$8.00 a session
- Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** Evensong - 6:30pm - 7:00pm- Church
Bells 7:00pm
- Dec. 3, 17** Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10 - 11:00AM.
All levels welcome
- Dec. 5, 6, 7** Lucia Fest - Friday 5th, 6:00 & 8:00pm,
Sat & Sun, Dec 6 & 7th, 2:00, 3:30, & 5:00pm services.
Adults: \$12.00 Children under 12 years: \$6.00
- Dec. 5, 6, 7** St. Eric's Fair - Riverside Hall
- Dec. 10** A Thrill of Hope: The Christmas Story in Word and Art
- 7:00pm Session 1: The Annunciation
- Dec. 13** Sexton Sideshow- Honky Tonk Hollydei - 5-11pm
- Dec. 17** A Thrill of Hope: The Christmas Story in Word and Art
- 7:00pm Session 2: The Nativity
- Dec. 18** Vestry Meeting, 7:00pm, Roak Room
QVNA Holiday Party - Riverside Hall - 6-10:00pm
- Dec. 21** A Thrill of Hope: The Christmas Story in Word and Art
- 12:00 noon Session 3: The Shepherds
- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Service - 7:00pm, with reception to follow
- Dec. 25** Julotta (Swedish Service) - 7:00am
Christmas Day Service - Rite II with Communion-
10:00am
- Dec. 24, 25, 26** Church Office Closed for the Christmas Holiday
- Dec. 31, Jan 1** Church and Office Closed for the Holiday

The Lectionary for November

November 2nd, All Saints Sunday

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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: Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm: 34:1-10, 22

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

November 9th, Proper 27, Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm: 70

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-3

November 16th, Proper 28, Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

1st Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm: 90:1-8, 12

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

November 23rd, Feast of Christ the King, Last Sunday after Pentecost

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve 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: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm: 95:1-7a

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Thanksgiving Eve

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Psalm: 65

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

November 30, 1st Sunday of Advent

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

1st Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm: 80:1-7, 16-18

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37



The Lectionary for December

December 7, 2nd Sunday of Advent

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; 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: Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm: 85:1-2, 8-13

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

December 14th, 3rd Sunday of Advent

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; 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: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalm: 126

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 21st, 4th Sunday of Advent

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Canticle #15: Song of Mary

2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

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December 24th, Christmas Eve, The Nativity of Our Lord

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm: 96

2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

December 25th, Christmas Day, The Nativity of Our Lord

Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

1st Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm: 98

2nd Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4

Gospel: John 1:1-14

December 28th, 1st Sunday after Christmas Day

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm: 148

2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

January 4th, Epiphany of Our Lord

Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all the lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, 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: Isaiah 60:1-

Psalm: 72:1-7, 10-14

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



Christmas Thanksgivings and Memorials

If you would like to give thanks or remember a loved one this Christmas, consider contributing to our Christmas Flowers. The enclosed envelope may be filled out and mailed at any time between now and December 17th for names to be included in our Christmas bulletins.



Christmas Services at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24, 2014

7:00 PM Holy Communion, with Sunday School Tableau

Christmas Fellowship in Riverside Hall will follow Christmas Eve service

Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25, 2014

7:00 AM Julotta (Swedish service)

10:00 AM Holy Communion

First Sunday after Christmas – Sunday, December 28, 2014

10:00AM Holy Communion

The Feast of the Epiphany – Sunday, January 4, 2015

10:00 AM Holy Communion



Hospitality Committee

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap.” *Luke 6:38*

Hospitality is awesome at Gloria Dei! It is more than just providing service to others. For me, the satisfaction of being there for others and witnessing the fabulous exchange in relationships has been key. There are many opportunities at Gloria Dei to give and share and take part in life's flow of giving and receiving. Jesus tells us the most important thing for us to do is to love one another – all these random acts of kindness and service display this love. Our reaching out to visitors in our midst has, of course, not only been a benefit to them. It has brought a blessing to us as well. We've become closer and more aware of our care for each other. The smiles of appreciation for that hot cup of coffee on a cold winter day or the smile behind the open door for the newcomer cannot be duplicated.

The Hospitality Committee thanks all the parishioners for their continued support in making Gloria Dei a “place of welcome” for all our visitors on Sunday mornings. We would appreciate and need your support.

I have always believed that it is in “giving that we receive.” Our ministry is always open for new ideas and volunteers.

We welcome Barb Chilcott who has recently joined the Hospitality Committee.

Thank you once again from the Hospitality Committee and the visitors you made welcome.

Love and peace.

Peggy Buescher, Re Henning & Barb Chilcott

A close-up photograph of a clock face, showing the numbers 12, 1, and 2. The clock hand is pointing towards the 12. The image has a teal or blue tint.

Daylight Savings Time is Nov. 2nd — Fall Back

NEW!!!

Advent and Epiphany Video and Discussion Program

A Thrill of Hope; The Christmas Story in Word and Art

Because of the amount of time and effort it takes each year for us to prepare and pull off our Lucia Fest we have not eeked out any time in so many years here at Gloria Dei to have an Advent program – a time when we can come together and consider the Incarnation and prepare ourselves in mind body and spirit to greet the Christ Child with joy and hope. This year we'll begin a program that will entail six hourly sessions – three in Advent and three in Epiphany. This program will include a short video each week considering the art of John August Swanson depicting the scriptural events of those seasons along with biblical scholars presenting historical insights into those events. Below is the schedule and the topic for each of the sessions. Please consider setting aside just this bit of time in these seasons to gather in thanksgiving for the great gift of light and life and hope and joy that these seasons represent.

Wednesday, 12/10/14, 7PM	Session #1 – The Annunciation
Wednesday, 12/17/14, 7PM	Session #2 – The Nativity
Sunday, 12/21/14, 12 Noon	Session #3 – The Shepherds
Wednesday, 1/7/15, 7PM	Session #4 – The Epiphany
Wednesday, 1/21/15, 7PM	Session #5 – The Presentation
Wednesday, 1/28/15, 7PM	Session #6 – The Flight into Egypt





Tickets available online
now to Nov. 30:

www.old-swedes.org

(and at the door based on
available seating - so reserve today!)

Lucia Fest at Gloria Dei

OLD - SWEDES

& Don't miss
St. Eric's Fair
for your holiday shopping
before and after every
program!

Friday, Dec. 5 - 6:00 & 8:00

Saturday & Sunday,
Dec. 6 & 7 - 2:00, 3:30 & 5:00

Tickets: Adults - \$12
Children under 12 - \$6



Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church
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Gloria Dei Church*



Where in the world is Eric 13?

And if you knew would you recognize him?



The Book Club at Gloria Dei

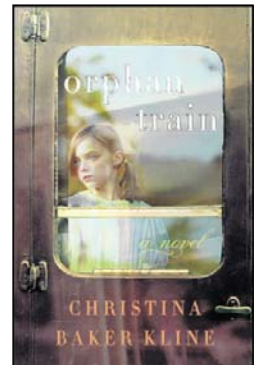
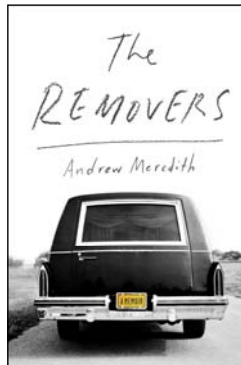
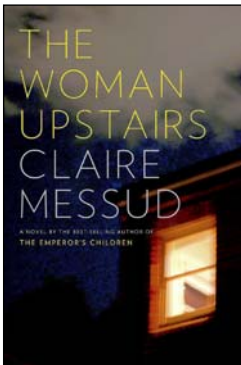
Here are our next books and meeting dates. The Book Club meets at 7 pm

November 24, 2014 **The Woman Upstairs**
By Claire Messud

No meeting in December

January 26, 2015 **The Removers**
By Andrew Meredith

February 23, 2015 **Orphan Train**
By Kristina Baker Kline



Marilyn Johnson



Wednesday November 12th

We are Shooting a Video of this Event

*The Most Important Part Of This Presentation
Is You — The Audience*

*Please Help Us By Planning To Be at
Riverside Hall from 7:30 to 9:30 PM*

All Are Welcome!



Git Yer Boots On!

The Sexton Sideshow presents...



HONKEY TONK HOLLY-DEI

NO GOOD SISTER SWEETBRIAR ROSE BLACK HORSE MOTEL
FISTFUL OF SUGAR FEATURING: CAROLYN THORN
THE HUMMINGBYRDS HANNAH TAYLOR AND SWEDELAND

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church
Sat. December 13th
6-11 PM

sponsored by...

PHILADELPHIA BREWING COMPANY, COMMONWEALTH CIDER
FOR PETE'S SAKE, PHILADELPHIA FOLKSONG SOCIETY



We're Throwing a Party!!

Sunday, December 21st, 2-4PM

Gloria Dei is throwing a holiday party for the mothers and children at the ECS/St. Barnabas Mission. We'll be bringing food and games and music and gift cards to fifty children and 37 adults. We're so excited about this! Please consider contributing your time and talent and treasure for this wonderful event. And plan to join us that day. The more the merrier!

If you wish to help with the planning of this event or wish to contribute food or gift cards, please be in touch with Re Henning (215-271-8345) or Kim Goodwin (215-888-8542)



St. Eric's Fair



Holiday Shopping



Civil Discourse in America: Finding Common Ground for the Greater Good



Celebrate the Newly Married:

Susan Marie Collins and

John Michael Steele

September 27th, 2014

Allison Kimberly Lind

and David William Kang

October 10th, 2014

Karen Scheibel and Timothy Peterman

October 11, 2014

Memorial Cards in loving memory of:

Joseph Callan

By: Bob & Sally Daly

By: George & Donna Collins

Steven Hones

By: Bob & Sally Daly

Thomas Moock

By: Dolores Kromchad

Welcome the Newest Member

Baptized on October 26th, 2014

Matilda Maja Ray Persson



Sunday Service:

10:00 AM

Tuesday Evensong 6:30 PM

Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday 9:30-2:30

CLERGY

The Rev. D. Joy Segal, Rector

STAFF

Paul Fejko, Music Director

Vicki Cusack, Parish Administrator

Paula & James Minacci, Sextons

Deirdre Flint, Dir. of Comm.

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

VESTRY

Barbara Chilcott

Jill Duink

Kimberly Goodwin

Re Henning

Carol Jenkins, Rector's Warden

Leigh Jenkins, Secretary

Jim Parsons

Michael Phillips

Barbara Potts

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 advice of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.