



# First United Methodist Church of Salinas

## Thursday Thoughts

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**March 16, 2017**

- from Pastor Steve

Are you invested in growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ? Are you invested in the work of First United Methodist Church? Often we talk about growing in our relationship with Christ through our prayer life, our service of others, or by reading the Bible or taking a Bible study. But how often do we think of our spiritual journey along with our stewardship of money?

I have found that often with people who are on the path of discipleship, the depth of the relationship increases as their financial giving to God through the work of the church increases. As we invest more of our material resources, our heart follows as well. Our sense of being caught up in something bigger than ourselves increases.

I have long been a believer in the biblical concept of tithing. That is giving to God one tenth or more of my income as an offering to God. This is my way of saying thank you for all my resources and recognizing that it comes from God and I am just a steward of it. I am just called to manage it.

I think what's important is not just giving our spare change or our extra -- but investing a significant percentage of our resources. I want to be invested in following Jesus. I want to share life with my community of faith. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Our hearts follow how we spend our time and money. Are you well invested?

Shalom,

Steve

***Leadership Council Meeting***  
***Saturday, March 18, 2017***  
***at 3:00 PM All are welcome***

***Next Men's Breakfast***

will be Saturday,

March 25th @ 9AM

in the Fellowship Hall.

Remember every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday

**Bible Study Friday**

Every Friday at 9:00 and 10:30 AM, Pastor Steve leads a bible study in the Patio (Blue) Room. This study follows the weekly sermon agenda and has a free book of scripture readings and insights.



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Save the dates! On May 5 & 6 the UMW will hold its annual

### **T&T Rummage Sale.**

If you are starting your spring cleaning, we're looking for household goods, linens, kitchen items, etc. NO clothes will be sold this year - please bring gently worn clothing items to our Clothes Closet. Volunteers to assist with set-up, sales and clean-up are also needed. Contact Pat Donohue, Delaine Hershberger, Karen Hall or Ginger Basset for information.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

**HEY** all you knitters & crocheters! We would like to remind you the hours of the first Tuesday evening gathering are 6pm - 8pm. It will still be dark, but hopefully will help to get us all home and tucked in bed a little earlier. No change in third Saturday gathering hours 10am – noon



### **LADIES NIGHT OUT**

*will enjoy dinner at:*

***“Black Bear Diner”  
805 W Laurel Drive  
Wednesday Evening,  
April 5 at 6:30 PM***

Everyone is welcome.

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