

FIRST WEST

Love God and Love Others



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A Message from our Minister...

On July 2, 1776, the thirteen American colonies officially celebrated their new found freedom by signing legal paperwork to separate from Great Britain. Before the legal paperwork was signed, John Adams wrote to his wife two days earlier regarding the momentous occasion: "The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more" ("Letter from John Adams to Abigail Adams, 3 July 1776, 'Had a Declaration...'". Adams Family Papers. Massachusetts Historical Society).

Adams' prediction was correct, it just so happened to be two days too early. Congress voted on the Declaration of Independence and approved the resolution on July 4, 1776. Fireworks are on the 4th not the 2nd! As Americans we are blessed to live and claim citizenship in the United States (continued on page 2).

As Christians—we are also blessed beyond measure. We are blessed to be citizens of the Kingdom of God. We must remember the blood and tears of Jesus—“he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross”(Phil. 2:8). Jesus defeated death and through his gracious love offers life to all who call upon his name and follow his word.

As we celebrate the gift of freedom this July, let us praise the Lord for our national freedom and spiritually recommit our hearts to the Lord; let us celebrate the gift of freedom by repenting and following the Word of God. In Galatians 5:1, 13-25, the Word of God reminds us:

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.13 ¶ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. 14 For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. 16 ¶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, 21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 ¶ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

freedom

Keep going for the Lord,

Rev. Jason Elliott

Check out
our
upcoming
events!



VBS Summer 2024
Start the Party
Celebrate the Good News!
June 11,12,13 from 12-3pm



Wednesday Bible Study
In the Cafe
Men's Bible Study at 10 AM
Evening Bible Study at 7pm

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LET'S GET IT STARTED IN HERE! LET'S...



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START *the* PARTY

Celebrate the Good News

**Join us for FIRST WEST VBS June 11-12-13!
Tues-Thurs 12pm-3pm & Pool Party Thurs 6pm**



JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Vacation Bible School is almost here! We look forward to having your kids help us Start the Party by Celebrating the Good News of Jesus! Lunch will be provided each day of VBS. A pool party will be held on Thursday evening. Please register by scanning the QR Code above. For more information please call the church office.





Welcome New Members!

We would like to welcome our newest members to First Westminster--Dr. Kayla Campbell, Anne Misselwitz, Ruth Anne Bruzzese, Mary Beth Firm, Anna Marie Powell, Bryan and Brittany Rupert, Bill and Juanita Welsh, Cynthia Morris, Jack and Audrey Shaw. We are so thrilled to welcome you into our church family! If you are interested in becoming a member at First West, we have new members classes in the spring and fall. The next class will be held in October 2024.



We are blessed to celebrate all our Mothers at First West. A big thank you to the Worship and Music Team for potting all the flowers we gave away to our moms on Mother's Day. If you would like to help as a greeter or help with Music and Worship please call the church office.

We also want to thank our 5-6 grade Sunday School class for making special treats for their moms. Mom, we love you!





Hold Hands...Come Together...and PRAY!

NATIONAL DAY OF
PRAYER

THURSDAY, MAY 2
12:00PM / FORT STEUBEN

*LIFT UP THE WORD
LIGHT UP THE WORLD*



Congratulations to our First West Graduates and their families! We are so proud of your accomplishments. May God continue to bless you and your endeavors!

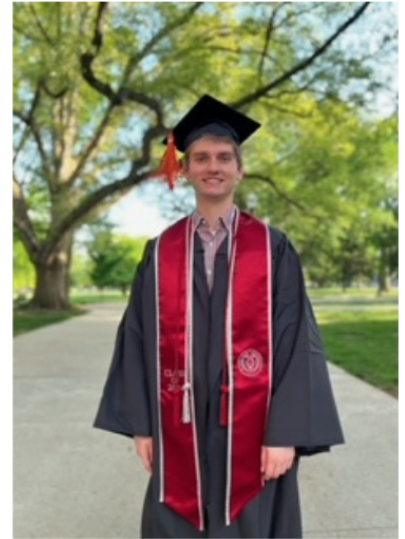


Jeremiah Taylor

Jeremiah is a 2024 Honors Graduate of First Presbyterian Day School in Macon, GA. Born and raised in Steubenville, he has attended FPD since the spring of his Freshman year where he lettered in cross country & track, filmed for the football team, and was on the principal's list for his academic success yearly. Jeremiah volunteers at the local assisted living community and is an active member of the youth group at North Macon Presbyterian Church where he has taken part in several community service projects. Jeremiah will be attending Mercer University in the fall majoring in Business. He is grateful for the opportunity to celebrate today with his family at First West.

Alex Barnhouse

Alex recently graduated Magna Cum Laude from The Ohio State University, earning a bachelor of science in Aerospace Engineering. He will continue his academic journey at OSU, pursuing a master's degree in Aerospace Engineering. While taking classes, he will conduct research, working with other students and faculty to improve the maneuverability of military aircraft using plasma. Alex is a recipient of multiple scholarships/fellowships from the Ohio Space Grant Consortium, funded by NASA. These fellowships will pay for his studies and provide additional funds for the research. He is happy to have found a way to sneak a couple extra years with his beloved Buckeyes!



Gabriella Marie Becker

Gabriella Marie Becker will graduate from Steubenville High School and obtain an associates degree from Eastern Gateway Community College. She plans to attend Franciscan University in the Fall and will major in Early Childhood education.

Congratulations!



LIVE MUSIC & FOOD

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 First Westminster Presbyterian Cruiser Appreciation Day
 235 N. 4th Street Steubenville, OH 43952
 August 24, 2024 (Rain Date- August 25)
 2:00-6:00PM

 All Denominations (Ford, Chevy, Mopar) Welcome!

Bill Davis 740-497-8817
 Henry Kellermier 740-424-1178



Mark your calendars for the 2024 First West Picnic. The picnic will take place Sunday August 4th at 11:00am at Aracoma Park, 930 Logan Ave. Mingo Junction, Ohio, 43938. Please bring a covered dish. If your last name begins with A-M (Potatoes, vegetables, salad) N-Z bring a dessert. Chicken, Fresh Corn on the cobb and drinks will be provided. Our church picnic will be held at the large top shelter house. There is plenty of seating but please feel free to bring a lawn chair. We look forward to seeing you there!

The 28th annual Presbyterian Open Golf Outing will begin with a shotgun start at 9:00am on August 5th at Spring Hills Golf Club in East Springfield, OH. All foursomes are welcome! The cost is \$60.00 per person. Please register your team by calling the office at First Westminster Presbyterian Church 740-282-4591 or email us firstwestpc@gmail.com. Registration deadline is July 29, 2024. Everyone is welcome! Please bring your foursome and enjoy a family atmosphere with great food and awesome prizes!



Trackman Rates

PER PLAYER

1 PLAYER

1HR \$30

2HR \$50

3HR \$70

4HR 90



2 PLAYERS

1HR \$20

2HR \$30

3HR \$40

4HR \$50

3 PLAYERS

2HR \$15

3HR \$25

4HR \$35



4 PLAYERS

2HR \$15

3HR \$25

4HR \$35

COMPETITION
EDGE SPORTS
CHARACTER

FIRST WEST

Call and book a tee time at
(740)-282-4591



The 2024 EDGE Golf Simulator Dedication Luncheon was an outstanding success. We want to thank everyone who made the day so special. A special thanks to our Hall of Fame inductees, the EDGE golf academy participants and their families and all of the coaches and committee members for delicious food and lasting memories. Please stay tuned for more opportunities this summer and fall to participate in EDGE Golf. For more information, please call 740-282-4591 or email firstwestpc@gmail.com.



June-July 2024

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ALWAYS REMEMBER

**SUNDAY, MAY 26TH @6:00PM
OUTSIDE SERVICE**



**Prayer, Worship, Live
Music, Ice Cream Island,
and so much more!**



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