



NOVEMBER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

PRAYER MEETINGS, SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND WORSHIP SERVICES

- 9:40 – 10:20 Sunday School in the Lumsden Chapel
- 10:30 – 10:50 Prayer Meeting in the Lumsden Chapel
- 11:00 – 12:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary



Sunday School Theme – Book of Isaiah



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| 5 | The Lord is Salvation | Introduction |
| 12 | “Justice” and “Righteousness” | Introduction |
| 19 | Why? | Isaiah 1:1-20 |
| 26 | Mountaintops, Plowshares,
and the Cleft of a Rock | Isaiah 2:1-22 |



CONGRATULATIONS!

A note of congratulations to Fernando Garcia and Misty Hernandez who accepted the Lord as their personal Savior during the month of October. Our congregation welcomes Fernando and Misty to our community and may they know our earnest prayers are always with them.



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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

In case you haven't noticed, the month of October has been a very busy one. We had good news and not so good news. Let's name a few. We'll begin with the good news. Our church celebrated Minister's Appreciation Day on the 15th and as a result I received a love offering to purchase a new PDA system. Yes, the pastor is up and running and back in business.

On that same Sunday, our congregation gathered "around the Table" to evaluate our vision as a church and face our missionary reality as "the body of Christ." We acknowledged that the active participation of all our members in the different ministries of the church is needed if we are to be a relevant community of faith and serve Watsonville with a deep sense of devotion. The fact that we are aware of our responsibilities to the call of committing our lives to serve in our respective ministries is a good start and good news. It is good news because we are recommitting ourselves to the mission for which we were called and dedicating our resources to the cause of Christ. This brings health and wholeness in the life of the church.

What better way of expressing our thanksgivings and renewing our strength than to worship in the morning with fervent prayers and festive music. Well, this idea was conveyed on Sunday. As people that have a song of hope to share we want to sing with wisdom and joy. Again, this is good news.

The vision of restarting a form of worship service that will administer to Hispanics in our community is not far fetched. If we all work

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IN MEMORIAM

Our beloved Gwen Carroll passed to be with the Lord on October 12th. Gwen was a devoted Christian who served both the city of Watsonville in various capacities and her church for many years. We will miss her; our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.



FROM THE REGION

Our second Transformation Van will be at the First Christian Church in Palo Alto on Wednesday, November 15th at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be provided. We are all invited to attend 90 minute sessions on "Transforming Leadership – Insight and Oversight" Please check our bulletin board for further information.



NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

- 3 World Communion Day 
- 5 Higher Education Sunday
Celebrate Members' November Birthdays & Anniversaries
First Reading of nominated officers and 2007 budget
Begin food drive for Thanksgiving Basket
- 11  Veteran's Day
- 12 Thanksgiving Special offering begins
Honor all Veterans
Second Reading of nominated officers and 2007 budget
Election of 2007 Officers and Approval of 2007 Budget
- 19 Thanksgiving Sunday
Distribute food from Thanksgiving Basket
- 22  Thanksgiving
Traditional Thanksgiving dinner in the Lumsden Chapel



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together, this can be accomplished. We have the resources to make it happen. (There are two routes to accomplish this – either we have a Spanish service during the early morning hours or we have a bilingual service during our regular hours.) Of course this undertaking may not be easy but it is doable. Isn't this what we have been called to do? Our surroundings are telling us something. Do we hear it? We cannot play blind when there is so much need. This is something we need to mediate on and pray for. We can rest assured the Spirit of Christ is with us. This divine enterprise is an opportunity for us to reach out and share the joy of salvation. Isn't this good news?

Here is another set of good news. Two wonderful guests, Fernando Garcia and Misty Hernandez, embraced their faith in Christ Jesus. That is enough excuse for our congregation to celebrate – "big time." We will hold a baptism service on November 19th. You tell me if that is good news.

The New Church Summit held at Santa Nella was a Regional event that provided those attending the opportunity to hear and experience the good news that is taking place in our denomination. New churches are being planted and they are growing all over our country. Our Region has projected opening 40 new congregations. Already there are new churches sprouting up in our Region from different ethnic groups. That is great news! Can Watsonville be part of this movement?

On a somber note, our Gwen Carroll died on October 12th. Perhaps this may figure has "not good news." The fact is death comes to us all; however, it is our faith that Gwen dwells with the living Christ and that turns this sad news into good news.

God has blessed us abundantly and he will continue to do so. The question is, what are we going to do with all those blessings?

In shared ministry,

Reuben

