



November/December 2015

Down By The Riverside

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

Thoughts from the Rector

*Treat my prayer as sweet incense rising;
my raised hands are my evening prayers.*

(Psalm 141:2, from The Message)

Nourishing Our Bodies and Souls

I'm not usually a fan of commercials on television, but one that always makes me laugh is back for the season. It's, of all things, an ad for Snickers candy bars. The scene is a dark night and kids in costume are out on the streets trick-or-treating. There's a horse whinnying and next to the horse it a head – yes, just a head – of what seems to be an elderly gentleman careening around out of balance because he has no body, just a bit of a thin neck, tottering about, trying to keep his balance. He's yelling, "I'm the horseless headman!" One kid says to him, "You mean you're the headless horseman?" "No," he says angrily, not accepting the correction and somewhat insulted by it. "Here," the kid says, and hands him a Snickers candy bar as he says, "you get confused when you're hungry." Sure enough, when the head eats the candy everything gets corrected. The commercial ends by saying, "You're not yourself when you're hungry."

I'm struck by that final line: you're not yourself when you're hungry. Like other things that affect our moods, food can indeed do that to us. I'm not condoning looking to a candy bar for all our comfort, but it is true that both our chemical and spiritual natures need attention and when we do not pay attention to the signs that things are out of balance, or listen to those around us offering us helpful input, we can careen into some strange places, becoming "not ourselves."

As we move into the colder, darker days of fall and winter many of us will discover our moods changing. Weather does that to us. Holidays do it to us too. The busyness of the season causes stresses and strains that often creep up on us until all of a sudden someone is telling us we don't seem to be ourselves. Is something wrong? Are you eating properly? Sleeping? Praying?

Yes, praying is right up there with eating if we are concerned with our health. Whether we wave a fist at God or fall on our knees in thanksgiving or despair; whether we leave ourselves a bit of quiet time to sit in silence and take note of our minds and bodies; whether we remember to give thanks that we

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woke up this morning or have a bed to sleep in at night, or whether we are in pain and blaming God – it matters not how we pray; it matters not even what exactly we believe. It matters most that we know we are a part of something greater than ourselves, and that the trees and flowers, birds flying, stars and clouds overhead, the people in our lives, the moods we experience, all remind us of our ultimate connection to a greater whole that we recognize and name, when we take the time, as God's Good Creation.

Just as important as that bit of nourishment can be to our bodies when we're out of balance, not ourselves, so too a bit of spiritual nourishment is often the best way to get our heads back on straight. As we share a need for bodily sustenance, so too do we share a need for spiritual sustenance. We are, none of us, alone in our griefs or our joys, in our fears or our doubts. We share our made-in-the-imageness, whatever that means to each of us.

As we turn up the thermostat, as we think about hot chocolate and cider, as we pull on sweaters and dig out heavy socks to keep our bodies comfortable, let us also remember to look to our spiritual needs as well. A prayer a day, a bit of silence, a time given to sit in the fading sunlight, thoughts of days past and days to come, a joining in a community gathered to worship, a call to a friend, a card to a neighbor, a reaching out for comfort – these are just a few of the “candy bars” that might help keep us spiritually grounded this season.

Whatever your prayer is, whether in words or deeds or silent listening, may you know that you are a beloved child of God. And may the season upon us be peaceful, hopeful, and joyful.

**May God bless us in our sleep with rest,
in our dreams with vision,
in our waking with a calm mind,
in our souls with the friendship of the Holy Spirit,
this night and every night. Amen.**

(from *A Wee Worship Book*, Wild Goose Publications, Glasgow, reprinted 2011)

Peace, *Joy +*



Altar Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for an upcoming Sunday please call the office and let Vicki know. You may provide the flowers yourself or you may provide funds for flowers and a volunteer “flower person” will purchase and place the flowers for you.

GLORIA DEI

Sunday School



Ages 2-4: 9:45 AM to 10:30 AM

Ages 5-13: Begins after Communion
(@11 AM) and lasts 1 hour.

Sunday School classes are upstairs in the
Roak House



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Check out our Facebook page while you're there.

Thoughts from the Rector's warden

Hopefully this fall finds you in good spirits, inspired by the beauty nature provides. Our neighborhood and countryside burst with the bright colors of autumn. God shows us who the ultimate artist is!

This is the time of year that reminds us to be thankful for what we have and the people in our lives. I would like to take this time to say thank you to our hard working dedicated vestry members. Work and family obligations are stretching most to the limit, but each find the time to attend our monthly meetings. Each member takes serious the important position they were elected into. Every decision made at these meetings, always has Gloria Dei's best interest in mind.

Thank you for your devotion and willing spirit! I encourage church members to take the time to attend a vestry meeting. We are always eager to hear new ideas and solutions. Let us Remember we are all members of the Gloria Dei family and the vestry needs your support to keep us strong.

Wishing everyone a happy fall,

Carol Jenkins



Notes from the Vestry Secretary

During the past two meetings, the vestry has considered improvements to the church grounds. At the September vestry meeting we approved the removal of hedges by the Sexton's house that were dying and had a new hedgerow planted. At the October meeting we approved a proposal from Victor Security that will install security cameras on the church grounds. We approved a proposal for outdoor lighting to be installed. These lights will provide lighting in the graveyard when needed and will also be able to change colors for various events. We also approved an expenditure to install exit signs and emergency lighting in the church – a requirement of our insurance company. We are still receiving quotes for that work. We continue to consider updates to our Rental Agreements and our Churchyard Rules and Regulations, and we are working on an Alcohol Policy for the parish as well.

We continued to discuss the document ***“12 Marks of Healthy Church Behavior.”*** At the September meeting we discussed **Mark #3 – “Invites, Incorporates.”** In October we discussed **Mark #4 – “Disciples.”** Time spent on this, and other current topics concerning the church in the 21st century, are an important part of our meetings.

As always we invite anyone to join us for vestry meetings which are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7PM, the next one being November 19th.

Leigh Jenkins

SEXTON SIDESHOW

Graveyard Boo-ga-loo

AT OLD SWEDES

SATURDAY, OCT. 31ST

... 5 - 7 pm FREE ...

Family Fun ... Pumpkin Painting
... Trick or Treating in the Graveyard ...
David Ramsay IV - Juggling with FIRE

AND THEN AT

7 PM TO 11 PM

Music by: **Shyboyz**

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The Primaries

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**Hannah
Taylor**

Trick or Treat or Trick or Treat or Trick or Treat or Trick or Treat

Come dressed for Zombiegraveyard Fun!
Live Performance Art

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Gratitude and Reflection

With the year drawing to a rapid close, I find myself reflecting on the past and feeling very grateful for my involvement in the Prayer Chain Ministry. For those who don't know about this ministry, we are a small, but mighty behind-the-scenes group of individuals who devote a few moments each day to lifting up to God the needs and concerns of parishioners, community members, friends, and loved ones.

Since the annual report in May 2015, as many as ten individuals have prayed for over thirty people. During that time, we lost one of our faithful sisters in prayer, Pam Walker. She made a big impact on the lives of those she prayed for and in our lives, as well. Since her death, our ministry has gained two new members.

Those of us devoting our time to prayer have seen God at work in our lives and in the lives of those for whom we pray. It is rewarding when prayers are answered in the way we, with our limited understanding, think they should be answered. It can be frustrating or confusing when prayers seem to go unanswered, but we remain committed to the discipline of prayer, "knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans 5:3).

If you feel moved to join our ministry, we'd love to have you. Please talk to me after church or email me: megan77777@yahoo.com. If you'd like us to pray for someone, you can share your prayer concerns with me, Rev. Joy Segal, or by writing them on a prayer concern form in the back of the church.

Many thanks to those who have served with me in this ministry and to God who is ever faithful.

Megan Bartlett



HGDPC
Historic Gloria Dei (Old Swedes')
Preservation Corporation

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(Old Swedes') Church
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Commitment...Stewardship...Pledge

As we prepare to “close the books” for this year we are considering the dreams, visions, and wishes we share and the hopes for Gloria Dei’s work and ministry in the year to come. A great part of what we are able to make come true of our dreams and visions has to do with the support we receive from you. As we gather together to meet the days to come, please consider in what ways you can help to make the hopes and dreams of Gloria Dei’s future bright, and what you can contribute to the upkeep of this historic property. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure are needed.

Please plan to bring your 2016 Commitment Card to church on Commitment Sunday, 11/8/15, and place it in the offering basket. Together we will offer to God our gifts, and together we will affirm our faith in God, with whom all things are possible. (If you cannot be with us on Commitment Sunday please mail your Commitment Card to us and we will place it in the basket.)

**Thank you to all who have committed time, talent, and treasure
to Gloria Dei for 2015! You rock!**

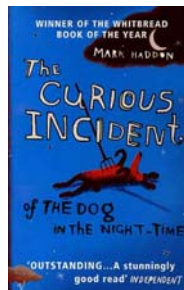
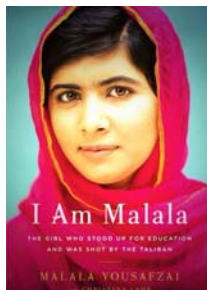
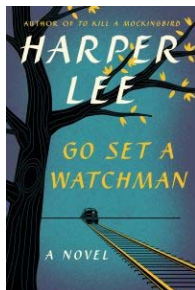


The Book Club at Gloria Dei

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

November 23, 2015	Go Set A Watchman by <i>Harper Lee</i>
December 28, 2015	I Am Malala by <i>Malala</i>
January 25, 2016	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by <i>Mark Haddon</i>

There is a large possibility that we will not meet in December. Christmas is on Friday; this meeting date is the Monday right after that. I am offering members the option to vote yes/no meet. So far, everyone who has voted, has said 'not meet.' If we do not meet, then the books & dates will all be moved back one month.



Marilyn Johnson



Friday
December 11
6:00 & 8:00

Saturday & Sunday
December 12 & 13
2:00, 3:30 & 5:00

Lucia Fest at Gloria Dei

OLD-SWEDES

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

Columbus Boulevard &
Christian Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147
(215) 389-1513

Tickets available online
now through
November 30 at
www.old-swedes.org

Adults: \$12

Children under 12: \$6

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

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



St. Eric's Fair

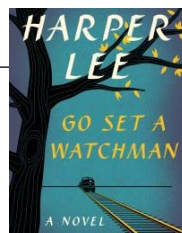
Do You Want To Take Me Home?

The Gloria Dei Dala Horse is in need of a new home. The dimensions are 54" long by 60" high by 15" deep. I am **free** to the first person to ask. Please contact Vicki at 215-389-1513. (This is a limited time offer until Nov 6th.)



Calendar

- Nov. 1** All Saints Day - Baptism - 10:00am
- Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22** Qigong - 10:30-11:30am, Riverside Hall, drop in class, all levels welcome, \$10.00 a class
- Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24** Evensong - 6:30pm - Sanctuary
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm
Yoga - 7:15-8:15pm, Riverside Hall, drop in class, all levels welcome, \$10.00 a class
Mindful Meditation - 7:15-8:15pm, Roak Room open to all levels, \$5.00 donation suggested
- Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25** Yoga - 9:00am-10:00am, Riverside Hall, drop in class, all levels welcome, \$10.00 a class
Qigong - 10:30-11:30am, Riverside Hall, drop in class, all levels welcome, \$10.00 a class
- Nov. 8** COMMITMENT SUNDAY
- Nov. 9** HGDPC Meeting - Roak Room - 5:30pm
- Nov. 18** Dinner Church - Riverside Hall - 6:00-8:00pm
- Nov. 19** Swedish Colonial Society Meeting - Riverside Hall - 10:00am
Vestry Meeting - 7:00pm - Roak Room
- Nov. 23** Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall
Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee
- Nov. 25** Thanksgiving Eve Service - 7:00pm
- Nov. 26, 27** Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov. 30** Rector away - Clergy Conference



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- Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** Yoga - 9:00-10:00am, Riverside Hall, drop in class, all levels welcome, \$10.00 a class
Qigong - 10:30-11:30am, Riverside Hall, drop in class, all levels welcome, \$10.00 a class
- Dec. 6** Lucia Dress Rehearsal and dinner
- Dec. 11, 12, 13** Lucia Fest -
Friday 11th, 6:00pm & 8:00pm,
Sat & Sun, 12th & 13th, 2:00pm, 3:30pm,
& 5:00pm services
Adults: \$12.00 Children under 12 years: \$6.00
St. Eric's Fair
- Dec. 18** Sexton Sideshow - Hootenanny - 7-10:00pm
- Dec. 19** Sexton Sideshow - Honky Tonk Hollydei - 7-11:00pm
- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Service - 7:00pm, with reception to follow
- Dec. 25** Julotta (Swedish Service) - 7:00am
Christmas Day Service with Communion, 10:00am
- Dec. 24, 25, & 31** Church Office closed for holiday

The Lectionary for November

November 1st, All Saints Sunday

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Wisdom 3:1-9

Psalm 24

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

November 8th, Proper 27

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Psalm 127

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

November 15th, Proper 28

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

1 Samuel 1:4-20

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

November 22nd, Feast of Christ the King

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

November 25th, Thanksgiving Eve

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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 100

Philippians 4:4-9

John 6:25-35

November 29th, First Sunday of Advent

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-9

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

The Lectionary for December

December 6th, Second Sunday of Advent

Stir up in our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Malachi 3:1-4

Canticle 16 (Luke 1:68-79)

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

December 13th, Third Sunday of Advent

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Canticle 9

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

December 21st, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Micah 5:2-5a

Hebrews 10:5-10

Psalm 80:1-7

Luke 1:39-45{46-55}

December 24th, Christmas Eve

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

Isaiah 9:2-7

Titus 2:11-14

Psalm 96

Luke 2:1-20

December 25th, Christmas Day

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Isaiah 62:6-12

Titus 3:4-7

Psalm 97

Luke 2:1-20

December 29, First Sunday After Christmas

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

Amen

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Galatians 3:23-25,4:4-7

Psalm 147:13-21

John 1:1-18



Hootenany

Friday, December 18th

Artist lineup:	CAROLYN THORN	7:45
	ON THE COOLING BOARD	8:00
	BROKEN PRAYERS	8:30
	MORGAN PINKSTONE	9:10
	BLACK HORSE MOTEL	9:40
	EMMETT DRUEDING	10:10
	NO GOOD SISTER	10:45

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ADMISSION: \$12 AT DOOR includes lite fare plus 1tix for first beverage

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Honky Tonk Hollydei

Saturday, December 19th - doors open at 6pm

Artist lineup:

CAROLYN THORN 7:30PM • EMILY DRINKER 7:50
HURRICANE HOSS 8:15 • OWL AND WOLF 8:50
LOVERS LEAGUE 9:15 • SWEETBRIAR ROSE 10:00
HANNAH TAYLOR and THE REKARDO LEE TRIO 10:30
WALLACE BROTHERS BAND 11:20

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Admission: \$20 includes food plus 1 tix for first beverage

Thanksgiving Eve at Gloria Dei

Once again we will celebrate Thanksgiving at Gloria Dei this year on Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve, November 25th, with a service of Thanksgiving and Holy Communion at 7pm. We ask that you bring a canned good or dry good to bring forward during this service to be placed on the altar and blessed. We will share this ingathering of food with those in our community who are in need.

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

*Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*
(Psalm 95:2)



Christmas Thanksgivings and Memorials

If you would like to give thanks or remember a loved one this Christmas, consider contributing to our Christmas Flowers. The enclosed envelope may be filled out and mailed, or you may place it in the offering basket on upcoming Sundays. All names and contributions need to be received in the office by Noon, December 16th for names to be included in our Christmas bulletins.



Christmas Services at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24, 2015

7:00 PM Holy Communion, with Sunday School Tableau

Christmas Fellowship in Riverside Hall will follow Christmas Eve service

Christmas Day – Friday, December 25, 2015

7:00 AM Julotta (Swedish service)

10:00 AM Holy Communion

First Sunday after Christmas – Sunday, December 27, 2015

10:00AM Holy Communion

The Feast of the Epiphany – Sunday, January 3, 2016

10:00 AM Holy Communion

The oldest legible tombstone in the graveyard has been restored. It is located on the south side of the Church. We are now able to view the inscription on the back of the stone.

Here lyeth the body of
Peter the son of Andreas
Sandel Minister of this
Church who dyed
April ye 21 A.D. 1708
Aged 2 years & 4 months

Here also lyeth the body of
Andreas son of Andreas
Sandel who died Aug 13
AD 1711 aged 2 weeks &
2 days

Reverse

Job 8.9
We are but of yesterday & knownthing
Because our days upon
Erth are a shaddow.

The spelling is as it appears on the stone.

Rev. Andreas Sandel, second rector of Gloria Dei, served after Rev. Andreas Rudman, Extracts from the Journal of Rev. Andreas Sandel.

Andreas Sandel was born November 30, 1671 in Uppsala, Sweden. Rev. Sandel graduated from the University of Upsala, Sweden and was ordained July 18, 1701. He set sail for America on November 13, 1701 and reached Herring Bay, Maryland late in February 1702. From Maryland he traveled to Wilmington, Delaware to Rev. Bjork.

March 18 Sanded accompanied H. Tollstadius to Philadelphia, thirty-eight English miles, and reached there that night, where he presented his commendatory letters and passport to Rev. Andreas Rudman. Rev Rudman thought it advisable for him to begin as rector asking him to preach on Palm Sunday March 21st. April 20th Rev. Sandel moved into the Passyunk rectory. July 12, Prayer books were distributed at church. July 29, Rev. Rudman preached his valedictory sermon. July 29, Rev. Sandel married his first couple, Jonas Jonson, a Swede and Anne Amesby, as English woman, in English. August 28, Sandel became very ill with the ague and a burning fever, continuing steadily and unremittingly up to Michaelmas, but not leaving him for a long while afterwards. September 20, In a heavy rain he went down to Christina to say the banns for Mag. Bjork and his sweetheart Stina Stalkop who afterwards were jointed in marriage October 6. Rev. Sandel was very ill during the intervening time suffering from a severe pain below the breastbone, causing him great difficulty to be able to marry them.

March 23, 1702 Sandel sowed barley-corn at the rectory, and also ½ bush, wheat. From Anders Bengtson he got ½ bush and from Maria Rambo ½ bush. Mons Kock, the son of Lars, plowed and harrowed using Sandel's horses and implements. A hard rain set in at the end of the sowing. March 31 Sowed ½ bush of oats. He then went to preach at Kalkanhuken (Chester County) and

after the service Mag. Bjork and wife came there with Carl Springer and then together they went to Passyunk. April 11, While walking to Church with Mag. Rudman, Sandel became quite ill and was unable to preach. This illness turned into pleurisy in the right side causing him to be confined until April 23. September 29 – Michaelmas was celebrated. The night before a severe snow storm set in, and enough fell to last until noon of the following day. No one in the area can recollect such masses of snow at this time of the year before. October 1, Just about bed time a violent storm came up and the rain fell in torrents, nothing like it ever seen before. Mag. Bjork was visiting with Sandel.

February 1, 1704 “In the name of the Lord, I set out to offer myself in marriage, (on the other side of river) to Maria, daughter of the late Per. Matson and arrived there after dark”. February 2, “In the morning, I told the object of my visit, and she said yes, as did her mother”. February 9, The new Governor, Jean Evans, a Churchman arrived. The banns were published for Rev. Sandel and Maria Matson. February 12, Rev. Sandel and Maria Matson were married at Wicacoa by Mag. Rudman. The Governor and a great many people were present. September 27 – Rev. Sandel went to preach at Egg Harbor, as some Swedes lived there. October 1 – Sandel preached at the house of Girsta Fisk, who gathered all the Swedes and some English. He made some remarks in English. After the service 10 children, 5 Swedish and 5 English were baptized. November 4, Rev. Sandel went to Christina to administer the communion to Mag. Bjork and his wife. He also preached there. Mr. Evans, an English minister preached at Wicacoa.

1706 March 5 “Changes in the monetary system took place and many other enactments to go into effect on March 10. Warm weather and grass begins to shoot.” May 16 – “While at Christina it was rumored that the French were at the Capes and had invaded Hookilen. All the towns on the river were much agitated. In Philadelphia the excitement was very great, and the people armed themselves. The Quakers with their families and goods, fled to the woods. Gov. Evans gathered all the soldiers built earthworks and placed a few cannon. A sloop from Hookilen, brought word that the rumor was false.”

1708 January 20 “I was taken sick with pains below the breast, in the back, and every one of my limbs, and did not regain my health for three weeks. It has been very sickly in Philadelphia this winter with many have died. This has been a severe winter too.” March 26 “Water froze hard today. One of my parishioners, who went out to cut wood, took some small beer in an earthen jug, and when he wished to use it, found that it had frozen solid.”

1709 January 31 A new governor sent by Mr. Penn, Charles Gookin, an Irishman arrived. May 14 “The governor in Maratz died. Soon after his arrival, about Christmas, the former Governor, My Lord Cornberry was arrested for debt, although a great Lord and related to the Queen of England.” Late in May there was a great hurricane doing much damage to houses and chimneys. June 7 The Sandel family moved from Passyunk to Benjamin’s Ferry, where they had

built a house. Andreas and Maria Sandel children were Magdalena, Samuel, Benjamin, Peter, Andreas and one other.

Rev. Sandel took his leave from Gloria Dei on June 25, 1719 with his wife Maria and 2 children sailing back to Sweden. On May 11, 1744 Rev. Andreas Sandel died in Sweden.

Jeanette Woehr





In Remembrance of:

Thomas J. Mc Goldrick 1925 -2015

Norbert Paul Jamison 1929 -2015

Celebrate the newly married:

Andrew Lewis and Katherine Parker

Oct 10th, 2015

Brian Culley and Kelley McGraw

Sept 12, 2015

Memorial Cards:

Edna Collins

By: Joe & Dolores Collins, Marge Lord,
Jean & Bob Neill, Bobby Neil,
Bert Kubiak, Joe & Maureen Collins

Patricia Josaphouitch

By: Bert Kubiak, Jean & Bob Neill

Dolores Macklin

By: Bert Kubiak

Joe Welch

By: Joe & Dolores Collins, Bert Kubiak,
Gerry & Mike Stolinski

George Walters

By: Marge Lord, Bert Kubiak

Barbara Bidel

By: Gerry & Mike Stolinski



Sunday Service:

10:00 AM

Tuesday Evensong 6:30 PM

Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday 9:30-2:30

Friday 9:30-12:30

CLERGY

The Rev. D. Joy Segal, Rector

The Rev. Paul Harris, Assoc. Clergy

STAFF

Paul Fejko, Music Director

Vicki Cusack, Parish Administrator

Paula & James Minacci, Sextons

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

VESTRY

Barbara Chilcott

Jill Duink, Accounting Warden

Kimberly Goodwin

Re Henning

Carol Jenkins, Rector's Warden

Leigh Jenkins, Secretary

Jim Parsons

Barbara Potts

Mark Roberts

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 (1/10/16); The Great Vigil of Easter (3/27/16); Pentecost (5/15/16); and All Saints Sunday (11/6/16). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advise of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.