STARVIEWS NEWSLETTER

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LOOKING AHEAD

SPECIAL SERVICES & DINNER CHURCH

- **October 25 (5pm) - Dinner Church & Trunk or Treat (5 PM); Trunk or Treat (**Families are invited to decorate the "trunk" of their vehicle or a parking lot "space" and have treats for the children/youth.)
- **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.
- **Sunday, November 8** ~ Grief Share Support Event. Surviving the Holidays "Navigating the Holidays after Loss"
- **November 15** - Thanksgiving Service - 9:45 AM
- **November 22 - Dinner Church** - Hanging of the Greens (6 PM)
- **November 29 (9:45 AM**) - First Sunday of Advent
- **November 29 (After Worship)** - Congregational Meeting to approve 2027 budget and Church Council members.
- **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

PUB, GRUB, & GOD

A relaxed, family-friendly gathering where faith and everyday life meet around the table. Held in local restaurants, this ministry invites honest conversation, good food, and meaningful connection in a welcoming low-pressure setting.

Tuesday, October 27, 2026 @ 6 pm
Fiesta Mexico, 2500 East Market, York, PA 17402.

MESSY CHURCH

Schedule with times and focus:

- **October 18 CANCELLED**
- **November 15 (11 am - 1 pm** (Thanksgiving)
- **December 13 (11 am - 1 pm** (Christmas)

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

- **October 12** - Healing is not Hiding (Support through Art, Music, & Nature)
- **October 26** - Speaking & Being Heard (Improving Communication Skills)
- **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)

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"

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.

The Faith We Make Our Own - What Do We Believe?

After our United in Christ series and our September 20 Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic at 10 AM, Starview UCC will begin a new worship series called The Faith We Make Our Own. Each Sunday, we'll take up some of the questions Christians have asked for generations - and ask what they mean for us today.

What do we believe about God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, salvation, and Scripture? Why does the United Church of Christ say that creeds and statements of faith are testimonies, not tests? What does it mean that Jesus Christ (not any pastor, church board, or denominational office) is the Head of the Church? And how do we make this faith our own here at Starview UCC, in the life we share and the world we serve?

The Faith We Make Our Own sermon series will invite us to explore these questions through Scripture, worship, preaching, the Apostles' Creed, and the United Church of Christ Statement of Faith.

A sentence from the UCC Constitution gives us a beautiful way to think about this journey: "The responsibility of the Church in each generation to make this faith its own in reality of worship, in honesty of thought and expression, and in purity of heart before God."

Making the faith our own does not mean starting from scratch or leaving the wisdom of the past behind. It means receiving the faith we have inherited with gratitude, asking honest questions, listening for the Holy Spirit, and discovering how God is calling us to live with faith, hope, courage, and love today. Whether you have been part of the church for years or are still finding your way, there is a place for you in this journey. Come as you are. Bring your questions. Let's listen, wonder, and grow in faith together.

Sunday Date	Worship Theme	Central Focus
Sept 27	God Has Come Near	Holy Trinity
October 4	One Church, One Table, Many Members	**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**
October 11	Scripture and the Still-Speaking Spirit	Authority of Scripture and the Holy Spirit
October 18	Always Being Reformed	Starview's Anniversary Sunday
October 25 **6 PM**	**DINNER CHURCH** - Signs of Grace	The Lord's Supper & Baptism

COORDINATING Wednesday Evening Study for The Faith We Make Our Own

Have you ever wondered what the United Church of Christ really believes - or how our beliefs shape the way we read Scripture, make decisions, serve our neighbors, and worship together?
You are invited to join Pastor Laura on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM, beginning September 23, for a four-week study exploring the faith we have inherited and our responsibility to make that faith our own. Each conversation will prepare us for the following Sunday's worship theme.

- **October 14 — Always Being Reformed**

Together, we will draw upon Scripture, the Apostles' Creed, the UCC Statement of Faith, and the questions and experiences we bring with us. We will consider what we believe about God, Jesus Christ, salvation, the Church, Scripture, the Holy Spirit, Christian unity, discipleship, and justice.
This is NOT a test of what you already know or believe. It is an invitation to listen, question, learn, and grow together.
Join us as we ask: What do we believe and how is that faith visible in the way we worship, work, witness, and live?

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Better Decisions; Fewer Regrets - Andy Stanley
5 Questions to help you determine your next move

Every day, we face decisions that determine the direction and quality of our lives. In Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets DVD bible study, Andy Stanley gives us five key questions ---about honesty, storytelling, tension, wisdom, and love--- to ask every time we make a decision.

These five key questions can change everything about your decision-making process and rewrite the story of your life one decision at a time.
Ask these when you have a decision to make and you're not sure what to do – or even if you think you do know what to do. These five simple questions will empower you to: pause when feeling tension over a decision, take the long view, look for the wise option & focus on the relational impact of decisions.

Sept 20 ~ The Integrity Question
Sept 27 ~ The Legacy Question
Oct 4 ~ The Conscience Question
Oct 11 ~ The Maturity Question
Oct 18 ~ The Relationship Question

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning Sunday Oct. 11, a 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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Soup and sandwiches will be provided. You are invited to bring a salad, snack, or dessert to share.