



# First United Methodist Church of Salinas

## Thursday Thoughts

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**April 12, 2017**

--from Pastor Steve

We had a great first  
Pipe Dreams Sunday

afternoon concert last Sunday afternoon. Don't miss this great series organized by our own Carolyn Lemcke. Next concert is Sunday May 14. These concerts are free of charge but a collection is taken to help us fix-up the organ.

### Tomorrow, Holy Thursday Service

at 6:00 pm in the Wesley Room (Red Room). We will have a light soup dinner, Holy Communion, and a reading of the passion story while we slowly extinguish candles and are left in darkness.

Good Friday Cross Walk will start in the sanctuary at 12:30 pm. This will be a series of meditations as we walk with the cross through the neighborhood, stopping along the way to read scripture and pray. This is traditionally known as Stations of the Cross.

Easter Sunday we will worship at our usual times of 9 and 10:30 am. Choirs will sing at both services and we will have a Bar-B-Q lunch.

This week is the most important week in the Christian Calendar. I hope to see you this week and of course on Easter Sunday. Let's celebrate together and enjoy being a community of faith together.

Easter Blessings,

Steve

***No Bible Study this Friday. Come to Good Friday worship at 12:30. Bible Study will be back on Friday April 21.***

### **TRINKETS & TREASURES RUMMAGE SALE**

The UMW is looking for volunteers to help with set-up, sales and clean-up on Thursday through Saturday, May 4 to May 6. Please see Pat Donohue, Delaine Hershberger or Karen Hall to add your name to the volunteer list. Nancy Hunter will be preparing food for the volunteers!

Have treasures to bring for the sale? The Chapel will be available for storage beginning Sunday, April 30th. Please remember that we are not accepting clothing (please donate to our Clothes Closet) but household goods, small working appliances, linens, dishes and glassware are all welcomed! We'll even have a "holiday section" for those looking to down-size their collections. All proceeds from the sale will be used for UMW projects including the kitchen remodel. Please do lend your support – it will be much appreciated.

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### ***Next Men's Breakfast***

will be this Saturday,  
April 8th @ 9AM  
in the Fellowship Hall.  
Remember every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday

### **Leadership Council**

will meet this month  
on April 22 at 3pm.

### ***LADIES NIGHT OUT***

*will enjoy dinner at:*

***“Elli's Great Amer. Rest.”***

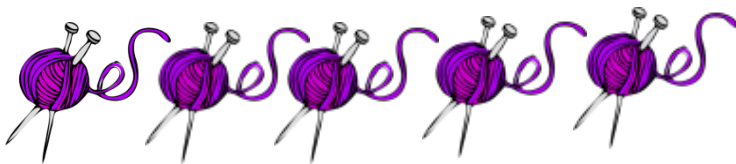
***1250 S Main St***

***Wednesday Evening,***

***May 3 at 6:30 PM***

Everyone is welcome.

***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.



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### ***LAST MINUTE!!***

Hi 'Friends -- this is to let you know that the Salinas City Council is going to be discussing the recommendations of the city's Community Development Department for the community block grants. We are being recommended for \$400,000. At this point it does not look like the Trump cuts have taken effect yet. So the city is anticipating getting what they had planned on. That looks good for us. But it would be very good to get an impressive turn out of people who support our Neighborhood ministry. There will be a time for public comment and I plan to speak but it would be great if several others did as well. If we get a good turn out I would like to ask everyone who is present to support the Neighborhood Ministry to stand. That will be impressive. Now here is the problem. I do not know the time. Council starts at 4:30 but often goes into closed session for a while. I will try to get a little more information on the agenda but at this point I don't have it. Last time I went to a City Council meeting, I got there at 4:30 and left with the meeting still going at 9pm. And you thought church meetings were long. But here's the thing --- a good turnout could have an important impact. Please share this with others. Blessings, Steve