



**Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Episcopal Church 2026 Annual Meeting Report
May 3, 2026**

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Agenda for May 3, 2026 Meeting

Annual Parish Liturgy and Meeting: Congregation will gather in Riverside Hall after Sunday service; food will be available.

Welcome Prayer and introduction by Rev. Chris Micklewright

Approval of 2025 meeting minutes

Approval of the slate of new Vestry Members

Q&A / Discussion regarding Annual Report & related topics

Thanks to outgoing Vestry Members

Closing remarks and prayer by Rev. Chris Micklewright

	GLORIA DEI ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
	Sunday, May 4, 2025
Vestry Members Attending:	Jeanette Woehr, Cathy Ufheil, Amy Grant (ex officio), Ann Brilliant, Christine Pickup, Charles Moore, Candy Roberts, Jill Duink, Re Henning
New Vestry Members:	Angel Guido, Gabby Barbour, Jeanette Woehr
Absent:	Carol Jenkins
New Deanery/Convention	Charles Moore, Daria Kulp
ITEM	DISCUSSION
Meeting called to order and Opening Prayer- Rev. Chris Micklewright.	Re. Chris spoke about how being at GD and interacting with this community has given him opportunities that his counterparts in ministry do not have and how excited he and Heather are to be a part of our congregation and wider community.
Motion made and seconded to approve Annual Meeting Minutes 2024.	Motion made to approve Annual Meeting Minutes 2024, seconded and approved.
New Vestry Candidates:	Angel Guido, Gabby Barbour, Jeanette Woehr, Charles Moore
New Vestry Elected:	Angel Guido, Gabby Barbour, Jeanette Woehr
Deanery & Convention Candidates	Charles Moore, Daria Kulp...elected
Settlement Music School Scholarship	Eric Michael Sanchez....the only candidate. This is his 2nd scholarship.
Question re: Financial Report	Rev. Chris corrected impression that we borrowed from our endowments. Instead these monies were drawn from our invested savings and from a bequest. He also asked for ideas for fund raising.
Mission Committee	Jill Duink asked for new members and ideas of how to extend our Outreach Ministry
Sextons Report	Both Jim and Paula Minacci recognized those who show up to help...those without a title..the unsung heroes of GD. Jim Minacci reported that they have received donations of \$1300+ for the Memorial Dei Picnic and asked that the congregation support these sponsors. Rev. Chris reminded us of how these events bring in the surrounding community.
HGDPC	Rev Chris reminded us that Amy Grant, President of HGDPC has applied for and received grants to help restore and maintain our buildings and campus...including one that is designated for a new church roof.
Prayer Ministry: Megan Bartlett & Christine Pickup	Rev. Chris informed us that Megan Bartlett needs to step down in her role as Coordinator. He will look for a replacement. Megan is currently at Paul Fejko's bedside in his final days. Please continue to pray for Paul.
Final thoughts	Thanks to Jill Duink and Charles Moore for their service on the Vestry.
Closing Prayer	Rev. Chris led us in the Lord's Prayer.
Respectfully Submitted	Cathy Ufheil, Secretary to the Vestry

Rector's Report (2026) submitted by Rev. Chris Micklewright

Dear People of Gloria Dei,

In looking back at this past year, it was hard to decide what I should focus on in this report. It has been a very full and busy year – full of grief and of joy, of challenges and of blessings. Paul Fejko died the day after our 2025 annual meeting, and I still miss seeing his tie-dyed shirts and bare feet (please join as we install a memorial plaque in Paul's honor on May 31). And, though it had been a while since they were regularly involved, we also said goodbye to Doris Kromchad, Jerry Buescher, and Rev. David Rivers – all of whom contributed significantly to Gloria Dei in their time. In addition to grieving these losses, the past year has also been full of challenges as national and world events seem to spin out of control, making it ever more difficult for people in our congregation and our city to afford basic necessities.

Thankfully, our congregation has responded generously to these losses and challenges. We supported Paul through the end of his battle with cancer, and provided for parishioners struggling to buy groceries during the government shutdown. We partnered with Snyder Avenue Congregation Church and the Sisters of Saint Basil in providing for vulnerable immigrant communities. Our food ministry continued to grow, providing lunches for folks on the streets of Kensington and bi-monthly meals for the community of St. Gabe's. Finally, we strengthened connections with local and international partners, from Episcopal Community Services and POWER Interfaith to the CMS College Kottayam in India and the Episcopal Diocese in Jerusalem. This has truly been a year full of service and generosity!

Alongside the challenges and the service, our past year has been marked by profound blessings. Due to the faithful work of Vestry members and the HGDP Board, we received well over \$1,000,000 in grants during 2025, helping us address maintenance issues around the property. Donations from the congregation and other friends also helped us close an expected deficit of more than \$30,000, so that we ended the year with an \$11,000 surplus! Looking beyond finances, we also held dozens of incredible events, from concerts to lectures to book groups to discussion series, making Gloria Dei a place of beauty and joy for our extended community. By God's grace, this continues to be a time of growth for our congregation, both in numbers and in impact.

Still, with so much going on at Gloria Dei, there is a danger of neglecting important things. I wrote in last year's report that we would establish a vision for the future; it did not happen in the past year, but the Vestry has begun that work in recent months – and all are invited to a congregational vision discussion on June 14. Even more important than a vision, however, are the personal connections that sustain our congregation. I visit a few homebound parishioners regularly, and one of them always insists that I don't have to visit if I get too busy; while I appreciate that offer of grace, I always respond that the opportunities for personal connection are the most important part of my work.

I cherish the times when I can talk or pray with you about the joys and challenges of your lives; please don't ever hesitate to reach out about scheduling time for a conversation or a meal together! More than anything else, it is by welcoming and loving people (in all their complexity!) that we reflect God's love, and open ourselves to the full scope of God's presence and work among us. My hope and prayer, in the year to come, is that we will all value and invest in these personal connections – and that doing so will allow us all to continue growing in love for God and each other.

With much love and regular prayers,

Rev. Chris

Rector's Warden Report submitted by Carol Jenkins

Once again we gather for our Annual Meeting here at Gloria Dei.

Last year I talked about Growth and being a welcoming church community. We continue into 2026 increasing our attendance and broadening our diversity. Gloria Dei is a vibrant church community of people who find comfort, joy, hope and inspiration in each other.

Many of you are involved in our outreach ministries. That is great. I hope you find that Gloria Dei encourages your participation and you feel a sense of pride knowing you are helping others. Maybe you volunteer at the many events and programs. There are lots of opportunities to get involved. Many thanks to all of you for the hard work and dedication.

Maybe you are someone who feels overworked or stressed with work and everyday issues at home and you come to Gloria Dei for inner peace or spiritual guidance. Know that you too are an important member of this congregation. You are loved and cared about here.

Thank you to all our vestry members, past, present and future. Your dedication and commitment to the inner workings of Gloria Dei is much needed and greatly appreciated.

Gloria Dei church is a place you can be yourself. Come as you are, wherever you are in your spiritual journey.

You are welcome here!

Submitted by Carol Jenkins

History and Archival Report submitted by Jeanette Woehr, Historian/Archivist

Over the past year I have continued to give Church Tours and answer genealogy and Church research requests. The money received from these projects goes toward the purchase of new archival boxes. There are over 100 boxes in the archives which are over thirty years old.

On recent research regarding the previous location of the stained glass windows in Riverside Hall: The Vestry Minutes of January 1951 refer to the stained glass window from Transfiguration Chapel being repaired. Transfiguration Chapel was located in the Neck and closed in December 1949. The Chapel stood vacant for several years with vandals damaging the building. Dr. Roak was able to obtain the stained glass windows.

I have been asked how many people are buried in the Church. Below are the inscriptions on their monuments.

1. The first monument on the floor covers the remains of the Rev. Andrew Rudman, being sent hither from Sweden, he first founded and built this church was a constant & faithful Preacher in the English, Swedish & Dutch Churches eleven years in this country where he advanced true piety by sound doctrine & good example. He died Sept. 17, 1708. aged 40 years

2. The second is in memory of the Rev. John Dylander, missionary from Sweden & four years minister of this church, who died Nov. 2 A.D. 1741 Otatis sue 32

*While here he sang his diaher's praise
The listening angels heard his song
And called their consort soul away
Pleased with a strain so like their own
His soul attentive to the call
And quickly hastening to obey
Soared to ethereal scenes of bliss
Too pure to dwell in grosser day*

3. This monument is located under the Church. In Memory of Elizabeth Vanderspiegel, widow of Wm. Vanderspiegel late of the city of Phila. & merchant, daughter of the late Andrew & Magdalane Robeson, & granddaughter of the Rev. Andrew Rudman died 23st Feby. 1774, aged 52 years.

4. This is also under the Church. Here rest the remains of Magdalen Robeson, eldest daughter of the late Rev. Andrew Rudman, Commissary of the Swedish Mission, born 24 Feby. A.D. 1699, married to Wm. Andrew Robeson A.D. 1718. and after his death A.D. 1740 continued during the remainder of her life a widow indeed. Died 27 Feby. 1769, aged 70 years.

5. This monument is in memory of Olavus Parlin. Siste viatorquisque st mortalis, funde ladieymas in hoc corruptionis domicilio jacct in pace et quiete beate morterus, Vi eruditione conspicuus a deu doctus plur rev erendus Du Magister Olavus Parlin Ecclesiamen Svedi Lutherarum qua dev colliguntur in Boreali america, Propositus et Pastor in Wicacoa, mertifeimus, natus Svecia AD. MDCCXVI, oidisnatus verbi Divini Minister MCCCXLV, adut American 1740, insirt societation conjugatem 1751, Obit die 22 Decemb. AD 1757,
He was an affectionate husband, a tender father a true friend and during his Christian warfare a faithful & valiant soldier of Jesus Christ, & in the last combat, strengthened by heavenly succomed he quit the field, not captive but conqueror, & is remembered among the children of God

6. This monument is also under the Church. Sista viator, ingemisee mortalium fatis Petrus Kock, svecus qui Brealis oritur D.XVIII ante Idus Septem A. CIDIDCCXXXVIII Disce omnia in hocorbe adoccasum vergue
It in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable, but thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Ias: Ch: I Cor:15

Sexton Sideshow Report submitted by Jim and Paula Minacci

In the year 2025...Somehow...we are still alive. It's been 25 years as The Sextons here at Gloria Dei Church. Paula and I have seen 4 rectors come through this place...including Rev. David Rivers who hired us and empowered us in the year 2000. I couldn't imagine we would also bury him in the graveyard in 2025. The same being said of the only organist we have ever known...Paul Fejko. It is strange not to have either of them present with us. Paul Fejko had become an important part of what we call Sexton Sideshow.

January is a period of recovery from the grandiose month of December. So, let's start in February.

1. Our annual Valentines, Mardi Gras, Superbowl pancake brunch was a big hit and raised \$777.98. Christine Pickup presented an art installation of her mother's artwork which contributed to the success.
2. In March we continued with pancakes and Irish music and raised \$766.12. Some great performances were heard.
3. The 9th Installment of Jesus Christ Superstar performed by E.J. Simpson in the sanctuary was well received and brought in over \$3,000 for the first time: \$3,194.65. A grant worth \$500 is given to pay the performer for this show.
4. May is the Memorial Dei Family Picnic. Hundreds of people show up for this event which takes place outside on our grounds, inside the sanctuary of church, and in the Riverside Hall. 4 bands, 6 singer/songwriters, and 3 vinyl DJ's provided music throughout the day. With the art vendors as well, it is a pure Art Fest! This event raised \$5,612.93.
5. A special event in June brought together storytelling, music, and dance - with Dan May (from our O Brother show), Bill Coleman (a dancer from Canada), and Judah Kim (a singer/songwriter). This event was excellent and made \$741.50 for the church.
6. Flash forward to November 1st: Our new Day of the Dead show with music in the graveyard and a liquid light show in the church was a crowd pleaser and brought in \$1,322.85.
7. Thank God for December, a very busy month for us Sextons. There are many events, rentals, and church activities to keep us busy all month long. Our greatest joy is presenting "O' Brother Where Art Thou" in the church sanctuary. This was our 7th year showcasing the incredible talent that surrounds us in Philadelphia. Thai show fills the church for 2 nights and for the first time surpassed \$10,000: the final count was \$10,279.20

Way to go Sexton Sideshow! All of this is not possible without the support of you here in the seats and the help of all our Sidekicks here in the congregation and in our greater Philadelphia Community.

So, to wrap up: we are entering our 26th year as Sextons at Gloria Dei. We work hard at the upkeep of the property through cleaning buildings and communicating. Keeping up with the constant change around us is also challenging during these trying times as we continue to navigate the boundaries of our property with Park Service, Daycare, Dog walkers, Homeless people, our Queen Village community, and the many new things that are happening within our own congregation. Tuesday night Musical meditation has also shown an uptick in participation. I hope you will join us sometime in the future. Let's continue to grow together in faith. In total, Sexton Sideshow raised \$22,695.73 in 2025, our highest total post pandemic. Thanks for always supporting our vision.

Sincerely, Jim and Paula Minacci

Property Report submitted by Mark Roberts

The church ceiling damage from the air conditioner leaks has been repaired and the broken pane of glass has been replaced in a second floor window. In Rudman, several windows were modified and new blinds installed to accommodate new interior storm window inserts on every window. This will help with noise and heating/cooling costs. Three new fan/lights were installed in the kitchen, and the two offices. During the first attempt to install them, knob and tube wiring was discovered and then rewired to meet code. In Riverside Hall all the lower sashes on the north side were repaired from termite damage, along with the floor by the piano. Heritage Conservation Collective repaired the broken sash to a window facing the churchyard. New brick and brick pointing was done around the kitchen door. A new roof on the south facing side was completed. New flooring, for the kitchen and hall, is in the works for the coming year. On the property we have a major project for water reclamation about to begin as all approvals have been completed. We are working on a zoning variance for a shed to store tables, chairs and closet goods to be able to reconfigure the hall to better function for our needs. MCC has created an initial layout for the installation of the markers located in the side yard. The property committee is working on a comprehensive maintenance schedule for all five buildings and churchyard. The church roof is still waiting the release of the approved funds (see HGDPC)

Preserve Old Swedes submitted by Amy Grant

The Historic Gloria Dei Preservation Corporation (dba Preserve Old Swedes) is a non-profit organization. Our mission is to preserve, restore, and interpret the Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church historic campus, so the buildings, graveyard, archives, and artifacts of Pennsylvania's oldest church are maintained, respected, remembered, documented, and memorialized.

In 2025, we offered more programs than ever. Our goal: bring as many visitors as possible to this historic site. That way, they can see how special it is ... and support our efforts to preserve it.

The result: 670 people attended our lectures, chamber music concerts, guided tours and community service events.

Here are some highlights:

- 101 joined us for "Swedes, Souls and Sailors," a chamber music concert featuring historical musical works and sing-along sea shanties.
- 99 enjoyed Jeanette Woehr's guided tour of the church. Funds raised from these programs were used to buy supplies to preserve the church archive.
- 60 eager volunteers attended our first-ever "Gravestone and Historic Marker Community Service Day." Thanks to this great turn out, we received an exemplary community service award from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation.
- 17 hardy people braved the rain to learn about native plants during our first-ever National Pennsylvania Day celebration.

- 2 self-guided audio tours were uploaded to our app and made available for free. These include: “Native Trees of Pennsylvania” and “Marvels of Ministers: Over 270 Years of Gloria Dei Pastors.”
- And, through two strategic partnerships, high school and college students helped tell our story through artwork and a whitepaper.

Thanks to all these efforts, we raised \$33,203.32 in cash and in-kind donations. Our 2025 annual appeal was our most successful yet. Donations are still coming in! So far, we’ve raised \$17,533.55 – this is more than double than what we raised in 2024.

Plus, we were awarded \$586,167 in grants. The most significant of these will support the restoration of the bell, a new roof for the church, a structural engineering study and a preservation plan for the building. Others are funding signage for the graveyard, a gravestone memory wall, our native garden and extra pay for musicians.

All of this was made possible by our all-volunteer board of directors... not one member is paid a single cent for the work we do to help preserve this magnificent property. It’s all gratis.

Movies in the Graveyard submitted by Gabrielle Barbour

This past September and October, our church launched a new community outreach series — Movies in the Graveyard — bringing family-friendly film screenings to our historic churchyard. The series drew neighbors and families together for evenings of community and fun in a uniquely memorable setting, with the highlight being a screening of *The Nightmare Before Christmas* on the Saturday before Halloween.

The series was a strong financial success, generating \$3,812.69 in income against \$1,512.86 in expenses, for a net gain of \$2,299.83. Notably, \$402.76 of those expenses covered the one-time purchase of a projector and screen — equipment the church now owns and can deploy for future events. With movie rights running \$250 per film as a recurring cost, the infrastructure is already in place to continue and grow this tradition in the years ahead at minimal additional investment.

Postulant Report submitted by Rachel Armstrong

Greetings from your diaconal postulant! If that sentence didn’t exactly land, I explain it at the end.

Many thanks to the community of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes’) for your continued support of my formation and education on my journey to ordination as a Deacon in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. I am finishing up the Spring trimester at Stevenson School for Ministry, an online program based in the Diocese of the Susquehanna in Harrisburg. After I complete my current classes, I will have 3 classes remaining out of 13 (Yay!).

In September, I will begin my clinical pastoral education unit at Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania (CHOP). This is an 8-month program of classwork and hospital chaplaincy. I will be working in the hospital 10-15 hours a week, providing spiritual support for patients and their families. Following that, I will be placed at a parish in the Philadelphia area for 6-9 months under the guidance of a priest-mentor. This will prepare me for liturgical (church) work following ordination. I still have a way to go until I finish my education; I am beginning year 2 of a 3 year plan, to give you an idea. Currently, I am 1 of 7 people in diaconal formation in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your kind words and your prayers that give me encouragement when I feel overwhelmed. I feel great joy knowing that you are supporting this call. I appreciate that you saw in me what I was seeing: the Holy Spirit guiding me in a new direction in my life, to seek and serve Christ in the world. Please know that I continue to lift up this congregation in my prayers. While we can't know what God has in mind for us, I do know that God is good, all the time.

In Peace,
Rachel Armstrong

Note: Postulant is a church word for a student seeking admission into a religious order. A postulant is "sent" from their parish after a committee within the parish affirms their call. A Deacon in The Episcopal Church is an ordained minister, who works under the direction of The Bishop, focused on the practical and material needs of both the congregation and the wider community. Deacons are charged with bringing the needs of the world— especially those of the poor, the lonely, and the suffering— to the attention of the church and with leading the church outside its walls to address those needs. If The Holy Spirit has been nudging you to consider a call to ministry (lay or ordained), please contact Rev. Chris.

Altar Guild submitted by Cathy Uhfeil

This year has not seen anything out of the ordinary for the Altar Guild.

We have just four members and we continue to hope for more volunteers. Right now the Altar Guild consists of women only but we are very interested in having the men of our congregation and the young people in our congregation who feel a calling, join us in this deeply intimate and satisfying ministry.

We have not asked the Vestry for an increase in our budget for the past 5 years but have still been able to purchase needed items including a brand new white chasuble for Reverend Chris and it looks great!

Reverend Chris is planning to write a customary to be used as a teaching tool and reference for Altar Assistants. This will be very beneficial to those of us who are presently assisting as well as future assistants.

The Swedish frontal, which we use for Lucia and Palm Sunday, is in need of repair. We have asked Eric Rega, who is an expert in fabric conservation to look at it and suggest ways to preserve it as long as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Ufheil, Chair Altar GuildCo

Prayer Ministry submitted by Christine Pickup

I assumed this ministry around Candlemas 2024, after Megan decided to step away from this calling. I am grateful for the 3 regular attendees as well as folks who occasionally drop in. All are welcome. We use the Northumbria Community Morning prayer, at <https://www.northumbriacommunity.org/offices/morning-prayer/>. I plan to lead this ministry until Candlemas 2029.

While in India, Reverend Koshy asked me to lead our tour group in prayer a few times. I shared with the group parts of the Northumbria morning prayer, especially the prayer of St. Patrick. This specific prayer has become a favorite of mine: the prayer quiets my mind. I leave you with my favorite lines:

This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;
in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.

Music Ministry submitted by Rev. Chris Micklewright

With the loss of Paul Fejko last year, 2025 was a little chaotic in terms of music, but – to borrow a phrase that Paul loved – we have carried on with making a joyful noise. We were blessed with a wide variety of substitute organists throughout the year (some of whom continue to play for weddings and funerals as needed). During Holy Week, we made use of a mix of pre-recorded music and guest musicians – with an especially big thanks to retired pastor Rob Erikson for playing his guitar at the 2025 Easter Vigil. And, our Musical Meditation service has welcomed several new participants, some of whom now regularly share their talents on guitar and drums.

Thankfully, Adam Haines accepted the permanent position as Organist and Musical Director at the end of 2025. Adam had played for us regularly throughout portions of 2025, even organizing a special choir for the celebration of the 325 anniversary of the dedication of the church (as well as Christmas 2025 and Easter 2026). Adam also serves as a music teacher at a school in Conestoga, and I am grateful for his many talents – and for his interest in helping us expand our musical capacity.

2026 Missions Committee Report submitted by Jill Duink

Gloria Dei's Missions Committee meets on Zoom the first Wednesday of the month. All are welcome! In 2025 and 2026 to date Gloria Dei's missions and contributions have included projects with Prevention Point in Kensington, the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Hope and Healing in Philadelphia, the Clare Project, Snyder Avenue Congregational Church (SACCP Philly), and St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church on Roosevelt Blvd.

The vestry granted funds to contribute to SACCP Philly food pantry, to CMS College in Kerala, India, to the Cathedral in Jerusalem for regional needs, to ECS for Philadelphia area needs, to Guatemala for educational needs, and to the Clare Project in support of their work in Kensington. Our Missions Committee also directed funds from the Gloria Dei outreach budget to several families and individuals in need (either members of the congregation or close connections) in 2025.

The Missions Committee is becoming educated in issues surrounding homelessness and other needs in hopes of finding work we can do to help people struggling in Philadelphia. To this end, several of us have attended meetings with POWER Interfaith, "a grassroots organization of *Pennsylvania* individuals and congregations committed to racial justice, economic justice and a more livable planet." We are also learning of opportunities for service with Episcopal Community Services at the St. Barnabus Community Center.

Kensington's "Prevention Point Philadelphia serves thousands of people experiencing homelessness and substance use disorder every year." (<https://ppponline.org/>). Gloria Dei joyfully packs 75+ lunches once monthly. Prevention Point distributes the lunches and other donations to those in need.

At the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sister Teadora, a Sister of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, works tirelessly (so it seems to us) to provide food, clothing and other support to those in need. In 2025, Volunteers from Gloria Dei helped out at the clothing "store." We also donated school supplies, mylar blankets, and contributed to a fund to provide Christmas Gifts for Ukrainian children. Several of us had the opportunity go to Kensington with Sister Teadora to give packed lunches directly to people in need.



Lunch packing for Kensington's Prevention Point at Gloria Dei

Mercy Hospice "empowers women experiencing homelessness and in recovery to find opportunities for new beginnings....to heal and grow in their ability to lead sober, purposeful lives" (<https://www.mercyhospicephilly.org/mission/>). During Lent, Gloria Dei supported personal growth and Bible Studies at Mercy Hospice by donating Life Recovery Bibles and Workbooks designed to support people in 12-Step Recovery.

The Missions Committee donated mylar blankets, socks, underwear, clothing, and other needed items to The Clare Project and to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. The Clare Project, an outreach of The Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, provides “a pastoral and loving presence on the streets in Kensington... offering support, prayers, medical triage and first aid” (<https://diopa.org/the-clare-project>). St. Stephen's provides guests with clothing, snacks, healing prayers, and respite from the streets.



Snyder Avenue Congregational Church, SACCPHilly, is a “multi-ethnic, multi-congregational, Bible-believing church located in South Philadelphia. We make much of the Gospel and serve many refugee and immigrant communities” (<https://saccphilly.org>). At Christmas, Gloria Dei brought Christmas joy to 50+ children at SACCPHilly. The angels at Gloria Dei selected names of boys and girls from our Angel Tree and gave a special gift to each child.

Gloria Dei contributed many pounds of sustenance as well as monetary donations to the SACCPHilly food pantry. Each week SACCPHilly serves about 180 people, many of whom are immigrants and refugees. A basket in the foyer of our church collects ongoing donations to feed those in need.

St Gabriel's Church is a multi-cultural mission parish within our Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Gloria Dei prepared meals for 100 and served to those in need at St. Gabe's twice so far in 2026. We have also donated funds to support their food bank and “Lunch with our Neighbors” programs.



2026 Financial Committee Report

The list and charts below describe Gloria Dei's 2025 income, expenses and grants.

INCOME

- Savings and investment income was our largest income source at \$147,159, which was \$2,331 more than 2024.
- Fundraising profit in 2025 was \$48,388, \$59,121 in income less \$10,738 in expenses. Our fundraising profit exceeded our 2024 total by \$11,309.
- Riverside Weddings posted a third-year profit of \$14,892 in 2025; \$32,302 in income and \$17,410 in expenses.
- Pledge and plate giving totaled \$82,748 in 2025 which was \$18,406 more than 2024 giving.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Plate	2,139	1,694	3,431	3,207	7,730	6,781
Pledges	43,717	49,270	50,433	51,726	56,612	75,967

EXPENSES

- Our largest expense was compensation and related benefits at \$227,980, which was \$14,900 more than in 2024.
- Our property expenses totaled \$31,304.
- Our diocesan contributions totaled \$22,271.
- Our budgeted outreach was \$2,000. An additional \$12,000 was designated for outreach by the vestry.

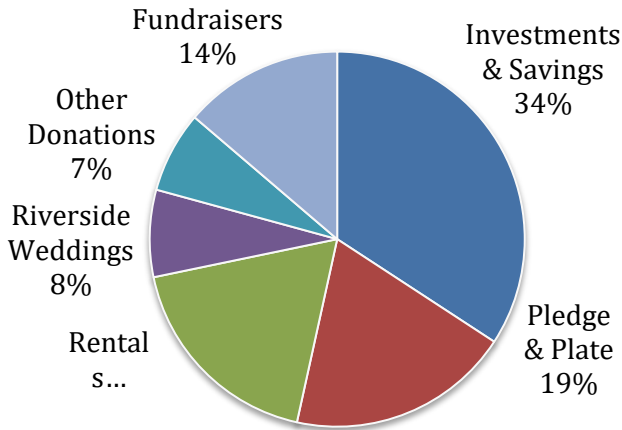
2025 GRANTS

- We received an \$8,000 grant from our PA Diocese which we divided into four parts: \$2,000 to support Collaborations, \$3,000 to support Sexton Sideshow events, \$2,000 to support Missions and \$1,000 unrestricted.
- Our Sexton Sideshow events received an additional total of \$5,000 from three grants; used to compensate artists.
- We received a grant of \$27,000 for Organ restoration from Partners for Sacred Places.
- We received a \$499,794 stormwater grant which will include repaving our parking lot.
- We received a grant of \$5,103.27 from the Philadelphia Foundation through the May I. Young Fund, for "general operation support in memory of William C. Young, who was its organist."

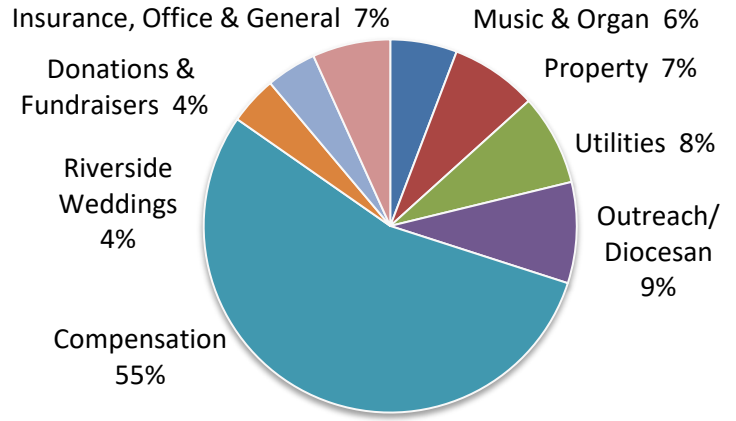
2026 GRANTS TO DATE

- We received a \$15,000 grant to update our kitchen floor in Riverside Hall.
- Sexton Sideshow has received multiple grants to help compensate artists and fund the 2026 Memorial Dei Family Picnic.

2025 Income \$430,143



2025 Expenses \$418,670



Total income exceeded total expenses by \$11,473 in 2025.

The table below tracks our endowed savings and investments year-end value over seven years. Gloria Dei's endowed savings and investments finished 2025 higher in value by \$291,864 than in 2024 (Endowed savings and investments include \$111,512 earmarked for property projects replacement. Half of our "Book 300 Joint Account," \$7,632, belongs to the Swedish Colonial Society and will be distributed in the future. As 34% of our income in 2025 was from endowed savings and investments, Gloria Dei remains vulnerable to stock and bond prices and income.

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
3,078,348	3,447,555	3,745,860	2,999,988	3,334,692	3,596,294	3,821,842

Please consider making a legacy gift to Gloria Dei; a gift to preserve our mission for future generations. The gifts of prior generations have saved Gloria Dei and continue to provide much toward our financial security. Add your name to this esteemed list:

	Original Gift	Value 12/31/2025	Income in 2025
Simes		\$256,078	\$6,093
Alfred C. Young	\$500	\$48,481	\$2,069
A. Adele Rudolph	\$6,601	\$154,699	\$6,449
Dorothy Maynard Smith	\$380,000	\$1,518,842	\$59,826
Simes		\$163,718	\$10,924
Charles I Stille	\$118,918	\$119,694	\$5,200
Lunsbeck, Robling, Hogeland	\$50,000	\$389,957	\$16,400
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2025 Financial Report and 2026 Budget

In 2026 we anticipate the need to borrow \$37,643 from our invested savings to balance the budget.

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church			
2025 YEAR-END AND 2026 BUDGET			
	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
INCOME			
03 - Regular Support			
Plate	6,781.00	4,000.00	5,000.00
Pledge	75,967.31	61,600.00	70,000.00
TOTAL 03 - Regular Support	82,748.31	65,600.00	75,000.00
04 - Income from Investments and Savings			
Aethon/Exelon/Phila Contrib	505.29	622.80	645.84
Church F 064786 - Alfred C Young	2,069.20	1,972.20	2,045.17
Church F 064791 - A Adele Rudolph	6,448.60	6,228.00	6,458.44
Church F 064934 - Dorothy Maynard Smith	59,825.04	57,090.00	59,202.33
Church F 065033 - Savings Acct. 4th Century Fund	21,694.46	21,798.00	22,604.53
Church F 065117 - Simes	6,093.36	5,812.80	6,027.87
PNC 16-35-035-0617188 - Simes	10,923.00	11,418.00	11,840.47
Wells Fargo 1513091190 - Charles I Stille	5,200.00	4,671.00	4,843.83
Wells Fargo 1519175748 - Gloria Dei Church	18,000.00	19,722.00	19,722.00
WF 1519178585 - Lunsbeck, Roebling, Hogeland	16,400.00	19,722.00	17,749.80
TOTAL 04 - Investments and Savings	147,158.95	149,056.80	151,140.27
05 - Donations, Fundraisers Memorials, Rental Income			
Donations			
Baptism	600.00	0.00	0.00
Funeral Services	16,098.81	2,000.00	2,000.00
May I. Young FD	5,103.27	4,500.00	4,666.50
Miscellaneous Other Donations	3,080.00	14,000.00	5,000.00
Societies - Organizations	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL Donations	26,882.08	22,500.00	13,666.50
Fundraisers			
Book 300 Sales Income	1,399.93	1,000.00	500.00
Seston Sideshow Event Income	22,795.32	10,000.00	18,000.00
Jazz & Joe	1,188.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Lucia	29,877.59	25,000.00	25,000.00
Other Book Sales Income	55.68	200.00	100.00
Other Fundraisers Income	3,812.69	0.00	2,000.00
Total Fund Raiser Income	59,129.21	37,200.00	46,600.00
Total Other Misc Income	3,240.49	0.00	0.00
Memorials			
Mass Cards	0.00	50.00	
TOTAL Memorials	0.00	50.00	

Rentals			
Other Rentals	300.00	100.00	100
YCCA - Kreative Kids	78,384.00	77,520.00	80,112.00
TOTAL Rentals	78,684.00	77,620.00	80,212.00
TOTAL 05 - Donations, Fundraisers Memorials, Rental	167,933.78	137,370.00	140,478.50
06 - Riverside Weddings and Events at Gloria Dei			
RW Other Event Income	9,242.97	8,000.00	
RW Wedding Income	23,059.33	27,000.00	
TOTAL 06 - Riverside Weddings and Events Income	32,302.30	35,000.00	27,000.00
TOTAL INCOME FOR OPERATING	430,143.34	387,026.80	393,618.77
	2025	2025	2026
	Actual	Budget	Budget
EXPENSES			
05 - Donations, Fundraisers, Rental Expenses			
Donations Expenses			
Baptism Expenses	63.77	0.00	0
Funeral and Burial Expenses	7,059.75	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Donations Expenses	7,123.52	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fundraisers Expenses			
Sexton Sideshow Event Expenses	471.39	2,500.00	3,500.00
Lucia Expenses	8,029.24	10,000.00	10,000.00
Other Book Sales - 80% to Swedish Colonial Society	44.48	160.00	80.00
Other Book Shipping Expenses	591.07	600.00	200.00
Other Fundraisers Expenses	1,601.64	0.00	1,000.00
Total Fundraisers Expenses	10,737.82	13,260.00	14,780.00
Rental Expenses			
Other Rental Expenses	350.00	175.00	175.00
Total Rental Expenses	350.00	175.00	175.00
TOTAL 05 - Donations, Fundraisers, Rental Expenses	18,211.34	14,435.00	15,955.00
06 - Riverside Weddings at Gloria Dei Expenses			
RW Advertising Expense	2,600.00	2,250.00	
RW Other Event Expense	4,892.45	475.00	
RW Wedding Event Expense	8,207.50	8,300.00	
RW Payroll	1,710.00	1,770.00	
TOTAL 06 - Riverside Weddings at Gloria Dei Expenses	17,409.95	12,795.00	10,000.00
12 - Diocesan Assessments	22,471.00	22,471.00	24,532.00
TOTAL 12 – Diocesan	22,471.00	22,471.00	24,532.00
13 - Outreach from Operating Budget			
Budgeted Outreach	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
First Fruits Gift \$12,000, \$4,000 to Missions for 2026	12,000.00	0.00	
TOTAL 13 - Outreach from Operating Budget	14,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
14 - Operating Expenses			
Clergy Miscellaneous Expenses			
Clergy Continuing Ed	617.30	800.00	800.00

Clergy Telephone	840.00	840.00	840.00
Clergy Travel, Other	503.68	500.00	500.00
Deacon Travel. Books, Other	210.77	400.00	400.00
TOTAL Clergy Miscellaneous Expenses	2,171.75	2,540.00	2,540.00
Compensation			
Benefits			
Rector Health	25,294.00	27,312.00	40,000.00
Sexton & Rector Life & Disability	963.41	657.05	1,000.00
Sexton Medical Supplemental	1,250.00	1,250.00	2,500.00
TOTAL Benefits	27,507.41	29,219.05	43,500.00
Pension			
Church Administrator Pension	1,700.35	1,387.44	1,860.00
Rector Pension (underage from 2024)	17,210.25	16,608.00	16,524.00
Sexton Pension	2,509.68	2,509.68	2,602.54
TOTAL Pension	21,420.28	20,505.12	20,986.54
Salary			
Church Administrator Christine McBride	28,294.85	30,011.06	31,000.00
Rector Chris Micklewright Rector	94,519.09	95,586.24	97,200.00
Sexton Jim Minacci	20,365.42	20,377.32	21,131.28
Sexton Paula Minacci	27,863.03	27,884.76	28,916.50
Supply Clergy	1,300.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOTAL Salary	172,342.39	175,359.38	179,747.78
Salary-Tax			
Medicare	1,271.85	1,380.02	1,175.19
Soc Sec	5,438.35	5,900.58	5,024.96
TOTAL Salary-Tax	6,710.20	7,280.60	6,200.15
TOTAL Compensation	227,980.28	234,094.15	252,974.47
General			
Adult/Family/Growth	591.41	1,000.00	1,000.00
Advertising & Banners	539.98	1,000.00	1,000.00
Altar Guild - Liturgical	447.64	1,300.00	1,000.00
Church Kids Adventure Club	214.32	500.00	500.00
Deanery/Convention	300.00	500.00	500.00
Flowers	189.26	300.00	In general
Hospitality	1,740.98	2,000.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous General Expenses	200	500	500.00
Sundries - Cleaning/Paper Products/Misc	2,263.39	2,600.00	2,600.00
TOTAL General	6486.98	9700.00	9,100.00
Insurance			
Comprehensive - Umbrella	13,618.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Work Comp	459.73	1,648.00	1,500.00
TOTAL Insurance	14,077.73	16,648.00	16,500.00
Music Budget			
Music and Organ Maintenance	1,336.89	2,200.00	2,500.00
Organist	22,793.87	29,569.02	20,000.00

TOTAL Music Budget	24,130.76	31,769.02	22,500.00
Office			
Bank Charge	525.99	200.00	200.00
Computer supply	159.39	300.00	300.00
Internet/Phone/WiFi	4,216.54	4,500.00	4,500.00
Miscellaneous Office Expense	967.90	1,500.00	1,500.00
Payroll Service	1,272.74	1,330.00	1,300.00
Postage	418.72	500.00	500.00
TOTAL Office	7,561.28	8,330.00	8,300.00
Property Expenses			
Alarm	3,743.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Lawn/Landscape Service	7,955.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Pest Control	375.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Property Expenses			
Church	2,405.32	0.00	
Church Yard	8,098.43	0.00	
Riverside Hall	1,631.68	0.00	
Roak House	3,373.50	0.00	
Rudman House	2,360.02	0.00	
Sexton House	1,362.22	0.00	
Property Expenses Total	19,231.17	20,000.00	20,000.00
TOTAL Property Expenses	31,304.17	30,700.00	30,700.00
Utilities			
U-Gas			
1114501039 Rudman House	2,498.64	3,300.00	3,400.00
2114501047 Church	4,074.20	5,600.00	5,800.00
3114501055 Riverside Hall	2,789.13	2,875.00	3,000.00
4114501063 Sexton House	1,338.89	1,380.00	1,500.00
5114501071 Roak House	3,825.06	6,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL U-Gas	14,525.92	19,155.00	18,700.00
U-PECO Energy			
34262-00609 Rudman and Church	3,615.46	3,633.00	3,500.00
40448-01504 Riverside Hall	3,124.46	3,425.40	3,500.00
43451-01700 Sexton House	3,007.83	2,595.00	2,500.00
49850-01702 Roak House	3,377.88	2,802.60	3,500.00
TOTAL U-PECO Energy	13,125.63	12,456.00	13,000.00
U-Water 012-75780-00904-xxx			
005 Rk-S-RSide	5,243.19	3,300.00	6,000.00
TOTAL U-Water 012-75780-00904-xxx	5,243.19	3,300.00	6,000.00
TOTAL Utilities	32,894.74	34,911.00	37,700.00
TOTAL 14 - Operating Expenses	346,418.43	366,962.17	377,774.47
TOTAL EXPENSES for Operating	418,699.98	418,663.17	431,261.47
ACTUAL Profit in 2025/Anticipated Deficit	11,443.36	-31,636.37	-37,642.69
	2025 Surplus		

