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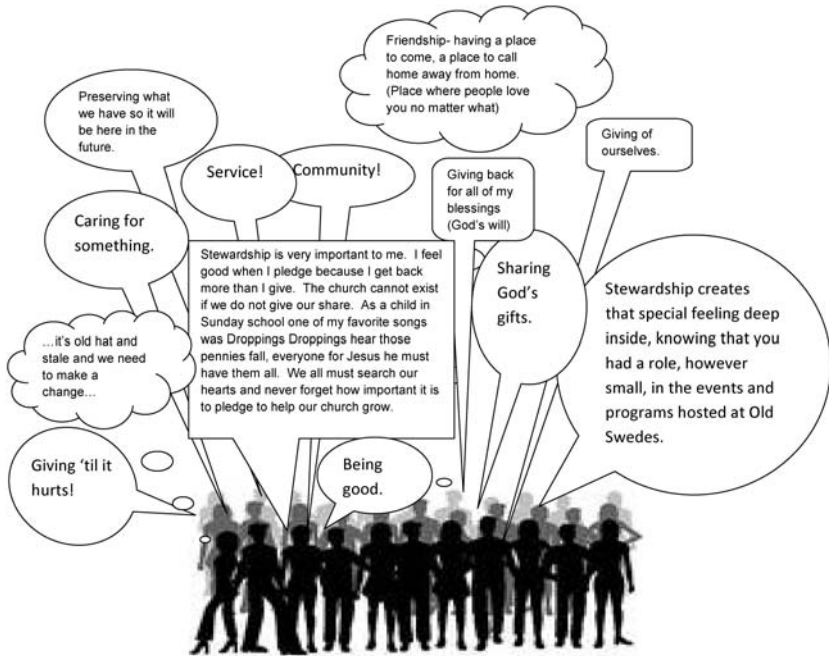
Down By The Riverside

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

What Does Stewardship Mean to Us?

Greetings Everyone!

When Joy gave us the task of writing the front page of the newsletter, Kristin and I looked at each other and gulped. We nodded slowly, smiled politely and accepted the task dutifully, but honestly, we were both thinking “What can we say that hasn’t already been said?” and “Do people really want to hear from us?” So we decided it would be more interesting and poignant to hear from you, the congregation. We polled a few folks to hear your thoughts on just what stewardship means to you. Below is a compilation of the feedback we received and we present this to you to kick off stewardship month. See if your voice has been captured. This may be a good starting point to seeing our collective thoughts and where we need to direct our focus in order to keep Gloria Dei around for future generations.



Peace,

Diane and Kristin

Thoughts from the Rector's Warden

The equinox on Friday September 21st. One very warm day on Saturday September 22nd and "Fall" arrived on a freight train! One lone fan running in church on Sunday. People coming to church in jackets and sweaters. At hospitality, pots and pots of coffee consumed, hardly any lemonade or iced tea.

It's not just the weather, it's "Fall" for our thinking and working and praying at Gloria Dei.

We celebrated our 5th "Welcome Back" dinner last Friday – lots of pasta, plenty of sauce, abundant salads, and a stupendous variety of desserts. Our turnout was lighter than some years past but those of us there had a great time – eating, socializing, catching up, and just being good friends.

Sunday school has come back into full operation. Last Sunday's service featured a visual, produced by the Sunday school children, showing us how the church year works – and I saw us rolling down the slope after Pentecost toward Advent. And we received a preview of the "Books of the Bible" blocks that are part of the new Sunday school curriculum.

Sunday was the official "Let Lucia Fest Begin" day – the day of the organizational meeting. Lucia Fest this year is extra special – it's the 75th time we'll offer this reminder of our Swedish heritage to the world. Remember – the Lucia Fest is first and foremost a Gloria Dei Old Swedes' event. Everyone who calls this parish home is welcome to show up, participate, show everyone who comes what a great place this is and what great people we are – and that part of the reason why we're all those things is that we have a Swedish heritage.

The whole month of October we'll be asked to think again (still?) about what Stewardship means. I know, I know – I, too, instinctively think "checkbook!" when I hear "stewardship." I won't pretend to deny it – that is part of stewardship. It costs about \$250,000 a year to have our church open and providing a place for us to worship, to have our graveyard a respectful place for the dead and peaceful place for the living, to provide a base for us to reach out to our community.

But stewardship is much, much more than that. When we offer food to those who need food, when we offer a quiet place in the middle of the bedlam that is early 21st century life, when we offer music and fellowship to let people relax and enjoy each other's company, when we give people a chance to sell unwanted things and buy needed things in a friendly atmosphere – those are all part of stewardship, too, because "stewardship" is simply gratitude in action, gratitude for all the gifts poured down on us.

We'll wrap up our stewardship-thinking month with a parish dinner and a great speaker whom we already know, the Reverend Al Holland who took care

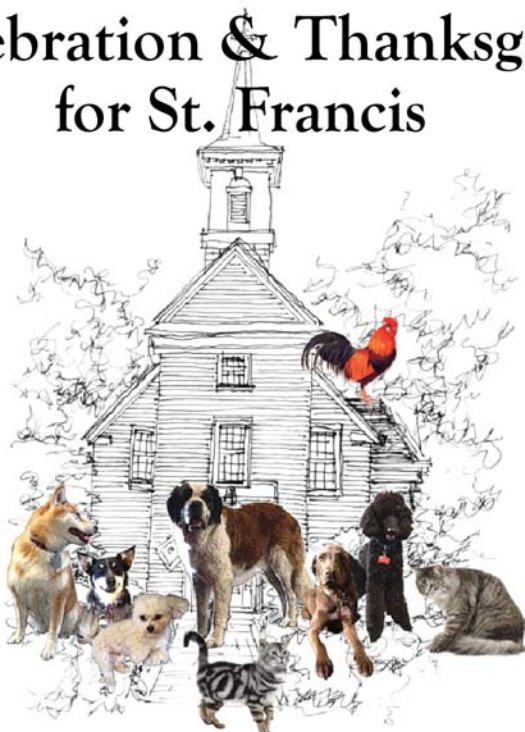
of us for four Sundays this summer. That dinner will be catered. No one of us will bake anything, bring anything, buy anything – not because we won't cook or bake or buy things, but because we all need Sabbath, a time to rest and enjoy what we have accomplished. "On the seventh day God rested from all the work that he had done. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all the work of creation." We'll make those two verses part of our life on the Sabbath of October 27.

Happy Fall!

Jerry Buescher



A Celebration & Thanksgiving for St. Francis



“ . . . renew our covenant with these
creatures in our care . . . ”

October 4 - 6:30 pm

Gloria Dei Church

(Old Swedes')

Columbus Blvd. & Christian Street
Philadelphia, PA. 19147

●
All animals are invited and welcome in church,
but please be sure to leash or cage them for everyone's safety and comfort.

●
Light Refreshments in Parish Hall
Following the Service

Highlights from the September 19th Vestry Meeting

- Gloria Dei continues to reach out to members of the community in service and support:

Members of the “Transforming Congregations” group provided donuts, coffee, and welcoming smiles on 9/11 and 9/12 to the staff and parents of children returning to YCCA (our tenant in the Roak House) • Tutoring at St. James the Less has started up again. See Rev. Joy Segal if you’re interested in volunteering. • Volunteers have been lending a helping hand to those in need at the St. John’s – Emanuel Food Pantry Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

- Two new groups need your support:

Dave Hammond has offered to convene the new environmental concerns group and is looking for those who are interested in making sure Gloria Dei “goes greener”. See Dave if you’re interested. • Lisa Reeves has offered to convene the “Welcoming Committee”, which will help us be more relational and invitational with visitors and people seeking a church home. See Lisa if you’re interested in joining.

- Upcoming events not to be missed:

Three baptisms will take place on All Saints Sunday, Nov. 4th at 10am. Please join us as we celebrate together. • The Rev. Al Holland will speak about Stewardship on Saturday, 10/27 at 6pm in Riverside Hall. A catered dinner will be provided and all are invited. • 2012 is the 75th Anniversary of Lucia Fest! The committee has been planning some special events. Stay tuned for more details. If you haven’t heard of Lucia Fest, ask someone and then get involved! It’s a wonderful way to annually celebrate Gloria Dei’s Swedish Lutheran roots. Lucia rehearsals begin on Sunday, 10/28 at 1pm.

- Improvements to Gloria Dei:

Take a look at the spruced up pew kneelers next time you’re in church. Many thanks Carol Jenkins, Barbara Potts, and Dave Hammond and the volunteers who fixed them. • The kitchen tiles in Riverside Hall were replaced on 9/28. • The National Park Service gave us a historic-styled lamppost which will be installed in a corner of the churchyard.

- All are welcome to attend vestry meetings. Next meeting is Wednesday, October 17th at 7pm in the Roak House.

Welcome Committee

I first came to Gloria Dei for my godson's baptism in 2004. At that time, we had an interim rector, Bob Betts. Even though I was raised Catholic, I had stopped going for many reasons, including the fact that it felt exclusive rather than inclusive.

Old Swede's was an entirely different experience. When I came back a second time for Sunday service, I was accosted by Chickie and Sam, who could not have been more welcoming. Everyone was friendly, and I immediately felt like I had found a home. I was especially moved by the line in the bulletin that still reads "All are welcome at the table, no matter where you are in your spiritual journey."

My point is that we are a very welcoming community. I believe it is our identity and our foundation. That's why I was a bit put off when Bishop Turner told the Vestry that we needed to establish a Welcome Committee- it is something we just do, and organizing a committee to be welcoming seems strange, like having a Friendly Committee or something.

Upon reflection, and after talking to Joy, I did start to notice that visitors and newcomers were not always greeted. Most people are shy in a new place, especially when everyone else seems to know each other. If we fail to notice or approach the newcomer after service, it may simply be that we have somewhere to go, an important piece of business to discuss with other members, or simply that we did not notice the visitor. It is for that reason that the Vestry has decided to form a Welcome Committee which I have agreed to chair.

I hope that some of you will agree to join me in this ministry, and also help to formulate a plan to make sure that all visitors feel welcome and included. People don't wander into our church by accident- they are searching for something, perhaps just a sense of community. Christ would want us to welcome them into our community.

We will have our first meeting after church on October 14 in Riverside Hall. Please join us.

Lisa Reeves



The Jazz Sanctuary, Inc. presents a Jazz & Joe event:

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Eddie Etkins – George Sinkler – Alan Segal – Leon Jordan

Thursday 10/25
7:30 to 9:30 - Riverside Hall



Altar Flowers

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 our volunteer “flower person,” Diane Honor, will purchase and place the flowers for you.




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Check out our Facebook page while you’re there.

Calendar

- Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** Evensong 6:30PM – 7:00PM church
Bells – 7:00PM
Yoga – 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome
\$8.00 a session
- Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10 - 11:00AM
All levels welcome
Zumba Classes – 11:15AM - 12:15PM (\$10.00)
- Oct 4** Blessing of the Animals – 6:30PM
- Oct 11** Pre-Convention Meeting - Riverside Hall – 7:00 - 9:00PM
- Oct 14** Swedish Service in Church – 4:00PM
- Oct 17** Vestry Meeting – 7:00PM – Roak Room
- Oct 18** Swedish Colonial Society – Riverside Hall
– 1:00 - 3:00PM
- Oct 20** Flea Market – 8:00AM - 3:00PM – Spaces are \$25.00
- Oct 22** Book Club – 7:00PM – Riverside Hall
The Sense of an Ending ●—————
By *Julian Barnes*
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- Oct 25** *Jazz & Joe* – Riverside Hall – 7:30PM
at Gloria Dei
- Oct 27** All Parish Dinner – 6:00PM – Riverside Hall
Speaker: The Rev. Al Holland
- Oct 28** First Lucia Rehearsal – 1:00 - 3:30PM
- Nov 2** Graveyard Boo-ga-loo

The Lectionary for October

October 7th, The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 22

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm: 8
2nd Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

October 14th, The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 23

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm: 90:12-17
2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16 Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

October 21st, The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 24

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm: 91:9-16
2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10 Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

October 28th, The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 25

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm: 126
2nd Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52



Gloria Dei Timeline: 1800-1849

- 1801** Bell remolded from original bell. (*Inscription on bell "Cast for the Swedish Church in Philad'a. stiled Gloria Dei," "G. Hedderly Fecit 1806. Partly from the old bell dated 1643." "I to the Church the living call and to the grave do summons all."*)
- 1804** Bell tower was completed.
- 1813** Beneath a tree, as he requested, "where the birds will come and sing above me," lies the father of American Ornithology, Alexander Wilson "This monument covers the remains of Alexander Wilson, Author of American Ornithology. He was born in Renfrowshire, Scotland on the 6, July 1766. Emigrated to the United States in the year 1794 And died in Philadelphia of the dysentery on the 23 August 1813 Aged 47."
- 1816** At a meeting of the Vestry it was ordered that the Warden should supply the Rev. Dr. Collin with three tons of hay. The yearly income of the corporation was reported as \$1,541.48 and the Rector's share of it was \$533.33.
- 1828** Captain Peter Cruse was the first conveyer of rubber in America.
- 1830's** Gloria Dei had a sewing school where young ladies would come and be taught the fine art of stitcery Current rectory built.
- 1831** The end of the Swedish Mission in America with the death of Nicholas Collin. The church had declined in size.
- 1831-1863** Jehu Curtis Clay - Rector
- 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.
- 1845** The Church applied for admission into the convention of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, and was accepted. Dr. Jehu Curtis Clay, the first Episcopal Rector. Balconies were add at a cost of \$500.

Philadelphia Timeline

- 1800** Philadelphia population 81,009. Federal Government moves to Washington.
- 1801** United States Navy Yard (Federal Street and Delaware River) established
- 1805** Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, founded
- 1806** Joseph Hawkings manufactured the first carbonated water.

- 1807 Spark's Shot Tower, Southwark built.
- 1809 First experimental railroad track laid down in Northern Liberties. A line of telegraphs set up and operated.
- 1810 Philadelphia population 111,210
- 1812 March 24, District of Moyamensing Incorporated.
- 1816 The Second Bank of the United States receives a Federal charter. First private residence in the US lighted by gas 200 Lombard Street.
- 1818 The Assembly passes an act that establishes the First School District.
- 1820 Philadelphia population 137,097.
- 1821 First American pharmacy college holds classes.
- 1824 Sept 27, Gen. Lafayette in Philadelphia stopping and sleeping at the Frankford Arsenal.
- 1827 Penn Treaty monument erected upon the spot where Wm. Penn made his treaty with the Indians.
- 1829 The Philadelphia Inquirer (originally called the Pennsylvania Inquirer) founded. July 4, U.S. Mint cornerstone laid at S.W. Corner Chestnut and Juniper Streets.
- 1830 Philadelphia population 188,797
- 1830 First successful women's magazine, Godey's Lady's Book published Sixth above Chestnut
- 1831 Matthias Baldwin built an experimental locomotive engine.
- 1835 Bell cracks again. First gas pipes in the country were laid.
- 1838 Central High School, first of its kind in the country, opens.
- 1840 Philadelphia population 258,037. Southwark, South Street, Sixth Street, Federal Street, Delaware River, has an unusual number of fire companies and gangs. Often, they are undistinguishable from each other, with rival companies intentionally setting fires in order to descend upon another company as it tries to extinguish the fires.
- 1844 July 7— Riots in Southwark – Church of St. Philip de Neri attacked. July 24, Fairmount Park established.
- 1846 The Pennsylvania Railroad is incorporated.
- 1847 First Zoological Garden. April 15 two elephant were drowned in the Delaware River in attempting to swim from Greenwich Point to Gloucester Point. American Medical Association (AMA) is founded. First issue of the John-Donkey, the first comic paper regularly published.

Jeanette Woehr

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Thank You! Thank You! Thank You So Much!

Summer changes our schedules, our needs, and the way we do things. Thanks so much to everyone who contributed their time in July, August, and September to insure that all we have to offer here at Gloria Dei continued to be obvious to those who visited for worship, for picnics, for events, and to those in our community who continue to know that we can be counted on to welcome one and all no matter the season.

Thanks to all the Altar Guild members who served this summer - Peggy Buescher, Jeanette Woehr, Candy Roberts, Dolores Collins, Marge Lord, Barbara Potts, Rita West.

Thanks to those who helped with our Sunday morning Hospitality this summer - Peggy Buescher, Jerry Buescher, and Ree Henning. And thank you to all who baked or bought goodies for our Sunday fellowship.

Thanks to those who served at St. John's Food Cupboard this summer: Dolores Collins, Joe Collins, Sally Daly, Kathy Furber, Ree Henning, Rita West, Floss Brook, Sarah Eisenstein, Ann Blackstone.

Thanks to Megan Bartlett, Jerry Buescher, and Jim Minacci for officiating at Evensong while the rector was away.

Thanks to The Rev. Al Holland for celebrating Sunday Eucharist and being a pastoral presence while the rector was away.

Thanks to Deirdre Flint for our wonderful new banners, and for keeping our website and our presence on Facebook updated.

Thanks to Diane Honor and Kristin VanBuren, our Stewardship Co-Chairs, for insuring we had another wonderful Welcome Back Dinner and for kicking off our Stewardship Month with the front page article for this issue of the Rvierside.

Thanks to Jim and Paula Minacci, Terry O'Brien, and Paul Fejko for being a constant welcoming presence for all who come to this very special place for information, for worship, for fun, and for comfort.

Thanks to those who, no matter the season, write cards and make phone calls to those who cannot be with us on Sunday, and to those who pray daily the names requested, and to those who read and serve at the altar on Sundays, and to those who serve on our committees, and to those who guide and tend to our children.

Thanks to all who serve in so many ways at Gloria Dei.

United Thank Offering

It is with great pleasure to report the amount of \$339.88 was collected for the United Thank offering. I would like to thank all those who contributed to this on-going mission of the Episcopal Church. Please take a “Blue Box” or an envelope (which can be found on the table at the rear of the church) for this purpose. With heart-felt thanks again.

UTO Coordinator

Doris Connor



Prayer
Chain

Requests For Prayers Are Always Welcome

Please contact the church office (215) 389-1513
or Florence Brook (267) 273-5175,
fbrook529@hotmail.com

Intercessors will pray on behalf of those in need

Friday, Nov. 2nd

Graveyard Boo-ga-loo

\$10 in Costume
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Music at 7pm featuring . . .

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Judith Parsons

By: Barbara Turner

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Carol & Bob Jenkins

Elizabeth McKeown

By: Jean & Bob Neill

George Hatton

By: Marge Lord

Joe & Delores Collins

CLERGY

The Rev. D. Joy Segal, Rector

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Terry O'Brien, Parish Administrator

Paula & James Minacci, Sextons

Deirdre Flint, Dir. of Comm.

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Dolores Kromchad

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Lisa Reeves

Mark Roberts

Jeanette Woehr



A Statement of Purpose

of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

We the Congregation of GLORIA DEI (Old Swedes') CHURCH, existing by and for the Glory of God, knowing that God, through this Congregation, helps us to find our way and to use our gifts, gather together

- To honor and celebrate the acceptance of our differences and uniqueness;
- To be an inviting, welcoming, sustaining, loving community;
- To respond to the needs of others;
- To preserve and build upon the beauty, tradition, and heritage of this sacred place.

STANDING NOTICES

Weddings

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

Funerals

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

Baptisms

The sacrament of Holy Baptism is celebrated during one of the principle Sunday liturgies and is governed by the Canons of the church and the Book of Common Prayer. Baptism is normally celebrated on one of the four appropriate feast days designated in the Book of Common Prayer. These are: The Baptism of our Lord (1/8/12); The Great Vigil of Easter (4/8/12); Pentecost (5/27/12); and All Saints Sunday (11/4/12). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advise of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.



Sunday Service:

10:00 AM

Tuesday Evensong 6:30 PM

Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday 9:30-2:30