

SMITHFIELD

Treat Others the Way You Want to Be Treated

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thank you to everyone who joined us for our Homecoming Festival at the Church on September 14. It was great fun. We estimate that 150 people came for the good food, the fun with the bounce house, the backpack tags and blessing. And we appreciate all the hard work that our friends from First West supplied to make the event a success. Check out the pictures of that day on Facebook!



We also had the Smithfield council of churches annual picnic at Friendship Park on 9.28.2025
Thanks to all who made it successful!

OUR STAFF

Rev. Rich Cunningham
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Upcoming Events



Adult Sunday School at Smithfield Presbyterian Church offers Bible centered lessons and discussions prior to worship service. We cover areas from our spiritual nature as God's children to living a blessed life in order to glorify God our creator, His son Jesus Christ our redeemer and the Holy Spirit, our counselor and guide. Please join us at 10AM on the first two Sundays of each month in the Social Hall, downstairs.

Monday LUNCH BUNCH

The Monday Lunch Bunch meets at the Smithfield Presbyterian Church every Monday 10AM to 1PM with lunch served at 11:30AM. There will be a different activity such as bingo, chair volleyball, line dancing or crafts every Monday. The cost is free and lunches are by donation. You do not have to be a member of the Church to participate. Everyone is welcome and bring a friend, also.

Have you read any good books lately? The Book Mobile of the Public

Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County is scheduled to stop at the Smithfield Presbyterian Church on the following Mondays: November 24, December 15 and January 5 from Noon to 1PM. They have not only books but also movies on CD's, audio books and online services hoopla digital and LinkedIn Learning. Check it out at steubenvillelibrary.org or call 740-282-9782 for more information.



WHAT TO KNOW

Sunday Service

11 am

Bible Study

First 2 Sundays of the month @ 10 am

Lunch Bunch

Mondays 10a-1p

Website

smithfieldpc.com

Phone

740.733.7354

Email

smithfieldpcemail@gmail.com

Office Hours

Mon-Fri.

8:30am-3:00pm



Free Paint and Pray On Saturday December 13, 2025, 2-4pm, local art educator Sara Cunningham will lead a session for you to paint your own Christmas season themed painting on canvas. All paint and materials will be supplied at no cost. Immediately following there will be a discussion on women's spirituality and faith facilitated by Cynthia Mann. Plan on attending this fun and enlightening event and please bring a friend. We just ask that you call the church to RSVP so we know how many to plan for!

Advent Season Bible Study

Monday Dec 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 6PM in the Social Hall. We will study and discuss the arrival of the Messiah and the events surrounding His miracle birth.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Bring your Bible and a friend.



Sunday December 14 at 6PM in the Sanctuary at Smithfield Presbyterian Church the Ron Retzer Trio will perform. This free concert will feature beautiful Christmas season music. This talented trio is a favorite in the Ohio Valley so plan not to miss this wonderful event. A free-will offering will be collected.



Lessons We Can Learn From Geese

With summer changing to autumn, we will soon be seeing and hearing the geese overhead as they migrate south to warmer climate for the winter months. Studies have determined that this instinctive journey has taught the flocks of geese lessons from which we can profit as well.

As geese flap their wings, they create an uplift for the bird following. By flying in a V formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if any bird were to fly alone. If we share a common direction and a sense of community, we can get where we are going more quickly and easily because we are traveling on the thrust of one another.

HEBREWS 12:1-2 ... let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front. If we have as much sense as geese, we will stay in formation with those who are headed where we want to go, and we will be willing to accept their help as well as give our help to others along the way.

MARK 10:43 whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be servant of all

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies at the point position. If we take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership as with the geese, we become interdependent with one another.

ROMANS 12:6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. If we “honk,” we need to make sure it is positive and encouraging.

ROMANS 12: 12,13 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

When a goose gets sick or wounded, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it is able to fly again or dies. They then start out on their own, with another formation or catch up with the flock. If we have as much sense as geese, we too will stand by each other in difficult times, as well as when we are strong. Let us all try to fly in formation and remember to drop back to help those who might need it!

GALATIANS 6:9,10 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

As you go about your day, please remember these lessons from geese. Let us see how many people we can lift up and encourage today.

Thanks to Rev. Bob Willits for this insight on faith.





Elise Pittner was presented with this plaque for her assistance in creating Smithfield's logo. Plaque was laser cut by Rex Panepucci, Elder and Session Member

Partnerships can be such an important part of success in this world. We think of spouses in marriage, business partners working together and organizations that come together for the betterment of the community. The partnership of Smithfield Presbyterian Church and First Westminster Church, Steubenville, has led to a strengthening of both Churches, a deepening of faith for all members and more opportunities for the faith community. Another such partnership, Smithfield Presbyterian Church and Our Place of Jefferson County, means that resources and activities for adults 50+ are available in the Smithfield area. Each Monday beginning in November the Monday Lunch Bunch will meet at Smithfield Presbyterian Church Social Hall at 10AM for activities until 1PM with lunch served at 11:30. If you are interested please call the Church at 740-733-7354.



**Kayla Renner special music at Smithfield Presbyterian Church
Nov 2, 2025**

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Lunch Bunch
Smithfield 50+

Located inside **Smithfield Presbyterian Church**

1154 Main Street, Smithfield, Ohio

Monday-November 24 Menu

Stuffed Chicken Breast w/Gravy
Roasted Potatoes
Carrots
Pumpkin Pie

Activities

10:00 Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 Bingo – Susan Tarr
Diamond Pharmacy
Lunch 11:30

RSVP by text or calling Susan Panepucci @ 740-827-0548

RSVP deadline is Saturday by 3:00 for the following Monday.

Donations are accepted.