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A Message from our Minister...

Life is a gift—a precious gift from God. The season of fall gives us the opportunity to thank “Jehovah Jireh” (Hebrew: The Lord will provide) for many blessings. We are thankful for the wonderful harvest of many fruits and vegetables. We praise God for the coolness of the fall breeze, the warmth of crackling campfire and the smell of fresh pumpkin pie. We give thanks for the splendor of brilliant leaves, and the taste of sweet apple cider. God blesses us each day; we share loving relationships with family and friends. And we can be so thankful for God’s invitation every morning to live our lives for Him.

There are many opportunities to give thanks to God. We can pray and tell Him how much we appreciate His grace and compassion. We can praise Him in worship and honor Him for his steadfast love. We can study the Word and gain insight into God’s will for our lives. We can become “doers of the Word” (James 1:22)—and share the blessings that God has given us.

It is extremely reassuring to watch God’s spirit move among us. In times of joy and in times of desperation; in times of plenty and in times of little; in times of health and in times of sickness; in times of planting and in times of harvest—Praise God, the Holy Spirit is always with us. *Continued on page 2...*

When the Holy Spirit moves in our lives—we are infused with hope and God’s steadfast love. As we plow through daily routines or contemplate challenging decisions, we must remember the one constant in this universe—God. God is truth. God is compassionate. God is powerful. God is a good listener. God loves us. God cares about each facet of our life. God is our salvation. God is the solution.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶ Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷ Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸ Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹ and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

First Westminster is serious about serving and honoring the Lord our God, the Lord alone. We are motivated to follow God’s command: to love God with all our heart, soul, and strength. And we are excited to share these truths with our children—to talk about them at home and when we are away. We are striving to love God and our neighbors as ourselves.

In this newsletter you will find many opportunities to learn and grow in knowledge of God. You will also find invitations to share God’s love with others. We pray for the Holy Spirit’s anointing and blessing to be upon you!

Love God and Love Others.

Keep going for the Lord,

Rev. Jason Elliott



Fine Arts at First West

- Steubenville High School Choir Fall Concert October 12th at 3:00pm
- Tri-State Community Band Concert October 26th at 6:00pm
- First West Children’s Cantata December 7th at 10:45am
- Ohio Valley Chorale Christmas Concert December 14th at 3:00pm
- Steubenville Performing Arts Collective
 “Handel’s Messiah” December 20th at 6:00pm

Celebrate the gift of music!

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FIRST WEST youth



NERF WAR!
OCT. 11
4-5:30PM
*Bring a gently used or new toy/book to donate to the Friendship Room



CARD MAKING
for our shut-ins!
NOV. 16
12-1:30PM



CHRISTMAS
CANTATA
DEC. 7
10:45AM



All Youth Group Dates & Activities will be communicated through the REMIND App! To receive our Messages/Updates, you must download the REMIND App. Notifications will no longer be delivered via text message due to an update by the Remind service.

Our parking lot refurbishment project at First West is underway. Our congregation is growing and we need good places for people to park. It is amazing to watch the mission and ministry of First West grow. We greatly appreciate your patience during construction. The refurbishment project will be complete by the end of October. If you would like to help “Pave the Way” for the ministry of Jesus Christ to grow, you can donate several ways.

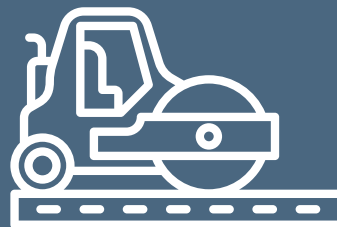


You can send a check to the church, put your donation in the collection plate on Sunday or scan the QR code below. Please mark your donations with “Pave the Way.” We appreciate your continued support as we live out our mission to serve Jesus—“Love God and Love Others.”

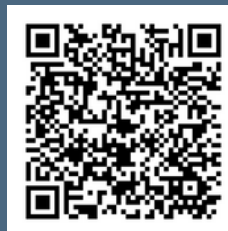
Please make checks payable to First Westminster and send to P.O. Box 580
Steubenville, OH 43952. Thank you so much for your generosity!



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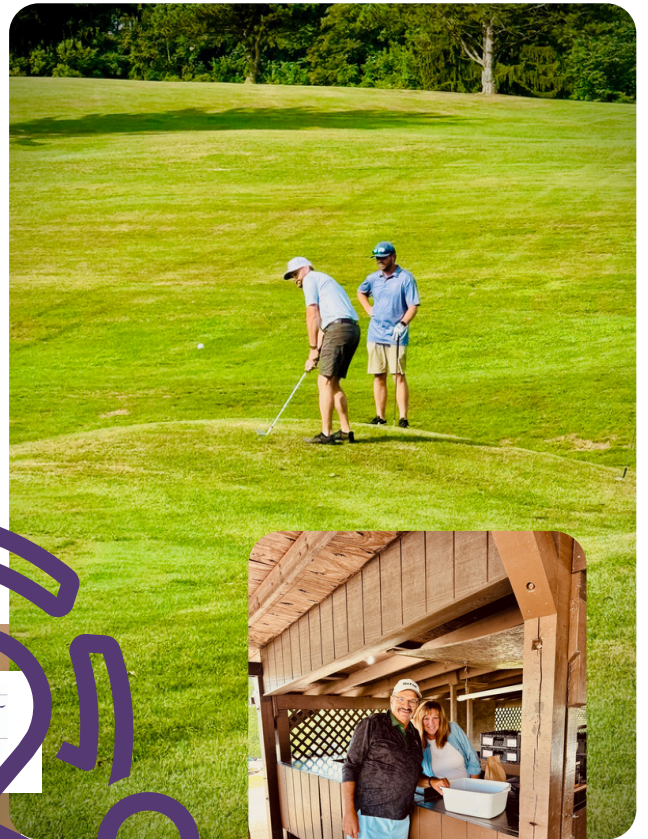
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POGO 2025 to
benefit Our Place



Community Outreach
at Smithfield Presbyterian's
Homecoming Festival



Summer of Fun with First West

Hot Rod Saturday 2025



Back to School Carnival



Church Picnic at Austin Lake



First West Fall Fest Sunday October 5th 4-6pm

- Chili Cookoff
- Pumpkin Carving
- Hayrides

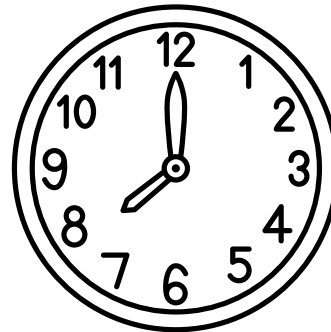
Granatir Family Farm
3708 CR 45 Steubenville, OH 43952
Worship begins @ 4pm



Please join us Sunday October 5th for the First West Fall Fest. Worship this weekend will be held at the beautiful Granatir Family Farm on Sunday from 4-6pm. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a inspirational message and a fun filled afternoon of food, pumpkin carving and hayrides.

Chili Cookoff

If you would like to participate, please RSVP to the church by October 1st (we are limiting the Cookoff contestants to the first 10 entries). We are asking you to bring your chili in a large crockpot. A panel of 3 celebrity judges will declare a winner!



Please remember to
turn your clocks back
on November 2nd!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events at First West!

- Hanging of the Greens will be Sunday November 23rd
- Keep an eye out for the Mitten Tree in the Sanctuary Sunday November 2nd
- First Sunday of Advent is November 30th
- Christmas Cantata and Christmas Party Sunday December 7th
- Ohio Valley Chorale Christmas Concert Sunday December 14th
- Christmas Eve service is Wednesday December 24th at 7pm

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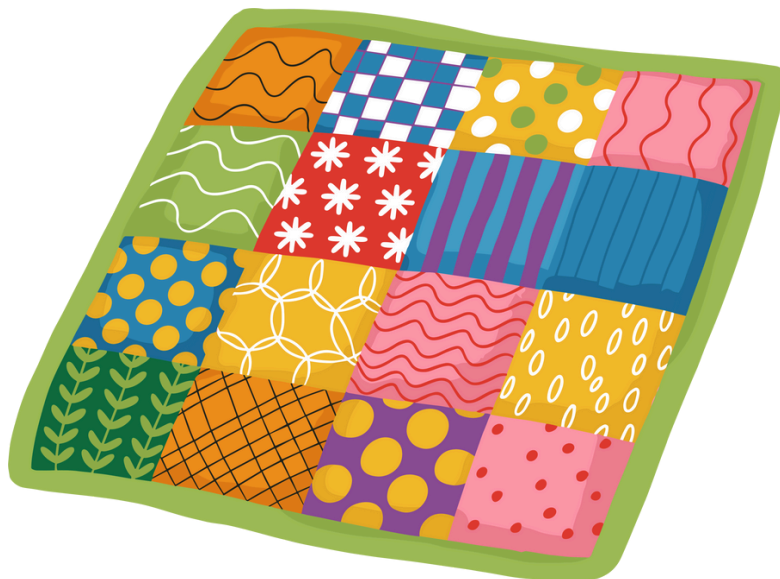
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The Helen Martin Circle/Presbyterian Women was given a beautiful handmade quilt made by our Darlene Baker. The quilt will be raffled off to raise funds for our projects. The ticket chances will be available after church services or from a Circle member for \$5. The drawing will be on Nov. 9th at Thank Offering Service. Thank you for your support!



- The EDGE Junior Golf Season will start the beginning of November. Please contact the church if you are interested in playing.
- The golf simulator is available for practice or play. Call the church to book a tee time.
- You can also rent the space for a birthday party. Call the church for all the details.