



May / June 2017

# Down By The Riverside

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

## Rector's Report from Annual Meeting

*We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.*

*(Romans 8: 28)*

I have always opened my Rector Report for the Annual Meeting booklet with numbers – income, expenses, attendance, baptisms, weddings, pledges, etc. But since this is the last Rector Report I will write I have chosen to ditch that approach – or rather, to leave it to the Accounting Warden and Treasurer and Stewardship Committee to report to you about those important things.

As I write this report I find that I am reflecting not only on last year's news, events, happenings, and revelations but on the greater sweep of the time I have been privileged to be a part of this historic, sacred, and beautiful place called Old Swedes. And in that sweep of over eleven years I am considering what I have learned about God and the church, the Church in the city, and all of you, the children of God, who reside in my heart – and how those things are all of one piece.

Gloria Dei has been here longer than any other building, establishment, or organization anywhere nearby. Over centuries this church has watched as the city grew, the neighborhood changed over and over, the country went to war many times, and immigrants arrived seeking new life, new hope. All the while folks came here to worship, some to be baptized, others married, many buried. History and mystery are both alive and well on this sacred ground. I cannot fathom how much my call to this place has changed me, or you, or the community within which we exist. But it has. How could it not? Such places are few and far between, and as I begin my final months with you I want more than anything to be sure you know these things, and remember them.

What we did here last year, what has been done for so many years, has reached both outwardly and inwardly. Last year we continued many of our ministries that provide space for the community to gather for fellowship: Jazz & Joe, Sexton Sideshows, Flea Markets, Yoga, QiGong, Meditation, Trick or Treat in the Graveyard, our Preservation Board's Spirits and History event, hosting our neighborhood associations' various meetings and gatherings, and so much more. We continue to be home to the Swedish Colonial Society and welcome

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them throughout the year to meet here. The Church of Sweden continues to worship in the church monthly and enjoys gathering for fellowship in our hall. We are home to the Young Children's Creative Arts Preschool and rejoice as that establishment provides the laughter and joy of children on our property throughout the year. And we maintain a healthy and helpful relationship with the National Park Service, who are our partners on this property. We greet many a pilgrim, tourist, or history buff, and often ancestors of those Swedes who arrived so long ago and built this church. We know what it means to share our resources for the greater good and we do so with love for friend, neighbor, and stranger.

We, of course, provided meaningful worship experiences for the seasons of the church year, welcoming all who seek a deeper relationship with God and neighbor. Included in those services we often were graced by guest musicians, filling our hearts and minds and souls fuller as often only music can. We were especially delighted to have the Matsiko World Orphan Choir join us for worship one Sunday in August, lifting the rafters and blowing out the cobwebs as they danced and sang and filled our church with a joyful noise. And the vocal ensemble, Lyra, from St. Petersburg, Russia echoed a special and historic sound to our worship one Sunday in October.

Reaching out, we continued our trips to Ronald McDonald House to make dinner for the residents in that very special place. And we participated in two new outreach programs: Sunday Suppers, "a mission to strengthen the health and well-being of families through the transformative power of family meals, learning about nutrition and cooking techniques;" and the Angel Tree project, contributing Christmas gifts for economically at risk children in our community. We also contributed volunteers' time and needed supplies to the Winter Women's Shelter that was opened last year at Church of the Crucifixion. And we provided hospitality every Sunday not only in our worship in church but in offering companionship and providing nourishment for bodies, as we gathered for fellowship after service in Riverside Hall. We blessed the neighborhood animals in church on St. Francis Day, as we have done for many years. And we greeted with hugs and smiles newcomers as well as those who return every year for our Lucia Fest.

We saw more restoration of the historic graveyard, we celebrated baptisms, weddings, and funerals. We gathered to plan liturgies, visited the sick, reached out with notes and phone calls and prayers to those in pain and doubt and fear and loneliness. We walked carefully through a highly divisive political year, knowing how important it is to recognize diversity as a gift and not a reason to divide.

We prayed, and we read, and we shared Bible Study time. And as a congregation preparing for a new Rector, many contributed much time, talent, and deep reflection to the creation of a Parish Profile. That work allowed the parish to take important and needed time to reflect on the past, present, and future of this special place. And it reawakened in many the realization of just

how dear not only this place but all who come here are to our understanding of what church is in this day and age, and what it might be in the days to come.

For a small congregation much has been done in the past years. The energy and caring for the past as well as the future is evident and speaks to an understanding that while the work of the church is not always easy, it is always worth our time and effort. In a world that increasingly seeks for greater understanding of people from all places, experiences, and walks of life, this church continues to stand as a safe place where that work can be done with open hands, honest minds, and trusting hearts.

It is my prayer that this place, this very special church in the city, continues to know how important it is within the community, the city, and the world. May you know love, be loved, and share love each day, each year, and always.

Peace,

*Joy +*



## Hospitality,

“Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13:2

What does hospitality mean to you? What does it mean to be hospitable? Google says it’s “being friendly and welcoming to strangers and guests; being a hospitable family characterized by or betokening warmth and generosity toward strangers and guests; often with a hospitable smile.”

Sometimes a smile, a handshake, or a hug is all someone needs to make their day. That – to me – is what hospitality is all about. It helps when some nourishment is added ... At Gloria Dei, there’s never a shortage of that! Recently, however, it seems the same people are providing the food all the time.

It takes action to make it all work. I’m asking you to challenge yourselves and get into action. The parish is presently providing the coffee, creamers, and juices. We need help providing the rest. There continues to be a sign-up sheet on the corkboard near the bathroom. Please find it in your heart to sign up and extend yourself in the Christian way.

We remain grateful to all those who share their time, talent, and treasure for hospitality.

Love and peace.

*Peggy, Re, Rita, Barbara & Linda*

## A Word from the Rector's Warden

With last year's announcement of Rev. Joy Segal's plan to retire at the end of 2017, we began a two phase process for finding our next rector.

**Phase 1:** The Parish Profile is now complete. The 18 member committee, guided by our Parish consultant Rev. Paul Harris worked diligently from June 2016 to January 2017. Six months of hard work went into examining who we are as a parish, from the people of the congregation to the finances of the church. Work was done for the enhancement of current ministries and brainstorming for future endeavors. The congregation's voice was heard with the Parish Survey. This was an honest examination of our church and what we hope for in a new rector. This was important information gathering, as we begin our search process. The completed Parish Profile Report is filled with truthful observations and provides recommendations and suggestions for the betterment of Gloria Dei church.

Thank you, to all who served on the Parish Profile Committee,

Megan Bartlett, Peg Berich, Jerome Buescher, Peggy Buescher, Barbara Chilcott, Julie Daye, Jill Duink, Re Henning, Carol Jenkins, Christine Pickup, Barbara Potts, Lisa Reeves, Candace Roberts, Mark Roberts, Cathy Ufheil, Rita West, Jeanette Woehr, and Richard Woehr

We are now into,

**Phase 2:** The vestry has selected the Gloria Dei Search Committee. This was done by taking a blind vote of the candidates. Each vestry member voted for their individual choice of candidates (up to 7), without sharing who they voted for. The votes were then tabulated and the (7) seven candidates who received the highest amount of votes were elected.

### **The Search Committee Members**

Jerome Buescher, Carol Jenkins, Nora Melley, Heather Myers, Karen Onshczak, Jim Ufheil, and Jeanette Woehr

This group will be responsible for accepting applications, evaluating and interviewing the candidates, who wish to become our next rector. They will use the information obtained from the Parish Profile Report and use various other resources to find the person best suited for Gloria Dei.

Something important to remember – Certain characteristics and traits will be looked for in the applicants, knowing that our congregation has high expectations for our new rector. The information from our Parish Survey state that the new rector must be “friendly, approachable and available, they must inspire us and comfort us.” We must also realize that the new rector has expectations of all of us! We must be kind, welcoming and not demanding and

needy. If we expect the new rector to do more outreach ministries, are we willing to help? Are we going to lighten their load or pile our expectations on them? Can they depend on us? Will we work as a team?

We need to remember that we are all responsible for the future of Gloria Dei church.

As we look towards the future, let me remind you we should also enjoy the present. We have been given a gift while doing this search process. The gift of not needing an interim rector. We have been blessed having Rev. Joy Segal remain with us thru this process. She continues to lead us in worship and helps tend to our spiritual needs. She is the main driving force for many of our internal/external ministries.

Take comfort in knowing how much we are loved and cared for and enjoy the time we have left with her.

*Carol Jenkins*



## **Guest Chefs at Ronald McDonald House**

We are once again going to be Guest Chefs at Ronald McDonald House, on Sunday, June 25, 2017. We will leave for RMH at 3:30PM from the church parking lot and will return by 8:00PM. We will be planning the menu after church on Sunday, June 18, 2017. If you cannot go with us but would like to contribute to the meal, or if you would like to join us and need a ride, please let us know. You may call the church office or see Joy about participating.



*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



***Historic Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Preservation Corporation  
Columbus Blvd. & Christian St., Philadelphia, PA 19147  
Please join us Today by check or online at [www.preserveoldswedes.org](http://www.preserveoldswedes.org)***



# *Spirits and History!*

JOIN US

**When:**

May 5, 2017

7-10pm

**Where:**

Gloria Dei  
(Old Swedes') Church  
916 Swanson St.  
Philadelphia  
PA 19147

HELP US REWIRE THE  
CHURCH AND  
RECTORY!

Proceeds benefit Historic Preservation at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church. Historic Gloria Dei Preservation Corporation is a 501c3 charity. All donations are fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

## SAVE THE DATE

2ND ANNUAL SPIRITS & HISTORY  
Honoring Our Military Veterans

**Featuring:**

- Spirited tastings to match the times of eight of our illustrious permanent residents from the military!
- Jazz Trio courtesy of The Jazz Sanctuary
- Cocktail Party
- Fun in the Graveyard!



Learn the stories of our military honorees

Revolutionary War

War of 1812

Civil War

Medal of Honor

For more information:  
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Buy tickets online at [www.preserveoldswedes.org](http://www.preserveoldswedes.org) or at the door.

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# JOIN US!

## History Mystery Bicycle Ride!

WHERE:

Gloria Dei  
(Old Swedes') Church  
Philadelphia, PA 19147

May 13, 2017

10am – Noon

ENTRY FEE:

\$17/single  
\$25/couple  
\$28/family

- Enjoy a casual bike ride starting at **Historic Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church** and follow the map through Old City and Independence Mall
- Most of the route follows marked bike lanes for families and novice riders
- The route is 4 miles long – so you can walk it! Or take a bus!
- Hear 7 exciting stories from our Nation's past that connect to Old Swedes
- All riders/walkers who complete the circuit will be entered to win prizes with a \$350 gift certificate to Bell's Bike Shop as top prize!

Please Thank Our Event Sponsor!



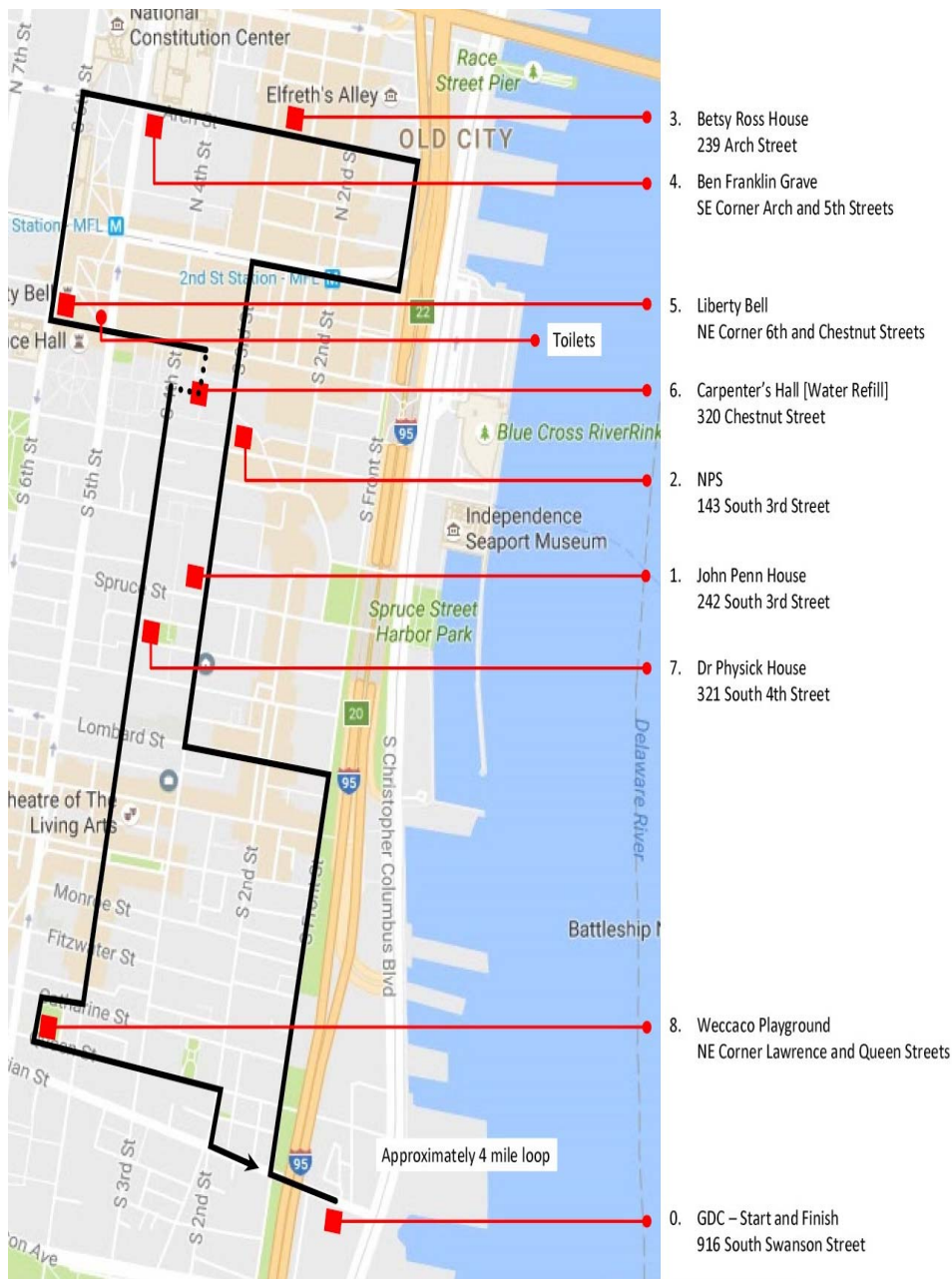
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Preservation Corporation

Our Bicycle Pro Sponsor  
will be on site to offer  
free safety checks and water bottles!

**Bell's**  **Bike Shop**



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## Calendar

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- May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** Evensong - 6:30pm - Sanctuary  
Bells Rehearsal - 7:00pm  
Yoga with Sarah - 7:15pm in Riverside Hall, drop in class, all levels welcome, \$10.00 a class  
Meditation with Sheila – Tuesdays at 5:45pm, Riverside Hall. Re-center and find your inner guidance. Drop-in class. Free.
- May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** Chair Yoga with Kathy - 9:00am Riverside Hall, chairs provided  
Great opportunity to gently stretch and strengthen muscles, reduce stress, and develop better breathing habits. Drop in class, all levels welcome. \$ 10 per session  
Sip n’ Chat – light conversation and herbal tea immediately following Chair Yoga, 10-10:30am
- May 5** HGDPC Spirits & History Event – 7:00 – 10:00pm in Riverside Hall and the Churchyard. Learn the history behind of 8 of our “permanent residents” while enjoying liquors from their respective eras. Featuring live jazz from the Jazz Sanctuary, tickets \$50.
- May 8** HGDPC Meeting -5:30pm, Riverside Hall
- May 13** HGDPC History Mystery Bicycle Ride – 10:00am – 12:00pm. Enjoy a casual bike ride starting at Gloria Dei, following the map through Old City & Independence Mall. Hear 7 exciting stories from our Nation’s past that connect to Old Swedes. Tickets \$17 single/\$25 couple/\$28 family.
- May 14** Church of Sweden - 4:00 service, followed by fellowship in Riverside Hall
- May 17** Vestry Picnic - 6:00pm Riverside Hall
- May 18** Swedish Colonial Society Meeting -11:00am – 3:00pm  
Jazz n Joe - 7:30pm Riverside Hall
- May 20** Annual Spring Flea Market – 8:00am – 3:00pm. Join us rain or shine. Spaces are \$25 each, first come, first served.
- May 29** Memorial Dei Picnic from Sexton Sideshow – 11:00am – 6:00pm, Family fun, live music, vendors & food, sponsored by Philadelphia Brewing Co. & Commonwealth Ciders. Tickets \$25 per family/\$12 single

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- June 6, 13, 20, 27** Evensong - 6:30pm - Sanctuary  
Bells Rehearsal - 7:00pm  
Yoga with Sarah - 7:15pm in Riverside Hall, drop in class, all levels welcome, \$10.00 a class  
Meditation with Sheila – Tuesdays at 5:45pm, Riverside Hall. Re-center and find your inner guidance. Drop-in class. Free.
- June 7, 14, 21, 28** Chair Yoga with Kathy - 9:00am Riverside Hall, chairs provided Great opportunity to gently stretch and strengthen muscles, reduce stress, and develop better breathing habits. Drop in class, all levels welcome. \$ 10 per session  
Sip n’ Chat – light conversation and herbal tea immediately following Chair Yoga, 10-10:30am
- June 11** Church of Sweden - 4:00 service, followed by fellowship in Riverside Hall
- June 12** HGDPC Meeting - Roak Room - 5:30pm
- June 15** Vestry Meeting - 7:00pm Riverside Hall
- June 18** Blue Bond Music School Student Concert – Free, Riverside Hall. Details to follow on our website.
- June 21** Make Music Philly – free city-wide musical celebration. Details to follow on our website.
- June 25** Volunteer at Ronald McDonald House – leave parking lot by 3:30, back by 8:00pm



### 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.

## The Lectionary for May

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### May 7<sup>th</sup>, Fourth Sunday of Easter

O God, our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

### May 14<sup>th</sup>, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, your Son, Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5,15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

### May 21<sup>st</sup>, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:7-18

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

### May 28<sup>th</sup>, Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10,33-36

1 Peter 4:12-14,5:6-11

John 17:1-11

# The Lectionary for June

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## June 4<sup>th</sup>, Day of Pentecost

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Numbers 11:24-30

Psalms 104:25-35,37

Acts 2:1-11

John 20:19-23

## June 11<sup>th</sup>, Trinity Sunday

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalms 29

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

## June 18<sup>th</sup>, Second Sunday after Pentecost

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Put your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalms 100

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8

## June 25<sup>th</sup>, Third Sunday after Pentecost

Teach us good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalms 69:8-11,18-20

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

## Stewardship

We're now well into the Easter Season – through Palm Sunday and its “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord,” Maundy Thursday and its “I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you,” Good Friday and its “It is finished,” Holy Saturday with its quiet waiting, and the voice shouting out of the darkness-become-light at the Easter Vigil “Alleluia, the Lord is risen. The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.”

All through the fifty days of the Easter Season, the first reading at Sunday services will be – not from the Hebrew Scriptures but – from the Acts of the Apostles, the book detailing life in the earliest described days of the followers of Jesus after his resurrection.

When I think of the days closely following the resurrection, I think of the disciples meeting Jesus on the road to Emmaus and – finally – recognizing him when he breaks bread at dinner. The disciples knowing something was up when the mystery person says to them on the shore of Lake Galilee “Come and have breakfast.”

But Acts shows us a much more complicated picture. Yes, there's the part we all like to remember: “Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.”

Part of that might make us twinge – no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, not even my Audi A-3 convertible? Even that? But we do like “The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul.”

But there's conflict in Acts as well. Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, lied to Peter about the proceeds of the sale of a piece of property. It didn't turn out well for them. See Acts 5:1-11.

There's the bigger conflict as well: these followers of “The Way,” the followers of Jesus, figuring out how those who were Jews related to their Jewish heritage, and how those who were not Jews by heritage related to this Jesus who was a Jew. Our presiding bishop, Bishop Curry, speaks a lot about the “Jesus Movement,” and this he's bringing us back to this moment.

So – stewardship. Stewardship involves giving, giving back, in gratitude for God's gifts to us. Acts will preach that to us over and over and over until we arrive at Pentecost. The Stewardship Committee presented a report at the Annual Meeting. We can all be proud that our pledges of “treasure” this year reversed a long-term decline in those pledges. We all thank all of you for that.

Of course, if an extra bit of generosity might come to you and you felt like increasing your pledge or even making a pledge if you haven't yet – that would be welcome as well.

But at this time of the year, I'm reminding you of those other two arms of stewardship – gifts of time and talent. There are big events coming up in the parish – two events sponsored by the Historic Gloria Dei Preservation Corporation (one on May 5, another on May 13), a Flea Market on May 20, and the Memorial Day picnic celebration on Memorial Day. All those events can make good use of our time and talent. So please – pitch in with what time and talent you can give back in grateful appreciation of what we've received this season.

*Jerry Buescher* for the Stewardship Committee: Barbara Potts,  
Mark Roberts, and Richard Woehr



**May 18**  
**and then we'll see you in September**  
**7:30 to 9:30 pm - Riverside Hall**

7TH ANNUAL  
**MEMORIAL DEI** FAMILY PICNIC  
MONDAY MAY 28TH



**Sexton  
SideShow**



**Old Swedes Church 916 s. swanson st.**

11am-6pm \$25 families \$12 single



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## Gloria Dei's Clergy

Many of Gloria Dei's clergy were outstanding men of unusual attainments.

Johannes Campanius (1646-1648) made the first known meteorological observations in the Delaware Valley, collected specimens of the flora and fauna of the country and made the first translation of a Protestant book into the American Indian language.

Andreas (Andrew) Rudman (1697-1702) built Gloria Dei Church and is buried on Church grounds

Johan Eneberg (1730-1733) placed the baptismal font in Gloria Dei (1731)

John Dylander (1737-1741) was one of the greatest pulpit orators in America of his day. He was so accomplished a linguist that, besides preaching sermons in Swedish and Latin he also delivered sacred orations in English and German without a trace of foreign accent.

Olof Parlin (1730-1757) is buried in Gloria Dei Church and tombstone is located in the center aisle.

Charles Mangus Wrangel (1739-1768) was a powerful popular speaker who attracted large crowds and made an even greater contribution to the religious and cultural life of the community. He is known to have baptized over 20 Africans as members of Gloria Dei, making it one of the first multiracial congregations in the country. He was elected a member of the American Philosophical Society, in 1769, the only foreign pastor so honored at that time

Nicholas (Nils) Collin (1768-1831) was a friend of Ben Franklin who installed his lightening rod system on the church building. Rev. Collin was the last Swedish pastor of the Church was a celebrated linguist, writing articles on Comparative Philology and the History of Language. He was a botanist and zoologist and sent innumerable specimens of skins, plants and flowers to Swedish Museums. He was an outstanding meteorologist, a century ahead of his time, and he made, like many of his contemporaries, systematic observations on the weather and other phenomena. He was a student of medicine, generations ahead of his time in his medical thinking, and was one of our first patent judges, appointed by President Jefferson to pass on patent claims. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, a charter member of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and was one of the most faithful and active members of the American Philosophical Society from 1786 to 1831.

Jehu Curtis Clay (1831-1863) was the first Episcopal rector of Gloria Dei. Gloria Dei became an Episcopal



Church in 1845 joining the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The Parsonage was constructed and a new organ was purchased during his years at Gloria Dei.

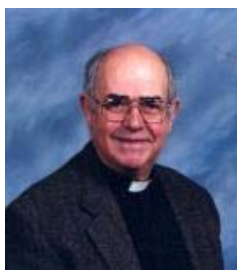
John W. Leadenham (1863-1865) Parish hall (Riverside Hall) was constructed.

Snyder Binns Simes (1868-1915) Hook and Hastings organ was installed. Rev. Simes served Gloria Dei for 47 years from his ordination until his death.

Percy R. Stockman (1916-1922) later became the director of the Seamen's Church Institute.

John Craig Roak (1933-1972) was largely responsible for Gloria Dei's designation as a National Historic site in 1942. Lucia Fest tradition was revived. Roak House was constructed.

David Buchanan Rivers (1972-2004) Hook and Hastings organ and church building were restored. Kitchen was renovated in Parish Hall which was renamed Riverside Hall in honor of Rev. Rivers.



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Check out our Facebook page while you're there.

# Make Music Philly

June 21st





## Welcome the Newest Members

**Baptized on April 16, 2017**

**Savannah Lee Reyes**

**Declan Robert Eberhardt**

**Archer Cavalieri Fike**

**Tyler Jace Griffith**

## Celebrate the Newly Married

**Kira Merdiushev and Steven M. Gdowik**

*April 22, 2017*

## Memorial Cards:

**Catherine Shuey**

By: Bert Kubiak

**Eleanor McKeaney**

By: Bob & Jean Neill

**Donald Dougherty**

By: Jackie & Ed Lord

**Dorothy Schlembac**

By: Marge Kucinski

**Angelo Schiavo**

By: Sally Daly

& Dorothy Troendle



## Sunday Service:

10:00 AM

Tuesday Evensong 6:30 PM

## Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday 9:30-2:30

## CLERGY

The Rev. D. Joy Segal, Rector

The Rev. Paul Harris, Assoc. Clergy

## STAFF

Paul Fejko, Music Director

Christine McBride, Parish Admin.

Paula & James Minacci, Sextons

Mark Roberts, Treasurer

## VESTRY

Peggy Buescher

Jill Duink, Accounting Warden

Re Henning

Carol Jenkins, Rector's Warden

Leigh Jenkins, Secretary

Jamie Konowal

Michael Phillips

Mark Roberts

James Ufheil

Nils van Ammers

Rita West

Jeanette Woehr



## STANDING NOTICES

### Weddings

Weddings at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church must be scheduled with the clergy at least three months in advance. All weddings in the church will be governed by the Canons of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and the Book of Common Prayer. Pre-marital counseling is a prerequisite. No weddings will be conducted during Lent.

### Funerals

When death occurs a family member is asked to contact the clergy so that timely arrangements for a funeral may be made. It is appropriate for the funeral of a Christian to take place in the church. It is also appropriate that funeral arrangements be made in advance and kept in a file in the church office. Burial plots are available for members of the parish in the church's cemetery. Consult the church office for costs and details.

### Baptisms

The sacrament of Holy Baptism is celebrated during one of the principle Sunday liturgies and is governed by the Canons of the church and the Book of Common Prayer. Baptism is normally celebrated on one of the four appropriate feast days designated in the Book of Common Prayer. These are: The Baptism of Our Lord (1/8/17); The Great Vigil of Easter (4/16/17); Pentecost (6/4/17); and All Saints Sunday (11/5/17). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advice of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.