



October 2007

Down By The Riverside

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

Thoughts from the Rector

Catch the Wind

Perhaps some of you have seen the recent GE commercial that includes a portion of the Donovan song, *Catch the Wind*. It shows a small boy out in a windy rural landscape, running with an open jar in one hand and the lid in the other, trying to catch the wind. He actually manages to catch some wind and he runs into a very small house where a birthday party for his grandfather is in progress. He gives his grandfather the jar as his gift and when the old man opens the jar the release of the wind is so powerful it changes everything in the room and leaves the people, adults and kids alike, wide-eyed, first with fear and then with delighted amazement.

“Catching the wind” is one of those phrases that has subtle and multiple meanings. For the practical and literal-minded among us trying to catch the wind is a waste of time. For others of us, dreamers and storytellers, the phrase opens our imaginations to mysterious possibilities.

You probably can guess which category I’m in. I was definitely a child who tried to catch the wind. And I am an adult who continues to seek that which is beyond understanding but within imagination. Perhaps that’s why I always loved the song, and why the commercial catches my attention and puts a smile on my face every time I see it.

*In the chilly hours and minutes,
Of uncertainty, I want to be,
In the warm hold of your loving mind.*

*To feel you all around me,
And to take your hand, along the sand,
Ah, but I may as well try and catch the wind.*

This song speaks of the yearning that humans feel to be in relationship so intimate that we are literally inside each others’ minds, warm and safe in unceasing and certain love. We seek a knowledge of another that seems beyond our ability yet within our vision. The song seems to admit the impossibility of such a thing, and perhaps it is just shadows we perceive.

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But I think the reality lies not far from the song. I think that this is the God who created us and made us stewards of all creation niggling at that which is “made in the image” deep within all of us. I think our need to try to catch the wind, to seek that which is impossible yet real, to yearn for intimate relationship with God and with each other, has everything to do with the glorious, the life-giving and life-saving wind, the Holy Spirit, that lives and moves and has its being within each of us.

The same wind that was there at the beginning of creation, the same Spirit that was unleashed at Pentecost, the same breath that God breathed into us at creation, is this wind that we are impelled to “catch.”

As we consider what it means to be good stewards let us encourage each other to reach both outward and inward. As we envision our future together let us imagine a church that dreams, that believes, that dares to try to catch the wind. Then let us be that church!

Joy +



A late fall day in Wicaco

October is Stewardship Awareness Month

Over the summer we've tried to get everyone to think a little about how God has provided us with so many gifts and has touched our lives in so many ways including through others and each other. We've also pointed out how the previous generations at Gloria Dei have provided good stewardship of what they were given in order to pass along this wonderful church and its history to us.

It's October and it's time to get serious about becoming a part of the heritage of Gloria Dei stewardship – time to be reminded of our own call to be stewards of this wonderful gift of community and place.

Do you know that our collective giving through pledges and plate collections don't even cover the rector's modest compensation? Without the perpetual gifts that were given by those aforementioned forefathers and foremothers of Gloria Dei, we'd be shutting our doors like so many other churches. The income from these gifts are what pay for the rest of the staff salaries and expenses, our office expenses, and commitments to the diocese, and the other expenses necessary for the church to operate.

And thank God for the good fortune we have with our rentals – they're what pay the utility bills, property expenses and insurances.

So while we might look okay month to month as far as covering our day to day expenses thanks to the things I just mentioned, what would happen if we got the news that St. Peter's did a few years ago? They all of a sudden had to replace their roof – to the tune of a couple hundred thousand dollars. We already know that we need to do some work on the steeple. What about our heating plants? They aren't exactly new and they won't last forever. We need to start building a security fund to cover emergencies. If we didn't use so much of our endowment income for our general operating funds we'd be able to build up funds for both capital improvements needed as well as emergencies. That's actually what they were supposed to be used for anyway.

We'd like you to think about these things – seriously think about them. October is Stewardship Awareness Month at Gloria Dei, and Sunday, November 4th – All Saints Sunday – will be Pledge Sunday. Pledges are important because that's the only way we can truly plan our expenses and make sure we can cover them. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming year. And plan to join us on November 4th as we celebrate our calling to be stewards of Gloria Dei, and of God's good creation.

God Bless.

Jim Ufford

A Note from our New Seminarian



Hello! I am Christine Parker, your seminarian/vicar for the year. I am a second year seminarian at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, in Mt. Airy. My husband, Mark and I live on the seminary campus, but still call Baltimore home, even after I spent my undergrad at UPenn. The two of us are “just married” as of August 25, 2007, and he too is pursuing a call to ordained ministry. He is two years ahead of me, having graduated from seminary and currently doing an internship at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 57th & Christian Sts.

My interests both in the church and outside of the church are many and varied. You may know I’m coming by my whistle, but you’re less likely to see me running down here, since it’s a bit far from the seminary. Biking, though... that may be an option.

In terms of the church, I am a cradle Lutheran, being a pastor’s kid, but also actively engaged in the ecumenical movement. I have been incredibly active in the church since high school, which has led to a variety of experience and interests: youth ministry, campus ministry, social justice, an understanding of the broader Church, mission oriented as opposed to maintenance oriented, early Christian writings in the context of Greco-Roman philosophy, and the intersection of faith and science.

That being said, I am excited about the possibilities for doing ministry here. I hope that many of you will join me in an attempt to get more involved in a hands-on sort of way with the seafarers. Joy has made me aware of many of the ways you provide support, including the seafarers and the Anglican Church in Guatemala.

I hope that I may get to know all of you at least some, and that perhaps by mid-year I might even know your names! My thoughts and prayers are with you as you continue to do ministry in this place.

Christine

The BISHOP'S VISIT Adult Inquirers' Classes

The Rt. Rev. Franklin D. Turner, Bishop Suffragan, Retired, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, will be visiting with us on Sunday, December 16, 2007. We look forward to Bishop Turner's visit to meet with him, hear about what is happening in the diocese, have him preach and celebrate the Eucharist, and especially baptize, confirm, and receive new members into the Episcopal Church.

In preparation for the bishop's visit the Confirmation Class at Gloria Dei has been studying and preparing for over a year. In addition, Joy will be conducting an Inquirers' class for any adults who wish to be baptized, confirmed, or received into the Episcopal Church that day. The classes, four sessions, are designed for adults to explore the basics of our Anglican faith, history, tradition, and theology. Anyone is welcome, whether you wish to be baptized/confirmed/received or not. It is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your knowledge and engagement with the fundamentals of our faith.

Meeting dates and times will be established by the class members but will occur during the month of November. If you are interested in taking part please contact Joy.

Pastoral Care at Gloria Dei

Pastoral care includes a variety of activities that provide for some of the needs of a congregation. At Gloria Dei, pastoral care currently includes prayer chain ministry, visiting shut-ins and providing transportation, as well as writing cards and making calls to those who are not able to be with us. The sky is the limit when it comes to pastoral care. Our hope is to continue to grow in our pastoral care efforts and increase the number and type of services that might be provided to our church family.

With that in mind, please consider joining us for a meeting in January 2008 to discuss our current commitments and share ideas for the future. Although January feels like a long way off, it will truly be here before we know it! We will meet on Monday the 14th at 6:30 PM. Reminders about the meeting will be forthcoming.

Involvement in pastoral care does not require a tremendous amount of time or a large number of meetings throughout the year. Commitments can be one-time or ongoing, depending on the activity. As an example, a ride to church for someone without transportation could be a one-time event whereas

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Calendar

- October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** Bible Study in Riverside Hall 7:00-8:30 PM
- October 3** Pre-Convention Plenary Meeting hosted by Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church 6:30 - 9:00 PM
- October 4** Blessing of the Animals 6:30 PM
- October 6** Wedding: Jerome Buescher and Margaret Hemingway 2:00 PM
- October 7** Swedish Service in Church at 4:00 PM
- October 12** Wedding: Kevin Ciccone and Nicole Rota 5:00PM
- October 13** Yard Day 9:00 AM - 3 PM
New Sweden History Conference at Trinity Church, Swedesboro, NJ
- October 14** Baptism: Sky Madyson Richardson 11:00 AM
Flea Market Sub-committee Meeting - Between Services
- October 17** Vestry Meeting in Riverside Hall 7:00 PM
- October 20** Fall Flea Market 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- October 21** Norwegian Service 4:00 PM
- October 28** 1st Lucia Rehearsal
Seminarian Christine Parker Preaches
- October 2, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31** Holy Family University
Accelerated Degree Program Evening Classes,
in Roak Room 6:00 - 10:00 PM
- November 3** Diocesan Convention held at the Cathedral



being an intercessor on the prayer chain is an ongoing commitment. Pastoral care activities provide spiritual nourishment and tangible help not only for the recipient but for the provider as well. It goes without saying that it can be a fulfilling part of stewardship and it provides one way for us to put God's call to love our neighbors into action!

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments about pastoral care and most specifically, about prayer chain ministry. I already look forward to meeting with everyone in January!

Barbara Sampieri

The Lectionary for October

October 7th: The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-6(7-11) 12-13, 2:1-4 Psalm: 37:1-18

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:(1-5) 6-14 Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

October 14th: The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Collect: Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1st Reading: Ruth 1:(1-7)8-19a Psalm: 113

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2:(3-7)8-15 Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

October 21st: The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st Reading: Genesis 32:3-8,22-30 Psalm: 121

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Gospel: Luke 18:1-8a

October 28th: The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 14:(1-6)7-10 Psalm: 84

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Disappearance of the *SS Poet*

Baseball....It's red hot. The Phillies had just won the 1980 World Series. The explosive celebrations were noticed on the docks and by 34 crewmembers of the *SS Poet*. Nine of the crewmembers were from the Philadelphia area. The 36-year-old bulk carrier *SS Poet* was being loaded at Girard Point with a cargo of yellow corn. The ship departed at 1:20 am on October 24, 1980 for Port Said, Egypt. Six hours later, one of the deck officers called his wife through the marine operator. That was the last time the ship was heard from. An air and surface search began on November 8. The search covered over 296,000 square miles, including the area known as the Bermuda Triangle. No trace of the vessel, crewmen, or debris was ever found. The disappearance of the *SS Poet* was the first time in nearly 20 years that a U.S.-flag vessel totally vanished without a single trace of the 11,241-ton ship or its crew.

One of the crewmember's mothers was Lottie Zukier Fredette, a member of Gloria Dei. Fredette drove her son Hans to the ship. At the worn docks she has a terrible premonition. She appealed to Hans to stay home. She cried and out of character, she cursed. Hans was uneasy with his mother's unusual behavior. She had often visited the vessels and never acted like this. At 7 a.m. on Saturday, November 1, Fredette completed a night shift at Northeastern Hospital. She told investigators that something troubled her-just as on the day she took her child to the *Poet*. "I was very depressed. I laid down for two hours or so." She told her husband "Something is bothering me.' I kept crying. I had these crying spells."



Following inquiries into the ship's disappearance a service was held in January at the Seaman's Church Institute in New York. "The most profound tribute that can be paid to the 34 men who perished aboard the *SS Poet* is for us to seek whatever measures can be found to increase the safety of American

vessels," said the Rev. William Haynsworth, Institute chaplain. "The shroud of the sea has passed over the ship and no one knows where it went down into the sea. There's nothing. It's an utter mystery."

On the next day, a similar service was set for Gloria Dei Church. Rev. Robert Peoples, chaplain at the Philadelphia Seaman's Institute, asked Fredette to give a prayer.

Rev. Peoples planned the service, quietly using part of the Episcopalian burial service without naming it. He wanted to avoid upsetting some *Poet* family members who did not accept that their sailors had perished. Fredette lead a short prayer: "Dear God, grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change and the courage to change the things we can, and give us the wisdom to know the difference." The *Poet's* crew list (which can be seen in the rear of the church) was read. Hans Zukier was the last name read. Then the bells tolled for the end of the watch. After the service, Lottie Fredette said "We really have no choice but to accept what has been given to us. We can't change that. But there's nobody that says we don't have the courage to say this can't happen again."

Bob Josuweit

History Committee



Bible Study – ACTS

We will be studying *The Acts of the Apostles* (better known as *Acts*) on Monday evenings in October, beginning on October 1st and continuing for the following four Mondays (10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29), 7:00pm – 8:30pm. The book of *Acts* is a fascinating encounter with the very beginnings of the Church. It begins with the Ascension of Jesus and the coming of the promised Advocate, the Holy Spirit, at Pentecost, and continues as the apostles begin to preach the word “to the ends of the earth” as Jesus told them they were to do. From chapter nine forward it becomes Paul’s story, as he sets out on his missionary journeys across the Roman Empire, and it ends with his imprisonment in Rome. It is an exciting story and an easy narrative to read. We will gather in Riverside Hall. No previous participation in Bible Study or familiarity with this book of the Bible is necessary. Just come and enjoy conversation with a small group as we find ourselves in the biblical story of God’s people and come to recognize that their story is our story.



Flowers for the Altar

The response we have received for flower offerings has been great! *Just a short refresher on the details: You can dedicate flowers for a specific Sunday by calling the office and letting Mary Jo know the date you are interested in, make a donation and our flower designer, Tom Flanagan, will take care of the arrangement.* If you want to supply your own flowers that option is still available. We said in last month's issue, *"With this new option - Sundays will be going quickly!"* and we're happy to say that we were right! All Sundays in October are reserved - thank you! If you'd like to reserve a Sunday in November or December please call the office.



United Thank Offering

This is the time to turn in your UTO blue box or UTO envelope. These gifts of thanksgiving are combined with others at the parish and diocesan levels, and finally within all the Episcopal Church. Each year the gifts are given as grants for projects throughout the Anglican Communion. These monies collected are outward signs of blessings and thanksgivings you have personally received. It is not too late to be involved. There are UTO envelopes on the table at the rear of the church. I sincerely thank you for your continued support.

Doris Conner
UTO Coordinator

Gloria Dei Launches New Web Site!

Be sure to visit the new Gloria Dei web site at www.old-swedes.org. The new site features a calendar to check for special events and committee meetings, a news section, updated sections for history, people, education and much more!

The site has been designed to offer you information in single pages for ease in reading. The site has an unlimited capacity to add pages and it is easily updated by anyone with the password and limited Microsoft Word® skills. All the design work has been donated, and the cost to Gloria Dei has been minimal – not more than the usual set up and monthly server fees.

The web site also includes a tool to upload digital photos and captions to create slide shows. We will be able to share the very special Gloria Dei experience with our parish family and others. Digital photos to be considered for upload to the site should be saved to CD-ROM, and dropped off at the church office. Since this site is being maintained by volunteer help, we cannot accept prints, and we cannot promise that every photo received will be uploaded. We could use some photos now from any of the Flea Markets, Gloria Dei weddings, and parties held at Riverside Hall. Please be sure to label your CD-ROM if you would like it returned.

In the News section, a page has been added that will include links to our parish newsletter, Down By The Riverside. You can also receive Down By The Riverside by email. Simply send an email request to info@old-swedes.org. Your email address will be copied from the request and added to the mail group for monthly distribution. Please do not send a handwritten request as email addresses are frequently written down incorrectly.

Feel free to send suggestions for the website to croberts@quantum-think.com

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Roberts

Gloria Dei
Old Swedes Episcopal Church

Home: Come join us for Sunday Services.
Sunday at South 5:00 AM & 11:00 AM.
Wednesday - 8:00 AM
Program: 10:00 AM
Ministry: Memorial Day Through Labor Day

Calendar: Please call the church office with any questions: 215.388.1013

News: Gloria Dei Old Swedes Church is an active (and blessed!) with the highest and oldest of parishes serving. This early church, according to some legends, built about 1639, and was the first of its kind in the colonies.

People: **NEWS!!! FLEA MARKET Oct. 20**

Events: Each year, the church office will be holding a flea market and other activities and gatherings.

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Old Swedes Episcopal Church

Home: **Historical Overview**
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John Curtis Clay (1929-1982)

John Curtis Clay served twice as an assistant to Collins and succeeded him in 1971. Clay was Gloria Dei's pastor during some of the most difficult times in the history of the United States. The national controversy of the 1970s and the fall of the Civil Rights movement caused the congregation through an act of resignation and leadership change. The nation's issue and the church's history were both complicated in the 1970s. In the 1980s, the same church at Kingswood and Gloria Dei was inspired and led by Rev. Clay, and of those joined the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. Gloria Dei was separated separately, a necessity for a congregation that belongs to Christ's Body.

Belonging was added in 1980. A year that in built a new church, Gloria Dei, the next three centuries long with the same history. In 1980, the church office was headed centrally for the first time and accepted the historic cornerstone of the church in 1922 in the year after Clay's death in 1982. The church continued to grow with the addition of great people and (1982) and a brochure (1982).

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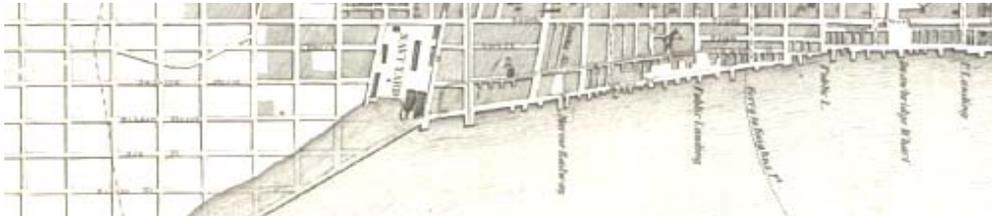
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The Stained Glass Window

The first stained glass window in the church.

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WELCOME the Newest MEMBER ...
...of Gloria Dei Church, baptized on September
23, 2007; **Jadalyn Rose Bilbrough.**

CELEBRATE with the Newly MARRIED ...
...**Emilie Pabellon and Jose Rivera**
on July 28, 2007.

IN REMEMBRANCE of ...
...**Leonard M. Kacala**, September 3, 2007
...**Carolyn Jordan**

IN APPRECIATION of ...
...**Jeanette Woehr** on her 30th year of teaching
Sunday School

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.



Sunday Services:
9:00 & 11:00

Office Hours
Weekdays 12:00-4:00

CLERGY

The Very Rev. D. Joy Segal, Rector

STAFF

Paul Fejko, Music Director
Mary Jo Jay, Parish Administrator
Paula & James Minacci, Sextons
Candace Roberts, Dir. of Comm.
Mark Roberts, Treasurer
Christine Parker, Seminarian

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Rosanne Morison
Heather Myers, Secretary
James Parsons
David Sampieri, Rector's Warden
Connie Twist
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 (1/13/07); The Great Vigil of Easter (4/7/07); Pentecost (5/27/07); and All Saints Sunday (11/4/07). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advise of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.