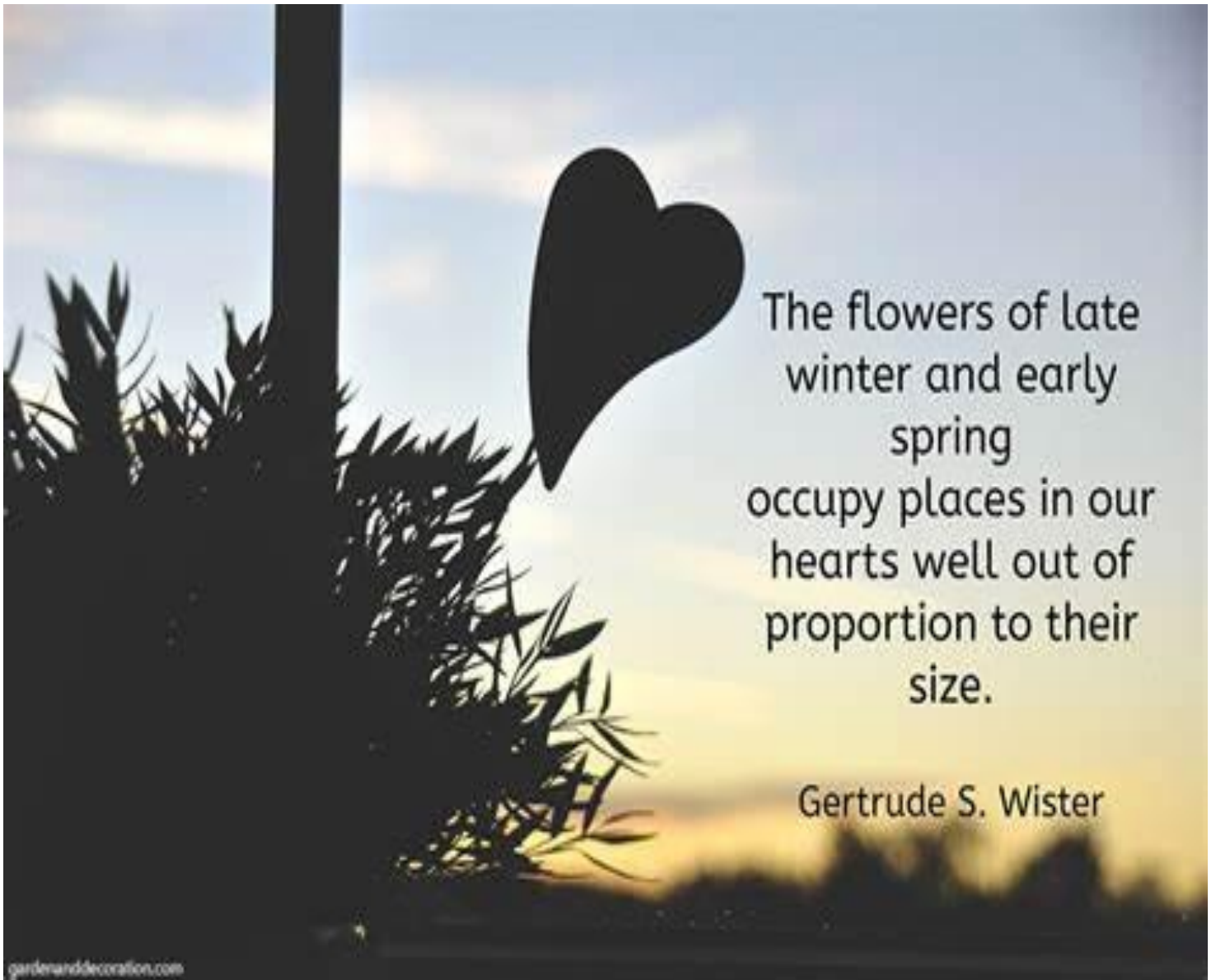


In The Light
St. John Lutheran Church
5600 Junior Furnace-Powellsville Road
Franklin Furnace, Ohio 45629
February, 2023





Service of Lessons & Carols...

Readers of Lessons on January 1, 2023...Sadie Tieman, Sam Tieman, Vivian Riffel, Eli Salyers, Elaina Salyers, Emmitt Salyers. Faithful Acolytes shown are Emmitt and Elaina Salyers. We are all so proud of this dedicated group of young people and the parents and grandparents who bring them here. These youth are the future of St. John! God is so good to us!



George Moore Honored As WSAZ Hometown Hero...

Congratulations to George Moore who was recently recognized as a WSAZ “Hometown Hero” for his 56 years of service as a member of the Green Township Fire Department. George admits that when he first volunteered in 1966 while a student at Green High School, his motive was to be excused from school anytime there was a fire. However, he soon realized how vital the services of the fire department are to the community. He has continued to serve on the fire department since 1966 except for his stint in the United States Navy. He has served as Chief of Green Township Fire Department for 28 years.



George would like to see more people volunteer to become firefighters in Green Township as well as where needed on other fire departments. He insists that he is not a hero but that the volunteers around him are the heroes. He states that he just manages the chaos. Those of us who know George and other members of the Green Fire department believe that they are all heroes and we are grateful for their dedicated service.

George is pictured here with his family accepting the “Hometown Hero” award from WSAZ’s Kimberly Donahue. Brenda and their children and grandchildren stood behind the new fire truck waiting to surprise him.

George had been told WSAZ was coming to report on the new fire truck. Imagine his surprise when his entire family walked around to the front of the truck during the interview! This award couldn’t have been given to a more deserving person. We are all so proud of you George!



In addition to photos with Brenda and his family, George is also photographed with his “Hometown Hero” award and with his dedicated crew of Volunteer firefighters.



St. John Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Call to Order: Council President, Rick Williams, called the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report: Council Secretary, Vicki Floyd, read the minutes of the January 23, 2022, meeting. The minutes stood as read.

Church Council Elections: The ballot was read and approved. Kara Tieman and Vivian Riffel volunteered to be Tellers. Brian Oakes and Tom Bradley passed out the ballots. The only position to be voted on was for Elder and Rusty Gleim was elected.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Oakes, Council Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. Cindy reported that our general fund is in good shape. Our ending balance is \$268,827.04. This is an increase of 4, 659.51 over our expenses. The ending balances for our investments are as follows: Gabelli, \$78,928.47, Fidelity, \$27, 126.78, Barron, \$18, 147.83 We are blessed by the faithfulness of our congregation. Kendra Hughes made the motion to accept the report and pay all outstanding bills. Shane Tieman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor asked us to invite God into our lives this year. We should remember that God wants us to be part of our everyday life and struggles.

We had three students confirmed in 2022. Pastor led two funerals. We should keep all these families in our prayers.

New Business:

Constitution Changes: Rick Williams, Tom Bradley and Brian Oakes presented the suggested changes to the Church Constitution. After some discussion, Shane Tieman made the motion to accept the suggested changes. Jon Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Time Change: Due to Pastor agreeing to assist St. Paul with Sunday worship it has been suggested that St. John move their worship time to 10:00 a. m. to allow Pastor the needed travel time. This change will begin on February 5, 2023,

through April 30, 2023, on a trial basis. Kara Tieman made the motion to accept the time change on the trial basis. Vivian Riffel seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Salary: Cindy Oakes presented the Synod's recommendation for increasing Pastor's salary. The Synod suggested an increase of 4%. This would increase Pastor's salary by \$1, 675. 04 for the 2023 year. Brett Oakes made the motion to approve this increase to Pastor's salary. Debbie Clevenger seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned with all reciting Our Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Floyd

Two of my Favorite Fellas Always Fist Bump After Taking Communion...



Loren Oakes on his way back to his seat after receiving Communion takes time to fist bump his old friend Sonny Mullins. These two go way back to Lyra Elementary School in Vernon Township where they met when Loren was a fourth grader and Sonny was a fifth grader. Loren's mother, Anna Oakes was the fourth-grade teacher. Maybe that has something to do with what a fine man Loren turned out to be!



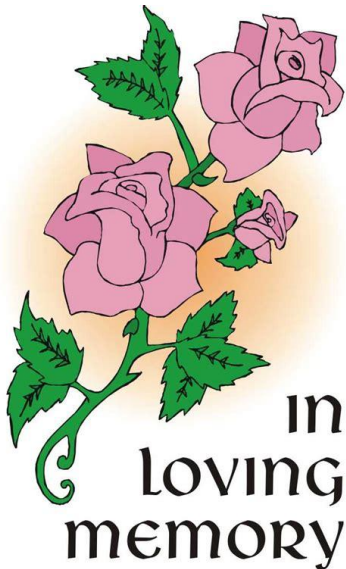
2023 St. John Church Council

Members of the St. John Church Council for 2023 were installed during morning worship on Sunday, January 15th. Pictured from left to right are Jon Bailey, Brian Oakes, Daniel Mullins, Rick Williams, Tom Bradley, Brian Ramey, and Rusty Gleim with Pastor Brent Cavendish in the background. Members not available for pictures were Ed Knapp and Nick Basham. Our congregation is so grateful for these dedicated volunteers who are willing to serve in leadership roles at St. John! May they continue to seek God's will as they make important decisions that affect not only our present situation, but also the future of our precious little church on the hill. Also, we extend our deepest appreciation to Vicki Floyd and Lacy Stevenson who are retiring from serving on Council (at least for the time being). Both have been a real blessing to St. John and I feel certain that both will continue their commitment to sharing God's love and to doing the good works of the congregation of St. John. God bless us all as we strive to do God's work using our hands and God-given talents!

Carol Jane Hill Gleim...1944-2023

Carol Jane (Hill) Gleim, 78, of Wheelersburg, passed away on Friday, January 13, 2023 at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, KY. She was born September 7, 1944 in Ironton, a daughter of the late Ralph N. and Claire R. (Bussey) Hill.

A former member of the Coal Grove Memorial United Methodist Church and most recently a member of St. John Lutheran Church, she was a 1962 graduate of Dawson Bryant High School where she was salutatorian and a member of many activities. After high school, she received her undergraduate degree from Ohio University and a Masters Degree from Marshall University.



Teaching English for the Wheelersburg

Local School District, Carol served on several county curriculum committees and was a cheerleading sponsor. She retired from teaching in 1997 with 31 years of experience. In addition, she was a member of several organizations including the Alpha Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary society for women educators, the Scioto County Retired Teachers Association, and the Ohio Retired Teachers Association.



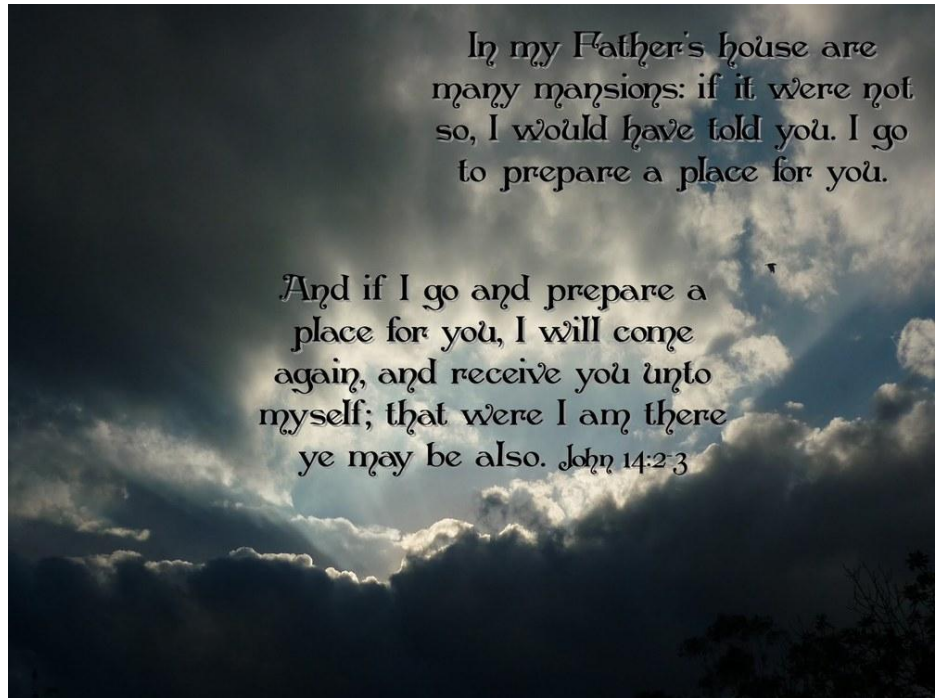
She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Galen Hartman Gleim. The couple was married on August 9, 1969 in Coal Grove. Also surviving is their daughter, Julie Anne Gleim, of Wheelersburg and several other family members and dear friends.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 19th at the Ralph F. Scott Funeral Home in Portsmouth with Rev. Brent Cavendish officiating and interment in the St. John Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in Carol's name to the St. John Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 5600 Jr. Furnace-Powellville Rd., Franklin Furnace, OH 45629 and the Scioto County Retired Teachers Association Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 911, Portsmouth, OH 45662.

Carol was a beloved wife, mother, teacher, and friend to many in our community. Her absence in our community will be deeply felt. Our sincere condolences to Galen and Julie. May they be comforted by Jesus' promise to all of us in John 14:2-3.

Also, we pray for the same comfort to be extended to Shirley, Barry, Rusty, Christy, and Galen who have lost their beloved husband, father, and brother. Loren was such a faithful member of our congregation always ready to help with his time or financial donations. We will all miss his gentle teasing and his many contributions to God's work here at St. John.



Loren Elmer Gleim

Loren Elmer Gleim, 84, of Ironton, passed away Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at his home. Loren was born August 17, 1938 in Scioto County to the late Elmer Eugene Gleim and Wilhelmina Staker Gleim. Loren was employed as a Pipefitter and belonged to the Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 577, retiring after 63 years. He was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church and was instrumental in the layout and building of the church. To Loren his family always came first before coaching Wheelersburg Little League Baseball, 1962 to the mid 70's; Wheelersburg Go-Kart Track 15 to 20 years. He had a great love for model trains, and he also taught the Local 577 Plumbers & Pipefitters Apprentice Class for several years, but family was always first. In addition to his parents, Loren was preceded in death by his sisters, Maurita Willis and Geneva Gleim. Loren is survived by his wife, Shirley Riley Gleim, whom he married September 4, 1959 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Powellsville. He is also survived by two sons, Loren Barry Gleim and Russell Alan Gleim; a daughter, Christina (Scott) May; a brother, Galen Gleim; seven grandchildren, Nikki Skidmore, Emily Gleim, J. C. Goodwin, Cassidy Martin, Austin May, Luke May and Lauren Gleim and four great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requests Memorial Contributions be made in Loren's name to the Wheelersburg Alumni Scholarship Fund or Green Township Alumni Scholarship Fund or St. John's Lutheran Memorial Fund. Services for Loren were held Friday, January 27, 2023 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Powellsville with Rev. Brent Cavendish officiating. Interment followed in St. John's Cemetery. Condolences to the family may be made at www.harrison-pyles.com.



Michael Staker... Many of us here at St. John are broken-hearted to learn of the passing of Michael Staker. Michael is the 33-year-old son of Marty and Patty Staker and grandson to the late Howard Staker. He has attended church here at St. John many times with his Grandpa Howard. He is also survived by his wife Cheryl and daughter Marlee. Maternal grandparents are Dean and Marcella Sparks.



Many members of this congregation are grieving Michael's untimely death. We will be remembering the Staker and Sparks families in our daily prayers. May God comfort them and fill their hearts with peace. Those of us who know this family know they are a Christian family and God has prepared a beautiful place for Michael.

Editor's Note...An obituary was not available at the time of this printing. If one becomes available, we will print it in the March edition of In The Light.



The people of Ukraine, Terry Stevenson, Eric Low, Dale Ramey, Pam Beck, Emily Smith, Jane Staker, Mary Sayre, Katie & Nora Jo Warren, Matthew Eggar, Ralph Scott, Loren Gleim, Peggy Butler, Kyle Montgomery, Jermaine Davis, Tom Rase, Jim Skipworth, Anne Martha Rose Marie Kaufman Becker, Wolfgang Fehling, Petra Fehling, Vivian Riffel, Richard Webb, Karyn Smith, Mary Conklin, Gabe Neely, David Conley, Ed Knapp, Roberta Sommers, Linda Mullins, Mike Cline, Arabella Ruggles, the families of Carol and Galen Gleim and Michael Staker, the Mountain Church in Asmushausen, Germany, local, state, national and world leaders, members of our armed services, especially Tyler Adams, Chandler Slowey, and Ryan Hetsler, and the congregation, youth ministry, and Church Council of St. John.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus...Philippians 4:6-7

Guest Register Stand Designed and Constructed by Brandon Cline...

Brandon Cline is shown here with the beautiful stand he created to hold St. Johns' Guest Registry. The stand is being donated by Everett & Ophelia Hatfield, Kyle Cline, and Brandon in loving memory of Brandon and Kyles' maternal grandparents, Don and Opal Gleim. The workmanship on this beautiful piece of furniture is impeccable!

This is a practical gift that will be used and appreciated for many years by the congregation of St. John. Please let the Cline and Hatfield families know how very much we appreciate this beautiful addition to our narthex.



*Thank
you*

Thank you Pastor Brent and St. John family for all of your prayers, cards, and messages I received. The chicken dinner and dessert Vicki brought over was perfect timing. I am truly blessed and appreciate all of you!!!

Karyn Smith & Family

The Lord bless you, because you have shown this kindness..II Samuel 2:5

Thank you to our beloved church family for the care and concern and many acts of kindness during Loren's journey. We appreciate you and love you..

Shirley & the Gleim family

February



- 01...Ross Bradley
- 03...Jill Cline
- 04...Joyce Bailey
- 04...Leah Gullett
- 05...Jacob Clevenger
- 06...Omarah Mullins
- 07...Collin Neal
- 09...J.C. Goodwin
- 10...Terry Stevenson
- 12...Kendra Hughes
- 15...Dene' DeGonzague
- 16...Kay Staker
- 16...Justin Mahlmeister
- 16...Christen Young
- 19...Debbie Clevenger
- 22...Brandon Cline
- 22...Ethan Gleim
- 25...Alex Smith



- 01...Tracy Riehl
- 02...Russell Gleim
- 05...Barbara Willis
- 05...Bryan Walke
- 09...Danny Beekman
- 11...Lance Williams
- 13...Wendy Queen
- 14...Cheryl Ruggles
- 14...Derrick Gleim
- 15...John Queen
- 17...Daniel Mullins
- 19...Barry Gleim
- 19...Debra Tackett
- 19...Stacy Myers
- 22...Carl Staker
- 23...Cindy Oakes
- 24...Everett Hatfield
- 28...Jim Gleim



- 07...Dean & Mary Conklin
- 14...Jim & Brenda Gleim
- 18...Garrett & Sarah Staker
- 25...Kevin & Dene' DeGonzague

Church is not a place to go to: it is a family to belong to!

A Little Reminder

Prayer Leaders

February 5th ... Kara Tieman
February 12th ...
February 19th ...
February 22nd ... Renee' Basham
February 26th ... Ophelia Hatfield

Lay Readers

February 5th ... Shane Tieman
February 12th ...
February 19th ... Sherry Mullins
February 22nd ... Renee' Basham
February 26th ... Ophelia Hatfield

Bulletin Folders...

February 2nd ... Vivian Riffel & Vicki Floyd
February 9th ... Roberta Sommer & Don Moeser
February 16th ... Sonny & Sherry Mullins
February 22nd ... Brenda & George Moore

Altar Guild 2023...

February... Wendy Queen & Julie Gleim
March... Sherry Mullins & Vicki Floyd
April... Virginia Nickel & Nancy Williams
May... Brenda Moore & Kendra Hughes
June... Debbie Clevenger & Cindy Oakes
July... Amy Fraulini & Joanne Oakes
August... Julie Gleim & Wendy Queen
September... Vicki Floyd & Sherry Mullins
October... Nancy Williams & Virginia Nickel
November... Kendra Hughes & Brenda Moore
December... Cindy Oakes & Debbie Clevenger

**St. John Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2023**

Present

Pastor Brent Cavendish	Tom Bradley	Brian Oakes
Rick Williams	Brian Ramey	Jon Bailey
Rusty Gleim	Daniel Mullins	

Absent

Ed Knapp	Nicholas Basham
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Call to Order: Council President Rick Williams called the meeting to order.

Election of Officers were held and results as follows:

President: Rick Williams	Secretary: Brian Ramey
Vice President: Daniel Mullins	Assistant Secretary: Daniel Mullins

Secretary's Report: Council Secretary Brian Ramey read the minutes from the December 18, 2022 meeting and the Annual Congregational Meeting held January 8, 2023. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Church Treasurer Cindy Oakes presented the December report. Jon Bailey made the motion to approve the report and pay all outstanding bills. Brian Oakes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Several members are in the hospital this month and everyone should keep these members in our prayers.

St. Paul supply pastor assignment will start second Sunday in February. The families of confirmation students have been notified that catechism will begin at 9:00 am instead of 9:30 am to accommodate earlier start time for worship.

Old Business: The furnace has been repaired. The organ repairman will be picking up the old organ. Old organ speakers will need removed also.

New Business: Council discussed several repair and maintenance projects with carpet stretching and cleaning, replacing exterior doors, replacing breaker, pricing new electrical panel, cleaning lights, and water fountain repair.

Council discussed possibilities to streamline service to accommodate Pastor Brent preaching at St. Paul.

Meeting was adjourned with all reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Ramey

Mock Trial Season Underway...

District competitions for Scioto County Mock Trial teams were held on Jan. 17th in the Scioto County Courthouse and the Portsmouth Municipal Building. Congratulations to the Wheelersburg High School Mock Trial Team for placing first in the District Competition. They will compete in Regional Competition on Feb. 7. Regional winners will compete in the State Competition on March 12-14 in Columbus.

Please note that St. Johns' own Addison Mullins is second from the right in the back row of this photo. Addison, daughter of Daniel & Heather Mullins is a Junior at WHS. Addison, we are all so proud of you and wish you and your teammates the best of luck in Regional and State Competition!



Sunday, February 5th...Worship Time
Change!! Worship will start at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 12th @
9:30..Confirmation Class

Sunday, February 19th @ 11:30...Council
Meeting

Wednesday, February 22nd @ 7:00...Ash
Wednesday Service

Sunday, February 26th @
9:30...Confirmation Class

*To submit photos or other information for
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