

Living in Harmony with God and Each Other

Sunday, November 4, 2018

Welcome to
**United Fellowship Community Church
 (UFCC)**

Sunday School 9:00 am / Worship Service 10:00 am

Pastor David Kiegel

Church Deacons: Bob Brown, Don Cooper and
 Fred Whelan

Teachers: Adult Sunday School and Bible Study:
 Jim Reifsnyder

Children's Church: Bea Whelan and Noah Lang

Children's Preschool Sunday School: Mindi Kiegel

Youth Sunday School: Pastor David Kiegel

Song Leader: Lindsay Lang

UFCC Website: www.united-fellowship.org

Songs of Worship: He Lives led by Lindsay Lang
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He is Here led by Lindsay Lang
 (Congregation)

Come Just as You Are led by Lindsay Lang
 (Congregation)

There is Power in the Blood led by Lindsay Lang
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Announcements and Prayer Requests:

Offering:

Special Music:

Message: Pastor David Kiegel

Altar Call:

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday: November 10 Mindi Kiegel
 Birthday: November 24 Teresa Cooper

Thank you to Pam and Bob for cleaning and to all who mow and take care of the grounds. Help is always needed. See Bob or Pam Brown if you can help.

Attention : See Fred if you would serve on a UFCC Board..... There are a lot of openings. We need you!!!!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO BROUGHT CANDY, FOOD AND WORKED AT THE HARVEST FEST

..November 10: 7:30 am United Men's Meeting
 ..November 14: 4:30 pm United Ladies Meeting-
 ..November 14: 6:15 pm UFCC Council Meeting
 ..November 16: 7:00 pm Eternal Vision - Singing

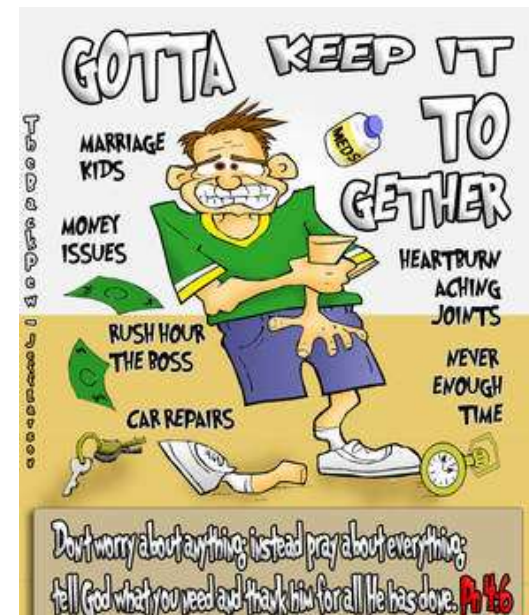
UFCC Ladies Quilting – each Monday at 9:00 am

Join us each Wednesday evening for Bible Study. Meal is ready at 5:45 pm. Bible Study, Youth Service and Choir Practice begins at 6:30 pm. See bulletin board in café for menu and sign-up options.

Attendance last Sunday-17 Tithes last Sunday-\$399 UFCC Harvest Workers-14

Prayer Requests		
Cathey Broshears – back surgery – at home	Clarence and Mary Conner – Clarence heart attack at Deaconess Gateway	Barb Trautlein – Dirk's birth mother – acute myeloid leukemia (AML)
Jerry and Anita Murry	Dirk Lang	Millie Whitehead – eye surgery
Doris Egnew – arthritis in hand	Christina and Miranda – Teresa's daughter and granddaughter	Husband of Debbie Cox - cancer
Royal Hadley	Mary Ebrecht	Donna Whelan – Fred's sister
Hazel Bailey	Our Country Our Church	

If you have someone that you want to place on the Prayer List let Lea Ann know. If you have anything to suggest or add to the bulletin, please inform Lea Ann via e-mail: leaann1942@gmail.com, phone: 812-483-2315.



The American Experiment

(Submitted by Jim Reifsnyder)

“Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great.”

This conclusion, attributed to French historian Alexis de Tocqueville, was penned in 1831, some forty years after our Constitution was written. Tocqueville had been sent to America by France to investigate how the American Revolution had resulted in a thriving, unified, self-governing mix of peoples who now called themselves Americans, when their own French Revolution had ended in widespread destruction, countless imprisonments and a bloodbath of executions by guillotine.

As he travelled the states from Maine to Georgia, taking notes along the way, he concluded it was *goodness* that he saw at work in Americans. But how could it be that such a virtue filled each American throughout the land, and intimately bonded each to another through common principles, behaviors and “habits of the heart,” as he called them? The secret was their faith, he found. Virtue required faith.

And that was part of the experiment by our founding fathers -- to create a new form of government unlike any in history. That's what amazes me! Never before had there been a government similar to what was being carefully considered, prayed over and constructed during the late 1770's and 1780's by such men as George Washington, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, James Madison, and Alexander Hamilton.

This was to be a government not ruled by a dictator, a king, a queen, or an emperor. This was to be an elected government consisting of men from common status and birth who would represent the concerns and welfare of its citizenry. No tyrannical monarchs or power-hungry strongmen would lead the new nation. This was to be a country who recognized God as the supreme authority, and to whom faith and moral living was to be exercised.

Tocqueville wrote to his superiors in France, *“The sects [the denominations] that exist in the United States are innumerable. They all differ in respect to the worship which is due the Creator. Each sect adores the Deity in its own peculiar manner, but all sects preach the same moral law in the name of God. Moreover, all the sects of the United States are comprised within the great unity of Christianity, and Christian morality is everywhere the same.”*

Did you get that? Since the Pilgrims came to these shores in 1620, religious freedom and religious tolerance have been the single most important principle of American life. Paul pleaded to the Ephesians to bear with one another in love, to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit, to remember that there is but one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in all. The founding fathers weaved those concepts through the building blocks of their new government.

The founders drew from the Scriptures the fact that all men were fallen in nature (*Romans 6:23*), and therefore structured the government so that no one elected office had absolute power, that a system of checks and balances must exist, lest power take over and tyranny result. But for self-government to work, what would prevent the people, the electorate, all of whom were corrupt by nature, from electing friends or favorites who would govern with corrupt and selfish interests? What could control the deviate tendencies of all men and women? Self-control was needed, and this was a matter of the heart, possible only through the indwelling Spirit of God. And America's people were ready. They were Christians.

As recognition of God's principles becomes less and less important in our country, so goes the foundation our government was built upon. The great unity of Christianity and its impact upon morality throughout America, observations at which Tocqueville marveled, is being lost. Do your part to preserve it, each and every day of your life. And demonstrate your interest in that by voting this Tuesday.