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Angel Tree: Our Angel Tree will soon be up and we are once again helping the Stittsville Food Bank fill Christmas Food Hampers for families struggling this Holiday Season. Please take an Angel from the tree as a reminder to purchase or order a gift card from **Fundscrip — orders are due tonight by 9:00 pm**. These cards will be given to children aged birth – 18 years of age along with the family hamper. The tree will be up for 3 Sundays starting November 30th - December 7th.

Gift Baskets for the Snowflake Bazaar: Items may be brought in **until Sunday, November 16th, 2025**, and placed in the "Gift baskets" tote in the Council Room. Gift cards (including receipts) or donations go in the coloured envelopes found in the Narthex and placed on the collection plate, handed to the office, or given to Arlene.

People's Pulpit: Please email your submissions **by Sunday, November 16th** to Mary Anne Reinhard mareinhard1@outlook.com

Cornerstone Housing for Women: Donations of feminine hygiene products, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, & deodorant can be left in the office.

Snowflake Bazaar & Luncheon: Mark those calendars—our annual *Snowflake Bazaar & Luncheon* on **Saturday, November 29, 2025, from 10:00 am–2:00 pm**. There are many different ways you can participate. Please check the sign-up sheet in the foyer. We will be serving up Hamburger or Carrot Soup, a Roll, Sweets, Tea or Coffee. Tickets are \$10; children under 10 are \$5.00.

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