

Sat. Nov. 25	Holly Tea & Bazaar, 9 am - 2 pm
Sun. Nov. 26	Angel Tree and Mitten Gifts
Fri. Dec. 1	Tree Decorating and Pizza 6 pm
Sun. Dec. 3	Men's Breakfast 8:30 am <b>First Sunday</b> of Advent Communion White Gift Sunday
Wed. Dec. 6	Bible Study 10 am
Sun. Dec. 10	<b>Second Sunday</b> of Advent Ottawa Valley Male Choir Concert 7 pm
Wed. Dec. 13	Bible Study 10 am
Sun. Dec. 17	<b>Third Sunday</b> of Advent Choir Cantata 10 am Fellowship hosted by Worship Comm.
Sun. Dec. 24	<b>Fourth Sunday</b> of Advent Worship 10 am <b>Christmas Eve:</b> Family Service 6 pm Worship with Communion 9 pm
Sun. Dec. 31	Worship 10 am



## ***Advent and Christmas at St. John's***

**White Gift Sunday** will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. White Gift Sunday had its origins in a Methodist church in Ohio in 1904. Traditionally on this Sunday gifts are brought wrapped in white paper so that each gift is valued equally and it is the spirit of giving that is honored. White Gift Sunday at St. John's is an opportunity to offer a non-perishable food item or a financial donation to the House of Lazarus.

**Angel/Mitten Tree:** If you would like to purchase a Christmas gift for a child, please choose an angel from the angel/mitten tree. Each angel is marked with a child's age and whether a boy or girl. Please return all gifts by November 26<sup>th</sup>. Please do not wrap gifts (they may be placed in a gift bag) and be sure to attach the angel to the bag.

**House of Lazarus Adopt-a-Family:** This year we are adopting two families (a family of 5 and a Senior). Our hope is to provide each family with Christmas dinner and presents. Monetary donations for this initiative can be placed on the offering plate indicating that it is for the Adopt-a-Family program. Funds for this program are needed by December 10<sup>th</sup>.

