



*June 2010*

# Down By The Riverside

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

## *Thoughts from the Rector*

*Everyone is kneaded out of the same dough but not baked in the same oven.*  
(Yiddish Proverb)

*Today you are You,  
That is truer than true.  
There is no one alive  
Who is Youer than You.*

(Dr. Seuss, author and illustrator, 1904-1991)

It may seem odd to some reading this that I chose two quotations and no title to begin this article. I did struggle to come up with a title but finally let it go. The quotations, I think, do a good job of focusing my thoughts and hopefully will do so for you too. A title seems somehow extraneous.

The quotations challenged me and so I share them with you in the hopes that you also will be encouraged to consider, recognize, honor, and bless the diversity that we share with each other, with neighbors, with the whole world really. They both affirm how the dichotomy between individual and community is not something to be overcome but to be embraced. Both quotations challenge me to accept the you-ness of others, to recognize neighbor as made of the same stuff as me, no matter the obvious and observable differences – looks, language, culture. They also push me to consider that if humanity is ever to grasp our potentially co-creator-ness (okay, I made that word up but I think it's a good one anyway) we will need to progress to a new way in which we perceive of ourselves, both as individuals and as members of a community.

Our communities are many. I am a Christian, an Episcopalian, a citizen of the United States, a female, a member of Gloria Dei, a resident of Queen Village, a priest, a daughter, a sister, a wife. These, along with many other associations, identify me as a member, in some way, of a community. They add to my “you-ness” but do not take away the fact that there is only one me. They remind me that the “dough-ness” that is my essence is the same “dough-ness” of my fellow human beings, no matter in which community I associate with them.

The challenge we face as we accept our you-ness, our dough-ness, our humanity, is one in which we are asked to affirm those things in others; and in

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so doing to understand our connectedness in a way that will bring about those things greater than any one of us can attain alone but for which we all yearn: forgiveness, reconciliation, healing, love, peace, justice, truth.

The community that Jesus brought to the fore, though it was there before the foundation of the earth was laid, in the very mind and being of God, is the community we experience when we do as he has done – be the you that is you; know the dough we share; share the vision of the Kingdom of God right here, right now. When we do that, when we do as he did, all those yearnings become the work we have been given to do. And we do the work with joy.

As we move into the long season of teaching after Pentecost let us celebrate together our common calling to proclaim the Gospel in this time, in this place, with all the dough-ness and you-ness we have been given. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Peace, *Joy +*



## Camp Arrowhead

**Kids are you interested in going to Summer Camp?**

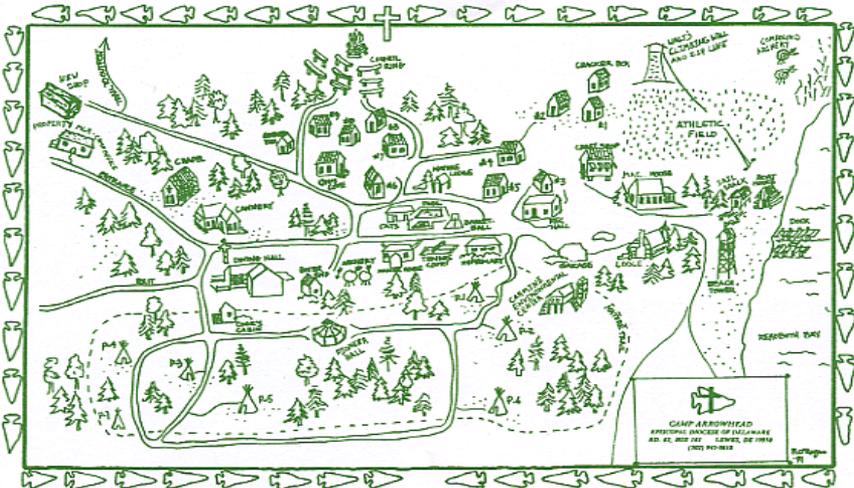
We are headed back to Camp Arrowhead.

Open to children entering 3rd through 9th grade.

Please contact Heather Myers for more information.

215-512-0363 or moosefamily@comcast.net

Visit [www.camparrowhead.net](http://www.camparrowhead.net) for session dates.





Come join us  
for our outside  
service

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**June 6th**

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10 a.m.

## Super Spring Flea

It truly was a Super Day 4 Fleas on Saturday, May 22nd. Queen's Village came to life as it does every Saturday (maybe a little earlier than usual.) Flea vendors were already assembling at 5:30 when your Sextons were just plugging in the coffee urns. By the end of the day (around 6 pm) we had received payment of \$25.00/space from 120 vendors, sold all of our soup and chili, cooked up 440 hotdogs and grilled 20 lbs. of chicken tenders. Our Grand Total for the day was \$5,258.00. Thanks to all.

Your Sextons,

*Jim and Paula Minacci*



## From the Stewardship Committee

I'm writing this two days after the May 22 Flea Market – a successful fund-raising activity for Gloria Dei Old Swedes' and a witness to the caring of parishioners for this parish. All told, about \$2,000 was raised from the sale of various food items – items donated by the people of this parish, items prepared with loving care by the people of this parish, items served and sold by the people of this parish. An incredible testament to the commitment of people to this place begun by Swedes so far from home more than 300 years ago.

The May Flea Market brings us to end of the program year at Gloria Dei. We'll see some members at church on Sunday regularly, we'll see some at the weekly "Simply Eucharist" celebrations on Wednesday, and we'll see other members only off-and-on until we begin again in September. But – as Winston said on Sunday in his farewell sermon – we're all still connected no matter where we are, just as all the ancient peoples were swept into Jerusalem on that first Pentecost, and just as long buried members worship with us every Sunday from their resting places outside the church windows.

Stewardship – The spiritual practices of a grateful heart and of celebration that help us experience God's presence in all of life and value each other, what we have, and what we experience together.

It's been a great year for stewardship at Gloria Dei Old Swedes'. And Gloria Dei has been good to me for the past three years as chair of the Stewardship Committee. I've learned so much and been given so much. It's time, though, time to hand over the chair's responsibilities to someone else. But – be assured – I will continue to work on the Stewardship Committee. I'm selfish – I want to stay connected with all of you and continue to experience God's presence among us.

For the Stewardship Committee

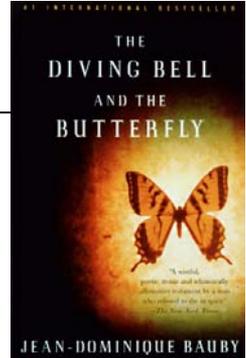
*Jerry Buescher*



# Calendar

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- June 6** 10:00AM Outside Service  
Meeting for Sunday School parents, teachers and interested parties after this service – Riverside Hall 11:30 – Noon
- June 7** Vestry Meeting – 7:00PM – Roak Room
- June 13** One Service – 10:00AM  
Rector leaves for vacation today
- June 14** Book Club 7:00 PM – Riverside Hall  
*The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*  
by *Jean-Dominique Bauby* ●
- June 20** One Service – 10:00AM  
– The Rev. James VonDreele, Supply Clergy
- June 26** Swedish Summer Solstice – 11:00AM
- June 27** One Service – 10:00AM  
– The Rev. James VonDreele, Supply Clergy



# The Lectionary for June

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## June 6<sup>th</sup>, Second Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 5

*O God, from whom all good proceeds: grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16, (17-24)

Psalm: 146

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Galatians 1:11-24

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

## June 13<sup>th</sup>, Third Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 6

*Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a

Psalm: 5:1-8

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Galatians 2:15-21

Gospel: Luke 7:36-8:3

## June 20<sup>th</sup>, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 7

*O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a

Psalm: 42 & 43

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

## June 27<sup>th</sup>, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 8

*Almighty God, you have built your church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Psalm: 77:2, 11-20

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62



## Sunday School Update

Pentecost Sunday was enlivened by the Little Glorias proclaiming that "JOY, JOY, JOY, JOY DOWN IN THEIR HEARTS" and by the Young Swedes spraying, splashing and laughing as they washed and sparkled everyone's cars. All proceeds from the car wash will go towards Camp Arrowhead scholarships.

We hope you enjoyed the children as much as they enjoyed their last Sunday School until we start up again in the Fall. We all look forward to more sharing and learning about each other, God's love and God's word.

Planning for next Fall starts with you, parents, teachers (any interested in teaching) and others who would like to be involved with the children. Please come to a planning and brainstorming meeting on Sunday, June 6, after the 10:00 Service! We will meet at the tables outside of Riverside Hall if the weather is fine - inside if not so fine. Please bring your thoughts and questions on June 6 at about 11:30 am!

*Jill Drink*



*Remember to give to the Witness Trees Fund*

**Witness  Trees**

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

Little Gloria's in fire hats and singing in church....Young Swedes washing cars and dancing to "working at the carwash".....everyone wearing red.....that's the way our sunday school ends another year at Gloria Dei!! We raised \$240.00 for some of us to go to Camp Arrowhead and our singing in church had people clapping and smiling! "Quinn's Dad"!!!! Ralph, played a mean guitar to help us out. Thank-you to all of our teachers and our other friends that helped us on Pentacost and through-out the year! We will be back for more fun and celebration in September and during the summer you will see us in the pews!!!

Love, the Sunday school



## The Hospitality Committee

A big “thank you” to everyone who contributed their “time, talent, treasure” to our Sunday morning fellowship. We’ve had homemade “goodies” provided on a good number of Sundays and we look forward to continuing that.

We look forward to your continued help from the sign-up sheets. Remember, it’s easier for the next three months – only one service at 10:00 AM.

We’re still looking for helping hands to set out snacks, to pour juice, to make coffee. Other hands to put things away and clean up would be nice also. It’s not at all hard and we have experienced “teachers” to guide you. Come a bit early some week, stay a bit late some week – and share the fun.

Any suggestions or questions, please contact the “Two Busy Bs” Ann Blackstone (215-990-8776) or Peggy Buescher (267-456-4718).

For the Hospitality Committee

*Ann Blackstone and Peggy Buescher*



### 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.



**Prayer**  
*Chain*

### Requests For Prayers Are Always Welcome

Please contact the church office (215) 389-1513  
or Florence Brook (215) 271-1091,  
(865) 585-4768, or fbrook529@hotmail.com

*Intercessors will pray on behalf of those in need*



# Guatemalan Coffee

\$10/Bag

The Guatemalan Coffee comes in approx. 1 pound bags; either whole or ground.

This is fair trade coffee and helps the San Lucas Toliman Project.

[www.sanlucasmision.org](http://www.sanlucasmision.org) is where you can find more info about the coffee and project.

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church thanks you for your generous support.



*Taking a hiatus over the summer and will be back on September 23rd*

# JAZZ Joe

at Gloria Dei

Every fourth Thursday,  
between the hours of 7:30 & 10:30

the Jack Alan Quartet

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Parking Available • Admission: A Donation would be Appreciated • Coffee and Sweets Provided

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## WELCOME the Newest MEMBER

... of Gloria Dei baptized on May 23, 2010

Peyton James Bryson

Cole Anthony Lenhart

## In REMEMBRANCE of

John D. Dunmire - 1931 - 2010



## 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 Service:

10:00 AM

### Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday 9:30-2:30

## CLERGY

The Rev. D. Joy Segal, Rector

## STAFF

Paul Fejko, Music Director

Terry O'Brien, Parish Administrator

Paula & James Minacci, Sextons

Candace Roberts, Dir. of Comm.

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

## VESTRY

Megan Bartlett

Jerome Buescher, Rector's Warden

Barbara Chilcott

Carl Delia

Diane Honor

Robert Jenkins

Dolores Kromchad

Heather Myers

Barbara Potts

Lisa Reeves, Secretary

James Ufheil, Acct. Warden

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 (1/10/10); The Great Vigil of Easter (4/4/10); Pentecost (5/23/10); and All Saints Sunday (11/7/10). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advise of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.