



July/August 2013

Down By The Riverside

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

Thoughts from the Rector

*For it is God who gave me unerring knowledge of what exists,
to know the structure of the world and the activity of the elements;
the beginning and end and middle of times,
the alternations of the solstices and the changes of the seasons,
the cycles of the year and the constellations of the stars,
(Wisdom of Solomon 7:17-19)*

As summer begins I am reminded of summers past – long past...my past. Each of us has our own experiences that have brought us to the place we find ourselves today. Each of us is the product of those experiences and the relationships that intertwine our days, our lives. Each of us brings to the gathered community of neighborhood, friendships, family, church, a distinct perspective and presence. Together we become yet another creation, ever changing as loved ones are born and live, move in and out of our lives, and depart this life for the eternal presence in God while always remaining with us, in us, mysteriously, inexplicably, throughout the seasons of our lives.

The mystery of creation resides within us all. We are all a part of the whole. Yet we live our days more often than not unaware of our connectedness – to each other and to the creation within which we live and move and have our being. It is when seasons change that we find ourselves, for a spell, considering the deeper meaning of our existence. Just for a flash...a moment of contemplation...an internal awareness that something has caused us to awaken to consciousness. And then we continue on, living our days – summer, winter, spring, fall – forgetting until the next season how we were moved to deeper thought just because the weather changed.

We are peculiar creatures, to be sure. Made in the image of a loving God, we know something about love. Made in the image of a just God, we know something about justice. Made in the image of a relational God, we know something about relationship. Made in the image of a compassionate God, we know something about compassion.

As summer begins I find myself thinking of summers past. How I was young and carefree, allowed to frolic in the wind and waves, run and play, sleep soundly and awaken ready for new adventures, always secure in the knowledge of loved ones ready to care for me. I had idyllic summers when I was a kid.

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Really, storybook kind of summers. I was lucky, blessed. And that awareness continues for me, always bubbling up when I am down, always hugging me with a new freshness as the days become longer or shorter, warmer or colder.

The seasons are a gift from our inscrutable God. They are a part of us, no matter how they manifest themselves in our lives. We human beings are connected to creation in all its glory in ways we cannot fathom. Seasonal change is a time that we find ourselves contemplating our pasts and our futures. It's something we have in common, something we share.

I pray that you find your summer days filled with old dreams and new hopes. May God bless you in your work and in your play, in your nights and in your days, in your comings and in your goings, this season and all the seasons of your life.

*Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew,
All winds and fire and heat.
Winter and summer, glorify the Lord,
Praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
(A Song of Creation, BCP, p.88)*

Peace,
Joy+



Annual Meeting - Vestry

Old and New - On and Off - Thanks to All!

THANK YOU to all who contributed time, food, articles, and presentations for our Annual Meeting on May 5th. A special thanks to those who served on the vestry and have now passed that responsibility on to others: Megan Bartlett, Ann Blackstone, Florence Brook, Jerry Buescher, Rob Dieters, and Dolores Kromchad. Well done, good and faithful ones! And THANK YOU to those of you joining the vestry for the first time: Re Henning, Leigh Jenkins, Michael Phillips. And THANK YOU to those willing to serve again, or continue to serve on vestry: Barb Chilcott, Julie Daye, Dave Hammond, Carol Jenkins, Barb Potts, Lisa Reeves, Mark Roberts, Jeanette Woehr.

(The Annual meeting Report is available on our website: www.old-swedes.org)



Summer Bible Study - The Short Stories

We will gather for five Wednesday evenings this summer – 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21 – at 6:30PM, spending an hour reading and discussing some of the “small” books of the Bible. We’ll begin with *Ruth*, on 7/24. We’ll meet in the AIR CONDITIONED Roak Room and we’ll have some refreshments. All are welcome for any or all of these evenings. The selections for the rest of the weeks will be announced in each Sunday’s bulletin, which you will see if you’re in church, or you can see on line each week at our website: www.old-swedes.org



Thoughts from the Rector’s Warden

Spring is now past and summer is upon us, and many of our Gloria Dei family will be missing from the pews. Trips to the shore or a quiet trek to the country fill our weekends. Take time while you’re away this summer and visit a church near your destination. When you return, share what you enjoyed most about the services, or the people. We are always looking for new ideas and ways to grow.

I too find myself in new unknown territory, having recently been appointed as Rector’s Warden. The thought of trying to fill the shoes of the last Rector’s Warden is overwhelming to say the least. Jerry is amazing! We are all grateful for his hard work. I hope I can serve the congregation half as well. I am always available to hear new ideas and concerns about Gloria Dei.

Carol Jenkins

The Book Club at Gloria Dei

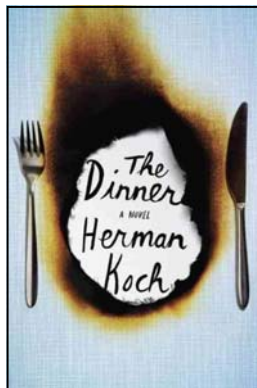
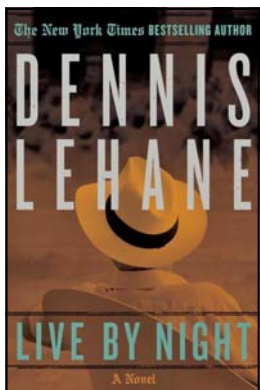
Here are our next books and meeting dates.

July 22, 2013

Live by Night by *Dennis Lehane*

August 26, 2013

The Dinner: A Novel by *Herman Koch*



Marilyn Johnson



Gloria Dei Graveyard Restoration Continues This Summer!

Thanks to the generosity of so many of you, we will once again be repairing and restoring tombs and stones in our historic graveyard this summer. The professionals who have done our work for the past three years will be returning to continue this exciting project. And once again we will be opening, as well as repairing and restoring, one of the tombs. WE have committed to doing this each year in order to insure the structural integrity of the deep structures on our property. Materials Conservation Co., Inc will be on site on Saturday, July 20th, to do this particular piece of work, so that as many of you as wish can be with us to observe. They will continue to work on other repairs and restorations throughout the summer. We look forward to seeing many of you this summer as your schedules and travel allow.



Thoughts on Stewardship

Last year, the vestry and Joy completed a Mutual Ministry Review. At that time, we all recognized stewardship as vital to the growth and transformation of Gloria Dei. Many who attend church think of stewardship as fundraising. It is not, although gathering and wisely using financial resources are certainly a part of it. Stewardship (which can be defined as “the responsible use of God’s gifts”) will take Gloria Dei from “that pretty, historic church” to “that vibrant, thriving community which is a cornerstone of the neighborhood”. In recent years, thanks to your efforts, we’ve become more visible in the neighborhood, especially with the addition of our Sexton Sideshows. If any of you have ideas about stewardship or relationship building, please email or speak to Megan Bartlett: megan7777@yahoo.com

Megan Bartlett



Fathers' Day - remembering our love ones in our graveyard

Calendar

- July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome
\$8.00 a session
Evensong - 6:30PM - 7:00PM Church
- July 2, 9** Bells - 7:00PM
- July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10 - 11:00AM. All levels welcome
- July 4** Gloria Dei - Church and Office closed for National Holiday
- July 12** Chamber Music Concert - 8:00PM - Riverside Hall
- July 14** 10:00AM Sunday Service in Riverside Hall - special music presentation
- July 18** Vestry Meeting - 7:00PM - Roak Room
- July 22** Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall
Live by Night by Dennis Lehane
- July 24, 31** Summer Bible Study - 6:30PM - Roak Room



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.

Calendar

- Aug 6, 13, 20, 27** Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome
\$8.00 a session
Evensong - 6:30PM - 7:00PM Church
- Aug 7, 14, 21, 28** Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10 - 11:00AM. All levels welcome
- Aug 7, 14, 21** Summer Bible Study - 6:30PM - Roak Room
- Aug 26** Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall
The Dinner: A Novel
by Herman Koch
- Aug 31 thru Sept 9** The Rector away - The Rev. Dr. Kim Eric Williams will supply



Prayer
Chain

Requests For Prayers Are Always Welcome

Please contact the church office (215) 389-1513
or Florence Brook (267) 273-5175,
fbrook529@hotmail.com

Intercessors will pray on behalf of those in need



*Donate to Gloria Dei
Make a pledge payment
Purchase books
Make Amazon purchases*



Now all these things can be done online at Gloria Dei's website!
Just visit us as www.old-swedes.org and find out what else we're doing.
Check out our Facebook page while you're there.

The Lectionary for July

July 7th, Proper 9, 7th Sunday after Pentecost

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm: 66:1-8

2nd Reading: Galatians 6:7-16

Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 14th, Proper 10, 8th Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalm: 25:1-9

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

July 21st, Proper 11, 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-10g

Psalm: 15

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

July 28th, Proper 12, 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm: 138

2nd Reading: Colossians 2:6-15

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

The Lectionary for August

August 4th, Proper 13, 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

Psalm: 49:1-12

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

August 11th, Proper 14, 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm: 33:12-22

2nd Reading: Hebrews

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

August 18th, Proper 15, 13th Sunday after Pentecost

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalm: 82

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

August 25th, Proper 16, 14th Sunday after Pentecost

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalm: 103:1-8

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

The Lectionary for September

September 1st, Proper 17, 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Celebration of Labor Day

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 38:27-32a

Psalm: 107:1-9

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:10-14

Gospel: Matthew 6:19-24



(Sunday) School's Out for the Summer!

Join us next Fall beginning Sunday, September 8, 2013, the Sunday after Labor Day weekend. There will be worship with stories, music, feasts, prayer and play.

Next fall, our new Sunday School meeting time will be near the end of church services. The children will leave together after communion. Parents can enjoy fellowship in the Hall until after Sunday School.

We also plan to have a play-time for our younger children from 10:00 to 10:30 and are looking for a few volunteers who enjoy time with little ones.

Thank you all for supporting Sunday School this year!

Jill Duink



From your Local Parish Musician!

By now many of you know there has been a lovely Baldwin model 'M' grand piano added to our Riverside Hall. The pianist for Alan's "Jazz & Joe" seems very much to like it. Now, 'tis time to show its capabilities in a different style.

On Friday night, July 12 at 8pm, I, along with Clarinetist Barbara Benedett and Cellist Ezgi Yargici will offer a Chamber Music Concert in the Riverside Hall featuring the 'Trio for Piano, Clarinet and Cello' by Johannes Brahms - a piece that might have become his 5th symphony had he lived a bit longer. Other music on this concert will be by Beethoven, Bernstein, Popper, Massenet and others.

This will be a Sexton SideShow/André Café Acoustique production. Along with the music, there will be the usual Gloria Dei food and drink - all included within a small requested donation as yet to be determined.

I look forward to seeing y'all there!

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Friday, July 12 AT 8pm
At
Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church
Delaware Ave. & Christian Street
(Some Call it Columbus Blvd.)

Sexton SideShow
and

André Café Acoustique

Present.....
Paul Fejko - Piano
Ezgi Yargici - Cello
Barbara Benedett - Clarinet

A Chamber Music Concert Featuring The
"Trio for Clarinet, Cello and Piano" by Johannes Brahms
along with works by Massenet, Popper, Bernstein, and others.

A Great Concert, Good Food and One Beer or Wine
All for a donation of Only \$10
You are also invited to Bring Your Own!!

The Beer will be provided by:

Philadelphia
BREWING CO.

Friend Us at:
Sexton Sideshow

www.andre-cafe.com





Memorial Dei 2013

The first Sexton Sideshow of 2013 turned up big with beautiful weather, excellent music, and plenty of food and beverages. Over 300 people turned out to listen to 13 musical acts, eat 400 hamburgers and 400 hotdogs, and consume 8 kegs of Philadelphia Brewing Co. finest ales.

Highlights included our own Paul Fejko opening the day in the Riverside Hall with some classical piano. Also in the hall was Swedeland, Sun Flights, Lucy Stone and W.C.Lindsey, Josh Olmstead, John Guest and new to our scene Eric 13 and Johnny Richie.

Outside on the big stage things began at noon w/Sweetbriar Rose who performed many new songs. Irish Mist was next playing many familiar tunes. Emmitt Drueding returned to the big stage this year and our son Dillon played banjo on a song.

Modern Colour played at 3PM during which time Fox News had cameras rolling. Next up was Grammy-Nominated Local Artist Ben O'Neill who rocked the joint. Finally at 5PM newcomers The Midnight Singers took the stage. The encore involved members from the day's previous bands along with The Midnight Singers performing songs from "Exile on Main St."; The 1972 Rolling Stones classic album.

Thanks to all of our Sexton Sidekicks who helped make this thing a success. Together we raised over \$3100. Congrats to all.

Your Sextons,

Jim and Paula



“The Holy Currencies”

or blessings of time and place, relationship, leadership, truth, wellness, and money are ever-visible at Gloria Dei. Take a look:

Time

Thank you for the currency of TIME donated by so many of you in May and June: To all of our outgoing vestry members. Thank you for your service! Congratulations to all newly elected (or re-elected) vestry members who agree to devote their time to Gloria Dei: Barbara Chilcott, Re Henning, Leigh Jenkins, Michael Phillips, and Barbara Potts. To Jim and Paula Minacci and all our volunteers who worked at the spring flea market AND the Sexton Sideshow Memorial Day picnic! To Deirdre Flint, Director of Communications, who keeps us and our neighbors informed about the goings-on of Gloria Dei (and who was a great emcee at our picnic!) To all of our behind-the-scenes members doing pastoral care. Your work is noticed and valued. Many thanks to all who donated their time to further Gloria Dei’s vision and mission. Thank you!

Place

The property reports for June were reviewed at the vestry meetings. Mike Duffy and his crew Liberty Tree have completed five days work in the grounds. Phone and internet has been changed over to Comcast. The baby grand piano in Riverside Hall is in place and is available to be used during Jazz & Joe as well as with an additional fee during hall rentals. Gloria Dei members continue to meet with members of the Seaman’s Church Institute regarding a new administrative building and home of the Seaman’s Church Institute. Stay tuned as this exciting project develops!

Relationship

In June we’ve had many visitors to Gloria Dei. If you’re new to us, welcome! We hope you’ll return. If you’re a member and have an interest in helping us make visitors feel welcome when they’re in church or following up with visitors after they leave, please see Lisa Reeves or Rev. Joy Segal.

Many other opportunities to build and deepen relationships exist at Gloria Dei: Evensong – Tuesdays at 6:30pm; Book club – see insert; Sexton Sideshow - Classical music concert with our Music Director, Paul Fejko, on Sunday, July 14th 7:00-11:00 PM



Leadership

Julie Daye and Jill Duink, two of our Sunday School leaders, took some time in church to tell us about the Godly Play program that inspires our children each Sunday. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Gloria Dei's children are developing new skills and learning new things about God each Sunday. Take some time to encourage a child today! They will one day be the "Gracious Leaders" of our church!

Do you have an idea on how to develop Gracious Leaders in our church? If so, talk to Megan Bartlett or Joy Segal.

Truth

"Who are the people in your neighborhood?" In order to answer this question, Megan Bartlett and Joy Segal are planning a "Truth Event" to be held in Fall 2013 in which the parish will be invited to take digital photos of the neighborhood surrounding Gloria Dei and then gather to report on our findings. Stay tuned!

We may follow up this event with another "Truth Event" which could help us determine how best to assist members of our community who are impacted by poverty. Stay tuned for more details.

Wellness

There are several opportunities for physical and spiritual wellness at Gloria Dei: Yoga takes place on Tuesdays at 7:15pm in Riverside Hall; Tai Chi takes place on Wednesdays at 10am in Riverside Hall; An adult education group will begin on Wednesdays starting in late July. Stay tuned for more info.; Are there wellness events that you would like to see at Gloria Dei? Let us know!

Money

Too often churches talk about what they can get FROM you, instead of what they can do FOR you. Although churches need money to thrive, stewardship is much deeper than just fundraising.

Have you thought about what Gloria Dei provides for you? Spiritual wellness? Connections or relationships? Social support? Truth? Leadership opportunities? If, after thinking about these things, you feel inspired to give a portion of the blessings that you've received, talk to Joy Segal about how to get your own pledge envelopes.

Leigh Jenkins



In REMEMBRANCE of:
Oliver S. Twist, Jr. 1928 - 2013

Memorial Cards in loving memory of

Rudderow Family

Solecki Family

Daly Family

By: Sally Daly

Edward Otto

By: Jean & Bob Neill

Bob Neill

Gary & Alexis Neill

Michael & Debbie Neill

Mary & Kelly Sharer

Catherin Sharer

Donna Collins

Joe & Dolores Collins

Oliver S. Twist, Jr.

By: Joe & Dolores Collins

Marge Lord

Florence Brook

Re Henning

Rita West

WELCOME the NEWEST MEMBERS

Baptized on May 19, 2013

Lilyana Rose Santiago

Sophia Elizabeth Ferraiolo



Sunday Service:

10:00 AM

Tuesday Evensong 6:30 PM

Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday 9:30-2:30

Friday: Closed during Summer

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

Barbara Chilcott

David Hammond, Acct. Warden

Re Henning

Carol Jenkins, Rector's Warden

Leigh Jenkins, Secretary

Michael Phillips

Barbara Potts

Lisa Reeves

Mark Roberts

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 (1/13/13); The Great Vigil of Easter (3/31/13); Pentecost (5/19/13); and All Saints Sunday (11/3/13). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advise of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.