



February / March 2019

# Down By The Riverside

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

## A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear People of God,

In this early part of 2019, what are your expectations for the year? What do you think God has in mind for us at Gloria Dei? I ask your prayers about some hopes that the vestry and I have for the coming year.

We are working to win some major grants this year for the repair of our buildings. We are working to adopt a pattern for ourselves in all we do: Communicate, Organize, Execute, Reflect (COER). Please pray for us on our retreat day, March 16, and for our facilitator.

We are working with a hopeful spirit for our events like the Flea Market and Lucia. We are grateful for the financial benefits of these events to support our budget.

We are discussing various ways small groups can strengthen our community. We are wondering about our outreach opportunities. We are considering how to tithe a portion of our fundraising profits so that the blessings given to us will bless others.

We are looking to knit into one body those who are new with those who are longtime members.

I believe God wants all this and more for us. And I see our parish ready to turn toward Jesus through our Episcopal ways for guidance. I encourage all of us to know and love one of our greatest treasures: The Book of Common Prayer. *Praying shapes believing.*

Sometimes we may feel worried about the decline of the Church. Yet, Jesus is as present to us as ever, through prayer, the scriptures, the sacraments, and our fellowship. Let us grow in love for one another. Let us trust God's plans for Gloria Dei.

In Christ,

Pastor Patricia

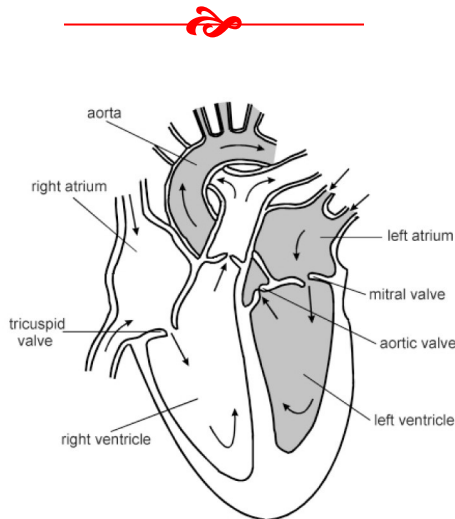
## STEWARDSHIP – Jerry Buescher

We set a goal of ten never-before pledgers at our Stewardship campaign in November of 2018. We didn't make ten, but we made seven – and we're certainly grateful for those seven. It's been a good number of years since we had new, never-before pledgers. In total, about \$53,000 was pledged for 2019.

We decided that on the first Sunday of every month in 2019, someone will speak for a few minutes at the 10:00 AM service about how their life has changed because of their relationship with our church, Gloria Dei. How the world has been made just a little bit better because of something Gloria Dei does.

On the first Sunday in February, someone will speak about how their first experience with the Lucia Fest affected them. And we'll have someone else talk about their experience on the first Sunday of March, and April, and May...

Would you please start thinking about how Christ, or this church, has changed or affected your life? In the weeks ahead, I'm going to ask you that question and invite you to share that with everyone else. Please – make that “asking” part of your daily routine.



## GREEN COMMITTEE—Heather Myers

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. “Recycling is not the answer...The only way out of this mess is to start being more conscious of the stuff we buy and to reduce our overall waste.” says Heidi Bischof, sustainability educator & activist, founder of @ Earth Ethic. Her article *The Problem of Recycling and the Key to Moving Beyond It* was an eye opener as to what we are actually doing to our planet with our plastic obsession. Reduce, Rethink and go back to old practices. Think back to before there was plastic. We all know habits are hard to change. I challenge you this Lenten season to make a change in your habits. Reconsider your perspective on single use items and say no to plastic straws! Our planet needs us! Rethink the milk man, pull out those cloth napkins and pocket squares. News worthy: In a pilot project Häagen-Dazs and Tropicana Orange Juice will be delivered in reusable containers. Now this is something we could get behind! I recently starting using a shampoo bar, no waste. Tom likes it too, now our shower is almost plastic free. Simple changes... think about the possibility. It just takes a simple change!



Carry a re-usable one!  
Once you get used to doing it, it becomes second nature.  
An easy switch that saves our waterways and wildlife.

## HGDPC—Candace Roberts

Historic Gloria Dei has been fundraising for about 4 years now with the intention of applying for a PA Keystone Grant. This state grant requires 50% matching funds, so we wanted to get to a high enough number to maximize our request. We are currently at \$50,000.

With the approval and help of the vestry we are seeking a grant of \$65,000. If successful with our application, this means we will need to raise an additional \$15,000 before next October.

The project is to repair and paint the exterior of the Church and steeple, the first floor Church interior, the exterior of Riverside Hall, and the Sexton's House exterior. We will use the existing paint colors as these are the historic colors for the time when the balconies were added to the Church. Of course, this is no hardship as the soft blue ceiling and cream color walls are soothing and entirely lovely for a church sanctuary. With our flying angel and sailing ships you can easily imagine blue skies or blue waters!

Repairing and painting these buildings is not only the right thing to do as good stewards of Gloria Dei, the fresh, clean look will make these buildings attractive for rentals, and build upon the installation of the air-conditioning made possible with the 2018 DIOPA Grant. There is good reason to believe that a successful rental program of our assets will not only engage the community with us, it will provide revenue to use for further repair and painting of the Rectory and Roak House, repairs to the walkway, conserving markers, and several other capital projects that we have been thinking about.

The application is due March 1, so send your prayers for our success. Please think about helping to close the \$15,000 gap. We have the **100 Founding Members** program at \$1,000. Please consider this option to honor a loved one on our website. Any donated amount is always gratefully received. There is a link on our website to make it easy to give in a single gift or monthly: <https://preserveoldswedes.org/donate/> (continued on next page)

With the PA Keystone Grant, you effectively double your donation with the state's matching funds.

Please check out our new website. The home page includes a growing map of the churchyard with rollovers of who is where and what we know about their marker!



*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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Columbus Blvd. & Christian St., Philadelphia, PA 19147  
Please join us Today by check or online at [www.preserveoldswedes.org](http://www.preserveoldswedes.org)*

## LENTEN PRAYER SERIES—Megan Bartlett

In Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, members of the early Church were encouraged to "pray without ceasing". We, too, would benefit from living our daily lives in a state of prayerfulness. The liturgical season of Lent provides us with a great opportunity to take on a new spiritual practice, so let's put our energy toward prayer.

Join us before worship on the five Sundays of Lent as we learn about and practice five different forms of prayer:

1st Sunday in Lent (3/10) - The Jesus Prayer: Prayer for When  
We Make Mistakes

2nd Sunday in Lent (3/17) - The Labyrinth: Prayer for When  
We Can't Sit Still

3rd Sunday in Lent (3/24) - Lectio Divina: Prayer for When  
We Feel Disconnected from God

4th Sunday in Lent (3/31) - Prayer Journaling and Lament:  
Prayer for When We Are Upset or in Pain

5th Sunday in Lent (4/7) - Centering Prayer: Prayer for When  
We Feel Scattered

Each session will be held in the Rectory (or in Roak, depending on the size of the group) from 9:00-9:45am. Please join us!



**Feb 28<sup>th</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:30 to 9:30 pm - Riverside Hall**

## ALTAR GUILD – Cathy Ufheil

The Altar Guild is looking for members! This commitment is once a month...and while performing a very important service for the Lord and the congregation, it offers a sense of peace and joy to all who accept as well as sense of personal contribution to the good of our church family. Anyone who sets their own table at home can learn how to set the Lord's Table, and as at home, each thing used in worship has its own significance and purpose. We'll explain why and how in an upcoming class.

If you would like to be a chalice bearer and assist Patricia in distributing the Eucharist...or if you would like to be a "crucifer" and carry the cross into and out of church during worship....please... consider joining the growing Altar Guild team! Speak with Cathy Ufheil, Peggy Buescher or Jeanette Woehr.



### 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.



## AN OPEN LETTER – Sally Daly

(Sally Daly is a long-time parishioner who is recovering from injuries sustained in a fall last year.)

I praise and thank you, Jesus, for getting me on the road again. From the top of my head, to the tips of my toes, you laid your healing hands on me. Through all challenges, hurts, and fears, you took my hand and walked with me. You give me courage to greet the day, and I know you are showing me the way, by getting me back in the swing of things.

I praise and thank you, Jesus, for all the blessings you have given me: family, friends, phone calls, cards, prayers, visits, medical help, and therapy, to name a few. They are treasures you can't take to the bank.

Love and peace be with you forever and a day,

Your friend,

Sally

P.S. ON THE ROAD AGAIN!





## HISTORY COMMITTEE—Jeanette Woehr

The Rev. Andrew Rudman was the first rector of Gloria Dei at Wicacco. While at Gloria Dei, Rev. Rudman became a naturalized citizen. William Penn signed his naturalization document, which has been stored in our archives for many years causing some problems to the parchment. This document is double-sided and encased in glass in a wooden frame. The Swedish Colonial Society has graciously agreed to repair this valuable document. Rev. Rudman also published several hymns. On Trinity Sunday, June 16, 2019, we will celebrate Rev. Andrew Rudman's accomplishments during our anniversary service.



Update on the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) project *Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives*: The grant of \$385,205 is for “Digitizing the Records of Philadelphia’s Historic Congregations: Providing Documentation for the Political, Social and Cultural Developments in Philadelphia.” Gloria Dei baptism, marriage, and death records 1750-1830, tombstone inscriptions, Vestry minutes from 1765-1840, miscellaneous records 1636-1760, and Rev. Andrew Rudman’s naturalization document have been scanned.

## SEXTON SIDESHOW UPCOMING EVENTS

### February 17th – Valentine's Brunch 11:30–2:30

\$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, local music provided by Paul Fejko, Jessica Graae, Erin Fox, Jaimie Olson, Michael McShane, CT Thorn, Julia Levitina,

### March 17th—St. Patty's Day Brunch 11:30–2:30

\$10 a plate Irish Breakfast with live, local music.

### April 12—Jesus Christ Superstar by EJ Simpson

Tickets \$15 Doors open for food & refreshments at 7pm  
Show starts at 8pm.

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



THE

**Sexton SideShow** *presents*

**ONE MAN : TWELVE GUITARS**

# **JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR**



**E.J. Simpson's  
SOLO  
ADAPTATION**



Friday, April 12

Doors open at 7pm for food & refreshments

Show starts at 8pm

Tickets available at the door \$15

## *—save the date—*

February  
12, 19, 26

**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 Asa-  
na to deepen your awareness of breath.  
Mats available to borrow. All levels  
welcome.

February  
13, 20, 27

**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 Chair Yoga  
Feb 20th)

**Int/Adv 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.



February 10	<b>Confirmation and visit</b> - from The Rt. Rev. Daniel Guitérrez, Bishop of PA. Service at 10:00am. <b>Church of Sweden</b> -4:00pm, Service in church at 4pm, fellowship following in Riverside Hall.
February 11	<b>HGDPC Meeting</b> -5:30pm in Riverside Hall.
February 17	<b>Sexton Sideshow Valentine's Pancake Brunch</b> - 11:30am - 2:30pm \$ 10 all you can eat pancakes, Canadian bacon, fresh fruit, sweets, coffee, tea, juice. Kids under 12 free. Live Music, Local talent. Mimosas, Craft Beer & Cider available.
February 18	President's Day
February 19	<b>Project Church (Gloria Dei Youth Group)</b> - Ages 10+, 4:00 - 6:00pm in the Rectory. A meal will be served.
February 21	<b>Swedish Colonial Society Meeting</b> - 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Riverside Hall
February 28	<b>Vestry Meeting</b> -7:00pm, Roak Room <b>Jazz &amp; Joe</b> - 7:30pm Riverside Hall



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- \*\*New Class starting March 20th\*\* Beginner Tai Chi with Gretchen** – Wednesdays 11:45am, Riverside Hall. \$10 per class. A “soft” martial art, a moving meditation; and a “hard” martial art, a fighting tool. While learning the mediation, students practice a routine of lower and upper body movements, like a dance. Then by linking them together we begin practicing 'The Form', the name given to Tai Chi while in motion. Health Benefits: Increase flexibility. Improve balance and coordination. Calm the mind. Refine concentration. Strengthen and tone muscles.
- March 3 **Project Church (Gloria Dei Youth Group)** - Ages 10+, meets in the Rectory following 10:00am service
- March 6 **Ash Wednesday.** Service at 12 noon & 7:00pm. Also “Ashes To Go” beginning at 7:00am. Follow us on Facebook in real time to find our location!

March 8,9,10

**3-Day Icon Painting Workshop with Peter Pearson** – Friday 7pm – 9pm, Saturday 9am – 4pm, Sunday 12:30 – 5pm. \$250 includes all 3 sessions plus materials. RSVP to [info@old-swedes.org](mailto:info@old-swedes.org). Please join us for an icon painting workshop/retreat led by Fr. Peter Pearson a master iconographer who has been painting icons for fifty years, teaching icon painting for over twenty-five years, authored three books on icon painting, and who has assisted scores of people to touch the heart of prayer with a paint brush. No innate skill or previous experience is required. None. Please join us.

March 10

**Church of Sweden** –4:00pm, Service in church at 4pm, fellowship following in Riverside Hall.

March 11

**HGDPC Meeting (Historic Preservation Board)** –5:30pm in Riverside Hall.

March  
10, 17, 24, 31  
& April 7

**5-Week Prayer Journey Through Lent** - 9:00am Sundays in the Rectory  
Let us expose you to different forms of prayer that can be used as tools to promote self-reflection, and to deepen your relationship with God during the Lenten season.

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**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](http://www.old-swedes.org)



# 3-Day Icon Painting Workshop with Peter Pearson

March 8 from 7 - 9 pm / March 9 from 9am - 4 pm

March 10 from 12:30 - 5 pm

\$250 includes all 3 sessions

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Episcopal Church in Philadelphia

Please RSVP to [info@old-swedes.org](mailto:info@old-swedes.org)

Corner of Christian St. & Columbus Blvd. 19147

There are many ways to pray. Some include words. But many, many more include movement, music, beauty, and even silence. Simple things like a brush stroke can be a prayer. During our time together, we're going to take a journey of prayer that touches upon the many ways to pray using the ancient Christian art of icon painting. Everyone will work on the same image, using the same tools and paints. You will be amazed at the diversity that results. Somewhere in the midst of this creative process, a brushstroke will reveal itself as a means for touching God. All you have to do is let go.



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Christmas 2018





### Dates to Remember

March 6 Ash Wednesday

April 14 Palm Sunday

April 17 Seder

April 18 Maundy Thursday

April 19 Good Friday

April 21 Easter

April 28 Earth Day





### **Congratulate the newly Confirmed:**

Cherokee Rose Carol Guido

Charles Jay Moore

### **Memorial Cards in loving memory of:**

**Mary Otto**

by: Roberta Kubiak

Jean & Bob Neill

Donna Collins

Dolores Collins

**Joe Verbitski**

by: Roberta Kubiak

Robert Kridlow

Donna Collins

Dolores Collins

**Doris Connor**

by: Sally Daly

Cathy & Jim Ufheil

Re Henning

Rita West

Dolores Collins

Susan Lewandowski

**David Potts**

by: Cathy & Jim Ufheil

Rita West

Dolores Collins

**Rosemary Block**

by: Sharon Johnson

### **In Remembrance of:**

Doris Connor

December 30, 2018



**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

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