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**December 2** – 6:30pm  
Nominating Committee

**December 6** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of  
Advent - Worship online  
10am Adult Sunday School  
Via Zoom  
6pm Advent Film Festival via  
Zoom

**December 8** – 6:30pm Council

**December 13** – 3rd Sunday of  
Advent! Worship on-line  
10am Adult Sunday School  
Via Zoom  
6pm Advent Film Festival via  
Zoom

**December 14** – 7pm Trustees  
Meet at church

**December 20** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of  
Advent! Worship on-line  
10am Adult Sunday School  
6pm Advent Film Festival



... for **Scott VanVelsor** and for his caregivers and medical staff. And for the many family members who have or have had coronavirus.

...for **Christina Griswold**, who has completed her radiation!

... for **Tom Maleck** whose mother passed away.

... for **Amanda Keither** whose Grandfather passed away in North Carolina.

... for **Marge Patterson**, still awaiting a doctor's appointment and news about her eye.

... for **Kathy Neave** and **Margaret Ann Sandberg**, both on Hospice.

... for the grandson of **Don Mundy – Corey**. Corey was in a motorcycle accident and is in ICU at a hospital in Kentucky.

... for the mother of **Candi Moulton**, Marilyn Swegle, positive with COVID.



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### December 6, 2020

Message by Pastor Martha-Jean Fitch

*"I Believe ... Even When – in Peace"*

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 1:67-80

### December 13, 2020

Message by Pastor Greg Fitch

*"I Believe ... Even When - in Joy"*

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

*Services will be recorded and then uploaded on  
Facebook page, and Webpage ([fccgalesburg.org](http://fccgalesburg.org)) and  
YouTube by Sunday morning.*

## BLESSING BOX

We have been truly blessed by generous support of our Blessing Box! Church family and the Galesburg Community have been very generous. And we even received \$100 donation from our region for the Blessing Box! Thanks be to God!

Neighbors continue to visit daily. As the weather has gotten colder, we could use hats, gloves, warm socks, and blankets. Hygiene and cleaning supplies are always in demand. Your donations mean so much!





## SEND IN PICTURES/VIDEO OF YOU & YOUR NATIVITY SCENES BY DEC. 15!

We are making a virtual Christmas card movie for our church family. We want you to send in pictures of you and your nativity scenes or a 30 second video of you standing by your nativity scene and sharing your Christmas greeting. *(If you don't have a nativity scene – stand in front of some special decoration in*

*your home).* We will put it all together in a “movie” and post it on Facebook and our webpage as a Christmas greeting the week before Christmas. Please send your video or picture to Pastor MJ at [pastormj02@gmail.com](mailto:pastormj02@gmail.com) or text to her cell phone at 368-5338 by no later than **December 15!** We are going to take all the pictures and put to them together in a movie for a Christmas card for our church family!



## ADVENT MOVIE FESTIVAL 2020 ~ I BELIEVE...EVEN WHEN... Sunday evenings at 6PM

Join host Misty Stecher on Sunday's during advent to have devotion and fellowship around some family friendly Christmas films.

Sunday December 6: **Love:** How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Sunday December 13 **Joy:** Frosty the Snowman

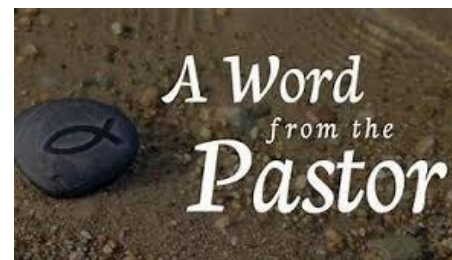
Sunday December 20 **Peace:** The Muppet Christmas Carol

Sunday December 27: **Believe:** The Polar Express

Watch movies on YouTube before or after our devotional time.

Click the zoom link below to join in:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79000274281?pwd=akxZdUpnT1FFNTFlbXRvanFJOW9Mdz09>



## A CHRISTMAS EVE TO REMEMBER ...

Amazing and unbelievable ... such are the days we are living in as we go into Advent and head toward Christmas Day. One year ago, we'd heard of the Covid-19 virus, and likely didn't worry too

much about it because it was mostly overseas, and there were not many cases in the United States ... so, we continued much as we did in previous months and years.

But this year is so very different! Now so much has changed and we are finding new ways to go about our daily lives ... and new ways to recognize/celebrate/memorialize meaningful days in our family such as birthdays and anniversaries, funerals, weddings, Thanksgiving and now Christmas. And we keep asking the question, “What comes next?”

Advent, as I stated in Sunday's sermon, means “coming” in anticipation of Jesus' coming into the world about 2000 years ago in Bethlehem. It is anticipating the birth of the Messiah that had been foretold and who would deliver God's people. Jesus came ... lived, taught, healed, commanded, set an example how to live ... then He suffered, died on a cross, was buried in a borrowed tomb ... and on the third day was brought back to life by God. And now we wait for Jesus' second coming foretold in the New Testament.

Meanwhile, we continue to worship and thank God for the incredible blessing of New Life through Jesus. And on Christmas Eve, in past years, we celebrate by coming together, singing carols and songs of faith, share communion and light candles. **THIS YEAR** we will still do all those acts of worship and celebration, but we will do them in a **LIVE ZOOM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**. You will receive a link to join us, and it will be recorded so that you can watch/participate at another time if you can't join the live event. Be watching for more information, and also watch for some ways that you will be able to help prepare in advance.... We may still be in separate places for worship ... but we are, and always will be, One in Christ Jesus.

In the Body of Christ with you ... Shalom, *Pastor Greg*