



*~ REFLECTIONS ~  
April 2025*

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

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# *Elders and Deacons*

## Session Elders

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Administration & Personnel

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**Open**

Christian Education

**Marlanna Bathel**

Clerk of Session

**Open**

Fellowship

**Open**

Finance

**Connie Beeby**

Membership

**Jenny Rodrigues**

Missions

**Open**

Outreach

**Fred du Pont**

Worship

## Deacons

**Mary Anderson**

**Ruthanne Barber**

**Linda Hengl**

**Shirley Jennings**

**Janet O'Connell-Mangham\***

**Judy Mitchell**

**Jeanne Zwemer**

**\* Head Deacon**

## Staff and Others

**Rev. Dr. Douglas Schoonover**

Pastor - Direct Line

**John McMillan**

Commissioned Pastor

**Mary Torok**

Church Office / Office Manager

**Cindy McMillan**

Music Coordinator/Pianist

**Janet Nelson**

Historian



## PASTOR'S CORNER

April showers bring May flowers! At least that was the hope that we would have in snowbound Iowa when I was a kid. And from the forecast it looks like we may start our month with some showers here in the Bay Area. But April this year brings us Easter and all of the activities leading up to it. I just want to remind you of a few of them in my article for this month.

Holy Week starts on Palm Sunday, April 13th. We are looking forward to waving our Palm branches as we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We will be following that service with our annual Palm Sunday Brunch in the Fellowship Hall and out on the patio. Please look for more information on this in separate articles found in the newsletter and bulletin.

I encourage you to sign up and attend the Passover Seder Dinner which will be held at St. Anne's starting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15th. You will gain a deeper understanding of the Last Supper that Jesus had with his disciples as we join with our Jewish brothers and sisters in this centuries old meal.

On Friday, April 18th, please join us at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary as we observe Good Friday. This is a solemn service where we journey to the foot of the Cross on that fateful day Jesus was crucified. The service closes in silence and darkness.

Finally, join us on Easter Sunday for two worship opportunities, starting with Easter Sunrise. Our Easter Sunrise service this year will held on the AGC Sports Field, starting at 6:30 a.m. Please bring a lawn chair as we will only have a few chairs available. Our Easter Service starts at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Following worship we will have an Easter egg hunt out on the AGC lawn/playground area.

I look forward to seeing you at any or all of our activities for Holy Week. May God bless you this April with his love and grace.

Peace,

Pastor Doug





## **SEASON OF LENT**

### **MARCH - APRIL 2025**

#### **March 5, 2025: Ash Wednesday**

All God's Children Christian School Service – 11:30 a.m.  
Ash & Dash Drive-Thru, Ash Wednesday: 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

#### **March 9, 2025: 1st Sunday in Lent (Daylight Saving Time Begins)**

Chapel Sunday - 10:00 a.m.  
Scripture: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 8:12-25  
Sermon: "Glory Will Be Revealed"

#### **March 11, 2025: Tuesday - Lenten Bible Study**

Lenten Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This year, we will follow the book and video series "The Message of Jesus-Words That Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton. The book can be ordered through [christianbook.com](http://christianbook.com) or Amazon. Video Session One: "The Kingdom of God Has Come Near"

#### **March 16, 2025: 2nd Sunday in Lent**

Scripture: Psalm 27; Luke 13:31-35  
Sermon: "Pressing On"

#### **March 18, 2025: Tuesday - Lenten Bible Study**

Lenten Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. "The Message of Jesus."  
Video Session Two: "The World's Most Important Sermon"

#### **March 23, 2025: 3rd Sunday in Lent**

Scripture: Psalm 63:1-8; Luke 13:1-9  
Sermon: "The Impact of Fruitful Living"

#### **March 25, 2025: Tuesday - Lenten Bible Study**

Lenten Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. "The Message of Jesus."  
Video Session Three: "Jesus Spoke to Them in Parables"



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**March 30, 2025: 4th Sunday in Lent**

Scripture: Psalm 32; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32  
Sermon: "The Lost Son"

**April 1, 2025: Tuesday - Lenten Bible Study**

Lenten Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. "The Message of Jesus."  
Video Session Four: "Who Do YOU Say that I Am?"

**April 6, 2025: 5th Sunday in Lent**

Senior Sunday/Chapel Sunday  
Scripture: Psalm 126; TBD  
Sermon: "Training in the Way"

**April 8, 2025: Tuesday - Lenten Bible Study**

Final Lenten Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.  
"The Message of Jesus."  
Video Session Five: "Final Words"

**April 13, 2025: Palm Sunday**

Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40  
Sermon: "What Do We Need?"  
Palm Sunday Brunch to follow the service in the Fellowship Hall

**April 15, 2025: Tuesday of Holy Week**

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

**April 18, 2025: 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. Doug Schoonover officiating.

**April 20, 2025: Easter Sunday**

Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Delta Community Presbyterian Church on the AGC Sports Field.  
DCPC Easter Service at 10:00 a.m.  
Scripture: Psalm 114; Luke 24:1-12  
Sermon: "An Empty Tomb"  
Sunday School for the children during the worship service. An Easter egg hunt will follow the Easter service out on the AGC lawn area.



# APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 		<b>1</b>  <b>4th Lenten Bible Study</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>(Sanctuary)</b>  <b>3:00 p.m.</b> Board of Deacons Meeting  <b>7:30 p.m.</b> AA Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>9:15 a.m.</b> AGC Chapel Service	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> AA Meeting   <b>Celebration of Life</b> <b>Dale Welin</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> DCPC Sanctuary
<b>6</b> <b>5th Sunday in Lent</b>  <b>Chapel Sunday</b> Worship Service <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>Communion</b>  <b>7:30 p.m.</b> AA Meeting (Men Only)	<b>7</b> <b>12:15 p.m.</b> Al-Anon Mtg.  <b>7:30 p.m.</b> AA Meeting	<b>8</b> <b>Last Lenten Bible Study</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>(Sanctuary)</b>  <b>7:30 p.m.</b> AA Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>9:15 a.m.</b> AGC Chapel Service	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> AA Meeting  
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>13</b>  Worship Service <b>10:00 a.m.</b>  <b>7:30 p.m.</b> AA Meeting (Men Only)	<b>14</b> <b>12:15 p.m.</b> Al-Anon Mtg.  <b>3:00 p.m.</b> Session Mtg.  <b>7:30 p.m.</b> AA Meeting	<b>15</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Seder Meal at St. Anne's <b>Must have a reservation</b>   <b>7:30 p.m.</b> AA Meeting	<b>16</b> <b>AGC Spirit Day</b> <b>Disney Day</b>  	<b>17</b>   <b>9:15 a.m.</b> AGC Chapel Service	<b>18</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>   <b>Worship Service</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Service will also be live-streamed on YouTube	<b>19</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> AA Meeting  <b>Great Vigil Of Easter</b>  
<b>20</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m.</b> <b>Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</b> <b>Communion</b>  <b>7:30 p.m.</b> AA Meeting (Men Only)	<b>21</b> <b>12:15 p.m.</b> Al-Anon Mtg.  <b>7:30 p.m.</b> AA Meeting	<b>22</b>   <b>7:30 p.m.</b> AA Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>9:15 a.m.</b> AGC Chapel Service	<b>25</b>   <b>Pastor Doug out of office April 25 - May 2</b>  	<b>26</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> AA Meeting
<b>27</b>  Worship Service <b>10:00 a.m.</b> w/John McMillan (CP)  <b>7:30 p.m.</b> AA Meeting (Men Only)	<b>28</b> <b>12:15 p.m.</b> Al-Anon Mtg.  <b>7:30 p.m.</b> AA Meeting	<b>29</b> <b>7:30 p.m.</b> AA Meeting	<b>30</b>			

# 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: [www.deltafoodpantry.com](http://www.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

**Cereal & Boxed Milk  
Canned Beans  
(Refried, Pork & Beans, etc.)**

- 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](mailto: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
- Premier Level \$25,000

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

Delta Community Presbyterian Church  
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*If you want a personal tour of the campus call  
(925) 634-0184 or email [deltachurch@dcpfamily.org](mailto:deltachurch@dcpfamily.org)*



# **PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH**

**April 13, 2025**

Following worship service in the  
fellowship hall & outdoor patio

**Bring your family & friends!!!**



**\* Food \* Fellowship \* Fun \*  
and special recognition...**

**You DON'T want to miss  
this SPECIAL event!**

Sponsored by: The DCPC Session

Contact Connie Beeby  
If you have any questions  
(925) 516-2336

Please join the Communities of St. Anne Parish,  
Delta Community Presbyterian Church  
& Byron United Methodist Church  
for our Community Passover / Seder Dinner

Stories

Prayer

Song

Great  
Company



Delicious  
Food

*“With Fervent Desire I Have Desired to Eat This  
Passover With You Before I Suffer.”* Luke 22:15

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

**6:00 p.m.**



**Sunday, April 6, 2025**

Andrea DeSimone from St. Anne will have a table in the Narthex after service with a sign-up sheet and recipes for you to choose from to make for the Pot-Luck. If you will not be at church on the 6th, you can call Andrea or Ramona at the numbers below to RSVP.



**For more information please contact:**

Andrea DeSimone (925) 437-6319  
or [Stayhomemom67@gmail.com](mailto:Stayhomemom67@gmail.com)

Ramona Gonis (510) 882-2607  
or [Ramona.gonis@pacbell.net](mailto:Ramona.gonis@pacbell.net)



## *Easter Lilies*

Would you like to provide a lovely Easter Lily Plant for our Easter Sunday Worship Service in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special occasion, or in honor of someone?

The beautiful plants will decorate our Sanctuary for Easter Sunday

**April 20, 2025**

You may take them home following the 10:00 a.m. Easter Service.

**Fundraiser Donation**

**\$25.00**

**Cash or Check**

**The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.**

Please place your cash or check in the provided envelopes located on the table in the Narthex.

Then **drop in box.**

**Please make checks payable to DCPC and write "*Easter Lily*" on the memo line.**

Flower orders will need to be paid for at the time of order.

**THANK YOU!**

DCPC Annual

# Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

After the 10:00 a.m. service

## **HELP US MAKE THIS A GREAT EVENT!**

We are collecting items for our EASTER EGG HUNT:

- Filled Plastic Eggs (with candy or toys)
- Empty Plastic Eggs
- WRAPPED candy for filling eggs

**All children are welcome to join in the fun!**

You can bring everything to the church office throughout the week or on Sunday mornings.

Thank You!



St. Anne's Chapter of SVdP Presents

# Strut For A Cause

*A Thrift Store Fashion Show Fundraiser  
Featuring Clothing and Accessories  
From the Brentwood St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store  
All Proceeds Benefiting St. Anne SVdP  
"Helping Our Neighbors In Need"*



Saturday, May 3rd 2025

From 1 to 3

General Admission—\$20.00

VIP Runway seating \$30.00

St. Anne Catholic Church

2800 Camino Diablo Rd.

Byron, CA

*Scan QR code below for tickets*



**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED**



**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](mailto: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 have stepped down from being are **recycling coordinators**. We are in **need** of a new person or persons to be are **recycling coordinator(s)**. If you feel called to help the environment, please let the church office know.

Please still bring your bottles and cans.

**February:** \$57.00

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 Brian & Judy for all your hard work and dedication to DCPC!**

