



First United Methodist Church of Salinas

Thursday Thoughts

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--from Pastor Steve

On Sunday, many of you commented on how much you miss our dear friend Jack Briscoe. Jack took his last breath a little over a week ago and he will be missed for a long long time. There is an empty place where he sat each Sunday and there is an empty place in our hearts. Jack was the most relaxed and easy-going church treasurer that I have worked with in over 30 years of ministry. It did not worry him that our ministry exists on a shoe-string. He just seemed to know that we were doing the right ministry and that things would be okay. I think he truly believed in what we were doing in our ministry in general and specifically our Neighborhood Ministry. I am grateful for that kind of faith and commitment. Jack was soft-spoken but he invested his time and energy in the Kingdom of God.

Tuesday this week our Neighborhood Ministry was blessed by a gift of \$6000 from the Rotary Club. I attended with a few others from our congregation to pick up the check. One of the Rotary leaders asked me to offer a prayer at the meeting. Now I know that prayer at an event like this can be a touchy thing for some people, so I asked if there were any expectations or traditions that I needed to be aware of. I was told that the prayer just needed to be ecumenical. So I shared this prayer which is a favorite of the Dalai Lama. I also think it is a good prayer for our Neighborhood Ministry.

May I become at all times, both now and forever

A protector for those without protection
A guide for those who have lost their way
A ship for those with oceans to cross
A bridge for those with rivers to cross
A sanctuary for those in danger
A lamp for those without light
A place of refuge for those who lack shelter
And a servant to all in need.
(from "Ethics For the New Millennium" by His Holiness The Dalai Lama)

Blessings, Steve



Angela Kraft Cross

Salinas First United Methodist Church's Pipe
Dreams Concert Series
Presents



World-renowned Organist

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Mother's Day

Sunday, May 14th at 4 PM

404 Lincoln Ave, Salinas

Give the gift of music this Mother's Day!

Free admission with goodwill donation.

Refreshments Served

Proceeds benefit the restoration of the 80-year old Wicks Pipe Organ

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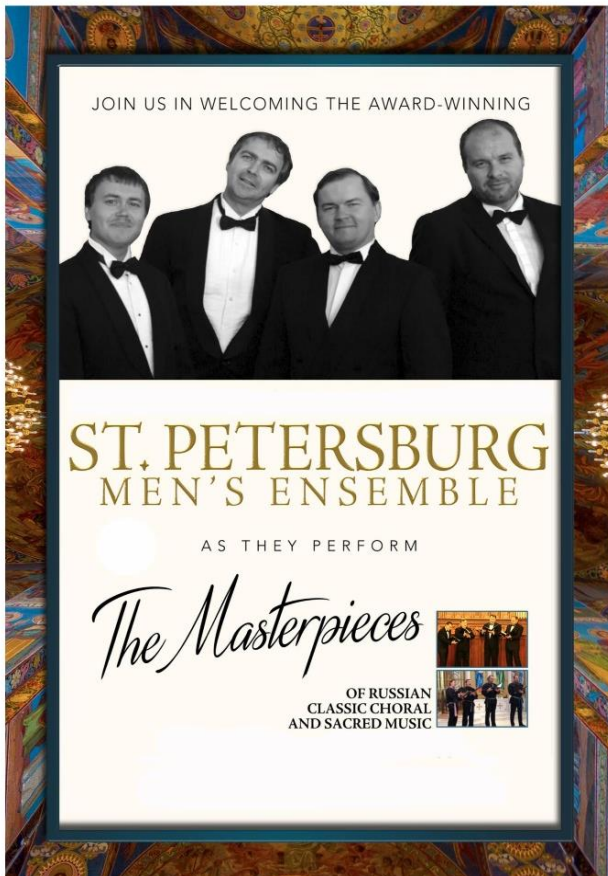
Bible Study Friday

Every Friday at 10:00 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.

Applications for FUMC Endowment scholarships have ended!

Saturday, May 13, 2017
at 5 pm

Hollister United Methodist Church
521 Monterey St. Hollister CA



There is NO CHARGE.

A 'Free Will' Offering will be taken for a donation to the St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble.

Choir Practice is on Thursday nights at 7:30, with the choir singing on Sundays in the 10:30 service.

Anyone is welcome to join in on this rewarding activity!

Health Watch

In our awesome congregation with 'baby boomers', 'silent generation' members and older knowing the facts about shingles and the available vaccination can mean the difference between no shingles or an outbreak with potentially lifelong neuralgia (nerve pain) afterwards. Here's a link to an easy to read CDC info sheet about this important health topic.

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/shingles.pdf>

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