

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.

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| 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



Sunday, December 3rd
1st Sunday of Advent (Holy Communion)

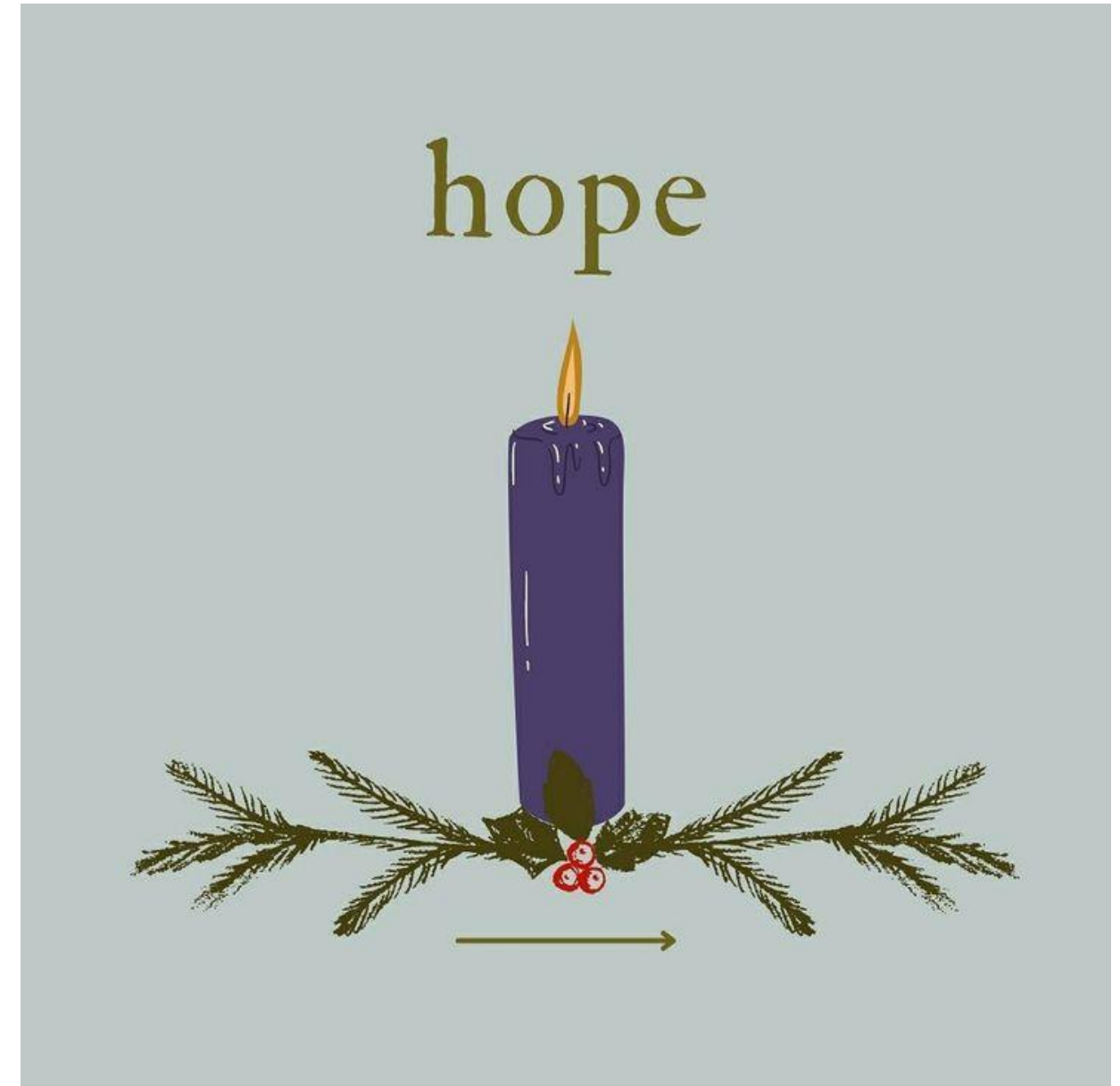
Sunday, December 24th (9:45am)
4th Sunday of Advent

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.

First Sunday of Advent *December 3, 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

Mrs. Vicki Donbaugh, Vice-President

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385-7280

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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: Martha Boyer

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, 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
Tuesday, 12/5	6:30 PM	Grief Share Support Group
Wednesday, 12/6	5:30 – 7:30 PM	JAM Youth Ministry
Thursday, 12/7	5:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Chimes practice Chancel Choir practice JR Girl Scouts
Saturday, 12/9	All Day	Feline Solutions – Facility Use
Sunday, December 10, 2023	8:30 AM 9:45 AM	Christian Education for all ages 2 nd Sunday of Advent

Altar Flowers

Thank you to the Schaeffer Family for sponsoring this morning's altar flowers in loving memory of Joyce Schaeffer



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.