

# SMITHFIELD

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The **Lenten** season is a special time of year for Christians. Spanning 40 days from *Ash Wednesday, February 18 to Holy Saturday, April 4*, this is a time of reflection, repentance, prayer and charity. This is all reflected in personal abstaining in diet or activities to humbly honor the 40 days of testing spent by Jesus in the wilderness. The goal over the 40 days of Lent is repent and prepare our hearts and minds for the risen Lord on *Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>*.

## **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

Tradition has it that in preparation for the fasting and sacrifice during Lent, people would use all their flour and sugar and butter from their kitchens and pantries by having pancake suppers. We want to continue this tradition by having a free Pancake Supper at our Church, 1154 Main Street, on Tuesday February 17, the day before Ash Wednesday, from 4.30PM to 6PM in the Social Hall. Please call the Church at 740-733-7354 or email your interest or questions to

'smithfieldpcemail@gmail.com'



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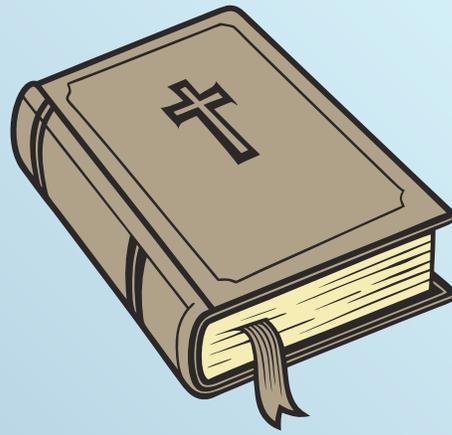
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# HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT BIBLE FOR YOURSELF



'What is the best-selling book in the world?' If you said the Bible you are correct. Some 20 million Bibles are sold in the USA alone each year.

Our focus today here is on the Presbyterian Bible which is actually a collection of 66 books all in one cover. It includes books on history and poetry and biography and prophecy. All tell the story of God's love for mankind. All written by men as inspired by the Holy Spirit culminating in the arrival of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

The Bible we use today has been translated from the original Hebrew or Greek language. There are many modern translations available. One of the most popular has been the King James translation KJV. This is probably what your Grandma had as the family Bible. This translation is recognized as accurate but the old-style language using 'thee' and 'thy' and 'thou' can be difficult for some to follow. Other translations use more common English language including the American Standard version ASV, the New International version NIV and the English Standard version ESV. Each of these Bible translations is broken down into chapters and verses for easy reference such as in the Gospel of John chapter 3 verse 16, which can be seen at football games often in the end zone. Some versions have omitted the use of chapter and verse for easier reading such as Eugene Petersen's 'The Message.' It is also important to get a Bible from a quality publisher such as Zondervan or Ligonier Ministries, two of which I am most familiar. There are Bibles available with extra features such as large print or footnotes to help in understanding important verses, which are also called teaching Bibles

Bibles can be purchased online where you can read and compare excerpts of different translations and choose your favorite. Or you can visit your local bookstore such as BookMarx in Steubenville where you can actually hold a copy in your hands and read it in person.

No matter which Bible translation you choose, read it daily because the Bible, as God's Holy Word, can be a source of strength and enlightenment and understanding for all of us.

-Thank you and God Bless!

# Upcoming Events

## ***What are you doing for lunch on Monday?***

**A group of fun people meet at our Church, 1154 Main Street, most every Monday for activities, crafts, cards, games and fellowship and lunch. Activities begin at 10AM. A delicious lunch is served at 11:30AM and activities continue until about 1PM.**

**Donations are accepted.**

**Please call Sue at 740-733-7453 to let us know to expect you.**

**And bring a friend!**

**Check out the Facebook page 'Lunch bunch 50+ Smithfield'**



**The official Bookmobile of the Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County stops at our Church parking lot, 1154 Main Street, on certain Mondays from 12PM to 1PM, throughout each month. The complete lineup available includes books (large print available) and CDs and even online streaming through Hoopla. Stop by and take advantage of all the Bookmobile has to offer.**

**Please call the Main Library at 740-282-9782 for complete information.**



## WHAT TO KNOW

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### Sunday Service

11 am

### Bible Study

First 2 Sundays of the month @ 10 am

### Lunch Bunch

Mondays 10a-1p

### Website

[smithfieldpc.com](http://smithfieldpc.com)

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### Office Hours

Mon-Fri.

8:30am-3:00pm

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*Standing on a firm foundation- let us look to a bright future, here  
at Smithfield Presbyterian Church*



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Samaritan's Purse has just announced the total shoeboxes packed and shipped in 2025: 12,205,900. What a blessing that we participated in this program to help spread the Good News of the Gospel to those children and their families that might not otherwise learn of God's love. We can look forward to participating again in 2026 so plan ahead to do some good and have some fun. Praise the Lord!