

December 14, 2025 Announcements

A Special Thank You – To our young people for their part in the service today!

Special Christmas Offering: St. John Council has voted to approve a donation of \$1,000.00 from the Special Social Ministry Fund, to the family in Orrtanna who lost everything in a fire on Thanksgiving Eve. Please consider helping our neighbors who have to start over from nothing. Use the envelope marked Christmas Offering or pew envelope and designate (Fire Victims) as an additional donation to the family. Thank you.

Ladies of St. John: Beginning November 30th the ladies of St. John will be collecting Christmas cards for the sick and shut- ins. There will be a bag with each person's name. You may drop off your card in the bag, and The Ladies of St. John will deliver. A list of names will be in the gathering area.

THE Giving Tree: (formally named the mitten tree) will be in the gathering area from November 30th to December 14th. **Today** is the last day to "decorate" the tree with children's socks, PJs, mittens and hats. All will be delivered to the Fairfield Elementary School for those children in need. Thank you from the Ladies of St. John!

Gettysburg Civic Chorus will present their annual Christmas Concert, including sacred & secular songs, today at 3pm at Gettysburg Area Middle School.

2026 Calendar: Please inform the office if anything will change (regarding times, days, etc.) in 2026 for the following: Women’s Group/Discussion Group/ Kid’s Club/Hillside/Ruth’s Harvest/Choir/Hand Bells/Cub Scouts. Thank you.

Christmas Pies for Hillside: We are making pies again this year...if anyone is able to make a homemade pie for delivery on Christmas Eve to Hillside Nursing home, please let DeeDee know. If you can, please put them in the kitchen or on the table by the Chapel December 23 or 24th before noon. Thank you!!

Advent Prayer Series: Perhaps you've had questions about your prayer life. How can we feel more engaged with God in prayer? Join in St. John's Advent Prayer Series. We'll meet for brief teachings about prayer on Tuesday evenings during the Advent season: Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Dec. 9, and Dec. 16. We'll meet at 7:00 pm each week for a teaching about prayer followed by a service of Evening Prayer.

Reminder: A special Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday December 21, 2025, immediately following the service. We will be discussing/ voting on the Revised 2026 budget/ministry plan.

Christmas Eve– December 24:
Holy Communion & Candlelighting Service
Prelude at 7:00 p.m., Service at 7:30.



Newsletter Submissions & Website Changes/Additions: The deadline for the January newsletter is Dec. 25th. Contact information will be updated shortly.

Those for Whom We Pray- Linn W. & Family, Jack H., Roy, Bob, Deb B., Mike M., Steve M., Shirley, Bill, Kelly, Mae, Patty, Dylan, Sam, Martha, Rosie, Ed, John, Craig, Judy, Bob, Charlie, Essie, Jim & Mary Lou, Nancy.

Birthdays: Dec. 16th – James Hammett Dec. 18th – Charlie Deardorff

Flowers: The flowers today are dedicated in “Loving Memory of my husband, Edward.” Given by Ruthie Fitzgerald.

<i>Happening this week at St. John</i>		
Today	14	9:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion; 10:15 Sunday School
Monday	15	
Tuesday	16	6 p.m. Cub Scout Pack Meeting; 7 p.m. Advent Prayer Series
Wednesday	17	9:30 Discussion Group; 9-12 Hillside; 6:30 Christmas Eve/WOV Choir; 7:30 Hand Bells
Thursday	18	9-12 Hillside; 3:45 Kid’s Club
Friday	19	
Saturday	20	

Attendance Dec. 7th - 52

	12-14-2025	12-21-2025
Acolyte	Jack Runk	Cassie Click
Lector	Tammy Deardorff	Dawn Cool
Communion Asst.	Chris Cool	David Thomas
Usher	Stacey & Josh Haynes	Linn Wichowski
Flower Sponsor	Ruthie Fitzgerald	Doug & Susie Kump
Offering Counters	Dave & Barb Booz	
Altar Guild	Linn Wichowski	
Bread Sponsor	Linn Wichowski	
Bulletin Sponsor	Doug & Susie Kump	