

~ REFLECTIONS ~ February 2024

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~ Rev. Dr. Douglas Schoonover ~

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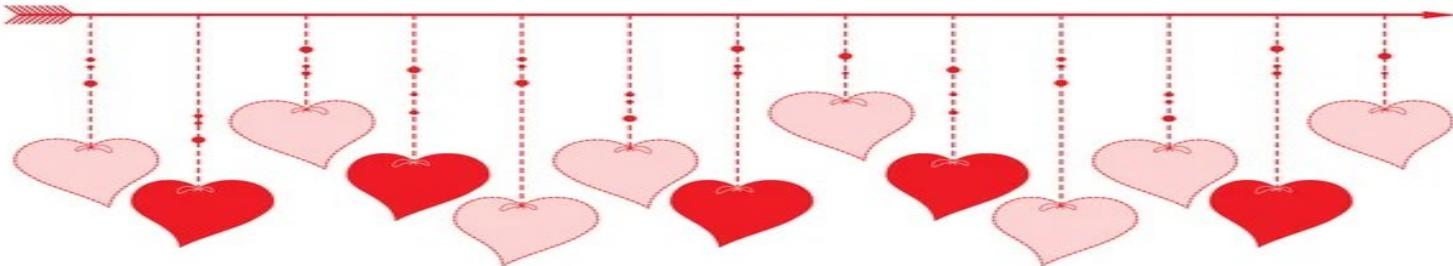
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PASTOR'S CORNER

February is the month of change. On February 2nd, we celebrate Groundhog Day! We wait to see if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow! If he sees his shadow, that means he forecasts six more weeks of winter. If he doesn't, it means we'll see an early spring.

On February 14th, we celebrate our sweethearts with Valentine's Day, Saint Valentine's Day, or the Feast of Saint Valentine, depending on which one you like to call it. \$26 billion dollars was spent on Valentine's Day in 2023, and with inflation, it is expected to go even higher this year.

But this year, a new twist is added to Valentine's Day. The Season of Lent begins on February 14th this year with Ash Wednesday. It is a holy day of prayer and fasting. We dispense ashes as a reminder of the frailty of life with the words spoken after the placement of ashes from Genesis 3:19, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

In the newsletter, as well as on our Welcome Table in the Narthex, will be our Season of Lent 2024 schedule of events. I encourage you to use this as your guide for the 40 days of Lent. Spend time reading the Scriptures. Make time in your busy days to attend our Lenten Soup Suppers and, if you are willing, try something new to help you deepen your faith walk with God. May God bless you and keep you as we move into the Season of Lent.

Peace,

Pastor Doug

SEASON OF LENT

FEBRUARY - MARCH 2024

February 14, 2024: Ash Wednesday

All God's Children Christian School Service – 1:30 p.m.
Ash & Dash Drive-Thru Ash Wednesday: 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

February 18, 2024: 1st Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Mark 1:9-13
Sermon: "Training Camp"

February 22, 2024: Thursday Soup Supper

Lenten Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This year, we will follow the book "God Never Gives Up on You: What Jacob's Story Teaches Us About Grace, Mercy, and God's Relentless Love" by Max Lucado. The book can be ordered through christianbook.com or Amazon. Video Session One: "Taking Shortcuts"

February 25, 2024: 2nd Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Mark 8:31-38
Sermon: "Saving A Life"

February 29, 2024: Thursday Soup Supper

Lenten Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.
"God Never Gives Up on You." Video Session Two:
"Reaping What You Sow"

March 3, 2024: 3rd Sunday in Lent

Scripture: John 2:13-22
Sermon: "Jesus Cleans House"

March 7, 2024: Thursday Soup Supper

Lenten Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.
"God Never Gives Up on You." Video Session Three:
"Living With A Louse"

March 10, 2024: 4th Sunday in Lent

Scripture: John 3:14-21
Sermon: "Light Has Come"

SEASON OF LENT

FEBRUARY - MARCH 2024

March 14, 2024: Thursday Soup Supper

Lenten Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.
"God Never Gives Up on You." Video Session Four:
"Wrestling With God"

March 17, 2024: 5th Sunday in Lent

Scripture: John 12:20-33
Sermon: "The Hour Has Come"

March 21, 2024: Thursday Soup Supper

Final Lenten Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.
"God Never Gives Up on You." Video Session Five:
"Returning Home"

March 24, 2024: Palm Sunday

Scripture: Mark 11:1-11
Sermon: "Hosanna!"
Palm Sunday Brunch to follow the service in the Fellowship Hall

March 26, 2024: Tuesday of Holy Week

Seder Meal at St. Anne's at 6:00 p.m.. Please call St. Anne's to
make reservations at (925) 634-6625.

March 29, 2024: Good Friday

Living Way of the Cross at St. Anne's from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service at DCPC at 7:00 p.m. The service will also
be live-streamed on YouTube. The Rev. Dr. Doug Schoonover
officiating.

March 31, 2024: Easter Sunday

Easter Sunrise Service at St. Anne's - TBD





DCPC Easter Service at 10:00 a.m.





Scripture: Mark 16:1-8

Sermon: "He Has Risen!"

Sunday School for the children during the worship service. An Easter
egg hunt will follow the Easter service out on the AGC lawn area.

FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<p>1</p> <p>9:15 a.m. AGC Chapel Service</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Groundhog Day</p> 	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>  <p>Worship Service 10:00 a.m. <i>Communion</i></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Board of Deacons Meeting</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:15 a.m. AGC Chapel Service</p>	<p>9</p> <p>AGC Spirit Day Sports/ Jersey Day</p> 	<p>10</p>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>11</p> <p>Transfiguration of the Lord</p>  <p>Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY</p>	<p>13</p> 	<p>14</p> <p><i>Valentine's Day</i></p> <p>1:30 p.m. AGC Chapel Service</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Ash & Dash 2:30pm - 5:30pm</p> <p>AGC Spirit Day "Valentines"</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:15 a.m. AGC Chapel Service</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Food Pantry Mtg. (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> 
<p>18</p> <p>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</p>  <p>Worship Service 10:00 a.m. <i>Communion</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>  <p>Presidents' Day</p>	<p>20</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Session Meeting</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:15 a.m. AGC Chapel Service</p> <p>Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</p>  <p>Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall</p> 	 	

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.

February Focus

**Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce,
Canned Soup
or 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*



RECYCLING



Judy & Brian Gibson
are recycling for the church.

Please bring your bottles and cans.

January: \$40.69

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

