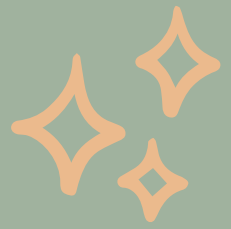


# Starviews Newsletter

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## **LENT – EASTER WORSHIP SERIES**

### **THE ANIMALS TELL THE STORY**

This Lent and Easter season, we will journey through Scripture by listening closely to the animals who appear in the biblical story – creatures who witness God's covenant, vulnerability, provision, and new life. From wilderness encounters to resurrection mornings, these companions help us see familiar texts with fresh eyes and deeper wonder as we walk the path from ashes to alleluias.

March 29 – Palm Sunday at 9:45 AM

April 2 – Maundy THURSDAY at 6 PM

April 5

- Easter Sunrise at 6:30 AM, Hoover Cemetery (Corner of Codorus Furnace and Jerusalem School Roads)
- Easter Breakfast, 7:15 AM Starview UCC Fellowship Hall (Food provided)
- Easter Service with Holy Communion, 9 AM, Sanctuary

April 12 – Dinner Church at 6 PM (NO Sunday morning worship service).

The scripture reading places us in a locked room with the disciples. The dinner church theme is Peace at the Table – a theme centered on Christ entering locked rooms, fearful hearts, and gathered communities to bring peace.





# LENT - EASTER WORSHIP

## The Animals Tell the Story



During the 2026 Lenten season, Starview UCC invites you into a meaningful journey through scripture titled **Living Lent: The Animals Tell the Story**.

From wilderness encounters to resurrection mornings, animals appear again and again in the biblical story. Often overlooked, these companions become powerful witnesses - helping us see familiar texts with fresh eyes as we walk the path from ashes to alleluias. Each week, an animal will help reveal something true about the character and mission of Jesus: his humility, his grief, his warnings, his forgiveness, his steadfast love, and ultimately, his resurrection hope.

### Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday worship takes place at 9:45 AM, unless otherwise noted. Each service will introduce a new animal and a new lens through which to encounter Christ during Lent.

### Wednesday Evening Soup & Study

On **Wednesday evenings from 6:00–7:30 PM**, we will gather downstairs in Fellowship Hall, around tables, over a bowl of soup and fresh bread. Together, we will delve more deeply into the prior Sunday's scripture readings while "practicing" some Bible 101 techniques known as biblical hermeneutics.

This means - we will slow down and learn how to read Scripture more thoughtfully - exploring its original context, listening for how different parts of the Bible speak to one another, and bringing those ancient texts into honest conversation with our lives and the world today. No prior knowledge is required. All materials are provided.

Come hungry - and be nourished, both spiritually and physically.

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### **Lenten Schedule at a Glance**

#### **February 18**

**Ash Wednesday – 6:00 PM**

A Fox Reveals a Homeless Savior

#### **February 22 – First Sunday in Lent – 9:45 AM (Holy Communion)**

A Donkey Reveals a Peaceful Savior

**February 25 (Wednesday Study): Matthew 21:1–11; Zechariah 9:9–10**

#### **March 1 – Second Sunday in Lent**

A Dove Reveals an Angry Savior

**March 4 (Wednesday Study): Matthew 3:16–4:1; Isaiah 56:6–8**

#### **March 8 – Third Sunday in Lent**

A Camel Reveals a Warning Savior

**March 11 (Wednesday Study): Matthew 23:1–24; Deuteronomy 6:1–9**



# LENT - EASTER WORSHIP

## The Animals Tell the Story



### March 15 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

A Hen Reveals a Grieving Savior

March 18 (Wednesday Study): Isaiah 19:12–14; Matthew 23:37–39

### March 22 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

A Vulture Reveals a Coming Savior

March 25 (Wednesday Study): Habakkuk 1:5–11; Psalm 79; Matthew 24:1–14, 26–28

### March 29 – Palm Sunday – 9:45 AM

A Donkey Reveals a Burdened Savior

### April 2 – Maundy Thursday – 6:00 PM

A Lamb Reveals a Forgiving Savior

### April 5 – Online Message (Starview Facebook Page)

The Rooster Reveals a Disowned Savior (Viewable at your convenience)

Community Good Friday Service – 2:00 PM (Location and speaker to be announced)

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### Easter at Starview UCC

#### Easter Sunrise Service – 6:30 AM

Hoover Cemetery (Corner of Codorus Furnace & Jerusalem School Roads)

#### Easter Breakfast – 7:15 AM

Starview UCC Fellowship Hall (food provided)

#### Easter Worship with Holy Communion – 9:00 AM

The Fish Reveals a Risen Savior

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### Beyond Easter

#### April 12 – No Morning Worship

Instead, join us for **Dinner Church at 6:00 PM**

Peace at the Table

Scripture places us in a locked room with the disciples as the risen Christ meets fear with peace.

This Lent, whether you come weekly or occasionally on Sundays and/or Wednesdays - or simply when you can - you are invited to walk with us. Together, we will listen carefully, ask good questions, and discover how even the smallest creatures can help us see the living Christ more clearly.

All are welcome!



# Lenten Mission 2026

## Caring for Creation

### Supporting the York County SPCA



This Lenten season, as we journey from ashes to alleluias and listen for the wisdom of the animals in Scripture, we are also invited to practice compassion in tangible ways for animals.

Our First Quarter Outreach Ministry will support the **York County SPCA**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located at 3159 Susquehanna Trail North, York, PA.

The York County SPCA is dedicated to:

- Finding loving homes for stray and displaced animals
- Controlling pet overpopulation
- Investigating and prosecuting animal cruelty
- Providing community education
- Operating a low-cost spay/neuter clinic

From **Ash Wednesday (February 18) through Easter (April 5)**, we will collect much-needed supplies to support their daily work of mercy and protection.

#### Critical Care Needs

- Towels
- Kitten/cat dry and canned food
- Puppy/dog dry and canned food
- Pellet cat litter (Fresh News, Naturally Fresh)
- Bleach

#### Additional Helpful Items

- Fleece blankets
- Bags of treats
- Dog waste disposal bags
- Guinea pig food
- Rabbit food
- Pet toys
- Peanut butter
- Puzzle feeders
- Nylabones
- Squeeze cheese
- Gallons of distilled water
- Sandwich-sized zipper top bags
- Rubbing alcohol
- Paper towels
- Disinfecting wipes



#### Gift cards are also greatly appreciated, especially for:

- Amazon
- Giant or Weis
- Lowes

As we reflect this Lent on the animals who appear in the biblical story - we remember that God's care extends to all creation. This mission is one small way we can embody that love right here in our community.

Donations can be placed in front of the altar and communion table beginning Ash Wednesday.

Come hungry and be nourished this season - spiritually, physically, and compassionately.



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS



## **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Naylor Candy Delivery/Pick-up  
Palm Sunday

## **Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> (6pm)**

Maundy Thursday

## **Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> (2pm)**

Community Good Friday Service ~ Location TBD

## **Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> (HAPPY EASTER)**

6:30 am ~ Easter Sunrise Service (Hoover Cemetary)  
7:15 am ~ Easter Breakfast (Starview UCC Fellowship Hall)  
9 am ~ Easter Service with Holy Communion

## **Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> (6pm)**

Shadows to Sunshine Mental Health Support Group

## **Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> (6pm)**

Dinner Church

## **Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> (6:30pm)**

Church Council Meeting

## **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> (11 am)**

Messy Church

## **Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> (6pm)**

Shadows to Sunshine Mental Health Support Group

## **April Birthdays**

April 7 ~ Barry Plowman  
April 12 ~ Tom Brenner  
April 15 ~ Deb Runkle  
April 19 ~ Rebekah Wertz  
April 20 ~ Laney Seifert  
April 23 ~ Carey Wertz  
April 26 ~ Lesley Moore  
April 26 ~ Peg Gingerich  
April 30 ~ Jessica Miller





# UPCOMING EVENTS



## **PUB, GRUB, & GOD**

**THIRD TUESDAY AT 6PM**

PUB, GRUB, AND GOD (THIRD Tuesday at 6 PM) is a relaxed community ministry that brings people together around tables in local gathering places to explore life and faith through honest conversation.

Meeting in welcoming spaces such as Sign of the Horse, Conewago Inn, Olive Garden, Parma Pizza and Lyndon Diner, the ministry creates a safe environment where questions are welcomed and stories are shared.

Each gathering typically begins with a simple ice-breaker and unfolds into thoughtful dialogue that weaves together faith, culture, and everyday experience. Family-friendly and open to all, Pub, Grub, and God helps us to meet God where we are while nourishing our faith and connections with one another.

- April 21 - Olive Garden, West York
- May 19 - TBD





# UPCOMING EVENTS



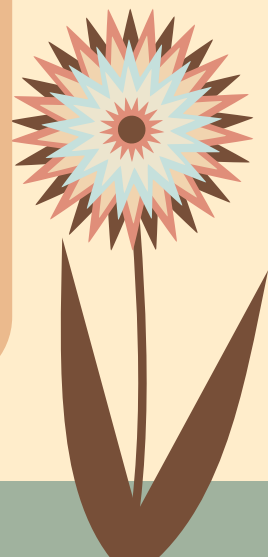
## SHADOWS TO SUNSHINE

Every other Monday at 6pm

SHADOWS TO SUNSHINE (every other Monday at 6 PM, church parlor) is a compassionate, faith-centered ministry designed to offer support, understanding, and hope for anyone navigating life's emotional and mental health challenges. Grounded in the belief that no one should walk through difficult seasons alone, the ministry creates a safe, confidential, and non-judgmental space where participants are invited to share, listen, and reflect at their own pace. Through thoughtfully facilitated sessions, gentle grounding practices, guided conversation, and spiritual reflection, Shadows to Sunshine helps participants name their experiences, build self-awareness, and discover tools for resilience and self-care -emotionally, mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually. The emphasis is NOT on fixing or diagnosing, but on walking together, honoring each person's story, and affirming that seeking support is a sign of strength.

April 6 and 20

May 4 and 18





# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



## **ANDY STANELY YOUR MOVE**

### **4 QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO HOW TO MAKE SOUND DECISIONS YOU CAN LIVE WITH**

We are constantly confronted with decisions we never anticipated having to make. To complicate matters further, the timeframe for making a decision is often short and our options limited. So what do you do when it's your move and you aren't sure what to do? Stanley offers four powerful questions that will help you determine your best move. Follow Andy as he teaches how every decision and its outcome become a permanent part of your story, what to do when you feel the need to pause before taking action, and how to make more of this life by making sound decisions.

April 19 - Really

April 26 - The Story of Your Life

May 3 - Pay Attention to the Tension

May 10 - Passing It On

