

## 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 17 The Message of Christmas  
Dec 24 Ready or Not . . . He Is Coming



### Upcoming Christmas Worship & Events Schedule



Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> (9:45am)

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve at Starview

December 24<sup>th</sup>

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

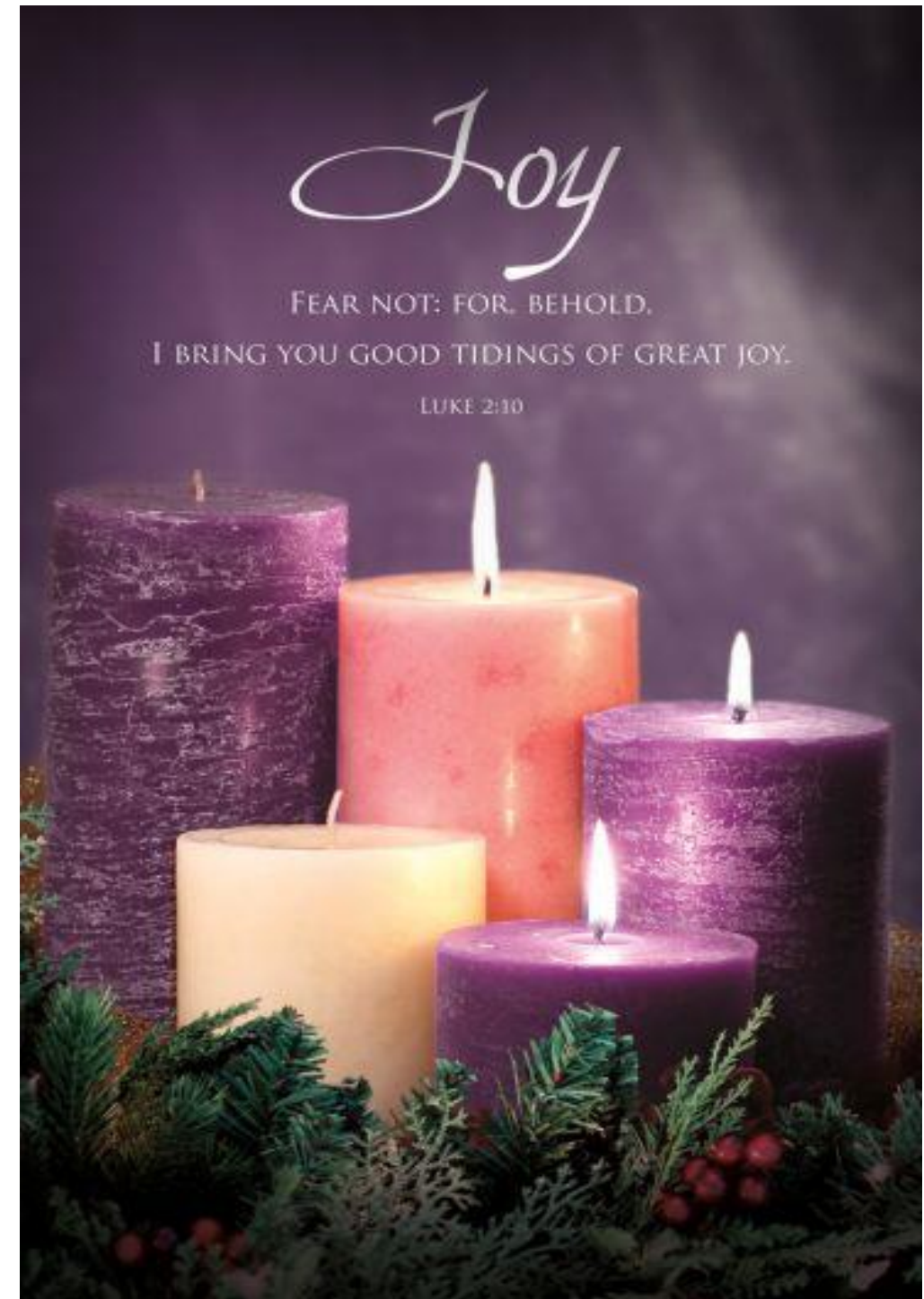


Plan to join us for our Christmas Eve services. The services will also be filled with lots of singing of your favorite Christmas hymns, special selections by our Music Department and the Grand Pipe Organ. We will conclude with communion followed by a candlelight singing of Silent Night.

Bring the family and join in a celebration of Christ's birth.



## *Third Sunday of Advent* *December 17, 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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**Rev. Laura C. Baker, Pastor**

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Church Custodian

Church Secretary

Music Director/Organist

Monday - Thursday 8:30AM to 12:30PM

Webpage: [www.starviewucc.org](http://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

<b>Ms. Diana Wolf, President</b>	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
Ms. Tammy Duke	781-3749
Mrs. Mareta Elvey	764-8880
Mr. Gerry Gingerich	676-7623
Mrs. Donna Hoover	266-2649

Thanks to the following for sharing their gifts of ministry

Music Director/Organist: Kevin Crone

Tech Team: Scott Moore, Tom Brenner

Liturgist: Andrew Boyer

## E-TITHE INFORMATION

Your weekly e-tithe for December will be pulled out on Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>  
so it will show on your 2023 statements.

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

<b>TODAY, December 17, 2023</b>	8:30 AM 9:45 AM	Christian Education for all ages 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
<b>Tuesday, 12/19</b>	6:30 PM	Grief Share Support Group
<b>Thursday, 12/21</b>	5:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Chimes practice Chancel Choir practice JR Girl Scouts
<b>Sunday, December 24, 2023</b>	8:30 AM 9:45 AM 7:00 PM 11:15 PM	Christian Education for all ages 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent worship service Christmas Eve Service Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
<b>December 25, 2023</b>		<b>Jesus, the LIGHT of the world was born! MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!</b>

### Altar Flowers & Bulletin

*Thank you to Paul & JoAnn Kreeger for sponsoring the bulletin and this morning's altar flowers in honor of their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren*



#### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!!!

- December 17 ~ Brenda Plowman
- December 18 ~ Andrew Boyer
- December 30 ~ Van Shaffer
- December 30 ~ Sam Moore

#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!!!!

- January 3 ~ Cole Saylor
- January 10 ~ Troy Kreeger
- January 10 ~ Gloria Moyer
- January 13 ~ Ty Moyer
- January 14 ~ Tom Jordan
- January 18 ~ Winnie Walters
- January 21 ~ Leslie Lizano

### 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.