

FIRST WEST



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A Message from our Minister...

You've heard the ole' adage: "When it Rains, It Pours." You know what I mean—when one area of your life goes haywire—other areas seem to fall apart. Storms in life are bound to happen. Each generation faces a multitude of challenges—some of which are self-created, while others, are out of our control. In the midst of the ebb and flow of life—how do we find an anchor point? How do we guard our minds from getting swept away while battling life's storms? If you are looking for encouragement and stability, you are not alone. We all need reassurance and hope to keep moving forward. The good news is this: help is available.

When facing storms, the Bible encourages us: ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our^[b] struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these,^[c] take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. "Stand Firm and put on the whole armor of God" (Ephesians 6:10-17).

Use the "sword of the Spirit" to battle the storms you encounter. Let the Word of God give you strength.

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In the Old Testament, the Psalmist reminds us—"Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 124:8). And when we look in the pages of the Bible in the New Testament, the Apostle Paul knew what it meant to face storms. For crying out loud, the Apostle Paul was put in prison, beaten and even faced what he called a "thorn in the flesh" while sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. His attitude was galvanized in the teaching "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). He even once said "suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:3-5).

The bottom line is this: "If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Is it raining at your house? If it is, Stand Firm. Do not let the storm knock you down. God is with you and may He give you the tenacity and strength to keep swinging your sword.

Keep going for the Lord,
Rev. Jason Elliott

CHURCH PICNIC at AUSTIN LAKE



Say Hello to
the newest
member of our
Congregational
Care Team-
THE
HOLY SMOKER!



First West's Congregational Care Team



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

JOIN OUR MEAL TRAIN

We will be organizing a chain of members in the congregation to share the love beyond the walls of the church. We want to show that we Love God & Love Others by way of a hot meal to those in a time of need. Whether it be because of illness, surgery, a loss, or even a birth in the First West family. We will be utilizing mealtrain.com to organize and inform members.

Please contact us to get involved!

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EDGE GOLF LEAGUE



WE WILL BE HAVING OUR KIDS GOLF LEAGUE ON THE EDGE SIMULATOR STARTING IN NOVEMBER! SIGNUPS WILL BE FOR:
AGES 6 TO 5TH GRADE
AND 6TH TO 8TH GRADE!



MORE INFO TO FOLLOW ON OUR
SOCIALS SOON!



EDGE GOLF SIMULATOR IS

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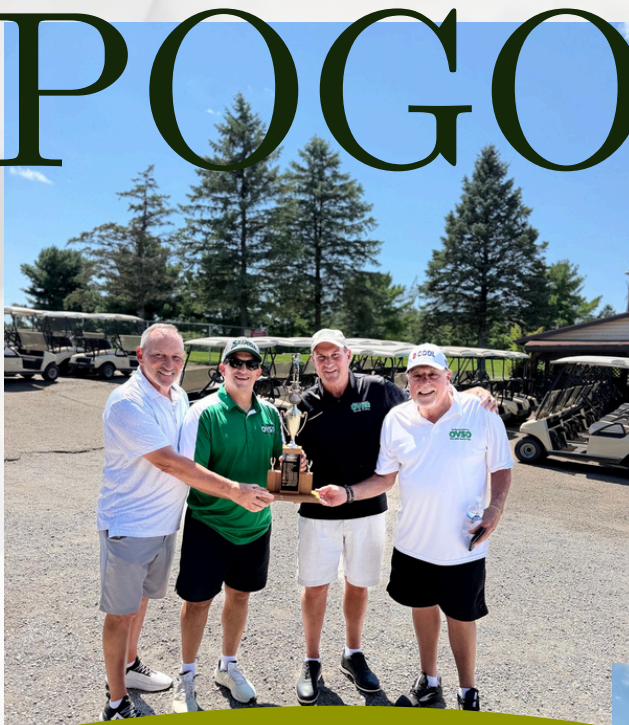
Book your tee time today!

Call 740-282-4591 or
304-670-9838

Your booking helps underwrite the cost for our EDGE Golf Youth Ministry. The golf simulator is located in the basement of First West!



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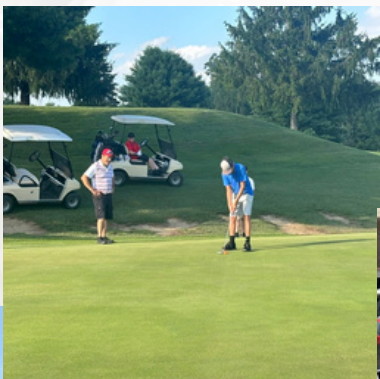


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FIRST WEST youth

As most of you may have noticed, we have a plethora of kids, which is a great blessing to have. We are so excited to announce our newest Sunday School class for our littles. We will be adding a class for kids ages 1-3 in our adorable Noah's Ark room! This is the perfect class for those kids who aren't old enough yet for the school-age class, but who are maybe too old to sit through the regular service. More classes mean more teachers, if you feel called to be a teacher, please reach out to Jason or Martina!



We had an amazing turnout for our annual backpack blessing for all of our kids and school facility. We pray that all of you have a fantastic year!



Don't forget the Fall Harvest Festival has many activities for the youth. There will be hayrides, pumpkins for the kids to decorate or carve, and plenty of space for them to run around and enjoy the Granatir Farm!

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Christmas Cantata and party will be Sunday December 13th. There will be more details to come about signing up!

FIRST WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Harvest

OCTOBER

4TH

GRANATIR FAMILY FARM
3708 CR 45 STEUBENVILLE, OH 43952

FESTIVAL

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11AM - FESTIVAL FUN TO FOLLOW TILL 2PM

FRUIT PIE BAKING CONTEST - 10 ENTRIES ONLY - 3 JUDGE PANEL
MUST BRING 2 PIES - CONTACT THE OFFICE TO ENTER!



OUR HOLY SMOKER WILL BE BUSY SMOKING TURKEYS FOR HOT
TURKEY SANDWICHES AND LAST YEAR'S CHILI WINNER, JEFF
LYNCH, WILL BE MAKING HIS VEGETABLE SOUP! GRILLED HOT
DOGS FOR THE KIDDOS AND ALL THE PIE YOU CAN EAT FOR THE
CONGREGATION (THE REAL WINNERS HERE)

hay rides, pumpkin carving, pie auction

Fall 2026

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SMITHFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TREAT OTHERS THE WAY YOU WANT TO BE TREATED

HOMECOMING FESTIVAL

EVERYONE WELCOME - BRING A FRIEND!

Join us for good food, fun & fellowship:
Enjoy burgers, hot dogs, side dishes & ice cream

Children's Activities:
games, bounce house, grab bags, backpack blessing

Meet our children's ministry coordinator:
Michelle Hruschak

THIS FUN EVENT MADE POSSIBLE THRU THE SHARED MINISTRY OF SMITHFIELD AND FIRST WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

FREE ADMISSION!
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
4-6PM
1154 MAIN ST
SMITHFIELD, OH, 43984

We want to show support for our children and their school, we invite you to bring supplies for BUCKEYE WEST ELEMENTARY.
Ex: sandwich bags (re-closable), pocket folders, Kleenex, disinfectant wipes, baby wipes, pencil sharpeners, bingo dabbers, Amazon or Walmart gift cards.

Your generosity will go a long way to helping the teachers help the children learn and thrive

www.smithfieldpc.com

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Fall 2026

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On Sundays-
October 18th
October 25th
November 1st

Starts @ 9:30am

New Members to be received
on Sunday November 15th

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