

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 1st at 3pm

Christmas can be a very painful time for some of us. It may be the first Christmas without a loved one or it may simply be a difficult time for any number of reasons. The constant refrain in shopping malls and even our churches, about the happiness of the season and getting together with family and friends only serves to remind many of what they have lost or never had. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of loneliness—all of these can make us feel even more alone in the midst of celebrating.



For these reasons, you are invited to a Blue Christmas service, which provides the space and time to acknowledge the sadness and concern. There will be prayer, scripture reading, music, and a candle-lighting that acknowledges God's presence for those who mourn and struggle. Everyone, regardless of their church background (or lack of it) are welcome to attend this service on Sunday, December 1, at 3 PM.

Christmas with the Chosen: Holy Night Movie

Monday, December 2nd @ 6pm



Experience the first Christmas through the eyes of Mary and Joseph. Follow the young couple as they take the long road to Bethlehem and prepare for Jesus' birth. On Monday evening, December 2nd at 6 PM, we will gather at the church to view the movie "Christmas with the Chosen: Holy Night." If you are a fan of *The Chosen* Series, you'll be especially touched by this Christmas movie as it weaves the full episodes of both "The Shepherds" and "The Messengers" into one seamless narrative. And the music? Masterful and powerful! Come! Join your fellow church members and experience the awe and wonder of the Nativity - of the profound miracle of God becoming one of us!

Christmas Concert: River City Singers at Hayshire UCC

Saturday, December 7th at 7:00 pm

Join us for a night full of beautiful music to get you in the Christmas spirit! From fun to whimsical to Tiny Baby in a Manger you will feel the holiday season and leave with a smile on your face. A free will offering will be received • Refreshments will follow

Pub, Grub & God:

Tuesday, December 17th at 6pm (Olive Garden, 1340 Kenneth Road, York, PA 17404)



Candlelight Christmas Eve Services

December 24th @ 7:00pm

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion

December 24th @ 11:15pm

Midnight Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion

Removing Christmas Decorations

Saturday, January 11th at 9 AM we will need many hands to take down and pack away the Christmas decorations. Providing the weather is favorable, a brunch of hot and cold dishes will be provided and served by Pastor Laura.

First Sunday of Advent The Promise of Truth December 1, 2024



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

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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).

2024 Starview UCC Church Council

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Thanks to the following for sharing their gifts of ministry

Music Director/Organist: Kevin Crone

Tech Team: Marta Dennis, Scott Moore, Tom Brenner

Liturgist: Marta Dennis

SPECIAL OFFERING ENVELOPES

There is a black box located on the table at the rear of the sanctuary. This is where you will find special offering envelopes like communion, love offering etc.

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

Bulletin & Altar Flowers

Thank you to Tom & Sue Brenner for sponsoring this mornings altar flowers in loving memory of their parents to benefit Worship supplies.

ON THE CALENDAR AT STARVIEW UCC THIS WEEK

TODAY, December 1, 2024	8:30 AM 9:45 AM 3:00 PM	Christian Education Worship Service Blue Christmas
Monday, Dec. 2nd	6:00 PM	Christmas with the Chosen: Holy Night movie
Tuesday, Dec. 3rd	6:30 PM	Grief Share Support Group (Parlor)
Wednesday, Dec. 4th	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	JAM Daisy GS Troop
Thursday, Dec. 5th	5:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Chimes Chancel Choir Junior GS Troop
Saturday, Dec. 7th	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Pleasant Grove Church Banquet Hayshire UCC Christmas Concert: River City Singers
Sunday, December 8, 2024	8:30 AM 9:45 AM	Christian Education Worship Service Family Cookie Bake Day

Christian Education – Adult & Children’s Christian Education - 8:30am

Killin' It

In this three-part study, Andy Stanley explores the root of pride and how it shows up in our lives. He shows us that pride goes beyond a sinful attitude; it's a lifestyle that separates us from God and others. Through practical teaching and engaging anecdotes, Andy offers practical steps to overcome pride and experience the freedom that comes from humility. This study will challenge you to examine your heart and recognize the ways pride has affected your relationships with God and others. Discover how to kill pride and experience the life-changing power of humility.

Sessions:

Dec 1 - No Adult Christian Ed

The Purpose of Christmas

Christmas is the most celebrated holiday of the year for billions of people. But what is the purpose of Christmas? What makes Christmas so special? What is God's purpose for Christmas?

The Purpose of Christmas DVD Study features three sessions taught by Rick Warren from the Gospel of Luke on why we celebrate Christmas and how it can change our lives forever. The Purpose of Christmas shows why Christmas is God's idea and why Jesus is the greatest gift God gave to the world. At the very first Christmas an angel announced three things. In those three statements, we find the three purposes of Christmas:

Dec 8 - Christmas is a Time for Celebration

Dec 15 - Christmas is a Time for Salvation

Dec 22 - Christmas is a Time for Reconciliation

Dec 29 - Dinner Church - No Adult Christian Education



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 ~ Sam Moore