**Announcement**

**Officers Meeting:** The combined Officers Meeting for July will be Wednesday, June 17th at 7PM in the sanctuary.

**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.

**Thank you!** Pastor Faulkner and Phyllis Shortenhaus would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards and gifts. The Faulkner’s would also like to thank the church for their kind anniversary cards. We love you all.

**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.

June **Food Pantry Needs:**

Pancake mix Syrup Can Fruit Hamburger Helper Chicken Helper Tuna Helper Cereal Spaghetti Noodles Cookie mix or Cake mix

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:**

**Value #5: A Community that Lives Out Shared Life and Vision:**

This week instead of discussion questions I wanted to remind you of the commitment you made to work together for the sake of the Gospel in our community through the I Am A Church Member Pledge you signed.

Pledge #1: I will be a functioning church member.

I like the metaphor of membership. It’s not membership as in a civic organization or a country club. It’s the kind of membership given to us in I Corinthians 12, “Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it.” (I Cor. 12:27). Because I am a member of the body of Christ, I must be a functioning member, whether I am an “eye,” and “ear,” or a “hand.” As a functioning member, I will give. I will serve. I will minister. I will evangelize. I will study. I will seek to be a blessing to others. I will remember that “if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.” (Cor. 12:26-27).

Pledge #2: I will be a unifying church member.

I will seek to be a source of unity in my church. I know there are no perfect pastors, staff, or other church members. But neither am I. I will not be a source of gossip or dissension. One of the greatest contributions I can make is to do all I can in God’s power to help keep the church in unity for the sake of the gospel. (John 13:35, Philippians 2:14)

Pledge #3: I will not let my church be about my preferences and desires.

I will not let my church be about my preferences and desires. That is self-serving. I am a member in this church to serve others and to serve Christ. My Saviour went to a cross for me. I can deal with any inconveniences and matters that just aren’t my preference or style. (Mark 9:35, Romans 12:10)

Pledge #4: I will pray for my church leaders.

I will pray for my pastor every day. I understand that the pastor’s work is never ending. His days are filled with numerous demands that bring emotional highs and lows. He must deal with critics. He must be a good husband and father. Because my pastor cannot do all things in his own power, I will pray for his strength and wisdom daily. (Romans 15:30, Colossians 4:3)

Pledge #5: I will lead my family to be healthy church members.

I will lead my family to be good members of this church as well. We will pray together for our church. We will worship together in our church. We will serve together in our church. And we will ask Christ to help us fall deeper in love with this church because He gave His life for her. (Ephesians 6:4)

Pledge #6: I will treasure church membership as a gift.

This membership is a gift. When I received the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, I became a part of the body of Christ. I soon thereafter identified with a local body and was baptized. And now I am humbled and honored to serve and to love others in our church. I will pray that I will never take my membership for granted, but see it as a gift and an opportunity to serve others and to be a part of something so much greater than any one person or member. (1 Corinthians 12:27-28)