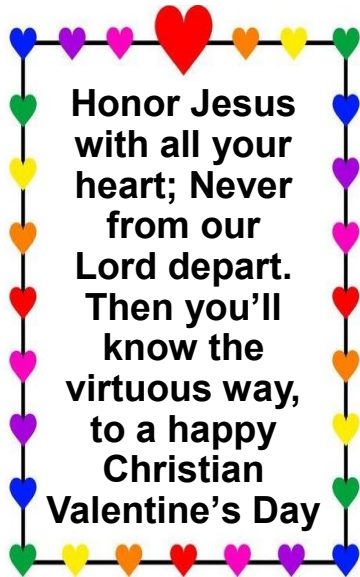


Happy
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~ REFLECTIONS ~ February 2023

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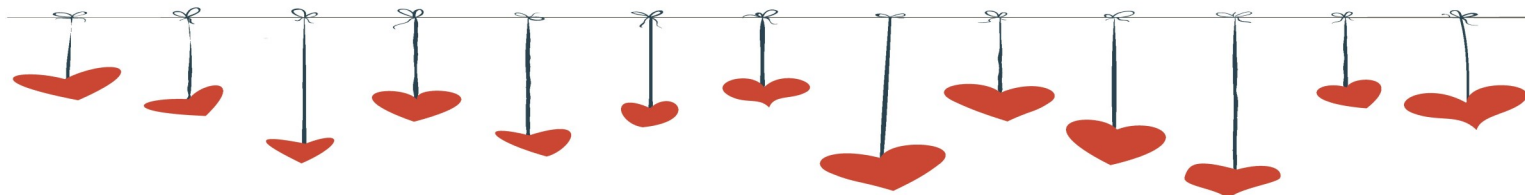
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Open

Fellowship

Open

Finance

Connie Beeby

Membership

Jenny Rodrigues

Missions

Open

Outreach

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*Happy
Valentines day*

PASTOR'S CORNER

Happy February everyone! At the end of 2022 the Session asked me to share what plans I had for the coming year in my performance review. I thought I would share that with you all this month to give you a little glimpse at what lies ahead for DCPC.

Blessings,

Pastor Doug

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DELTA COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PERFORMANCE AND PLANNING REVIEW

Reviewing Period December 2022

Name: Doug Schoonover

Position: Pastor

Accomplishments/Successes for the Year:

Led the first group of church leadership through Ignition Point in the Fall.

Finished my dissertation and submitted it to the review committee right before Thanksgiving. I should be graduating in May 2023.

Officiated at 6 baptisms.

Helped guide 8 families through their grief and officiated at either graveside or in-person Celebrations of Life. This included my own father-in-law's service in November.

Challenges:

Self-care: came down with COVID in May, gave it to Diana, and then dealt with COVID fatigue through the summer months of June, July, and August.

Growing for God Building Campaign - working with Jill and Larry for the loan as well as for a contractor to build the buildings.

Stewardship: encouraging the congregation to give during the current economic crisis.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Objectives for Next Year (2023):

Growth in attendance: working with the Worship Planning Team to provide worship services that meet the needs of our current attendees as well as attract new and younger people and families. Currently working with Chaz Ross to find an acoustic guitar player to help lead with worship to provide a **blended worship** experience of traditional hymns and praise music. The challenge is finding someone to do it initially for **free** as we don't have a lot of extra in the budget. I am also currently working with Andrea Isaac and Insio Che, who are local violin and piano teachers, to open our church for their recitals on a regular, perhaps, monthly basis. Insio's daughter attends AGC, and Andrea is Even Tjioe's viola teacher. I am also working with them to provide their students to come and get performance experience by playing in worship on Sunday. It is my prayer that this will help to attract new attendees.

I also believe that we should host at least 5 outreach events geared to get people to the church and comfortable in attending at a time other than Sunday morning. I will work with Connie B. as well as anyone else to help coordinate these events. Besides potlucks on Sunday after church, I would like us to host a few movie nights during the Summer and into the Fall as well. Other than that, I am wide open to ideas.

Men's Breakfast: We will be hosting an AGC/DCPC Men's Breakfast Planning Meeting on Saturday, January 21 at 8:00 am. My prayer is that I get a good number of Dad's from AGC to attend so that we can combine leadership between the church and the school. Larry Hengl has agreed to be our first speaker for our February meeting, highlighting the Growing for God Building Campaign as well as our solar project.

Grief Seminar: With so much grief within the church, school, and community, I am currently working on presenting a Grief seminar in in-person first, and then on Zoom. I don't have the dates set yet as I am just reading the material needed to present one. We have lost 19 members/attendees since 2020, so grief is prevalent in our church. But COVID also brought about grief, not only in our church and school but also in the community. It is time for it to be addressed.

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DCPC/AGC Interest Survey: I just recently sent out a Google Form survey to not only DCPC but also AGC. This survey was created by Connie Beeby, Diana Schoonover, and myself. It asks about their interest in worship services, with the possibility of expanding beyond just a Sunday morning service. Therefore, the inclusion of an acoustic guitar player for Sunday morning is so important. An extra service would, most likely, be more praise music-oriented than our current Sunday morning service. It also asks if there is interest in my leading Bible studies for AGC families and what the possible topics may be. This leads to one final idea that I want to explore for 2023.

If we are going to be increasing the usage of the Sanctuary, we will need to address the elephant in the room, which is the wall between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. We had four events in December that filled the sanctuary. We had a recital, two AGC Christmas concerts, as well as our Christmas Eve service that were very close to needing extra space. We had 140 at one of these events. The other three were well over 120. I would like to propose that we tear down the wall and replace it with a folding wall, that uses the panels. I have no idea of the cost, but I can research that if you want or need me to. This would provide us with the ability to host larger events and still be able to have two separate rooms when we need them.

Attracting young families: This will be accomplished by reviving the Sunday School and Youth Programs. I am meeting with John McMillan (our CLP) and Tristin Airola (our Christian Education Coordinator) on January 16th to go over our current curriculum and map out a course of action to meet the needs of kids. Also, I will work with Tristin to connect more with the families that do attend and the AGC families that have indicated an interest in attending.

Pizza with the Rev (a.k.a. DCPC Youth Group) will meet once a month for the rest of this school year. We will assess how things are in May to see if we need/can add more meetings. Currently have 4 in attendance. Working with PCUSA youth material for our study time and feeding them lunch right after church. That time was picked to work best with their schedules right now. Open invitation to have them bring their friends as well.

I will also attend every AGC event, as I always do, and continually invite people to come and worship with us on Sunday at 10:00 am.

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Commissioned Lay Pastor - According to the commissioning agreement I am John's supervisor for the three-year commissioning contract. John's areas of responsibility are worship and Christian Education. John is not a free pulpit supply. Over the course of this year, I will be working with John to assist me on Communion Sundays. There was no "practical" training for the CLPs on how to officiate at the Lord's Table, officiate at funerals, weddings, etc. So, part of our work will be helping to build John's competencies in these worship areas. I am excited to be working with John. As John taught Sunday School for many years, John will be overseeing our Christian Education program. That means that our Christian Education Coordinators (right now just Tristin) will report directly to John. I plan on meeting with John on a bi-weekly basis, for now, to help him develop an active and effective Christian Education program.

Other Comments:

COVID and the months following taught me a valuable lesson, that being self-care. Over the course of 2023 I will continue meeting with my Spiritual Director, Carl Grant, monthly. This helps me to stay spiritually centered. I have two pastor retreats that I plan on attending in April and October (study leave), as well as my graduation in May.

Blessings,
Pastor Doug

DCPC MISSION STATEMENT

We are a spiritual family, seeking, encouraging, and equipping people to become life-long followers of Jesus Christ.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

~ February 2 ~
Rich & Ruthanne Barber

~ February 3 ~
Larry & Linda Hengl

~ February 13 ~
Jake & Sue Fair

~ February 14 ~
Larry & Pat Green

~ February 19 ~
Bill & Jan Ebersole

~ February 25 ~
Ken & Caroline Schultz

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













Marsha Carpoft	Feb. 2
Fatinha Davenport	Feb. 4
Jeannette Moon	Feb. 6
Brian Gibson	Feb. 7
Cathy Davenport~Rentzel	Feb. 9
Al Sauvadon	Feb. 10
Larry Green	Feb. 13
Janet Nelson	Feb. 14
Cindy McMillan	Feb. 16
Bob Jacobsen	Feb. 19
Alice Cramer	Feb. 25
Bob Damico	Feb. 28

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



FEBRUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>February is National HEART MONTH</p>			1	2 Groundhog Day  9:15 a.m. AGC Chapel Service	3	4 
5  Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Communion	6 Ignition Point 4:00 p.m. Week 3 	7 3:00 p.m. Board of Deacons Meeting	8	9 9:15 a.m. AGC Chapel Service	10 AGC Spirit Day Pajama Day 	11 MEN'S  Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m. DCPC Church RSVP: 925-634-0184

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Concert of Prayer 	13 Ignition Point 4:00 p.m. Week 4	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16 9:15 a.m. AGC Chapel Service	17  HAPPY National Random Acts Of Kindness Day!	18
19 Transfiguration of the Lord Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Communion	20 Church Office Closed Presidents' Day  Ignition Point 4:00 p.m. Week 5	21  3:00 p.m. Session Meeting	22 ASH WEDNESDAY AGC Ash Wednesday Service 2:00pm Ash & Dash 3:00pm - 6:00pm	23 9:15 a.m. AGC Chapel Service	24	25 
26  FIRST SUNDAY LENT Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	27 Ignition Point 4:00 p.m. Week 6	28				

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men of AGC and DCPC,

Our February 2023 Men's Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, February 11**, starting at **8:00 a.m.**.

For those who have never attended before, here is what you can expect:

7:30 a.m. - Coffee and fellowship.

8:00 a.m. - Breakfast.

(we are still looking for someone to cook breakfast)

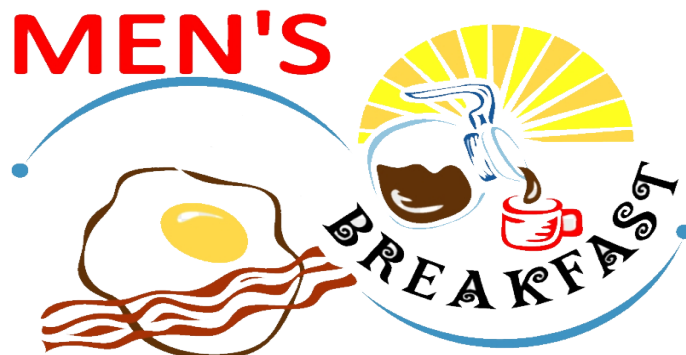
8:30 a.m. - A short business meeting.

8:40 a.m. - Guest speaker; Q & A to follow.

9:30 a.m. - Adjourn.

Our speaker for this month will be Larry Hengl, the Building & Grounds Coordinator for our Growing for God Building Campaign. He will be sharing about the building construction as well as the solar installation that will be occurring on campus as well. We look forward to hearing from Larry.

If you would like to attend, please contact Mary in the DCPC Office at (925) 634-0184 to RSVP.



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The worship committee continues to meet on a regular weekly basis; and we continue to discuss ways to improve the Sunday services. As the Worship Committee elder, I am requesting input from the congregation regarding methods that can be implemented to improve the worship service. We will look at the suggestions to determine if they can be implemented. Please contact me directly or leave me a message in my box at the DCPC front office. Please don't make any personal attacks against any individual. The purpose is to improve the Sunday service and make our attendance more enjoyable to all who participate in the service as well as the congregation.

Blessings to all at DCPC.

Your Worship Elder,

Fred du Pont





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:

8:00 a.m. - Byron United Methodist Church in Byron

9:30 a.m. - Calvary Christian Church, in Knightsen (on side street)

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
(Presbyterian - Catholic - Methodist Churches)**

Distribution of food on Tuesdays

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Byron United Methodist Church, Byron

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Calvary Church, Knightsen

11:30 a.m. - New Covenant Church, Bethel Island

Serving 120 - 150 families weekly.

February Focus

**Spaghetti, 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 on the **first & third** Sunday of the month 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.dcpcfamilly.org/sundayschool>

For more information contact Tristin Airola at:

(925) 278-8621 or airolat365@gmail.com



AGC Valentines Day Card Fundraiser

Now - February 5th

*Your purchase of our \$7 Valentines Day
Cards goes directly to AGC*



Select Your Card(s) Here:



Pay For Your Card Here:



**SAVE
the
DATE!**

Golfing for God BUILDING CAMPAIGN

Monday, March 20, 2023

**Discovery Bay Country Club
1475 Clubhouse Drive, Discovery Bay**

Don't miss your chance

to play in or support the 2023 Golfing for God Building Campaign Golf Tournament, benefiting the development of permanent classrooms for All God's Children Christian School, preschool through 5th grade, in partnership with Delta Community Presbyterian Church.

For more information regarding how you can register for or support the tournament please contact:

Kaitlyn Lillard, Tournament Director
at kaitlynlillard@gmail.com or
(925) 642-5674 or scan code:



SCAN ME



**Cost per
Player \$200**

**Scramble Format
& Shotgun Start**

Tournament Schedule

**Player Registration begins
at 8:00am**

**Gift Bags available for all
players at registration**

**Continental Breakfast
at 8:30am**

**Driving range and putting
contest begins at 8:30am**

**Shotgun tournament starts
at 10:00am**

**Grab and Go Lunch
to be served at the turn**

**Three drink hole locations
with water, sodas and beer for
all players**

**Fun activities at holes
on the course**

**BBQ Buffet Dinner and
awards after the tournament,
approximately 3:30pm**

Delta Community Presbyterian Church and AGC Growing For God Building Campaign

Giving God's Children The Opportunity to Flourish with His message.



With a blessed \$265,000 the Growing For God Building Campaign could not be more thrilled to bring long awaited classroom space for God's Children. We have the opportunity to improve the campus to provide the space for a growing student body that fits the needs of the community.

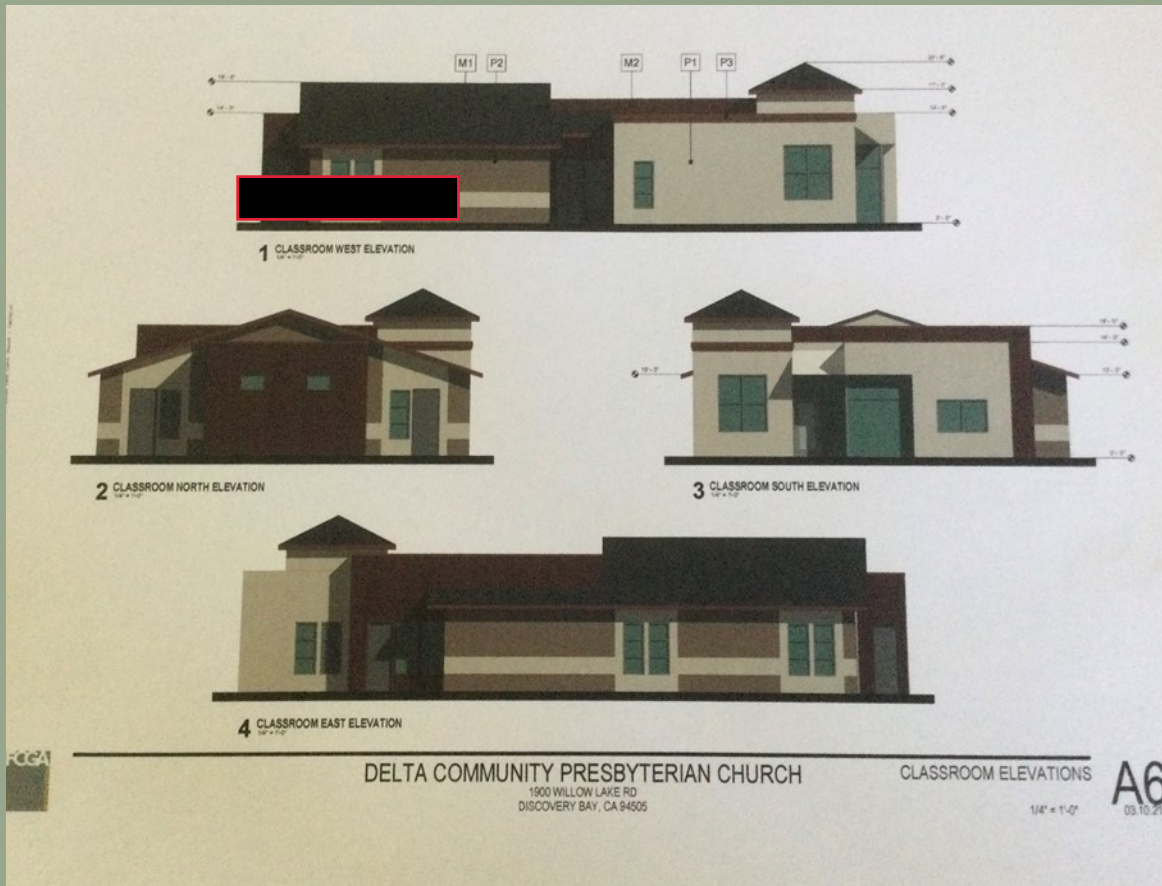
Get Involved and Give Back

We need volunteers and materials. Please inquire Larry Hengl (Building and Grounds Elder) for more information:

(510) 710-3130



Growing For God Building Campaign Pledge Card



Please make checks payable to:
DCPC Building Campaign
Memo line: 1005 NCBF

Donations are tax deductible.
Tax ID # 94-3107859

Questions? Please contact:
Kelly Bye at [REDACTED] or
boardpresident@agcschool.net

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me,
and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven
belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

What will you pledge?

Monthly \$ _____

Quarterly \$ _____

Annually \$ _____

One time pledge of \$ _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone #: _____

RECYCLING

The recycling bin is EMPTY!!!

Judy & Brian Gibson
are recycling for the church

Don't forget to bring your bottles and cans.

December & January: \$41.73

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