



May 2010

Down By The Riverside

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

Rector's Annual Meeting Report

Another wonderful year has gone by. A year full of events, some old and some new, at Gloria Dei. A year full of challenges, wonders, joys, and sorrows. We bid farewell to some old friends and greeted new ones with renewed energy and hope for our future. We baptized and married, received and buried, and celebrated together the cycle of life and the life of faith in this glorious and very special place.

We shared good times and raised much needed funds for our many ministries, and we added new ministries even as we struggled to make ends meet with the economic constraints of the time.

From Lent Soup and Study gatherings, to Book Club, from our Flea Markets and Lucia Fest to our now-annual Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner, from our intimate summer Simply Eucharist celebrations to our observance of the Holy Days of the Church, from Sextons' Sideshows to painting the Steeple and renewing the bathroom in Riverside Hall, from Yard Days to Blessing of the Animals and the Seamen's Church Institute Christmas Dinner, as we sent our children to Camp Arrowhead and City Camp, supported our Prayer Chain and Inreach ministries, and encouraged our partnership with St. George's Methodist Church, as we supported our children with Sunday School teachings and activities and greeted joyously our Sunday babysitter and a new seminarian, as we raised money for the children of our sister parishes in Guatemala while raising funds for our own Witness Tree Fund, and as we began new gatherings, Joan of Arcadia, Jazz & Joe, we continued to be the close knit family that is devoted to Gloria Dei.

We have added new ministries or expanded old ones. Inreach is now offering our homebound parishioners services including shopping and rides to church and church events. Outreach ministry is beginning to consider how to reach out to our immediate community. The Hospitality Committee has become a reality and is a welcome addition to our Sunday fellowship time. And, for the first time in many, many years Gloria Dei has raised up and affirmed the call to ordained ministry for one of our own. Rhian Roberts, affirmed by Gloria Dei's Parish Advisory Committee on Ministry and the Vestry, has been accepted by the diocese as a postulant for Holy Orders. This is a wonderful indication that Gloria Dei is doing the work of God for all to see, encouraging

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everyone who comes to our doors to find their passion as we proclaim the Good News by word, by action, by living out our lives in service to each other and our community.

Annual Meeting is a time to look back and to look forward. The challenges that we face in the coming year will continue to form us, shape us, and renew our commitment to this beautiful historic church in the middle of a park, in the middle of the city. We have much to be thankful for, and much to consider as we move forward into the coming years. We face challenging financial times, religious times, and societal times, and we must be ever vigilant of what has been given to us and how best we can maintain, preserve, and grow into a place that future generations will find as comforting, exciting, challenging, and hope-filled as we do.

Let us give thanks for each other, for this parish and community, and for the opportunity to serve God in this place. We face the future with hope, with love, and with the certain knowledge that in all things and through all things the Risen Lord will be known to all who come to this sacred place.

As we meet the days to come I pray that we are able as a parish family to hear the words of this familiar prayer as if it was written just for us!

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Joy +



Confirmation Class Begins Again

The Episcopal Handbook, a handy guide to all things Episcopal (published by Morehouse Publishing in 2008) says this about Confirmation: *Do Episcopalians believe in Confirmation? Sure. However, like many Christians, we have our own take on it. Episcopalians believe confirmation is an important step in the spiritual development of all believers, especially those baptized at an early age. In this case, it is expected that when one is ready and has been prepared, a public affirmation of faith be made. This is a pledge to recommit to the responsibilities in the Baptismal Covenant (see page 304 in the Book of Common Prayer)*

So, for those parents, Sunday School teachers, and pastors in whose hands our children's Christian education lies, the responsibility for overseeing the readiness and preparedness for confirmation is on us. But here's some good, no great news! A new curriculum has been developed by the Episcopal Church. It is called ***Confirm not Conform***. This will be the program that will be used at Gloria Dei as we begin a new class of future confirmands this fall.

One of the many wonderful things about this program is that anyone can go online and see what it is all about. Just go to <http://www.confirmnotconform.com>. You will find some general information as well as some lesson plans. Here are some quotes from the website.

What is Confirm not Conform?

Confirm not Conform, or CnC, is a youth confirmation program that takes confirmation seriously. It exposes youth to a wide range of topics, including Scripture, sacraments, creeds, heresy, the Episcopal Church, and other religions, and asks them to think through what they believe and why. It is also a philosophy. It's about finding one's own voice rather than simply

conforming to an external standard. It is a program that respects the work youth do and trusts that if youth put in the effort to articulate what they believe and why, they will make good choices about their next step in faith. CnC is also, we have come to find, a congregational development program. The entire parish grows in faith by participating in Confirm not Conform, as mentors, parents, chaperones, or supportive onlookers who all make the commitment to support the youth in their life in Christ.

Youth believe something and the church needs to hear it. That's the basis for Confirm not Conform (CnC). Rather than imparting information from the outside, Confirm not Conform explores the beliefs and questions that come from the students themselves. The debate and discussion sparked by the students ignite their faith into something lively and real. CnC takes the idealism and skepticism that co-exist in young people and uses that energy to help youth become engaged with their faith and their community.

We are very excited to offer this curriculum as a two year program at Gloria Dei

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Dei beginning this fall. Pastor Joy and Julie Daye will be heading up this program, but we will need one or two other adults to help us plan, teach, and coordinate the program.

Right now, though, we need to hear from parents of children who will be twelve by the end of September, 2010 and who are interested in enrolling them in this program. When we know how many candidates we have we will meet to discuss scheduling. Please contact Joy (215-389-1513; 215-208-7380; jsegal1214@aol.com) as soon as possible if you have a child or children you would like to enroll in this program.

Adult “Confirmation”

If you are a baptized adult who has not been confirmed or received in the Episcopal and wish to be so, please be in touch with Joy as soon as possible. (see contact information above) Adults do not go through a Confirmation Class but are offered an “Inquirers’ Class”, a more appropriate approach for adults. We will be scheduling these in May as well as at other times during the year.



Camp Arrowhead

Kids are you interested in going to Summer Camp?

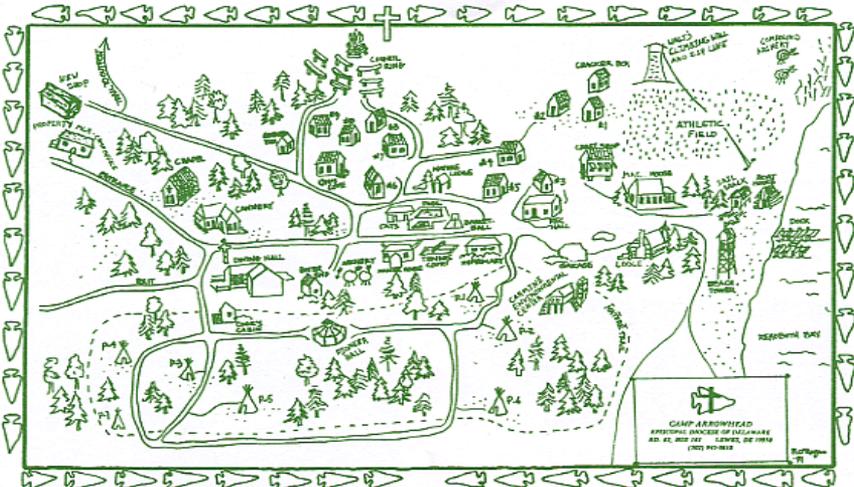
We are headed back to Camp Arrowhead.

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 for session dates.



Easter Morning

UP at 4:30. . . open buildings. . . mysterious morning sounds. . . lighting the oil lamp. . . procession into church. . . He is Risen!!!

What a beautiful service day made all the more wonderful by the addition of brunch all day and the best Egg Hunt in South Philly.

Thanks to Paula for organizing and prepping for a bountiful Easter Brunch that started after 5:30 Vigil and lasted through 11:00 AM service. Many people contributed quiches, strata and cakes that rounded out an excellent menu that included honey ham, fresh fruit, yogurt, and mimosas. Thanks to all who helped and contributed.

More than 25 children (of all ages) searched for over 400 fun-filled eggs strewn throughout Gloria Dei's graveyard. The bunny showed up for picture taking. Our cares were forgotten, our love renewed, child-like behavior ensued. . . Alleluia.

Jim Minacci



T H E
Sexton SideShow

"In Service at Gloria Dei Church"

Memorial Day Family Picnic



Jim & Paula Minacci

When?	Monday, May 31 st
What Time?	2pm -10pm
Where?	Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church
How Much?	\$5.00 under 21 \$10.00 over 21 \$20.00 family price

Cost Includes: Live Music & all you can eat and drink
(Hot Dogs, Burgers & Chicken; Beer, Soda & Water)



Beer provided by Philadelphia Brewing Company

What Can I Bring? Your favorite side dish, maybe a blanket, a chair, perhaps. Don't like beer? Bring what you like. Most of all, bring your happy self, some happy friends and your happy family!

Stewardship Committee

With the Lenten “Soup and Study”, Seder Dinner, and Annual Meeting now cycled past for another year, the Stewardship Committee turns its attention to the first of our major annual fundraising events: the May Flea Market (Saturday, May 22, 2010). Gloria Dei (Old Swedes’) counts on the two Flea Markets to bring in about one-third of the non-pledge, non-endowment, income of the parish – so this is an important event on that score.

But it’s important in another way as well. One of the things that attracted me to Gloria Dei, from the very first, was the “hands on” attitude I saw here then and still see here now. My first personal introduction was participating in yard day – on which day I raked leaves with Heather and Josh and Tyler Myer for most of the day (see, I told you it made an impression on me – I remember it five years later). Raking leaves with people for three or four hours helps you know those people in ways that few other things can.

Helping with the Flea Market is another one of those things. “Helping” can take many forms. You could contribute some food item that we can sell: water, soda, meatballs (Gloria Dei has “world renown” for the quality of our home-made meatballs), baked goods, soup, chili. There are sign-up sheets in Riverside Hall every Sunday until the Flea Market.

You could contribute some money that we can use to buy non-homemade items such as soda, water, paper goods.

And – as I discovered five years ago – you can put yourself next to another member of the parish on the day before or the day of the Flea Market and help with setup, selling food items, or ferrying food items to vendors – a touch that they all appreciate.

No matter what you do, you’ll be helping Gloria Dei – and helping yourself.

Looking forward to seeing you here on Friday May 21 or Saturday May 22.

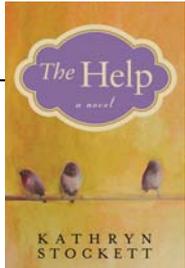
For the Stewardship Committee

Jerry Buescher



Help in preparing for the Seder meal

Calendar

- May 1** Yard Day - 8:30 AM till ?
- May 2** One Service - 10:00AM
Followed by Annual Meeting
- May 3** Church Training and Deaconess Board Meeting - Roak Room -
12 noon - 3PM
- May 9** Swedish Service 4:00PM
- May 16** Queen Village Open House Tour - noon - 4PM
Norwegian Service - 4:00PM
- May 17** Book Club 7:00 PM - Riverside Hall
The Help by Katheryn Stockett ●
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- May 19** Vestry Picnic - 6:00 PM
- May 20** Swedish Colonial Society Meeting - Roak Room - 1:00PM -
3:00PM
- May 22** Flea Market - 8:00AM - 3:00PM
- May 23** Pentecost Sunday - Baptisms 11:00AM Service
Car Wash - 9:00AM - 1:00PM
- May 27** Jazz & Joe - 7:30 - 10:30PM - Riverside Hall
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- May 30** Memorial Day Weekend
- One Service Begins Today @ 10:00AM
- May 31** Sexton SideShow Memorial Day Picnic - 2:00 PM - 10:00 PM

The Lectionary for May

May 2nd, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life; Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

1st Reading: Acts 11:18-21

Psalm: 148

2nd Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel: John 13:31-35

May 9th, Sixth Sunday of Easter

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding; Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Psalm: 67

2nd Reading: Revelation 21:10,22-22.5

Gospel: John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

May 13th, Ascension Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Psalm: 47

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

May 16th, Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

1st Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Psalm: 97

2nd Reading: Revelation 22:12-14

Gospel: John 17:20-26

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May 23rd, The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that in may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Psalm: 104:25-35, 37

2nd Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: John 14:8-17, (25-27)

May 30th, First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm: 8

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15



Sunday School News

Thanks to all of our wonderful children and teachers for an exciting and fulfilling year! Our Sunday School is a warm and trusting community where our children learn, share, pray and sing together.

Jill Duink and Laura Towey will be organizing Sunday School activities next Fall. We hope to be as creative, original and steadfast in our efforts as Paula Minacci has been for many, many years. Jill and Laura recently spent a fruitful afternoon at the Church House Library researching the many available Sunday School curricula. Last year Jill co-taught the Little Glorias (age 3 to 6) with Tiia Reinvald and Julie Daye. We focused on Bible stories, experienced through books, play, dance, song and sharing. Laura comes to us from an amazing career integrating children with special needs into mainstream classrooms. We are all looking forward to working with her and to gaining from her experiences with children.

There are many ways in which your talents and time can contribute to the fun activities and the spiritual growth of our children. Please let Jill or Laura know if you are interested in joining Gloria Dei's youth ministry. We will be meeting with parents, teachers and others who want to be involved in the near future, and we hope to see you there!

Jill Duink



Next Date: May 27th

JAZZ & Joe

at Gloria Dei

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

the Jack Alan Quartet

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

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Sunday School Recap

In **2009-2010** Little Gloria's and Young Swedes
Sure know how to make their time pass at Old Swedes.

August we celebrated Woodstock
We painted a mural and took off our socks!

Some of us went to Camp Arrowhead
Where we didn't spend much time in bed.

We started back in **September**, changing our Sunday School time.
Kids and parents thought this was a good sign.
At our sign-up we ate some breakfast
Met our teachers, Jill, Julie, Tiia, Diane & Joan, who are the best.

We were blessed with a new church babysitter
Her name is Kristen, she was our video transmitter!

October, Children's Sabbath we celebrated.
Stain glass steeple windows we created.
During the steeple blessing
Young Swedes reading psalms and Maggie reading a lesson during service was
stressin'!!

Halloween our graveyard pumpkin patch we painted
Scary costumes we wore in church were sainted.

Lucia rehearsals came in **November**
And the Christmas wrapping paper sale was one to remember.
The money we raised for a medical student we know
She will help Guatemala grow.

Lucia came and went
Our **Christmas** tableau, with baby Henry as Jesus, was a big event!

January and **February** we had so much snow!
Our Souper Bowl Sunday was a no show -
Bishop Michel came to visit Valentine's Day
With us singing "All Things Beautiful" and ribbons astray.
He spoke to us sitting on the floor
And our Quinn he could not ignore!

In **March** Young Swedes brought their lessons in church after the peace
Hanging our work in Riverside is a conversation piece.

During Lent we created God's Garden
Hung it up in the Riverside for **Easter**. . . .Amen!

Good Friday was spent painting and filling eggs for the Easter Bunny
Easter Sunday he was at church, looking thru the windows – it was funny!

April we created a container to fill with Ditty Bag things
To help the Seamen's Church journey ring.

Pentecost we celebrate in **May**
With a car wash and Little Gloria's singing in church, it will be a great day!

We take this time now for all to know
The great sacrifice and strength our teachers show!

The children at Gloria Dei are the garden
Let's watch and enjoy them grow!

Thanks for a blessed year! Peace out, Paula



May Sunday School

- May 2nd 10 am Service
 10:30 ONLY Little Glorias Sunday School
- May 9th Sunday School
- May 16th Sunday School
- May 23rd Last Day of Sunday School
 Young Swedes Car Wash Fundraiser from 9am-1pm
 Little Glorias – 10:30 Rehearsal; 11 Singing in Church

What's Missing In This Newsletter?

Oh, I know – where's the interesting history tidbit?

(No one responded when this article appeared last month – so here it is again!)

Our dedicated history writer, Bob Josuweit, has decided that after three years of wonderful contributions to our newsletter it is time to step down. So, we're looking for someone (or someones) who would be willing to eke out from the many resources available at Gloria Dei some interesting, entertaining, enlightening, and informing stories to share with our readers. We have a long and rich history and we want to continue to share it with our readers.

If you think you might like to contribute in this way please be in touch with Jeanette Woehr (jeanette@philarmh.org) or Pastor Joy (jsegal1214@aol.com).



Thanks, from the Rector and the History Committee



Spring Time Flea Time

It's hard to believe that eight years have passed since our first flea market. Once again we will hit the streets surrounding Gloria Dei Church and invite our friends and neighbors to come out. . . and sell their accumulated stuff. Our church family will gather together and make soups, chili and meatballs. I hope that while you are reading this you will mark Saturday, May 22nd on your calendar and plan to join us at our 8th annual Spring Flea. If you are unable to attend or show up but would like to contribute to buying supplies (such as soda water, coffee, mustard, milk, etc.) please feel free to mail a contribution to the church office with a memo for the flea market.

Your Sextons,

Jim and Paula Minacci



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

Witness Trees

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

We made a wonderful beginning to our Witness Tree Fund when we dedicated last year's Lucia Fest collections to this important project. Since then we have continued to receive offerings dedicated for this work. But we are far from what is needed to properly maintain the trees that have been a part of our history for so long.

The Gloria Dei congregation is responsible for the portion the property within the walls that is closest to the buildings and cemetery. Within this area there are many trees to maintain. Some of these trees have been witness to some of our country's most important history. These trees provide shade for the weary traveler, clean air for those living in the city, and a sanctuary within which the flora and fauna may thrive in our beautiful park.

In order to properly maintain our trees we will need to do some major work on the largest of them this year. In order to continue to maintain our trees in the future as well as to plant new trees where some have been lost we will need to make this fund an ongoing concern.

We need help to insure that the work needed this year is done, and to continue to support the trees for future generations. Please consider a donation to our Witness Tree Fund. We will be eternally grateful!



Hospitality Committee

A big "thank you" to everyone who has contributed their "time, talent, treasure" to our Sunday morning fellowship. On a good number of Sundays, there have been goodies provided from the sign up sheets in Riverside Hall. We thank you for that, and we look forward to your continued support on the sign up sheets.

Next, how about a hand helping to put out food, make a pot of coffee, or cleaning up?

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



WELCOME the Newest MEMBER

... of Gloria Dei baptized on:

April 18, 2010 **Clark Joseph Martin**

MEMORIAL CARDS in loving memory of:

Theresa Viviani

By: Sally Daly

Gladys Mellwig

By: George & Donna Collins
Joseph & Dolores Collins
Bob Neill

Thomas Dalin

By: Bert Kubiak
Marge Lord
Joseph & Dolores Collins

CLERGY

The Very Rev. D. Joy Segal, Rector

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Lisa Reeves
James Ufheil, Acct. Warden
Jeanette Woehr, Secretary

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 (1/10/10); 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.



Sunday Services:

9:00 & 11:00 AM

Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday 9:30-2:30