



*~ REFLECTIONS ~
April 2024*



*Delta Community Presbyterian Church
~ Rev. Dr. Douglas Schoonover ~*



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Open
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Open
Finance

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Open
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Historian



PASTOR'S CORNER

April is traditionally the month we celebrate Easter. But with Easter being early this year, we roll into April 2024 with no significant holiday to celebrate. But that doesn't mean that we don't have exciting things happening.

On April 16th, Vic celebrates his 100th birthday! Wow! What a milestone! We will celebrate with Vic on Sunday, April 7th, with a special birthday party during our Fellowship hour following the service. Please celebrate Vic by attending worship that Sunday. We will also be celebrating three baptisms that day during the service, so it will be a very special day.

I will be out of the office from April 8 - 21 to attend a Pastor's Conference and then go to Iowa to spend some time with my son, Adam. During my absence, Rev. Dr. Leslie Veen will fill in the pulpit for me. She will preach on Sundays, April 14, and 21.

I want to close with a Spring poem by my favorite poet, Billy Collins.

Today

By Billy Collins

If ever there were a spring day so perfect,
so uplifted by a warm intermittent breeze

that it made you want to throw
open all the windows in the house

and unlatch the door to the canary's cage,
indeed, rip the little door from its jamb,

a day when the cool brick paths
and the garden bursting with peonies

seemed so etched in sunlight
that you felt like taking

a hammer to the glass paperweight
on the living room end table,

releasing the inhabitants
from their snow-covered cottage

so they could walk out,
holding hands and squinting

into this larger dome of blue and white,
well, today is just that kind of day.

Blessings,

Pastor Doug

Anniversaries & Birthdays

~ April 8 ~

Dale & Marlanna Bathel

~ April 9 ~

Don & Cathy Rentzel

~ April 13 ~

Gary & Lola Hess

~ April 26 ~

Jetse & Patricia Hamstra

~ April 27 ~

Paul & Kathleen Martinez

~ April 28 ~

Greg & Veronica Atkins







Note: If your Anniversary is in April and your name is not on the list, please contact Mary in the front office at 925-634-0184 or deltachurch@dcpcfamily.org










Carri Banks	April 4
Jason Marandas	April 8
Jetse Hamstra	April 8
Ken Haukaas	April 8
Korver Kaeding	April 8
Don Rentzel	April 9
Michelle Garcia	April 11
Lana Archibald	April 13
Vic Lase	April 16
Connie Beeby	April 17
Diana Schoonover	April 19
Patricia Hamstra	April 19
Dale Anderson	April 23
Mary Anderson	April 27
Linda Hengl	April 28
Jan Ebersole	April 29

Note: If your Birthday is in March and your name is not on the list, please contact Mary in the front office at 925-634-0184 or deltachurch@dcpcfamily.org

APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 	1  April Fools day	2	3	4 9:15 a.m. AGC Chapel Service	5	6 
7 Worship Service 10:00 a.m. <i>Communion</i> Vic's 100th Birthday Party Following Service 	8 	9	10 2:00 p.m. Food Pantry Mtg. (Fellowship Hall)	11 9:15 a.m. AGC Chapel Service	12	13
Pastor Doug out of office – April 8 - 21 Back in the office on the 22nd						

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14 Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Rev. Dr. Leslie Veen 	15	16 3:00 p.m. Elder/Deacons Meeting	17 AGC Spirit Day Zoo Animal Day 	18 9:15 a.m. AGC Chapel Service	19	20 
21 Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Rev. Dr. Leslie Veen <i>Communion</i> 	22 	23	24	25 9:15 a.m. AGC Chapel Service	26	27 AGC & DCPC 2nd Annual Cruisin' for Christ Car Show 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. AGC Parking Lot
28 Worship Service 10:00 a.m. 	29	30				

DELTA COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION MINUTES

**Zoom
February 20, 2024**

ATTENDANCE: Is 1/3 of elders. Elders: C. Beeby, J. Clum, F. du Pont & J. Rodrigues. Absent & excused: Elder C. Beeby. Also attending LP J, McMillan, Finance Committee, Moderator, J. Lychlyter, Session Moderator, Rev. Dr. D. Schoonover & M. Bathel, Clerk of Session.

Opened with prayer at 3:04 p.m. by Rev. Dr. D. Schoonover.

TRAINING: Introduction to the book The Great Dechurching. Review of chapters 1 & 2 at the March meeting.

MINUTES: MCS (Moved, seconded, carried) to approve session minutes of January 16, 2024 & congregational & corporation minutes of January 28, 2024.

REPORTS:

- **Clerk of Session - MSC to approve 2023 Church Statistical Report.**
- **Administration/Personnel** - report reviewed
- **Building & Grounds** -
 - **Construction Report** - report reviewed. Kite Hawk Farms is volunteering to organize & provide direction for God's Garden, a part of AGC (All God's Children School).
- **Christian Education** - Substitute Sunday School teachers, J. Knittel & J. McMillan will teach until the return of T. Airola.
- **Fellowship**
- **Finance** - Bookkeeper gave 2 weeks' notice due to health issues. Interviews were held & new bookkeeper hired to begin immediately. Next Finance meeting March 4, 2024.
- **Membership - MCS to approve Scott Reed & Kaycie Jean Kaeding as new members.**
 - **Board of Deacons** - minutes distributed.
- **Missions** -
- **Outreach** - open
- **Worship - MSC to approve serving communion twice monthly, first & third Sundays of the month. The Pastor or Commissioned Pastor shall have the right to serve communion to anyone hospitalized who cannot attend physically DCPC due to illness, hospitalization or in hospice care. This decision and/or frequency of the decision made shall be solely up to the Pastor or Commissioned Pastor.**
- **Nominating Committee** - Board of Deacons member is Mary Anderson.

CONSENT AGENDA: MSC to approve for AGC - 4th & 5th grade field trip to Kids Against Hunger in Pleasanton on February 23, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS: Memorial Policy discussion postponed to March meeting.

- Concealed weapon information postponed to March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: MSC to schedule congregational meeting for election of Nominating Committee members on Sunday, March 17, 2024.

FOR THE RECORD: Elder/deacon joint meeting in person only, April 16, at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. LP J. McMillan will be moderator for that meeting.

DATES: Session meeting - Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 3:00 p.m., hybrid.
Presbytery Meeting - Tuesday, May 21, 2024. In person.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by F. du Pont at 4:40 p.m.

Finance Committee

Church Financial Health Update

The Church was blessed with your gifts for a strong January. However, our Operational Giving has fallen behind in February and March. **Our Year to Date Giving is down from our planned giving by 17% thru March 24th.**

January Operational Giving \$ 20,511	Planned Budgeted January Giving \$19,896	January Giving Surplus \$615
February Operational Giving \$15,084	Planned Budgeted February Giving \$19,896	February Shortage <\$4812>
March Giving thru 3/10/24 \$13,855	Planned Budgeted March Giving \$19,896	Current March Operational Shortage <\$6041>
YTD Giving thru 3/24/24 \$49,450	Planned YTD Giving thru 3/31/24 \$59,688	Current YTD Giving Shortage < 10,238 >

All giving is appreciated and beneficial to the Church Ministries. ***We thank everyone who has answered the call with their gifts and your continuing support of DCPC to maintain the financial health of our church.***

If you have any questions about or in regards to a donation, please Email the Bookkeeper at bookkeeper@dcpcfamly.org, or call the office.

Blessings and Thank you,
DCPC Finance Committee



Missions

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

Be the hands and feet of Jesus; volunteer with Delta Christian Community Food Pantry! Our mobile food pantry delivers groceries to families in need at 3 locations on Tuesday mornings, 52 weeks a year. Whether you can help once a week, or once a month, at one location or all three, you can be a part of this great ministry. We set up at the following times and locations each Tuesday:

8:30 a.m. - St. Anne Catholic Church

9:30 a.m. - Calvary Christian Church, in Knightsen

10:30 a.m. - New Covenant Church, on Bethel Island

Come check us out! See our website for more information: deltafoodpantry.com or call Jenny Rodrigues at 925-625-2651

"For I was hungry and you fed me" Matthew 25:35

Would you like to help the Food Pantry?

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

1. Egg Cartons - NO flats please.
2. Rubber Bands - To fasten egg cartons closed.
3. Plastic Grocery Bags - Flattened please.
4. Zip Lock Bags - quarts and gallons.



Please drop any items off in the Food Pantry Container
Located in the Church Narthex

Thank You,

Jenny Rodrigues
Missions Elder



Delta Christian Community Food Pantry

Distribution of food on Tuesdays

8:30 a.m. - St. Anne Catholic Church, Byron

9:30 a.m. - Calvary Church, Knightsen

10:30 a.m. - New Covenant Church, Bethel Island

Serving 120 - 150 families weekly.

April Focus

**Spaghetti Sauce,
Canned Soup
and Top Ramen**



- Food, clothing, & household goods
- Self-help resources
- Donations of food & money are appreciated!
- Donated items can be placed in the container located in the narthex of Delta Community Presbyterian Church.

Volunteers are welcome!



Children's Ministry

Come join us every Sunday for Sunday School,

following Children's Story Corner. Sunday School is more than just learning. We begin with a prayer, then work on an activity unique to each week's lesson.

The children are engaged with a weekly Bible verse, and discussion.

They get to create a work of art incorporating the verse, and then close the activity with prayer.

To stay up to date and learn more about our Sunday School program, check out our church webpage at:

<https://www.dcpfamily.org/sundayschool>

For more information contact the Church Office at:

(925) 634-0184 or deltachurch@dcpfamily.org





Be a Part of the LEGACY!!!



Our Growing for God Building Campaign is about more than just buildings. It is about a ministry vision that started over 20 years ago. A vision of children learning about God in an environment filled with love and compassion. A school that would meet the educational needs of children for years to come. A church growing with those families and meeting the spiritual needs of the community around it. And with our new buildings, the legacy will continue and grow even stronger. We would love for you to be a part of this. Please click on the link and watch a video that takes you on a journey. A journey of faith. A journey of God's blessings. We pray that you will be a part of it. Please share this with all your friends.

<https://www.dcpfamily.org/building>

We just celebrated our 35th Anniversary as a church. What impact will your giving have 35 years from today? What impact will new families bring to our church and our community? We already have AGC Alumni returning as staff to the campus, paying it forward. Students are graduating from college and contributing in big ways to the world.

Be a part of the EXCITEMENT!

Hall of Fame \$500
Bronze Level \$1,000
Silver Level \$2,500
Gold Level \$5,000
Platinum Level \$10,000
10 Rooms Available to dedicate, starting at \$25,000

Donations via, Check, Cash, or QR Code
Make checks payable to DCPC -
memo "Growing for God Building Campaign"

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*If you want a personal tour of the campus call
(925) 634-0184 or email deltachurch@dcpfamily.org*





Homes For Our Troops Invites You to Join Us!

KEY CEREMONY

Marine Sgt Kyle Garcia

Please join us as we present the keys to
a new specially adapted custom home for
Sgt Garcia in Byron, CA.

DATE: Saturday, April 20, 2024

TIME: Check-in begins at 9:30 am
Ceremony: 10:00 am – 12:00pm

RSVP: www.hfotusa.org/kgarcia

LOCATION: 3995 Camino Diablo
Byron, CA 94514

**This event will be held outdoors (rain or shine),
please dress accordingly.**

Ceremony will be followed by light refreshments
and an opportunity to tour the home!

Event Volunteers Needed!

For more information or to get involved,
please contact: Jocelyn Phipps
jphipps@hfotusa.org or Cell: 508-789-3501

OUR MISSION: To build and donate specially adapted custom homes nationwide
for severely injured post-9/11 Veterans, to enable them to rebuild their lives.



www.hfotusa.org/KGarcia
Building Homes, Rebuilding Lives



All God's Children Christian School
In partnership with
Delta Community Presbyterian Church



presents the
2ND ANNUAL
CRUISIN' FOR CHRIST CAR SHOW

It's that time of year again! Come out & show off your ride while showing your support for the **Growing for God Building Campaign**. All proceeds will go to the building of permanent classrooms, a new multi-purpose room that will serve as meeting venue for local groups & help to fund our ability to offer continued support to our community by providing a faith-based Preschool thru 5th grade education.

Car Show entry donation: \$30 before April 6th, \$40 after April 6th

The event is **FREE** to attend, but all donations are welcome!

Activities Include: Car Show/Awards, Opportunity Drawings, Food & Treats for sale, Local Vendors, Music. Photo-Ops & More

Vendors: Sell your goods or advertise your business! All we ask is a donation for our Opportunity Giveaway.

For More Information contact: Michelle @ (707) 704-7215
mjones.agccarshow@gmail.com

or to Register online at agschool.net and select the Cruisin' for Christ tab

Register
 Early and
 Save!

Scan here to register!

**OPEN TO ALL
 CARS
 &
 TRUCKS**

Saturday, April 27th
10:00am to 2:30pm

(Car Show Participant arrival time 9am)

**AGC & Discovery Bay
 Elementary School
 (parking lots)**

**1900 Willow Lake Rd,
 Discovery Bay, CA 94505**

We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

All God's Children Christian
School Presents the
3rd Annual

GOLFING FOR GOD

Golf Tournament



13TH MAY
2024

DISCOVERY BAY COUNTRY CLUB

- Golf & Dinner \$200
- Dinner Only \$65

REGISTER NOW



AGENDA

- 8:00 AM** Golfer Registration & Light Breakfast
- 9:00 AM** Putting Contest & Driving Range Open
- 10:00 AM** Shotgun Start
- 3:00 PM** Dinner, Awards, and Silent Auction

**Sponsorships
Available!**

For more information, please contact Tournament Director Kaitlyn Lillard
925.642.5674 or kaitlynlillard@gmail.com



**We're fighting something
we cannot see!**

Delta Shadow Boxers

Parkinson's Support Group

1st Wednesday each month

(except July)

Merrill Gardens

2600 Balfour Road

Brentwood

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This Parkinson's support group serves the Delta area of Contra Costa County (Antioch, Pittsburg, Oakley, Bethel Island, Knightsen, Discovery Bay, and Brentwood).

Please contact the coordinator to confirm the time and offer your contact information for subsequent communications.

Contact: Sue Schnittker 925 550-2756; saresa@comcast.net

We are fighting something we cannot see! Our goals are 1) Stay Social, 2) Stay Active, and 3) Stay Informed. Come join us!

RECYCLING



Judy & Brian Gibson
are recycling for the church.

Please bring your bottles and cans.

March: \$51.58

Below is a list of what they can recycle:

- ◆ Plastic Water Bottles/Plastic Soda Bottles/Gallon Water Jugs (remove lid, crush bottle, replace lid)
- ◆ Soda Cans / Beer Cans (Crush)
- ◆ Glass Beer Bottles / Glass Soda Bottles

It **must** say **CRV-California** on the item.

- ◆ **No plastic milk bottles** or SOUP CANS!
- ◆ No wine bottles.
- ◆ **PLEASE!!!!** Separate bags for plastic, glass, and aluminum cans.

Drop your recycling off any time!
The bin is located next to the garbage cans in front of the patio.

Thank you!!!
Judy and Brian

