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The Glenbrook Lodge Ladies' Auxiliary will hold a Christmas Bake Sale on Friday, December 6, 2-4pm, in the Acton Centre, Glenbrook Lodge, Torbay Road. A variety of Christmas cakes, puddings, preserves, and candy treats will be available.

Topsail United Church Men's Club annual breakfast with Santa will take place on Sat. Dec. 7 from 8-11am. Usual Great Menu. Cost \$ 7 Adults, \$ 3 Children under 12. Face painting and pictures with Santa. All are welcome.

Festival of Music and Light, December 7th at 5pm: Celebrate the lighting of Bowring Park at the Duck Pond! There will be holiday singing from local choirs and free hot chocolate. From your side, please bring a non-perishable food item in aid of the Community Food Sharing Association. (Inclement weather date is December 14th.) For more info. please call ACCESS St. John's at 311.

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