**Announcement**

**Return to the Sanctuary Plan:**  On Wednesday May 13th, the Board of Trustees and Deacons approved a plan to return to the sanctuary. Under this plan we will officially return to the sanctuary on May 30th and 31st at 9AM under the following conditions which are in-line with IDPH and CDC recommendations.

1. For those who are not yet comfortable returning to the sanctuary we will continue to prerecord on Saturday Mornings since we are unable to live stream and continue to be on KIOW at 12:30 Sunday Morning’s. This Saturday Morning Recorded Service will be open to those who want to attend who are not ready to return to the larger group. This will begin Saturday May 30th at 9AM with the first Sunday service Sunday May 31st at 9AM.
2. Bulletins will be pre-placed in the sanctuary and members are asked to sit where the bulletins are preplaced to ensure social distancing. Bulletins/Announcements will also continue to be available through the FCCBC resource page.
3. Masks are allowed and encouraged but not required.
4. The offering plates will be in the Narthex, members can continue to mail in their offerings or place them in the plates after the service.
5. The Sanctuary and Narthex will be cleaned after both the Saturday and Sunday Service.
6. We will not yet resume fellowship hour in the basement.

**The Disciples Download:** Every Wednesday watch for a new video Bible Study expanding on themes from Sunday’s Sermon on the Churches Facebook Page and Youtube. The link will also be sent out via email on Wednesday.

**Church Newsletter:** Introducing the First Congregational Church Newsletter. Updates and information on what is coming at FCCBC also another way to keep you informed about what is going on at FCCBC. For those who want to join the email list you can send an email to jon.faulkner.arl@gmail.com if you would like a printed copy please contact one of the Deacons.

**Shower for Kimberly Connor:** The First Congregational Church is hosting a virtual shower for Brandon Wilmert and Kim Connor on June 6th just before their wedding on June 13th. They are registered at Murra Hardware, Amazon, Target and Mills Farm and Fleet. Gifts can be dropped off at the Church from 9-10AM on June 6th or picked up at home by calling Kathi Nelson at 6415612280

**Friday Prayer:** Friday Prayer will return to our building on Friday May 8th during business hours (8AM-5PM) only. Members are asked to practice Social Distancing Guidelines and wear masks if possible.

**May Food Pantry Needs:**

Peanut Butter, Canned Veggies, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Juice in bottles

From The North Iowa Ministerial Assoc.

**VBS**: at the recommendation of our various denominations and with a heavy heart we announce that our community VBS, originally scheduled for August has been canceled. Next year VBS will be hosted at First Congregational Church and the theme will be Rocky Railroad.

**Food Pantry**: With the rising price of meat it has become harder for the food pantry to maintain their supply. In response The North Iowa Ministerial Association is taking up a special offering to help offset the rising cost in this time. Offerings should be made out to North Iowa Ministerial Association and can be sent to NIMA President Pastor Jonathan David Faulkner, 215 2nd Ave NW. Buffalo Center IA. 50424. Food Pantry should be written in the memo line.

If you have any needs, questions or concerns, please contact one of our Deacons (Tim Heitland, John Enright (641-251-1481), Jim Kiewiet).

*Large Print Bulletins are available upon request, See the Ushers for More Details.*

***The Apostles Creed***

I believe in God, the Father almighty,creator of heaven and earth.I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord.He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spiritand born of the Virgin Mary.He suffered under Pontius Pilate,was crucified, died, and was buried.He descended to the dead.On the third day he rose again.He ascended into heaven,and is seated at the right hand of the Father.He will come again to judge the living and the dead.I believe in the Holy Spirit,the holy catholic Church,the communion of saints,the forgiveness of sins,the resurrection of the body,and the life everlasting. Amen

**The Seven Guiding Values:**

**The CCCC has given us seven guiding values which serve as reflections of scriptural teaching. For the next seven weeks we will look at each passage behind the value and talk about how they help us Love God, Love People and Make Disciples.**

**Part 1: “A Culture of Believing Prayer and Intercession”**

**The First step to health for a church is to focus on prayer, for our community, for our leaders (national and state) and for one another. We should be praying for the salvation of everyone we come in contact with because God desires all to be saved through Christ. Also, when we come across something that angers us or someone who angers us, we should respond by prayer, not outrage.**

**Value #2: “Healthy Pastors” 1 Timothy 4:6-16**

**After Prayer, a Healthy or Unhealthy pastor can make or break a church. The health of the pastor is often linked to the health of the Church. That is why Paul insists that Timothy remain healthy and pursue Godliness over selfish gain or petty quarrels. Timothy is also to teach and command and insist upon the same thing of his hearers and keep a close eye on himself so that he can save himself and his hearers through Christ.**

**Value #3: “A Healthy Disciple Making Church” Acts 11:19-30**

Questions for reflection

1. Look again at what Luke has told us so far in the book of Acts about Barnabas. What would it look like for you to be a Barnabas in your church?
2. The church in Antioch was known for its witness to non-Christians (v 20-22), for its loyalty to Christ (v 26), and for its generosity toward other believers (v 29). To what extent are these qualities things that your church is known for?
3. How about you personally?

Mohler, R. Albert. Acts 1-12 For You: Charting the birth of the church . The Good Book Company. Kindle Edition.