



*Daylight Saving  
Time Ends*



# ~ REFLECTIONS ~ November 2024

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

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# *Elders and Deacons*

## Session Elders

**Dale Anderson**

Administration & Personnel

**Open**

Buildings & Grounds

**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**

**Sandy Benedict**

**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

November is a transitional month. Depending on where we live, it helps us transition from Fall to Winter. It is also transitional in that we begin to prepare for our major holidays (Thanksgiving and Christmas). It is also a transitional month in the life of our church.

November is Stewardship month. Our stewardship theme for this year is **Build Your Kingdom Here**. What does it mean for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus in Discovery Bay and the surrounding communities? How will we fund our ministry outreach into our community? That is a crucial question of any stewardship campaign. We will look at the last two sections of Mark 12 for these answers. What will the ministry look like a year from now with our new buildings? I encourage you to attend worship in person or online to find answers to these and many other questions about how God wants and needs us to be his hands and feet. On **Sunday, November 17th**, we will be consecrating our pledge cards.

We close November by preparing for Advent. Thanksgiving falls after Christ the King Sunday this year, which seems appropriate. Because Christ is King, we have received the gift of eternal life. That gift is reason enough to be thankful, and we should take time on Thanksgiving to be specific with God about all that we are thankful for. I close with these words from the Apostle Paul to the church at Philippi.

### **Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV)**

4.) Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

5.) Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

6.) Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

7.) And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Peace,







Pastor Doug








# HAPPY THANKSGIVING



# NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
 	 <p>November is National Alzheimer's Awareness Month</p>					<b>1</b> <b>Free Market Sort &amp; Set-Up</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> New Covenant Church Bethel Island <b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Free Market</b> <b>1:00pm - 3:00pm</b> New Covenant Church Bethel Island <b>Reminder: Don't forget to set your clocks BACK 1 hour before you go to bed.</b>
<b>3</b>  <b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b> Worship Service <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Communion <b>Stewardship Sunday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>ELECTION DAY</b>  <b>3:00 p.m.</b> Board of Deacons Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>9:15 a.m.</b> AGC Chapel Service	<b>8</b> <b>AGC Spirit Day "Camo Day"</b> 	<b>9</b>	

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<b>10</b> Worship Service <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>Stewardship Sunday</b> 	<b>11</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>Veterans Day</b> 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>9:15 a.m.</b> AGC Chapel Service	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 
<b>17</b> <b>Consecration Sunday</b> Worship Service <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Communion	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>3:00 p.m.</b> Session Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>9:15 a.m.</b> AGC Chapel Service	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Worship Service <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>Hanging of the Greens Following Service</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Church Office Closed 	<b>29</b> Church Office Closed	<b>30</b> 

# WORSHIP COMMITTEE

## Thoughts from the Worship Elder

As we are approaching the month of November and the Thanksgiving Holiday, I was thinking about how many of us remember to thank God for all that He has provided for us. Of course, we thank him for the foods that are placed before us, the person (s) who prepared it, and all of those who grew or raised the foods we are about to consume, etc. But how about our Triune God (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit) are the part of your Thanksgiving? Have you thanked them for all that is in front of you at the table as well as the life you are given?

### **Giving Thanks**

Colossians 3:15-17 NIV

<sup>15</sup>Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

I pray that in your house, as in mine, we all place our God at the head of the table and thanking him for this day of celebration. Remember our extended family, Christian family and the members of our armed forces that are in harm's way this thanksgiving. Thank God in song, prayer and in actions that you take on a daily basis in His name.

1Chronicles 16:34-36 NIV

<sup>34</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever. <sup>35</sup>Cry out, "Save us, O God or Savior; gather us and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, that we may glory in your praise."  
<sup>36</sup>Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

May God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit bless the entire month of November for your families, DCPC families, our Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world, our service members throughout the world, and especially those exposed to the war between Israel, Iran and the terrorists.

God Bless All of You,

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:

**8:30 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.**

## November Focus

**Canned Chicken, Tuna, Salmon  
and Rice**



- 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!**





**HELP WANTED**  
for the  
**MISSION COMMITTEE!!!**

**LOTS** of things are happening with the Food Pantry. The **"Free Market"** will be held on **Saturday, November 2, 2024** at New Covenant Church in Bethel Island. If a lot of people did a little to help, it would make it so much easier. Everyone has gifts and ideas they don't even know they have! Come join me and use your talents.

**If you are interested in helping,**  
please call Jenny Rodrigues  
(Missions Elder) at 925-625-2651  
or call Delta Community Presbyterian Church  
at 925-634-0184





# **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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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

# **VICTORIAN HOLIDAY MARKET**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024**  
**1900 WILLOW LAKE ROAD, DISCOVERY BAY**  
**9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**



JOINT EVENT  
DELTA COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
& ALL GOD'S CHILDREN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

*All donations  
benefit AGC  
building fund*

## **Volunteers Needed**

### **For Fellowship Hall -**

Decorate Fellowship Hall  
Bake quick breads  
Make Soup  
Serve beverages, baked  
goods and soup

### **For Victorian Market**

Decorate Multi Purpose  
Room  
Staff Tables  
Santa Claus  
Children & Adult singers  
Check out & payment

Have you made  
items for the  
Victorian Holiday  
Market??

Please let Mary  
Anderson know  
what you have  
made and  
quantity.

Call or email  
Mary Anderson  
775-636-8729 home  
775-501-9303 cell  
[mary.anderson43@gmail.com](mailto:mary.anderson43@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](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.

**September:** \$65.30

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**

