



~ REFLECTIONS ~  
March 2025



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

For each  
petal on the  
shamrock,  
this brings a  
wish your way:  
Good Health,  
Good Luck,  
and  
Happiness  
for today and  
every day.

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**Open**  
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**Open**  
Finance

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**Open**  
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Worship

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**Mary Anderson**

**Ruthanne Barber**

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## Staff and Others

**Rev. Dr. Douglas Schoonover**  
Pastor - Direct Line

**John McMillan**  
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# PASTOR'S CORNER

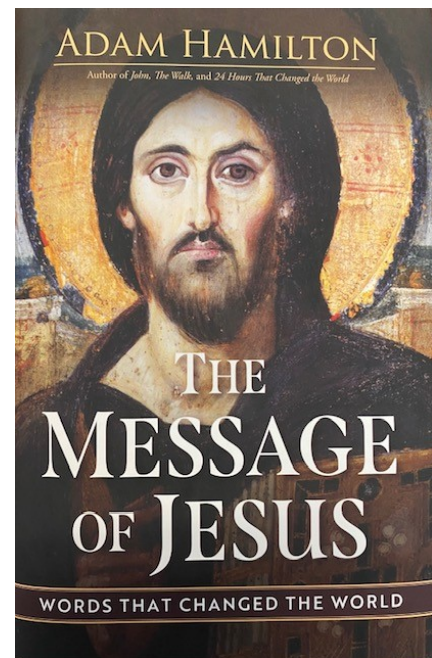
Welcome to March everyone! This year Lent starts early with Ash Wednesday being March 5th. Please join us for our annual Ash & Dash event, starting at 12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. out in front of the church. I will be distributing ashes and prayers until 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.. Over the past few years we have averaged close to 90 people taking part. I love being able to meet new people as well as many regulars.

We are also trying something a little different this year with our Lenten Bible Study. We will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Sanctuary, starting on Tuesday, March 11th. This year we will have the video study based on a new book from Adam Hamilton entitled, "The Message of Jesus-Words that Changed the World." You can order the book at either [christianbook.com](http://christianbook.com) or on Amazon.

I also want to encourage you to spend this Lenten season in prayer and in God's Word. The Scripture for each Sunday is listed on the Season of Lent sheet that is a part of the newsletter and will be out on the Welcome Table in the church lobby (Narthex). Lenten is the perfect time of year to start the habit of consistently being in God's Word.

Finally, our second Chapel Sunday will be on March 9th. Our first one was amazing, so we encourage you to come and experience a combination of Thursday AGC Chapel and DCPC Sunday Worship.

Blessings,  
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.



# MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 			<p>Share Your Faith in Christ</p> 			<p>1</p> <p>8:30 a.m. AA Meeting</p>
<p>2</p> <p><b>Transfiguration of the Lord</b></p> <p>Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Communion</i></p> <p>7:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Men Only)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:15 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting</p> <p>7:30 p.m. AA Meeting</p> <p><b>AGC Spirit Day</b></p> 	<p>4</p>  <p>3:00 p.m. Board of Deacons Meeting</p> <p>7:30 p.m. AA Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>Ash Wednesday</b></p> <p><b>AGC Chapel Service</b> 11:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Ash &amp; Dash Drive-Thru</b> 12:30pm - 5:30pm Front Parking Lot</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>9:15 a.m. AGC Chapel Service</p>	<p>7</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>8:30 a.m. AA Meeting</p> <p><b>Reminder:</b> Set your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed tonight</p> 

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>9</p> <p><b>Daylight Saving Time Begins</b></p> <p>1st Sunday in Lent</p> <p><b>AGC Chapel Sunday</b> Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>7:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Men Only)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12:15 p.m. Al-Anon Mtg.</p> <p>7:30 p.m. AA Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>Lenten Bible Study</b> 9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)</p>  <p>7:30 p.m. AA Meeting</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:15 a.m. AGC Chapel Service</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:30 a.m. AA Meeting</p>
<p>16</p> <p><b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b></p> <p>Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Communion</i></p> <p>7:30 p.m. AA Meeting</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>12:15 p.m. Al-Anon Mtg.</p> <p>7:30 p.m. AA Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>Lenten Bible Study</b> 9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Session Meeting</p> <p>7:30 p.m. AA Meeting</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:30 a.m. AA Meeting</p>
<p>23</p> <p><b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b></p> <p>Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>7:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Men Only)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>12:15 p.m. Al-Anon Mtg.</p> <p>7:30 p.m. AA Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p><b>Lenten Bible Study</b> 9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:30 a.m. AA Meeting</p>
<p>30</p> <p><b>4th Sunday in Lent</b></p> <p>Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>7:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Men Only)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>12:15 p.m. Al-Anon Mtg.</p> <p>7:30 p.m. AA Meeting</p>	<p>7:30 p.m. AA Meeting</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: [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.**

## March Focus

**Canned Meat  
(Spam, Corned Beef, etc.)  
Tortillas**

- 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"

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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)*





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*Blood*

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Karen Bouslog - [kbouslog@yahoo.com](mailto:kbouslog@yahoo.com) **925-250-9242**





**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  
are recycling for the church.

Please bring your bottles and cans.

**Note: The recycling center closed...  
Brian and Judy are looking for a new center  
to go to. Please keep bringing your bottles  
and cans. Thank you!**

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**

