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Members and Friends of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes')

We'll begin a renewed awareness of stewardship at our church in the month of October. The four of us listed below have agreed to be a Stewardship Committee for the coming year.

Father Paul Harris began this awareness with his article in the September-October issue of *Down by the Riverside* (http://www.old-swedes.com/Riversides/2016-09_Sep-Oct.pdf).

We'll continue with this awareness during the month of October.

October 2

– Gratitude as the basis for all stewardship – talk by Jerry Buescher within the service

October 9

– combined presentation by the Internal Ministry Team, the External Ministry Team, and Historic Gloria Dei Presentation Corporation on stewardship exemplified in those ministries – within the service

October 23

– breakfast at 09:00 in Riverside Hall, presentation during breakfast, on implications of parish finances in the search for a new rector – Mark Roberts

October 30

– thoughts on stewardship – Rev D Joy Segal, during the service

November 6

– celebration of the Feast of All Saints – baptism and commitment Sunday

We won't stop with these stewardship activities in October. We'll continue for at least the next twelve months with more activities to help our awareness of the "three pledges," as Father Paul put it: the pledge of worship, the pledge of service, and the pledge of financial support.

Enclosed with this letter is a pledge card. We've made it as simple as we can. We ask you to look at it, read it, pray on it, and return it on Sunday November 6th when we celebrate the Feast of All Saints

With our heartfelt thanks to all of you,

Jerry Buescher, Barbara Potts, Mark Roberts, Richard Woehr
Members of the Stewardship Committee

Gloria Dei Church

Every Sunday, every week, every month, every year – the doors of this church are open for worship.

Like food for our bodies, worship is how we nourish our faith so our faith is strong when we need it.

The message of this church is timeless. The message is about faith, hope, and love – the most sustaining words in any language on earth.

We can't avoid the hardships of life. But our faith, hope, and love make us understand that Jesus, the Christ, walks with us and keeps us.

**The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep
darkness – on them light has shined.**

(Isaiah 9:2)

*Inscribed under one of the angels
at the back of the church*

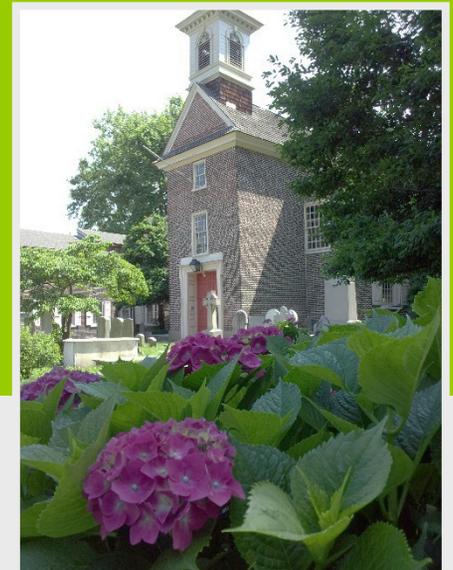


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To seek and serve Jesus
Christ in all persons

PLEDGE Card 2017



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Stewardship – it’s not a word to hide the statement “Look out! The church wants money!”

No, “stewardship” means acknowledging what has been entrusted to us and acting accordingly. Our scriptures are clear: “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” (Luke 6:38) We give not because the church needs money but because humans need to give.

God expects us to give back, not because a rule book says “You owe 10%,” not because we feel pressured by other church people to do so, and not because we’re trying to buy ourselves out of something we feel bad about.

Giving is one of the driving forces for spiritual growth. We pay attention to all God has given us, we are thankful for that. Thankfulness makes us, in turn, want to be generous, want to help what God is trying to get done in the world.

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

(2 Corinthians 9:7)

Please consider all God has given us and ask what we are called to give back to God through care for each other and for stewardship of God’s good creation.

Please think about what you can give back to God. At the moment, we’re asking you to think about what you can contribute financially and to fill in the items to the right.

As time goes by, we’ll get back to you to ask about what commitments of the parish you can help by giving your time and your talents.

We ask you to bring this form with you to church on Sunday, November 6th, and to put it into the offering plate on that day, the Feast of All Saints, and Commitment Sunday.

If you cannot be here that day, then please mail it to the church office.

Tithing Your Pledge

To tithe is to give 10% of your blessings. Consider the chart below. Find your current giving and consider pledging 10% more in 2017.

Present Weekly / Monthly Giving	Suggested Weekly / Monthly Giving
\$1.00	\$1.10
\$5.00	\$5.50
\$10.00	\$11.00
\$20.00	\$22.00
\$50.00	\$55.00
\$100.00	\$110.00
\$150.00	\$165.00

What can you give towards the Church’s financial obligations this year?

_____ weekly / monthly / yearly

Information for the Church Directory.

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

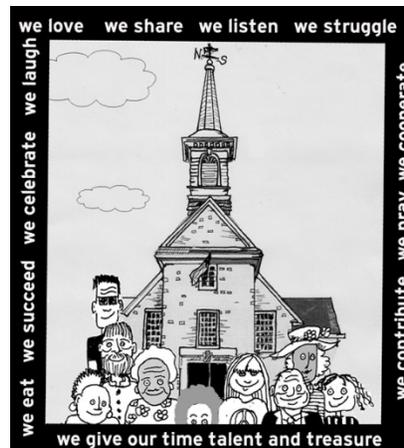
City/Town: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

eMail Address: _____



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