



*July - August 2011*

# Down By The Riverside

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

## Thoughts from the Rector

### Remember the “Good Old” Summer Time?

Many of us cherish memories of summers past, when life seemed simpler, calmer. Families found time to see each other after a long cold winter, spend time together, relax, have some fun. We went to the shore, or to the mountains, to state parks or campgrounds. Cousins, aunts, uncles, relatives we would see only once or twice a year would come together. Kids would run wild, adults would let them.

Others of us never had such experiences. We never went anywhere, couldn't afford to do anything except stay home, didn't have family beyond those we saw every day, only knew one day the same as the next, year in, year out. For those there were no “good old summer time” days. They were just hot days.

It behooves us, I think, to consider that our memories are not the same, any one of us. Even those who were at the same campground or swimming hole or fire hydrant the same summer will remember things differently. We remember from the recesses of our minds and the longings of our hearts. We don't remember “facts” so much as experiences. And often we decide that our experiences are the only facts. This penchant for insisting that our memories are the only reality leads us into broken relationships, broken families, broken nations.

Realizing that our memories are just that – OUR MEMORIES – is helpful when we gather to share memories with others. It's also helpful when we hear the stories, the memories from Scripture. Awakening to the “fact” that others have memories and relate stories from their own perspectives allows us to consider our own perceptions, certainties, in a new light. It's amazing what can happen when we begin to relate “righteously” with each other.

Righteously? Yes, righteously. It's a churchy word, one we don't hear very often in conversation unless we put it in its negative form – self-righteous. We don't like to be considered self-righteous for sure, but we also seem to be uncomfortable being called righteous. I think it's because we don't really use that word often enough to know what it means.

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Most dictionaries will tell you that righteous means “all right, decent, honorable, moral, nice, right, good, right-minded, true, upright, virtuous.” Those all work, but in addition it’s helpful to understand that righteous, in biblical terms, carries the mandate to “be in right relationship.” That’s key to understanding what is meant by the righteousness of God. And key to understanding how to be to each other, with each other.

To be in right relationship means to recognize the other for the person that he or she is, the very individual, one-of-a-kind child of God that each one of us is. To be in right relationship with God is to recognize that God is God. In the same way, to be in right relationship with another person is to decide to be in relationship with that person, recognize that person for who he or she is, not as we might wish them to be, or how they used to be, or how they say they want to be.

Once we allow ourselves to accept another right where they are, right now when they are who they are, we have moved into a place of righteousness. Once we decide to judge another for a fault or a failure, the way they look, or the decisions they make, we move out of right relationship.

This is not to say that we must maintain all relationships. Jesus told us that when we have done our best and the gap has not been bridged, knock the dust off our sandals and move on. We cannot make every relationship work. We can, though, accept all people as broken, as we are broken, fallen as we are fallen, and children of God, as we are children of God. In so doing we embody Jesus. In so doing, we may even learn how to love an enemy. In so doing, we might even heal a broken heart, free a mind imprisoned, bear another’s burden. In so doing, Jesus says, we will see God.

Summertime, whether the living is easy or not so easy, is a time when our schedules change, the weather encourages us to slow down, and we have an opportunity to remember, reminisce, and renew ourselves, even if it’s only time in the back yard or on the front stoop. As you take some time this summer to breathe deeply, sleep a little longer, maybe get away, think about your summers past. Reach out to those who shared some summer days with you in years past. Remember together. Discover the new you as you discover old memories made new in right relationship.

*Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.  
The Lord be with all of you.*

(2 Thessalonians 3:16)

Peace,

*Joy+*

## History at Gloria Dei

For over three hundred years, sea captains have worshipped at Gloria Dei. In 1845 the area surrounding Gloria Dei was known as a sea captains village. Many of these seafarers have been buried in our graveyard.

Tombstones mark where the following seafarers were laid to rest: Capt. George Ord 1866, Capt. Joseph Blewer 1789, Capt. Thomas Arnold, Capt. John Kelly 1862, Capt. Lewis P. Casson 1870, Capt. Andrew Hedelius 1827, Capt. Peter Lamb 1857, Capt. James Horner 1870, Capt. John Cushing 1833, Capt. Thomas Duling 1855, Capt. Morris Sheer 1859, Capt. Peter Jeffery 1811, and Capt A. A. Sheed 1853.

Not all sea captains returned from their travels but were lost at sea. However, tombstones were erected to the memory of the following captains lost at sea: Capt. Isaac Douglass 1807, Capt. Joseph M. Warner 1832, Capt. Henry Sharp 1836, and Capt. Charles Sandgran 1829. Capt. James Stewart and Josephine his wife were lost at sea 1856.

*Jeanette Woehr*



Next History Committee meeting at 6:30 July 25th

**All are welcome to join us!**

## Our Seminarian

Rhian Roberts, “our seminarian,” has returned to Philadelphia this summer after her first year at Church Divinity School of the Pacific. A little vacation, you might be thinking ...

But that’s not the case. Rhian handled the sermon at our glorious outdoor service on Trinity Sunday, June 19, and she’ll be preaching some additional Sundays this summer.

The rest of the week, Rhian is occupied with a seminary course that she’s pursuing here in Philadelphia. The course is part of her Clinical Pastoral Education requirements and she’s spending time with chaplains at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania learning how to be there for people in difficult circumstances. (At least one of us below has had a chaplain called for us in a hospital setting and would be happy to tell you how much help the chaplain’s presence was in those terrible times.)

You might remember from a year ago that Rhian was fortunate enough to receive scholarship support for a major part of her seminary education. Seminaries are colleges and you probably have some idea of what college tuition costs. Even with that scholarship support, Rhian has expenses. Her coursework at the University of Pennsylvania this summer is not free and she has expenses not covered by her scholarships.

Before we sent Rhian off to seminary last summer, we established a fund to help with her expenses. It’s part of our obligation as Rhian’s sponsoring congregation not only to remember her in our thoughts and prayers but to help her with expenses.

Would you please consider once again a contribution to that fund?

Rhian will be preaching on Sunday July 31. We’ll make that day “Rhian Sunday” to celebrate her seminary progress, her time with us this summer, and her continued progress toward ordination. There will be a reception after the service – would we do anything here at Gloria Dei without food and fellowship?

We’ll be reminding you about this event and the seminarian fund during services. You can mail contributions to the church, bring them to the office, or put contributions into the offering plate any Sunday, including “Rhian Sunday.” If you put contributions for this fund into the offering plate, please put them into an envelope and mark the envelope or the check “Seminarian Fund.”

Thanks again for your generosity.

Megan Bartlett, Jerry Buescher, Heather Myers, Jeanette Woehr  
– Members of the Parish Advisory Committee on Ministry  
(the parish group that recommended Rhian for beginning the ordination process)

## From the Rector's Warden

By the time you receive this, all of Philadelphia – including Gloria Dei – will be well into “Welcome America” week. I’ve had a chance to spend some time with visitors before or after the service a few times in the past month and have enjoyed that time. I’d urge you to watch for visitors over the summer in particular and let them know who we are and what we’re about – making the kingdom of God present here and now, in this little corner of Philadelphia, just as people have been doing here since 1646. And did I mention that we always have things to eat and drink?

We’ve had the first of our outdoor services this summer – on Father’s Day, June 19. On the church calendar, it was actually Father, Son, and Holy Spirit day – Trinity Sunday. Rhian Roberts, “our seminarian,” preached that day. It’s good to have Rhian back among us for the summer.

The Churchyard Renewal project is in full swing. A cross has been put back where it belonged, some stones and tombs are being repaired, and a huge jigsaw puzzle of stone fragments is being reassembled just to the left of the church doors. Be sure to keep an eye on that project.

As you might have known already, the people at Liberty Tree and Landscape Management paid us a surprise visit and pruned enough around Alexander Wilson’s gravesite to make that site stand out. The Old Swedes Landscape Crew (they’re not all old and they’re not all Swedes but they wield a mean shovel) will now work on the plantings there to make that sight more beautiful. Did you know how famous Alexander Wilson, the person buried there, is? He (not James Audubon, a name you’re probably more familiar with) is considered the father of bird studies in America. There’s a bird, Wilson’s Warbler, that he named in 1811 and that probably migrates right through the trees in our graveyard every spring and fall. There’s a society, the Wilson Ornithological Society, in Waco Texas that keeps his studies alive – and he’s buried right in front of our church.

I hope your summer goes well for you. My summer begins with my second trip to Guatemala. The first trip changed my life in some obvious and some not so obvious ways – I have a very different view of “stewardship” now than I had before that trip and I think every day of the incredible people I met on that trip.

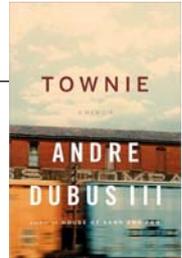
Come to church when you can – we’re here every Sunday at 10:00 AM and, during August, we’ll meet every Wednesday evening for a mid-week celebration of the Eucharist.

*Jerry Buescher*

# Calendar

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- July 5, 12, 19, 26** Yoga – Riverside Hall – 6:00 – 7:00PM (\$8.00)
- July 6, 13, 20, 27** Tai Chi (Classes are \$8.00) 10:00 – 11:00AM  
Please dress for outdoor class – in the event of rain moves to Riverside Hall
- July 6, 27** Bible Study 6 – 7PM – Roak Room
- July 17** One Service 10:00AM  
The Rev. James VonDreele – Supply Clergy
- July 24** One Service 10:00AM  
The Rev. Dr. Kim-Eric Williams – Supply Clergy
- July 25** History Committee Meeting – 6:30PM Church  
(All are welcome to join)  
Book Club – 7:00PM – Riverside Hall  
– *Townie* by Andre Dubus III •
- July 30** Confirmation Class Retreat  
– St. David’s Radnor – 9AM – 3PM
- July 31** Seminarian Sunday - Rhian Roberts preaching
- Aug 1, 8, 22, 29** History Committee Meeting – 6:30PM Church
- Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** Yoga – Riverside Hall – 6:00 – 7:00PM (\$8.00)
- Aug 3** Bible Study – 7:00PM – Roak Room
- Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** Simply Eucharist – 6:30PM
- Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** Yoga – Riverside Hall – 6:00 – 7:00PM (\$8.00)
- Aug 10** Vestry Meeting – 7:00PM – Roak Room



# The Lectionary for July and August

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## July 3<sup>rd</sup>, The Third Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 9

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm: 45:11-18

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 7:15-25a Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

## July 10<sup>th</sup>, The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 10

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm: 119:105-112

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

## July 17<sup>th</sup>, The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 11

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm: 139:1-11, 22-23

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:26-39 Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

## July 24<sup>th</sup>, The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 12

O God, the Protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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: Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm: 105:1-11, 45b

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:26-39 Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

## July 31<sup>st</sup>, The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 13

Let your continued mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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: Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm: 17:1-7, 16

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 9:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

### **August 7<sup>th</sup>, The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 14**

*Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalm: 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 10:5-15

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

### **August 14<sup>th</sup>, The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 15**

*Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm: 133

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

### **August 21<sup>st</sup>, The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 16**

*Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory 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.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalm: 124

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

### **August 28<sup>th</sup>, The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 17**

*Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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: Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm: 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28



**Aug 19 - Sep 5** Sextons on Vacation

**Aug 22** Book Club – 7:00PM – Riverside Hall – *Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* By Rebecca Skloot

**Aug 28** Outside Service – 10:00AM

**Aug 30 - Sep 5** Parish Administrator on Vacation

## Outside Service at Gloria Dei



## Simply Eucharist

Summertime finds us in many places, especially on the weekends. For that reason we schedule a weekday service for at least a portion of the summer so that those who are not able to attend church on Sundays can gather for worship and fellowship in the cool of the evening. This summer we will be celebrating our Simply Eucharist service on the Wednesdays in August at 6:30PM. This is a short service, in contemporary language, with no music or sermon. We will gather in the church, in the Roak Room (A/C!) or outside, depending on the weather. The service lasts no longer than a half hour, then we'll share some refreshments and catch up on what's happening in our lives. Plan to join us on one or more of the Wednesdays in August for this special time and special service.



## Memorial Day Family Picnic Recap

- 100 Friends, Neighbors, and Performers
- 200 Hamburgers Eaten
- 240 Hotdogs Grilled
- 10 lbs. Chicken Devoured
- 300 Bottles of water Gulped
- 100 Cans of soda Consumed
- 100 Bags of chips Munched
- 5 Gallons of water ice Absorbed
- 3 Live Music Acts
  - 1) Duce Trace
  - 2) Modern Colour
  - 3) Dierdre Flint
- 2 Kegs of Philadelphia Brewing Company beer
- (1) Nashville Birthday Boy (Dillon)
- (750) Dollars Raised
- (11) Great Sexton Sidekicks: Barb, Kim, Brent, Mark, Heather, Tom, Steph, Nancy, Christine, Jill, & Joe
- 1 Great Sexton Sideshow

Hope U were there!!

Next Sideshow - Saturday, October 29th - "Halloween Boo-ga-loo"  
&

November 11, 2011 or 11/11/11 - it's a Friday!

Your Sextons,

*Jim and Paula Minacci*

## Those Bells are Back!!

- A Note from the Parrish Musician -

Starting Tuesday, August 23 at 7pm in the Church Balcony, the 'Gloria Dei Ringers' will begin their weekly rehearsals for the season.

Our aim is to offer special music once monthly beginning with September 11 for which Megan Bartlett has written a poem that I will set to music. The dates in October and November have not yet been decided (quite soon we shall know), but I would like to have again something for Christmas Eve.

All who wish to swing a bell or two or three (!! ) are welcome! While we would be delighted if there are those who will join in for the entire year, perhaps there are some who prefer a smaller commitment. To try this on a smaller scale, one need only commit for one presentation and the three or four preceding rehearsals.

I hope all interested will get in touch with me as soon as they know their schedule and interest level as I need to know who will be with us for each presentation so I know how many bells I can use. Contact me at: 609/462-9000, or [fej@fejko.com](mailto:fej@fejko.com)

Keep that Joyful Noise coming!

*Fej*



### 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,  
(215) 760-5878, or [fbrook529@hotmail.com](mailto:fbrook529@hotmail.com)

*Intercessors will pray on behalf of those in need*



**WELCOME the Newest MEMBER**  
... Of Gloria Dei Church baptized on  
June 26: **Isabella Marie McFate**

**CELEBRATE with the Newly MARRIED**  
**Scott David Stallone**  
And **Beth Lynette Enlow**

In **REMEMBRANCE** of:  
**Nicholas K. Wyman**  
10/3/66 – 4/14/11

**Memorial Cards** in loving memory of  
**Anna Burke**  
By: Bob & Sally Daly  
Jackie & Eddie Lord & Fam.

**Joanie Logan**  
By: Jean & Bob Neill  
Bob Neill, Jr.

**Kevin Harvey**  
By: Jean & Bob Neill  
Gary & Alexis Neill  
Bob Neill, Jr.

**Marge Duffy**  
By: Jean & Bob Neill

**Josephine DiLeonardo**  
By: Doris Connor



**CLERGY**  
The Rev. D. Joy Segal, Rector

**STAFF**  
Paul Fejko, Music Director  
Terry O'Brien, Parish Administrator  
Paula & James Minacci, Sextons  
Deirdre Flint, Dir. of Comm.  
Mark Roberts, Treasurer; O.S.C.A.R.

**VESTRY**  
Megan Bartlett  
Florence Brook  
Jerome Buescher, Rector's Warden  
Robert Dieters, Acct. Assistant  
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Heather Myers  
Barbara Potts  
Lisa Reeves, Secretary  
Mark Roberts  
James Ufheil, Acct. Warden  
William Towey

**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 (1/9/11); The Great Vigil of Easter (4/24/11); Pentecost (6/12/11); and All Saints Sunday (11/6/11). 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:**  
9:00 & 11:00 AM

**Office Hours**  
Tuesday-Friday 9:30-2:30