



OCTOBER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

PRAYER MEETINGS, SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND WORSHIP SERVICES

- 1** 9:40 – 10:20 Sunday School in the Lumsden Chapel
Unselfish Prayer – Moments of Truth – Psalm 32
- 10:30 – 10:50 Prayer Meeting in the Lumsden Chapel
11:00 – 12:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
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- 8** 9:40 – 10:20 Sunday School in the Lumsden Chapel
Unselfish Prayer – On the Other Side of Despair – Daniel 4:28-37
- 10:30 – 10:50 Prayer Meeting in the Lumsden Chapel
11:00 – 12:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
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- 15** 9:40 – 10:20 Sunday School in the Lumsden Chapel
Unselfish Prayer – Preoccupation with Praise – Revelation 4 and Ezra 3
- 10:30 – 10:50 Prayer Meeting in the Lumsden Chapel
11:00 – 12:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
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- 22** 9:40 – 10:20 Sunday School in the Lumsden Chapel
Unselfish Prayer – Good to Give Thanks – Psalm 92 and Thessalonians 5
- 10:30 – 10:50 Prayer Meeting in the Lumsden Chapel
11:00 – 12:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
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- 29** 9:40 – 10:20 Sunday School in the Lumsden Chapel
Unselfish Prayer – Praying Unselfishly for Myself and Those About Whom I Care – Mark 5 and John 5
- 10:30 – 10:50 Prayer Meeting in the Lumsden Chapel
11:00 – 12:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary

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BELL TOWER

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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

It is well known that the act of sharing is a wonderful experience but what is more important is the fact that it is a necessity if life is to make any sense. For instance, sharing ideas has spread knowledge benefiting people of all cultures which in turn have motivated the imagination in many to create yet new concepts that have made life a bit easier. On the other side of the spectrum, sharing feelings which stimulates emotive connections and enhances understanding of others is another gift of our humanity, a trait called empathy. Aren't these just a few of the many characteristics that point to our humanity? Surely, it is not a secret that the act of consciously sharing is definitely a human trait that develops through the years. It's a learning experience; a necessary process that makes us more sensitive to the world around us and more aware of our own self.

Sharing is an important tool in the proclamation of the gospel of Christ. Jesus shared his vision and the disciples, in turn, conveyed to the communities the power of compassion, forgiveness, sacrifice, and hope. The

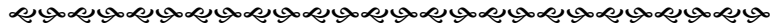
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MEMORIAL WINDOWS

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 you are donating. An acknowledgment list will be prepared listing donors's names and the names of the memorialized and honored people.



Currently, we have raised \$1,900; this is 36% of the way. We need \$3,400 to finish the window project.



OCTOBER SCHEDULE

1 147th Anniversary of Church

Celebrate Members' October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Baked Potato Lunch FUNDRAISER FOR BATHROOM REMODEL

Ministerial Appreciation and World Communion Day

Church Board Meeting following Fellowship

- Appoint committee for 2006 officer nominations
- Budget reports need to be turned in to plan for 2007



22 Heritage Sunday – **Potluck with family heritage food**

29 Daylight Savings Time Ends – Turn your clocks back

Reformation Sunday and Youth Sunday Begins

- Judge for the largest home grown October pumpkin (seeds from April 23)
- **Board meets to approve nominated officers & budget**



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power of the gospel of which Jesus spoke and of which the disciples embraced became so relevant that the entire Roman Empire succumbed to its feet and acknowledged that the Galilean was indeed the King of kings and the Lord of lords. All this occurred because one man from Nazareth dared to share his vision and a handful of disciples shared the story. That is our mission, to share the Good News. This is our prime directive; anything else is a waste of our time and resources.

In light of the topic we mention above, I would like to do something different. God willing and with your patience I would very much like to have Sunday, October 15 (during the time worship) for us as a church to discern our mission. I want to share ideas with you and want you to share yours in this important process of discernment. There are ministries that can be developed in our midst if we are open and willing to participate. Things can truly happen if we all join in prayer and actively participate in the mission of sharing the Good News in our community. Your positive input and participation in this process is welcome and appreciated but before we even begin any discernment and work, prayer is a must. We will be dealing with issues that concern the mission and life of a church, the living body of Christ not a bank or a secular business. Our meeting is of a spiritual nature and because of this your prayer is important. Whatever the Spirit of God places in your heart is always for the welfare of His church so I invite you to come and share the Good News.

Please make plans to attend; it is important that we, as a church, come together and celebrate the mission.

In shared ministry,

Reuben

