# July/August 2014 Down By The Riverside

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

# Thoughts from the Rector SHHHH - Quiet Please

Lord, teach us the silence of humility

The silence of wisdom

The silence of love

The silence that speaks without words

The silence of faith

Lord teach us to silence our own hearts and minds

That we may listen for the movement of your Holy Spirit

And feel your presence in the depths of our being.

These prayers are part of our regular Tuesday evening Evensong service. They remind us, week in and week out, to embrace silence and in that embrace to trust that things unseen, unheard, unknown, will rise to the surface and reveal to us what has always been there. When we become truly silent, the world becomes a new place, and community becomes a presence newly recognized.

Silence is a funny thing. Ask anyone when the last time it was they were silent. Truth be told, many of us are uncomfortable with silence. If we're alone we get busy thinking, and maybe doing stuff after just a few short moments of silence. If we're in a group we have a tendency to feel awkward in moments of silence and someone always feels compelled to break the silence in order to relieve the tension.

And yet, when we allow ourselves to be silent together, another dynamic happens. At Evensong, we all arrive from busy days, lots on our minds, decisions and tasks incomplete, minds racing. But we breathe deeply of the hallowed place we call Gloria Dei Church, nod our heads and smile at each other, and then become silent, together.

It is a great relief to experience silence in community, as it is alone. But it does take some practice. We live in a world of sight and sound, of constant motion, of responsibilities and expectations that weigh us down and, finally, exhaust us. Recognizing that we need to let go of all that we carry around all day long and simply be still, be quiet, seems simplistic – and it is. It needs no teaching, no training, no experts to lecture us on how to do it. It just takes doing.

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As we move through the warm days of summer, when things slow down a bit, I encourage you to consider how you experience silence in your life. Perhaps you need to wait until the children are in bed, or maybe early morning hours are a better opportunity to take a few moments and sit in silence. Even better, join us every Tuesday at 6:30PM and join in our shared time of silence.

Giving God an opportunity to chime in, allowing the universe to sing quietly in your mind, seeing your community gathered in faith – these are things that will feed your soul, quiet your mind, and heal your heart.

Gracious God, in this place, where prayer has been made for many years,

We listen in silence, preparing to hear your word.

In this place, where many different people have found their common bond,

We listen in silence, preparing to know your presence.

In this place where the walls are waiting to echo your praise,

We listen in silence, preparing to praise you in our hearts.

Peace,

Joy+





# Requests For Prayers Are Always Welcome

Please contact the church office (215) 389-1513 or Florence Brook (267) 858-9861, fbrook529@hotmail.com

Intercessors will pray on behalf of those in need





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# Thoughts from the Rector's Warden

Summertime has begun. The heat is creeping in but I'm not going to complain. Well I will try anyway. Those who know me best know that I'm always hot! I guess being a middle age woman it comes with the territory. Oh well on to business.

The annual meeting was not as heavily attended as I would have hoped, but it was informative and promising.

Elected to the vestry for 3 year terms are: Jill Duink, Kimberly Goodwin, Carol Jenkins and Jim Parsons

We earnestly thank out-going vestry members, Dave Hammond and Mark Roberts for their hard work. You will surely be missed. Both continue to work behind the scenes, for which we are grateful.

Leigh Jenkins has been appointed as Secretary of the Vestry, and I have been appointed as Rector's Warden for a second year. The Accounting Warden position remains unfilled at the date.

As your Rector's Warden for this year I plan to be involved in many of our activities. I will be attending the Lay Leader – Adaptive Leadership Workshop. I look forward to our upcoming "Guest Chefs" at the Ronald McDonald house on July 13. This was great fun last time, so if you missed going, try to join us this time. Also in July we begin our Summer Bible study on Wednesday nights, I'll be there will you?

Our Rector is now back from her much deserved vacation. During her absence we were blessed with guest clergy Rev. Winston Welty. Many agree that it was like having Joy with us, but with a twist. Given the fact that they are siblings it makes sense. One highlight of service was when Winston informed us that "as the older sibling, I taught Joy many things, mostly, good. The bad things, well I tried!"

Wishing you a happy summer and safe travels.

Carol Jenkins



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 a volunteer "flower person" will purchase and place the flowers for you.

Altar Flowers

# Vestry Highlights

At this month's meeting, the common topic was growth and transformation. We are constantly looking to continue to grow and reach out beyond our walls to get into the neighborhood. While talking about doing so, it was mentioned that Gloria Dei needs to have more of a presence at the Queen Village Neighbor's Association and the Pennsport Neighborhood Association meetings. It's not only being a presence from our church, it's getting involved in your neighborhood which is something that may be interesting for us all! We are also still currently looking for a Stewardship Committee Chair. If you feel you may have an interest in helping us in this area, please conact any vestry person or the rector. We'll be more than happy to give you some information about what would be involved.

Leigh Jenkins

# Summer Bible Study - The Gospel According to John

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30PM

This summer we will be reading together *The Gospel of John*. We will gather for six Wednesday evenings, beginning on July 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30PM, to read aloud and discuss this "Fourth Gospel," as many refer to it. John's Gospel is very different from the other three, known as Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Come hear this Gospel read aloud, and join in our discussion as we consider what we have heard, and what we understand to be the importance of this ancient Gospel for us today. We'll be meeting in the air-conditioned Roak Room and we'll have some lemonade and cookies to help the conversation along. No experience necessary! Just come!



# Give Thanks - Give to United Thank Offering.

United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through United Thank Offering, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. United Thank Offering is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the UTO monies to support mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and in invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world.

Boxes are available in the back of the church.

# Churchyard Renewal Project - Summer 2014 Plans

The Churchyard Renewal Fund began with the collections from our Lucia Fest 2010. We have continued devoting the collections from Lucia Fest since 2010 to this project, as well as encouraging our readers each year to make a contribution to this timeless work. (You may donate online at www.old-swedes.org). The Churchyard Renewal Project is focused specifically on our graveyard - the tombs and gravestones in need of restoration. In the past three summers we have repaired and/or restored thirty of the most damaged stones as well as raised, leveled and cleaned a number of others. We are able to do this because of the generous contributions from you.

Due to the generosity of so many, this year we will be repairing and/or restoring fourteen more stones. Of special interest this year will be the restoration of the Ords tombs – George Sr. and George Jr. (see article about these gentlemen in the March/April 2014 Riverside, available on our website). These will be restored on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. We would love to have you come and watch as the artisans from Materials

Conservation restore these historic stones. This summer we will also be cleaning the Stille tombstone found in the southeastern section of the graveyard – an important marker in the history of Gloria Dei, and will be working on a number of other stones throughout the summer.



George Ord

## Calendar

July 1, 8, 15, Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome \$8.00 a session

Evensong - 6:30PM - 7:00PM Church

**July 2, 9, 16,** Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10 - 11:00AM. All levels welcome

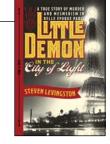
**July 9, 16,** Bible Study 6:30 - 7:30PM - Roak Room **23, 30** 

July 13 Parishioners serving dinner Ronald McDonald House 4:00PM

July 23 Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall

Little Demon in the City of Light 

by Stephen Levingston



July 31 Vestry Meeting - 7:00PM - Roak Room





# Calendar

**Aug. 5, 12,** Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome \$8.00 a session Evensong - 6:30PM - 7:00PM Church

**Aug. 6, 13,** Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10 - 11:00AM. All levels welcome

**Aug. 6, 13** Bible Study 6:30 - 7:30PM - Roak Room

Aug. 25 Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall

The Fifth Woman

by Henning Mankell



Aug. 31

10:00AM Service
- The Rev. Kim Eric Williams
Rector leaves for vacation today



# Make Music Philly 2014

Gloria Dei Church hosted 2 venues with 15 different artists on Saturday, June 21st (summer solstice). It was a free event that was enjoyed across this great country in over 20 cities and all around the world in over 100 countries. Check out our pictures on Facebook at Sexton Sideshow and join us August 1st at Havana in New Hope for our Exile Show.

Peace & Love

Jim and Paula



# The Lectionary for July

#### July 6th, Proper 9, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm: 145:8-14

2nd Reading: Romans 7:15-25a Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

#### July 13th, Proper 10, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm: 65

2nd Reading: Romans 8:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

#### July 20th, Proper 11, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm: 86:11-17

2nd Reading: Romans 8:12-25 Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

## July 27th, Proper 12, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may measure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm: 119:129-136

2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-39 Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



# The Lectionary for August

#### August 3rd, Proper 13, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm: 145:8-9, 14

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

#### August 10th, Proper 14, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm: 85:8-13

2nd Reading: Romans 10:5-15 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

#### August 17th, Proper 15, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach usas disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm: 67

2nd Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

# August 24th, Proper 16, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm: 138

2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-8 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

# August 31st, Proper 17, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm: 26:1-8

2nd Reading: Romans 12:9-21 Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

# Part 3 Gloria Dei History

1831 was the end of the Swedish Mission in America with the death of Nicholas Collin. The church had declined in size.

1834 First confirmation performed in Gloria Dei.

1843 the United Swedish Lutheran Churches - Gloria Dei, Christ Church, Upper Merion, and St. James, Kingsessing dissolved becoming three separate Churches.

The Church of Sweden is **Lutheran in theology, but Episcopalian** in government and its close affiliation with the Church of England led to the final transition of the three Swedish Lutheran churches into the Episcopal dioceses of Pennsylvania after the withdrawal of the Lutheran ministers by Sweden.

In 1845, the Church, no longer under the control of the State Church of Sweden, applied for admission into the convention of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, and was accepted. Thus the Church entered upon a new era in her history. Dr. Jehu Curtis Clay, the first Episcopal Rector, guided the destinies of the Church during the Civil War.

By 1845 the area surrounding the church, became a **sea captains village**. The congregation had grown so large that the church was in danger of demolition but also through the wisdom of the vestry who proposed the addition of the balconies not only was the church saved but also its present decor dates from this time. It is Mid Republican Architecture. The cost of the balconies was \$500.

After more than three hundred years of service, this church is the most important surviving link in the land with 17th century Swedish sovereignty. It is said that a building is no more important than the events, which have taken, place in it...

- 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.
- The first ordination of any clergyman in the Americas occurred here when Justis Falckner was ordained to the Lutheran ministry in 1703.
- Perhaps the **oldest organ** was in this church. The records indicate that a new organ was added in 1731.
- The first legislative assemblies of Pennsylvania met here.
- **John Morton**, a signer of the Declaration of Independence was a communicant of this church during his residence in Philadelphia.

- The ancient bell in the tower was 134 years old when Independence was declared in 1776. It was there and ready to ring out the astonishing news!
- The church building was used as a hospital during the Revolution by the British.
- Some pages were ripped from the record books during the Revolution.
- On **June 15, 1777**, there occurred the marriage of **Betsy Ross** to Captain Joseph Ashbourn.
- None other than **Benjamin Franklin** supplied lightening rods, which are on display in the Roak Room.
- It is the **oldest brick building** in Philadelphia.
- It is the **oldest church building** in Pennsylvania.
- It is the **oldest congregation** in continuous use in the United States. Although, the congregation was unable to use the Church building at times, it still met in parishioner's homes.
- In 1850 Jenny Lind sang from the historic organ loft, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" from Handel's Messiah.
- Frederica Bremer, the famous Swedish feminist, visited the church and "found many descendants of the original Swedes worshipping there."
- Carl Milles, the noted Swedish sculptor, gave us our magnificent Chandelier and two models of the ships, which brought over the first settlers.

Jeanette Woehr



# Gloria Dei Memorial Dei Family Picnic - 2014

We were pleased to see you. . .

We were so glad you could attend. . . .

Of course we mean you and the 700 other friends and neighbors who attended this year's event.





Queen Village came alive to the sounds of South Philly's very own New Sound Brass at High Noon on the northeast lawn as you enter our property on Christian St. Every hour a new band graced the Side Show stage. Roots of a Rebellion followed at 1pm bringing us an Americana flavored reggae-style straight from Nashville TN. The 2 o'clock hour brought our very own Folk Heroes. . . Sweetbriar Rose, who have played this picnic event for 3 years running and are part of everything we do at Sexton Sideshow. Driftwood was a highlight in the 3 o'clock hour; driving down from Binghamton N.Y. (Jim's hometown) they wowed us with some real home-spun Americana music. . . and how about that fiddle player! From Queen's N.Y. came Hollis Brown in the 4 o'clock hour. Our picnic was their last show in the states before they started a European Tour on May 31st. (Dillon's B-Day). We hope to have these guys back soon before they blow-up across the musical landscape. Continuing in the rock-n-roll tradition, The Josh Olmstead Band tore it up with original rock and blistering guitar work. . . Josh is part of our Exile Band and involved with everything we do here at Sexton Sideshow. Wrapping things up in the 6 o'clock hour was our very own North Lawrence Midnight Singers. These guys killed it with a set of mostly new material that will soon be available to us. NLMS is at the heart and soul of our musical vision here at Sexton Sideshow. . . they are the Exile Band and we will be playing at Havana in New Hope on Aug. 1st - Be there!!!

Music was also performed throughout the day inside the Riverside Hall... at 12:30 Irish Mist began the day with Traditional Folk Songs and some of Jim & Paula's favorites like, Everybody's Talkin by Nillson, Wagon Wheel by Old Crow Medicine Show and Sweet Virginia by the Rolling Stones. Irish Mist has played here more times than I can remember... we love them! Next up in the hall was a young girl from Nashville... Chloe Kat who not only played our

event but played in church on the 25th (video on Facebook) and performed at the Piazza on Sunday afternoon. The sky is the limit for this artist. . . "I remember her when. . . " Swedeland followed with a stripped down set featuring piano and drums, vocals and guitars w/Morgan Pinkstone's sweet vocals and words. Swedeland. . . a great name for a band to be playing at the Old Swedes Church. Next up was the Kalob Griffin Band from Norristown, PA. An excellent acoustic set from a band on the verge. How lucky we are to host these guys. A huge thank you to the Norristown Boys for volunteering throughout the day. We couldn't have been a success w/o you. We can't get enough of Lucy Stone/W.C. Lindsay. . . I hope you will google or you tube or search on whatever you do the computer to find these 2 artists . . . you will be amazed.

The final act in Riverside Hall this year was John & Brittney. This duo play around Philadelphia like it's their own backyard, mostly with a full band but we were lucky enough to have them break it down duo style for us and are ever grateful. (John Faye was Dillon's vocal coach at Bluebond. . . oh so very long ago)

By this time you are surely thinking. . . "Well that sounds like a fine day of music and what not" but we are not yet done. I take this moment to thank all our volunteers; both from church and our friends, for truly making this event a smooth running ship. We also partnered with QVNA and Pennsport Civic Association. . . Thank you for your generous contributions and participation.



I have to thank also the many supporters within Gloria Dei whose pledges played the important role of paying the bands. From within and without our success comes about.

Support was given by Anna-Maries Academy of Dance located in Tacony section of Philadelphia. Paula has taught and been the artistic director there for 35 years. Her Dance Company - Elysian Dance Co. performed during the picnic with musical support from ROAR. Very exciting stuff.

Local support from our longtime friends at Bluebond Guitars on 4th St. and Triple Play Sports at 9th & Christian St. Salud . . .

Check out these local pubs for great food and cold beer when you are in the neighborhood . . . they all supported us for the picnic. <u>Caffe Valentino</u> located at Moyamensing & Wharton St., <u>2nd Street Brewhouse</u> at 2nd & Morris, <u>Moonshine</u> located at corner of Moyamensing & Sigel St. in Pennsport, <u>For Pete's Sake</u> - Front & Christian St., <u>Kennett So. 2nd</u> - 2nd & Moyamensing across from 7-11. Thanks to Johnny for feeding the bands and volunteers. <u>Kisso</u> - 4th & Race St. - Best sushi ever. Thanks to Alex for feeding bands and volunteers.

Okay . . . back to the music . . . after finishing up on the Sideshow Stage outside and the Sexton Stage in Riverside Hall we directed people to our

church sanctuary to wrap things up. Close to 100 people came to hear our very own Eric 13 entertain us with a wide variety of tasty songs; beginning with an original song "Untitled" accompanied by our bell choir and 3 background singers and ending with another original "Miss you like the Beatles" accompanied by our Musical Director Paul Fejko on the organ. . . priceless.



Emmett Drueding followed with a solo acoustic set of original material that was breathtaking. His songs and other will soon be up on YouTube under the Sexton Sideshow channel. Stay tuned.

Lastly, around 9pm that evening of Memorial Dei, Philly's rising star Ron Gallo took the center aisle in our Historic Gloria Dei Church and finished the

evening with subtle and soaring versions of his original music. A great finish to a great Dei. . . .

To wrap up. . l. For five years (at least) the folks at Philadelphia Brewing Co. have supported our mission of community building through musical gatherings and we say Thank You from the treetops here to Bill and Nancy Barton for their continued friendship, love and support.

Finally . . . (no really) we want to recognize our son Dillon James for the greater vision of this year's Family Picnic!!! What started as a much smaller



version of Dillon's Birthday (May 31st) 5 years ago before he went off to college at Belmont University in Nashville TN has now become a go to fundraising event for our church and surrounding community. We are very proud of the man you've become and may your accomplishments in this life be many . . .



This event raised \$8,000 for Church General Fund. Congrats to all.

# Jim and Paula Minacci



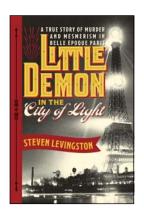
# The Book Club at Gloria Dei

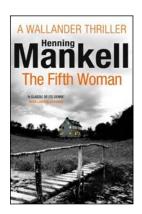
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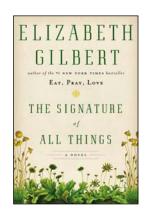
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August 25, 2014 The Fifth Woman by Henning Mankell

Sept. 22, 2014 The Signature of All Things by Elizabeth Gilbert







Marilyn Johnson



# CELEBRATE the Newly MARRIED Vincent David Padula and Ashley Lauri June 13, 2014

Memorial Cards in loving memory of Richard Covle

By: Jean & Bob Neill

Maurice McCone

By: Gerry, Jason & Leemon Family

Jack Black

By: Marge Lord Joe & Dolores Collins Jean & Bob Neill

Rita Schofield

By: Marge Lord Jean & Bob Neill Joe & Dolores Collins Bert Kubiak

Erlene Welty

By: Bob & Carol Jenkins





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

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#### 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 (1/12/14); The Great Vigil of Easter (4/20/14); Pentecost (6/8/14); and All Saints Sunday (11/2/14). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advise of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.