

## Our Week at a Glance – December 14, 2025

Today's flowers have been placed by Wendy Phillips, in loving memory of her mother, Rose Perry.

### **THIS WEEK AT TSA:**

**Mon. Dec. 15** Shop Donations, 9-2  
Community Lunch Prep – Kitchen, 1-3pm  
Christmas Caroling, 6:30

**Tues. Dec. 16** Community Lunch – SH, 11:30  
Quail Creek Service – 2pm  
Council – ZOOM, 3:30

**Wed. Dec. 17** Shop Donations, 9-2  
Bible Study (year-end) – MRR, 11:00  
Mat Group/Crafty Ladies – SH, 1:00

**Thurs. Dec. 18** Shop Open, 11-5  
Choir – Sanctuary, 7:00

**Fri. Dec. 19** Shop Donations, 9-12

**Sat. Dec. 20** Shop Open, 10-2 – FINAL DAY FOR 2025

**Today is White Gift Sunday:** The "White Gift Sunday" tradition comes from our Methodist forebears. In 1904, a mother and her children realized that, while they had lots of gifts under their Christmas tree, there were children in their community who didn't have any. They collected gifts and wrapped them in white tissue to give to these children. Rather than collect gifts, we gather monetary donations and give them to the Angel Tree operated by the Food Bank, which provides Christmas gifts to children in need. Cheques (payable to TSA) or cash may be put in a white envelope, to keep our "white gift" tradition (or otherwise marked "White Gift") and placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your support.

**From the Thrift Shop:** 1) The TSA Thrift Shop is having a blowout sale – EVERYTHING is 50% off, including the \$1 rack and new stock! Sale runs December 18 and 20.

2) The Thrift Shop's final shopping day for 2025 is Saturday, December 20, to give our volunteers a well-deserved break. The Thrift Shop will reopen on Thursday, January 8, 2026, 11-5. The Shop Volunteers will return Monday, January 5 at 9am. The Thrift Shop is also short on shopping bags at the moment. If you have any extras at home, we would be grateful if you could place them in the donation area. Thanks!

**Coming Events at TSA:** Mark your calendars!

- Monday, Dec. 15 – Carol Singing, 6:30pm
- Sunday, Dec. 21, 10am – Advent 4
- Wednesday, Dec. 24, 7pm – Christmas Eve

**Bible Study:** The final meeting of Bible Study is Wednesday December 17. The group will resume on Wednesday, January 14.

**Coffee Sign-up Sheet:** The sign-up sheet for January & February are in the Narthex. Anyone interested in volunteering for fellowship coffee is welcome to sign their names to the schedule.

**Mitten Tree:** We have set up our annual Mitten Tree in the Narthex. We are looking for toques and waterproof mittens to donate to needy children and youth in our community. Please leave your donations in the basket under the tree. The tree will be up until **today**. Thanks for your support!

**St. James Lutheran Angel Tree:** St. James Lutheran Church has set up an Angel Tree, with items to be donated to the Renfrew & District Food Bank. Today is the last day for the Angel Tree.

**All-Ages Christmas Caroling at TSA:** Join our youth group and choir for a joyful evening of caroling in the neighbourhood around TSA (weather permitting). Afterward, warm up with hot chocolate back at the church! When: Monday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. Where: Meet at the front doors of TSA, and all are welcome. Please dress warmly! If you would like to join us for carolling, or to volunteer for hot chocolate, please let Danah know so we know how much hot chocolate to prepare. Email: tsamusicteam@gmail.com Phone: 613-698-7713.

**Community Lunch**: Our next community lunch is on Tuesday, December 16, 11:30-12:30. On the menu is turkey pot pie, sweet potato cranberry bites, and fruit salad for dessert. Everyone is welcome.