



First United Methodist Church of Salinas

Thursday Thoughts

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- from Pastor Steve

I am happy to announce that we have a new Program Manager for our Neighborhood Ministry. Cindy Storrs is a United Methodist Pastor appointed to Extension Ministry. This means she is not currently serving a local church but her ministry is taking the gospel to the world in very practical ways. Cindy has been directing the Gathering For Women in Monterey, so she brings experience in work with issues of homelessness, addiction, and mental illness. Just a few years ago Cindy and I both served United Methodist Churches in Humboldt County. I am delighted that she has joined our team.

You can meet Cindy this Sunday as I will be introducing her at both the 9 and 10:30 services. Introduce yourself to Cindy and help her get to know this great church!

Blessings,

Steve

*to prepare for Sunday read John 9:1-41

Movie on Dietrich Bonhoeffer

About 15 people gathered together for the last two Thursday nights to watch and discuss a

wonderful documentary about pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer was executed by the Nazis in 1945 for his involvement in the resistance movement. Here are some Bonhoeffer quotes that we found particularly meaningful:

CHURCH AND STATE

The church has three possible ways it can act against the state. First it can ask the state if its actions are legitimate. Second, it can aid the victims of state action. The church has an unconditional obligation to the victims of any ordering society, even if they do not belong to the Christian society. The third possibility is not just to bandage the victim under the wheel but to jam a spoke in the wheel itself. (The Church and The Jewish Question, 1933)

CHURCH AND WORLD

The church is the church only when it exists for others. The church must share in the secular problems of ordinary human life, not by dominating but by helping and serving. (Outline for a book, 1944)

COMPASSION AND ACTION

We have for once learned to see the great events of world history from below, from the perspective of the outcast, the suspects, the maltreated, the powerless, the oppressed, the reviled, in short, from the perspective of those who suffer. Mere waiting and looking on is not Christian behavior. Christians are called to compassion and action. (After Ten Years: A letter to the family and conspirators, 1942)



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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's first (1st) Tuesday evening gathering meets from 6 - 8PM in the prayer chapel. The third (3rd) Saturday morning gathering meets from 10AM - noon same location. It is not necessary to know how to knit or crochet, we have teachers, books, Websites to refer you to and all the materials you will need. We hope to have YOU join us! Much of the knitting & crocheting is done at home; the two gathering times are for knitting or crocheting with fellow needle artists, recharging your 'stash' of supplies, to learn 'tips' or simply pray and enjoy fellowship with other needle artists. Hope to see you there! For any questions or more info contact Gaile at 905-9662 or Ginger at 455-2007.



Next Men's Breakfast

will be this Saturday,
March 25th @ 9AM
in the Fellowship Hall.

Remember every 2nd and 4th Saturday

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.

Thursday Thoughts is published every week by the First United Methodist Church in Salinas Ca. Request your copy at hope@salinasfirst.org and we will email it to you, or pick up a copy when you visit. Announcements should be received by Wednesday. We welcome your comments and look forward to hearing from you. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to worship with us this Sunday at 9:00 AM (casual) or 10:30 AM (classic with choir and organ)

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