



IN MEMORIUM



February 1, 2006 Edwalt H. Foster

Cards may be sent to the family c/o 5215 Delores Drive, Sparks, NV 98436

April 12, 2006 Clyde McGinnis

Cards may be sent to the family c/o Clyde's wife, Ellen McGinnis, 2715 Bellaire, Clovis, CA 93611-5560

April 12, 2006 Jean M. Lewis

Cards may be sent to the family c/o Jean's daughter, Diane Lewis, 10254 Amber Hue Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89144

April 25, 2006 Ellen Hutchings

Cards may be sent to the family c/o 908 San Juan Road, Watsonville, CA 95076

If you wish to make a donation in memory of a deceased member, please forward your check to the church, Attn: Financial Secretary, or place it in the Sunday offering. Be sure to write on the check in whose memory your donation is made. A card acknowledging your donation will be sent to the family on your behalf.



MEMORIAL WINDOWS



We have 106 windows in the Gymnasium/Social Hall and Kitchen that require replacement. Our goal is to replace all windows with plexiglass for safety and durability. To do so costs \$50 per window pane. We have established a Memorial Window Fund for this purpose. If you would like to honor someone who has made a significant contribution to your life or the life of the church, or if you would like to purchase a window pane in memory of someone special who has died, please forward your check to the church Attn: Financial Secretary, or place it in the Sunday offering. Be sure to write on your check the name of the person in whose honor or memory your are donating. An acknowledgment list will be prepared listing donors's names and the names of the memorialized and honored people.

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BELL TOWER

May, 2006

MISSION STATEMENT

We, at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Watsonville, as part of the Church Universal, are committed to Spreading God's abounding Love, Proclaiming Jesus Christ's Message through the Truth of the Gospel by Word and Deed, and Spiritually Growing and Sharing the Gift of the Holy Spirit through Involvement and Interaction with the Diverse Community in which we live. In Faith, Unity; In Opinions, Liberty; In all Things, Love.



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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

BY DR. REUBEN NEGRON

This past week has been very trying for us all. The passing of four of our beloved brothers and sisters has truly shaken us deeply and sadness has found its way into the hearts of this congregation. It was just three weeks ago we were joined in Easter celebration. Yes, we celebrated life as Jesus defined it on the cross and in his resurrection – abundant, full of purpose and meaning. Yet here we are mourning the passing of Edwalt Foster, Clyde McGinnis, Jean Lewis, and Ellen Hutchings, four devoted church members who tied their lives to God's work in Watsonville.

Edwalt's, Clyde's, Jean's, and Ellen's devotion to this church was not a wishful act of self piety. I would like to believe that these friends were invited and drawn to engage in something greater than themselves. There is no doubt in my mind they heard the call and committed to it full-hearted. Their ministries through the years proved to be edifying and I am certain their ministry in the life of the church has furthered God's kingdom.

As for us, we continue the work they began. Even in our grief, we draw

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School will continue on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary.



Please Note:
Worship Service will begin at 11:05 a.m. during May.

1 John – The Christian Life

7	1:5 – 2:28	Fellowship with the Father and the Son
14	2:29 – 4:6	The Christian Life
21	4:7 – 5:12	Integration of the Ethical and Christological
28	5:13 – 21	The Christological Test



MAY SCHEDULE

- 2 Men's Breakfast at Norma's at 9:00 a.m.
- 7 Family Week Begins
Celebrate Members' May birthdays
- 14 Mother's Day
- 21 Rural Life Sunday
- 28 Begin Pentecost Offering
Hawaiian Potluck
- 29 Memorial Day Holiday



CHECK OUT THE NEW FRIDGE



Jeannette Griffen graciously donated funds toward the purchase of a modern, energy efficient refrigerator for the kitchen. It is much larger and will be able to hold more of the delicious food prepared by all the great cooks in this church. Thank you, Jeannette.

(Note: The old refrigerator has not been retired just yet; it is awaiting its fate. The old, old refrigerator was hauled away – finally!)

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strength from God who called his Son to shed life on the cross. We embrace this sacred life that draws us to the church's mission for which we have been continuously called; to put both hands on the plow and further God's kingdom, planting the Word of hope as those before us did. Together we work with one vision in mind, to extend the Lordship of Christ to all people. In other words, through Christ all people have the opportunity to hope for newness of life and experience freedom from that which undermines our humanity and our oneness with God. This is what Edwalt, Clyde, Jean, and Ellen believed and their ministry was anchored upon that faith.

Those who have entered our church and passed on to dwell with the Lord have opened doors for us today. They shall not be forgotten. We live gratefully for their strength and vision and I encourage you to join me in prayer that we remain faithful to this divine enterprise and never waver from the cause for which we live and die. May the doors of this congregation remain open and the hearts of those of us who worship here be warm and welcoming living up to the expectations of our Christian faith.

In unison, we can echo the words of Jesus to Edwalt, Clyde, Jean, and Ellen, "Well done, good and trustful servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your Lord". Matthew 25:21

We will not say "goodbye" to our beloved Edwalt, Clyde, Jean, and Ellen but, rather, "we will see you again".

In shared ministry,

Reuben



Happy Mother's Day

