

# Watsonville church to celebrate 150 years

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In fall 1852, a pastor from Santa Cruz led the first Protestant worship service in Watsonville in a cottonwood grove on the banks of the Pajaro River.

This worship service and a marriage ceremony marked the start of the First United Methodist Church of Watsonville.

The church will host a reunion weekend Oct. 5-6 to celebrate the past, but also its future as a church community.

The Anniversary Committee at First United Methodist encourages everyone who ever came there to Sunday school, joined youth or adult groups, or attended marriage or memorial services through the years to join them for this 150th anniversary event.

On Saturday, Oct. 5, activities will include a reunion barbecue, church tours and a concert.

On Sunday, Oct. 6, a church service with current and former pastors will commemorate the milestone.

For information, call the church office at 724-4434.



First United Methodist Church will commemorate its 150th anniversary.

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