STARVIEWS NEWSLETTER

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LOOKING AHEAD

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **November 1 - All Saint's Day- 9:45 AM** - we remember and celebrate the Starview saints who have passed into eternal rest since November, 2025.
- **November 1 ~ Community All Saint's Day (7pm)** - St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 4360 Board Rd, Manchester, PA 17345
- **Sunday, November 8** ~ Grief Share Support Event. Surviving the Holidays "Navigating the Holidays after Loss"
- **November 15** - Thanksgiving Service - 9:45 AM
- **November 15 (11am-1pm)** ~ Messy Church
- **November 22 - Dinner Church** - Hanging of the Greens (6 PM)
- **November 24th (6:30pm) ~ Community Thanksgiving Service** - Pleasant Grove UMC, 850 Pleasant Grove Rd, York, PA 17370
- **November 29 (9:45 AM)** - First Sunday of Advent
- **November 29 (After Worship)** - Congregational Meeting to approve 2027 budget and Church Council members.
- **December 13 (11am-1pm)** ~ Messy Church
- **December 20 (3 PM)** - Blue Christmas Service
- **December 20 (5 PM)** - Christmas Caroling
- **December 24 - (7 PM and 11:15 PM)** Christmas Eve Services
- **December 27** - Christmas Carol Sing

MESSY CHURCH

Schedule with times and focus:

- **November 15 (11 am - 1 pm** (Thanksgiving)
- **December 13 (11 am - 1 pm** (Christmas)

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SCHEDULE & THEMES (6:30-7:30PM)

- **November 9** -Piece by Piece (Support through Art, Music, & Nature)
- **November 23** - The Stories that Shape Us (Exploring Family Dynamics)
- **December 7** - Still Being Formed (Support through Art, Music, & Nature)
- **December 21** - Learning Holy Limits (Boundary Setting)
- **January 4, 2027** - Still Dreaming (Support through Art, Music, & Nature)

BABY SHOWER TO BENEFIT HUMAN LIFE SERVICES

4th Quarter Mission

Our 4th Quarter mission will be collecting baby items for Human Life Services. Their mission is to provide evidence-based information, cost-free services, and practical support to women, men, and families experiencing an unexpected or unsupported pregnancy in York County and surrounding communities. With a holistic and compassionate approach, they give each of their clients the care and attention they need, empowering them to make informed decisions for themselves and their future.

A list of needs will be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex and will be collected in the month of December. We know December can be a busy time of year preparing for the holidays, so we want to give you the opportunity now to help prepare for this mission.

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP

Support for Those Grieving the Death of a Loved One

If you are grieving the loss of someone you love, we want you to hear this first: you are welcome here, and you do not have to walk this road alone.

- Mondays @ 3pm (September 28 – December 21, 2026)
- Sessions are 2 hours in length
- NO COST TO ATTEND

GRIEF SUPPORT EVENT (Led by Pastor Laura)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH @ 3PM

Surviving the Holidays "Navigating the Holidays after Loss"

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS EVENT

The holiday season is often thought of as the most wonderful time of the year. But if you've lost your spouse, a child, or other loved ones, this season can feel anything but joyful. The twinkling lights, festive gatherings, and beloved traditions that once brought warmth and connection can now stir up deep sadness, loneliness, and longing. You might be feeling more alone than ever.

At Starview United Church of Christ's Grief Share Ministry we understand how overwhelming this season can be, and we want you to know: you're not alone.

The emotional weight of the holidays

We understand grief doesn't pause for the holidays. In fact, it can feel even more intense. This time of year, often highlights the absence of your loved one in ways that may catch you off guard. You might find yourself dreading gatherings, avoiding traditions, or feeling out of place in celebrations that once brought comfort. Common emotional triggers during the holidays include:

- **Empty seats at the table**: Meals are powerful reminders of togetherness, and a missing place at the table can feel like a glaring absence.
- **Holiday music and decorations**: These familiar sights and sounds can stir up memories of shared moments and traditions.
- **Family dynamics**: Interacting with others who may not understand your grief or expect you to move on can add to your stress.
- **Social pressure**: Feeling like you should be happy during this season can create conflict between how you feel and how you think you're expected to act.

If you're feeling overwhelmed, angry, sad, or even numb, know that these emotions are a natural part of grieving and you don't have to do it alone. We are here to support you with compassion, understanding, and community. If you're struggling with memories, traditions, or simply the weight of this season, reach out. Join us for a **Surviving the Holidays event (November 8, 2026, at 3 PM) at Starview UCC, 4832 N. Sherman St. Ext., Mount Wolf** - and take the first step toward hope and healing.

At this one-time event you'll hear from others who understand what you're going through and gain practical tools for navigating the season, such as:

- Tips for managing emotions
- Suggestions for navigating social events
- Ideas for honoring your loved one
- Support from others walking a similar path

Whether this is your first holiday without your spouse or your tenth, this **Surviving the Holidays event** provides encouragement and guidance during this difficult time. To register for this **FREE 2-hour event, call 717-266-4248 (leave name and phone number) or email the church office at church@starviewucc.org.**

A ***BLUE Christmas Worship Service*** is also planned for the community on **Sunday, December 20, 2026, at 3 PM at the church.** No registration is required. Come as you are.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Max Lucado: Before Amen
The Power of a Simple Prayer

We all pray . . . some. We pray to stay sober, centered, or solvent. When the lump is deemed malignant. When the money runs out. When the marriage is falling apart. But wouldn't we like to pray . . . more? Better? Stronger? With more fire, faith, and fervency?

In this four-session study, Max Lucado reveals his struggles with prayer and how he discovered that it is not a privilege for the pious or the art of a chosen few but a simple tool everyone has been given to have a conversation with God. He shows you how to let go of uncertainties about prayer, trust that God hears you, and embrace a prayer life that brings peace and rest.

Join Max Lucado on a journey to the very heart of biblical prayer and the power unleashed with five simple sentences: *"Father, you are good. I need help. They need help. Thank you. In Jesus' name, amen."*

Nov 1: They Need Help
Nov 8: Thank You

Andy Stanley: An Invitation to Christmas - Nov 15

Shake any family tree and you never know what kind of people might fall out. Let's face it; we all have an uncle or a cousin we whisper about behind closed doors. We all have a relative or two we try to avoid at family gatherings. No surprise there. But here's something you may not know. Jesus had a few shady characters in his family as well. Actually, he had some relatives that make your most wayward cousin look like a saint. In An Invitation to Christmas, Andy Stanley introduces us to a few of these colorful characters and reveals how their roles in the Christmas story give hope to us all.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Bible lesson will be held during the regular 9:45 Church service. The children will be invited to join us in the Sunday School room following the children's sermon and will be returned by the end of the service. There will be no 8:30 Sunday school.
Hope to see you there!

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Homewood Living
Plum Creek

Jesus says: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."
-John 5:15

Our Annual Homewood Living Plum Creek Auxiliary Membership Drive has begun, and we hope that we can count on your support in helping to make a difference in the lives of our Skilled Care and Personal Care residents at Plum Creek.

We will be renewing current memberships and accepting new members for $3.00 for an individual membership and $5.00 for a joint membership.

The Auxiliary purchases special "wish list" items to provide enriched recreation programs, superior safety and care, and an enhanced environment for our residents residing in Town Hall. Please take this opportunity to join the Homewood Auxiliary!

A stylus pen will be given as a thank you gift to new and renewing Auxiliary members

Collecting through December

Please contact your church Auxiliary Representative:

GRACE E. GICHNER to join!

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