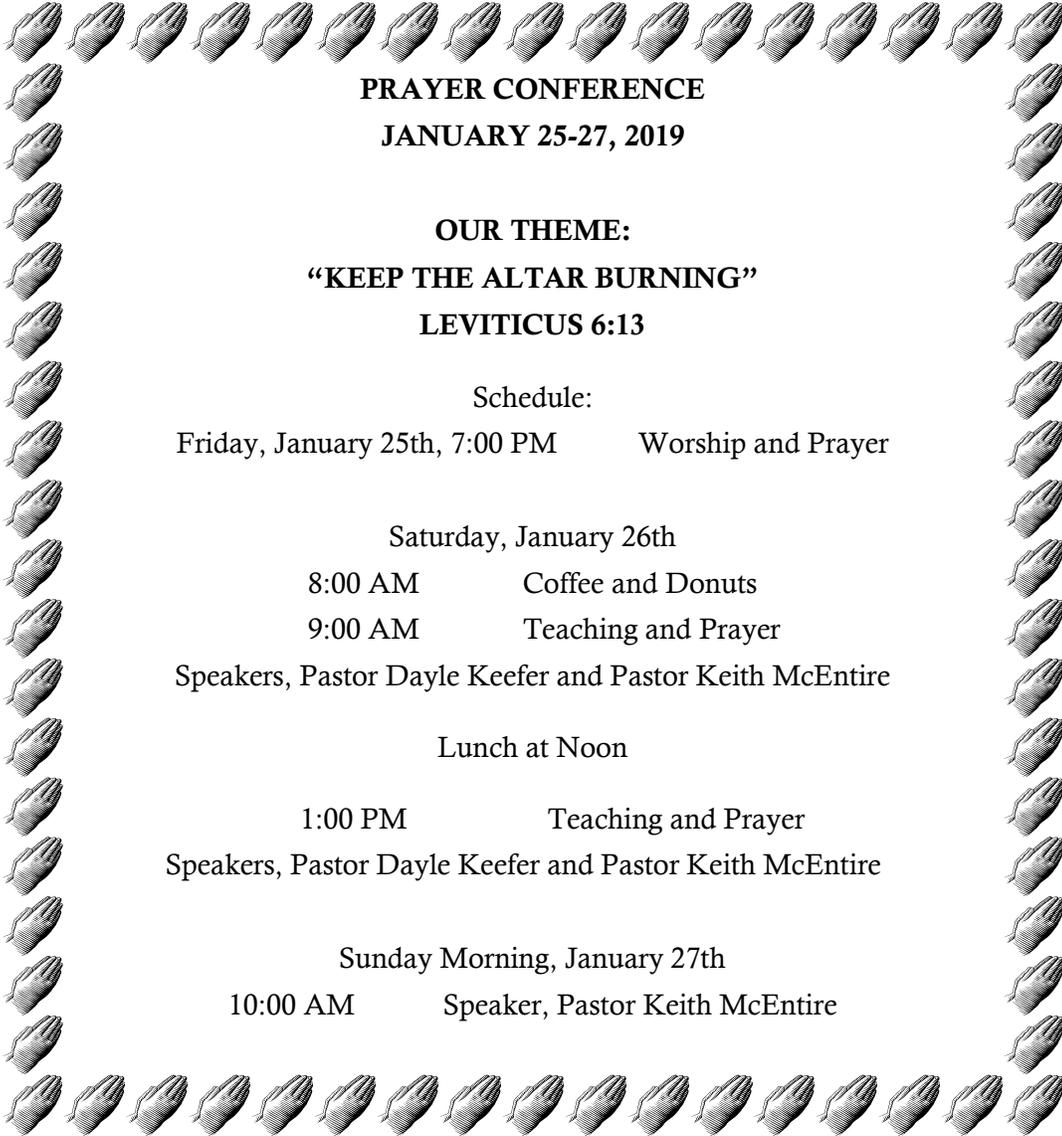


Fluvanna Community Church Newsletter

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FLUVANNA COMMUNITY CHURCH
 3363 Fluvanna Ave. Ext.
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PRAYER CONFERENCE
JANUARY 25-27, 2019

OUR THEME:
“KEEP THE ALTAR BURNING”
LEVITICUS 6:13

Schedule:

Friday, January 25th, 7:00 PM Worship and Prayer

Saturday, January 26th

8:00 AM Coffee and Donuts

9:00 AM Teaching and Prayer

Speakers, Pastor Dayle Keefer and Pastor Keith McEntire

Lunch at Noon

1:00 PM Teaching and Prayer

Speakers, Pastor Dayle Keefer and Pastor Keith McEntire

Sunday Morning, January 27th

10:00 AM Speaker, Pastor Keith McEntire

Schedule of Weekly Services:

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship Service

Tuesday

10 AM Bible Study

Wednesday

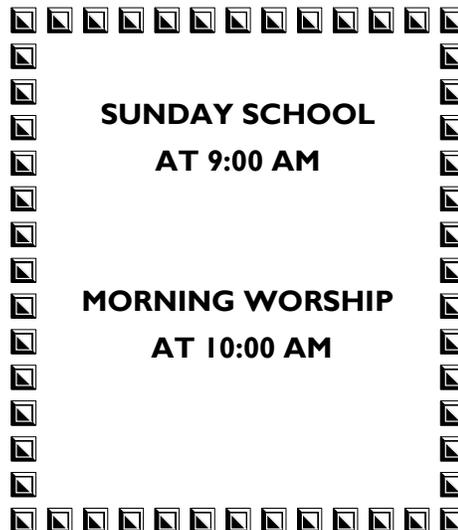
7 PM Corporate Prayer Meeting

Thursday

9:30 AM “Sippin” Seniors

Friday

7 PM Children and Teens in Family Center



SUNDAY SCHOOL
AT 9:00 AM

MORNING WORSHIP
AT 10:00 AM

Assistant Pastor
Richard D. Keefer
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MISSION STATEMENT
Reaching Our Community with a Viable, Believable, Dynamic Gospel Witness Characterized by (Christ-like) Love and Energized by the Power of the Holy Spirit.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jack Signorino	1/03	Charles Blakeslee	1/13
Oakley Etta Wilson	1/03	Harriet Fralick	1/16
Christian Anderson	1/04	Linda Potter	1/23
Matthew Ribbing	1/05	Steve Ribbing	1/26
Terry Caldwell	1/07	Barbara Camp	1/29
Andy Tanner	1/07	Stella Rose Goodwill	1/31
Dennis Goodwill	1/09		
Wendy Howig	1/09		
Judy Holton	1/10		
Victoria Lai	1/11		
Todd Cordner	1/12		
Cindy McNallie	1/12		



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jack and Rose Marie Rizzo 1/18



FEATURED RECIPE

BARBEQUE CHICKEN PIZZA ROLL

Ingredients:

1 can refrigerated pizza crust
 1/2 c shredded cooked chicken
 1 c shredded mozzarella and provolone cheeses
 1 c thick and spicy barbecue sauce, divided
 1 green onion, chopped

Directions:

1. Heat oven to 400
2. Unroll pizza dough onto lightly floured surface; press to form 12 x 8 in rectangle.
3. Brush 1/2 c barbecue sauce onto crust to within 1 in of edges.
4. Top with chicken, onions and cheese.
5. Starting at one long side, roll up to form log; pinch edges together to seal.. Place seam side down, on baking sheet sprayed with cooking spray.
6. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until

golden brown.

7. Let stand 10 minutes before slicing. Serve with remaining barbecue sauce.



Mission Moment

CHOOSE LIFE OF JAMESTOWN

Po Box 911, 560 West Third Street
Westgate Professional Building
Jamestown, New York 14702
(716) 484-1234 (716) 664-5459

Dear Church Family,

Choose Life send you heartfelt thanks for participating in our Cradle Collection Program. Your church generously contributed **\$171.00** to Chautauqua County's only pro-life ministry.

Your support is vital to ongoing operating expenses of Women's Services of Chautauqua County and to the educational and community awareness endeavors of Choose Life of Jamestown. Please extend our gratitude to your congregation.

Your annual Cradle Month is November. We will send you a reminder a couple of weeks prior to this month next year.

God bless you all.

Gratefully,
Phyllis Huling
Cradle Collector Coordinator

UPDATING

PHONE DIRECTORY FOR 2019

A directory information card is in the bulletin. (A directory card is also available in the church office). If you would like your name added to the 2018 church directory please fill out the card and place it in the box in the back of the sanctuary.

**If your name is in the directory already and all information is correct
you do not have to fill out a new card.**

The new directory will be available in February.
Any questions? Please call the church office at 484-0553.

Trustees will be taking down Christmas decorations on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12th.

Please plan on being here to help.

"But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold." Job 23:10
(By Michelle Hamilton)

As I sit and reflect about 2018, I will say it has not been the easiest year of my life, but it certainly has been the year of many lessons for me. Sometimes, life will be cruising along at a fairly even speed and then out of nowhere you may feel like a tsunami hit with no warning. Can you relate? This happened to our family in the summer of 2017, but the answers never came until January of 2018 and from then on, most of the year was what I call a "race to the finish line" with no finish line in sight.

When most people think of a Panda bear, they think of those big black and white bears you may see at the zoo or in a different part of the world. PANDA has a whole new meaning for me now and I rarely think of the bear. Pediatric Autoimmune, Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcus (PANDAS). That is what it now means to me after our 10-year old daughter came down with this mysterious and often misdiagnosed illness last summer. A strep infection not found and treated by her doctor wreaked havoc in her body, destroying her immune system, entering the blood brain barrier and causing many psychiatric symptoms as abruptly as someone goes to bed one evening and wakes up the next morning. That is what happened and she became a child we didn't know. On the search for answers, I became obsessed with figuring out what had happened and what was going on inside my child's body after doctor after doctor couldn't explain it.

Lesson #1 – Never give up – When life seems hopeless and you feel like you will never find an answer to something that is hounding you. Keep going. God sometimes is that "hounder" and puts that spark in you of persistence. Fight for your children or your family. God has given them to you to love, protect, and serve.

After months of searching and finally finding the answer to this mysterious puzzle, we were able to begin the search for treatment. A mysterious and controversial diagnosis it was indeed and we quickly found out that not many doctors were on board with this which meant that there would be no insurance coverage. It was something thousands of kids were suffering with and soon I found out that thousands of parents were tormented with including us, yet if you wanted your kid properly treated it would cost a pretty penny. PANDAS is often connected with other bacterial infections including Lyme disease and its co-infections, which is also highly controversial. Although, our daughter did have a positive Lyme test, as our journey progressed it became clear to me that the strep bacteria could have produced a false positive. No test is 100% accurate as one of the leading doctors in Lyme told me when he said that he did not believe she had Lyme disease (thankfully!).

Lesson #2 – When people say it isn't necessary to go to church, they can do church at home. There is nothing like being a part of a body of believers. It was our church and church family that was one of the most vital forces of sanity for us. Constant prayer, love, cards, and financial support came the second this was opened up to them which made it possible for many of the tests and treatments to happen. Fluvanna Church, I extend my deepest gratitude for taking this opportunity to "be the church" and "love people." There were times during this year, we couldn't make it there, there were times we had to leave early due to a "flare-up" of symptoms, but the constant support never went unnoticed. And this leads me to

Lesson #3 – Reveal your struggles. When we bring something dark inside of us into the light, God will bring people beside us that never would have come because of simply not knowing. I hid this for months ashamed of what was happening or how this made our child act. I didn't want to share it with anyone but the minute I did, it was the turning point. The enemy wants us to be tormented in the darkness but God desires us to bring it to Light. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it." (John 1:5)

Now at the end of 2018, we are in such a better place. I am pleased to say after a year of thinking life would never be the same again; we finally found some treatment plans that worked. The first being a tonsillectomy. When the strep-infected tonsils were removed in July it was the biggest point of healing. Many of those symptoms that began with strep, ended as quickly as they came. We found an amazing doctor who is willing to look outside of the box, outside of the conventional medicine that was not helping but hurting and use gentle forms of treatment that has helped heal the last remaining and lingering symptoms.

Lesson #4 There are really great people out there. Right now we are consumed with negativity. Different opinions can cause rifts and hurtful words spoken to each other. When I began navigating through this illness, I was introduced to strangers that I would never have met otherwise. These great people who came alongside me, going through this same fire themselves and willing to share their knowledge and wisdom and love. They have never met me in person, have no idea who I am, but have that intense burning passion to help others. Never stop helping others and never stop having compassion for those hurting.

I am very thankful for some bigger lessons taught to me directly from God Himself. Along my walk with Him through the years, I have realized that He will always help when I ask. Sometimes though, it takes me time to ask. I try to figure it all out myself or I get caught up in the control and obsession of it. The two biggest lessons through this journey have been:

God can move mountains. I sat down one day looking up every reference to God talking about moving mountains. It all came down to faith and belief. Did I still believe that He could? My faith was being tested and doubt was creeping in. There will always be times in our lives where we go through trials. Trials are a part of every life. This was the biggest trial we had endured as a family. It had taken control of our entire lives. Describing it in these pages doesn't even do justice to the absolute chaos our lives had become. Did I believe that God could move this mountain? Sometimes, I'm not sure if I did, but when we get past our doubt and put on belief no matter what the circumstances, oh yes, God can move mountains. He can and He did. I think that the PANDAS Mountain may continue to rear its ugly head from time to time, but I also know that my faith and belief has to be in complete submission to Him as He brings that mountain into submission and continues to level it.

I also learned that until we embrace our trials, we will never fully get out of them what God intends. I learned this one Sunday afternoon when I was completely alone in the house yet in complete distress at that tsunami that was swirling around me. It's those times when we are completely broken when God will just come out of nowhere and hit us with Truth that can change our paths, our thinking, our mindset, and renew our faith. This was my individual turning point. Every trial we face is allowed by God for our ultimate good. God allows it and He has a purpose for it and that purpose is good. Trials bring us to the power of God and are not intended to steal our joy. Never quit; don't even talk about quitting. If we seek Him, God is always with us in our trials. I wasn't always doing that and I was sinking in my trial, but on this one Sunday afternoon, my entire mindset changed. I knew that until I embraced my trial in an unwavering submission to God, I would never reap the good. So that day, I embraced it. I know I am inside God's will and that "when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold." Job 23:10

Keep pressing on my friends. God is good, He has always been good, He will always be good. The enemy wants nothing more for us to begin to question whether God is good. God cannot not be good. He is and He always will be despite any circumstances. Let that truth sink in. Keep running the race you are on – run the race, fight the fight, keep the faith. God is with you.

Here's to 2019! May the goodness of God shine in your hearts!

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>7 PM All Church Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 AM "Sippin" Seniors</p> <p>7 PM Deacons and Deaconesses Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7 PM Children and Teens Program in the Family Center</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7 PM Official Board Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7 PM All Church Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 AM "Sippin" Seniors</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7 PM Children and Teens Program in the Family Center</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7 PM All Church Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 AM "Sippin" Seniors</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7 PM Children and Teens Program in the Family Center</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7 PM All Church Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 AM "Sippin" Seniors</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7 PM Children and Teens Program in the Family Center</p> <p>7 PM Prayer Conference begins</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9 AM - 4 PM PRAYER CONFERENCE</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7 PM All Church Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:30 AM "Sippin" Seniors</p>		