

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Adult Christian Education

Who Needs Christmas

Are we too familiar with Christmas? The story of Christmas is so familiar that we rarely dig into the details. But what if we did? We might find that it stops sounding like a far-fetched fairy tale. In fact, the improbable details of this story might even start to sound like real life—maybe even your life. In *Who Needs Christmas*, Andy Stanley explains how the remarkable details of the Christmas story are what make it so believable. And he tells us why, after so many years, it took something unexpected to get people's attention.

Dec 3	The Story Behind the Story
Dec 10	The Author of Life
Dec 17	The Message of Christmas
Dec 24	Ready or Not . . . He Is Coming



Upcoming Christmas Worship & Events Schedule



Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, November 26th @ 3:00 p.m.

The Holiday season is most difficult for those whose hearts are hurting. You are not alone.

Blue Christmas is a gentle, contemplative service for those who are carrying pain or loss during this season of Celebration

Sunday, December 3rd

1st Sunday of Advent (Holy Communion)

Sunday, December 24th (9:45am)

4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve at Starview

December 24th

7:00 p.m. and 11:15 p.m.



Plan to join us for our Christmas Eve services. The services will also be filled with lots of singing of your favorite Christmas hymns, special selections by our Music Department and the Grand Pipe Organ. We will conclude with communion followed by a candlelight singing of Silent Night. Bring the family and join in a celebration of Christ's birth.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Reign of Christ November 26, 2023



Starview United Church of Christ

"We are a Christian community that welcomes all people to grow through the love of and service to God and neighbor."

- Mission Statement of Starview UCC

Starview United Church of Christ

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Church Custodian

Church Secretary

Music Director/Organist

Monday - Thursday 9:00AM to 1:00PM

Webpage: www.starviewucc.org

Hours of Sunday Services: Faith Development (Sunday School) 8:30AM, Worship 9:45AM

Welcome! We rejoice at your presence today! If you are a guest, please take a moment to sign the Guest Book in the entry. If you are interested in a pastoral visit or in becoming a member of Starview UCC, please speak with an usher or greeter, or phone a Council Member (numbers listed below), the church office or Pastor Laura (numbers listed above).

2023 Starview UCC Church Council

Ms. Diana Wolf, President	515-6372
Mrs. Vicki Donbaugh, Vice-President	873-2056
Ms. Cathy Rentzel, Treasurer	332-2708
Mrs. Kim Jordan, Secretary	817-0061
Mr. Dave Donbaugh	385-7280
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Mrs. Mareta Elvey	764-8880
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Thanks to the following for sharing their gifts of ministry

Music Director/Organist: Kevin Crone

Tech Team: Scott Moore, Tom Brenner

Liturgist: Marta Dennis

With Jesus Christ as the foundation, Starview United Church of Christ values:

- Worship
- Bible-centered preaching and teaching
- The Sacraments of Holy Communion & Baptism
- ALL people
- Tradition and purposeful change
- Spiritual Growth
- Ministries of Outreach
- Stewardship of our time, talent & treasure
- Fellowship

ON THE CALENDAR AT STARVIEW UCC THIS WEEK

TODAY, November 26, 2023	8:30 AM 9:45 AM 3:00 PM	Christian Education for all ages Worship Service Blue Christmas Service
Tuesday, 11/28	6:30 PM	Grief Share Support Group
Wednesday, 11/29	5:30 – 7:30 PM	JAM Youth Ministry
Thursday, 11/23	5:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Chimes practice Chancel Choir practice JR Girl Scouts
Sunday, December 3, 2023	8:30 AM 9:45 AM 11 AM – 4 PM 6 PM	Christian Education for all ages 1 st Sunday of Advent – Holy Communion Fellowship Hall – Private Use Christmas in the Square of Manchester

Bulletin & Altar Flowers

Thank you to the Plowman Family for sponsoring the bulletin and this morning's altar flowers in loving memory of Vinardia Melhorn to benefit the Youth Fund.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!!!

- November 26 ~ Heather Peterson
- November 27 ~ Stevie Kitching
- November 28 ~ Bobbi Kreeger
- November 29 ~ Barb Loveland
- November 29 ~ John Dacheux
- November 30 ~ Dave Donbaugh

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!!!

- December 3 ~ June Davenport
- December 4 ~ Diane Hopstetter
- December 12 ~ Lisa Silvestri
- December 13 ~ Bill Hoke
- December 14 ~ Chad Updegraff
- December 17 ~ Brenda Plowman
- December 18 ~ Andrew Boyer
- December 30 ~ Van Shaffer
- December 30 ~ Sam Moore

HOMWOOD AT PLUM CREEK AUXILIARY

Dear Starview Family,

It is fall and time for the annual Homewood at Plum Creek membership drive. You can become a member of the auxiliary for less than the cost of a coffee or drink you might have with your dinner at a restaurant: \$3/person or \$5/couple.

Homewood at Plum Creek is one of our church's wider missions. It is a retirement center with all the amenities found in similar retirement villages in our area, but also a benevolent care facility for those who have outlived their finances. Our contributions help to purchase items needed for ongoing care items for residents.

I will be collecting these dues from now until the end of December. Please help me make this a successful drive again this year!

Also, in the past, if anyone would like to send Christmas cards or purchase Bingo prizes for residents, I can see that they are delivered to Homewood.

Grace Gichner, Homewood at Plum Creek Auxiliary Rep.