



**MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.**

10:00am – January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Children’s Ministry (*birth – 6<sup>th</sup> grade*) available

5-6<sup>th</sup> graders leave for class following the singing - last room on left in Edu wing

<b>Welcome/Prayer</b>	Pastor John
<b>Worship in Song</b>	Worship Team
<b>Bible Teaching</b>	Pastor Kevin
<b>Lord’s Supper/Communion</b>	
<b>Worship in Song</b>	Worship Team

**NEW GUESTS:** Please visit the Welcome Booth in café after service to receive a gift! We also invite you to fill out the Connection Card (*seat pocket in front of you*) & drop in the box at the Booth in cafe.

**Special Upcoming Opportunities**

**LORD’S SUPPER/COMMUNION:** All believers in Christ invited to participate this morning in this time of reflection/remembrance of Jesus’ body & shed blood given for our sin (see 1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

**SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION WORKSHOP: Sun. Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 11:45am.** Pizza served – sign up in foyer today! All parents, grandparents, & children’s ministry volunteers encouraged to attend – PARENTAL DISCRETION ADVISED (childcare in Kids Church for birth thru 6<sup>th</sup> gr).

**DISCOVERING OPEN ARMS CHURCH LUNCHEON: Sunday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 11:30-2:30pm.** For new friends to learn the heartbeat, vision, values, and beliefs of OAC. Learn how to connect w/groups & others. This is the NEXT STEP to learn about membership & serving. **Sign up in foyer!**

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES:** Sign up today for a growth group launching in the next 3 weeks (*see back of program for details*)

**INDOOR SPORTS/REC:**

- Mon:** Men’s Basketball 7-9:30pm. Tim Stuitje: tim.stuitje@gmail.com
- Tues:** Kid’s Playdate - 10-noon Tiffani Stuitje: tnt.stuitje@gmail.com
- Tues:** Coed Volleyball - 6:30-8:30pm. Kevin Ellwood: 315-269-6433
- Wed:** Coed Pickleball - 6:30-9:00pm. Tim & Tiffani Stuitje.

**Everyday Life at OAC**

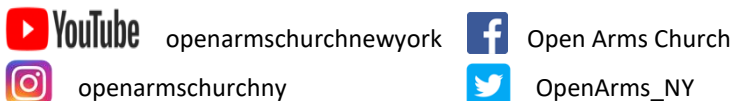
**BAPTISM:** Baptism is a special time to celebrate your journey of faith & obedience to Christ. Contact a pastor to tell of your interest.

**PRAYER:** Join with others on **Sundays 9-9:40am** and/or the **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 6:30pm** in the last room on the left in the Education wing.

**GIVING OPTIONS:** 1) Drop in offering boxes by worship center doors  
2) Check by mail. 3) Use link on website / app. *website: /egiving*

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**There’s a Reason We’re Still Here**

God at Work – Acts 22:21–23:11

<sup>21</sup> And he said to me, ‘Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’”

<sup>22</sup> Up to this word they listened to him. Then they raised their voices and said, “Away with such a fellow from the earth! For he should not be allowed to live.” <sup>23</sup> And as they were shouting and throwing off their cloaks and flinging dust into the air, <sup>24</sup> the tribune ordered him to be brought into the barracks, saying that he should be examined by flogging, to find out why they were shouting against him like this. <sup>25</sup> But when they had stretched him out for the whips, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, “Is it lawful for you to flog a man who is a Roman citizen and uncondemned?” <sup>26</sup> When the centurion heard this, he went to the tribune and said to him, “What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman citizen.” <sup>27</sup> So the tribune came and said to him, “Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?” And he said, “Yes.” <sup>28</sup> The tribune answered, “I bought this citizenship for a large sum.” Paul said, “But I am a citizen by birth.” <sup>29</sup> So those who were about to examine him withdrew from him immediately, and the tribune also was afraid, for he realized that Paul was a Roman citizen and that he had bound him.

<sup>30</sup> But on the next day, desiring to know the real reason why he was being accused by the Jews, he unbound him and commanded the chief priests and all the council to meet, and he brought Paul down and set him before them.

<sup>22:1</sup> And looking intently at the council, Paul said, “Brothers, I have lived my life before God in all good conscience up to this day.” <sup>2</sup> And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. <sup>3</sup> Then Paul said to him, “God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?” <sup>4</sup> Those who stood by said, “Would you revile God’s high priest?” <sup>5</sup> And Paul said, “I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest, for it is written, You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.””

<sup>6</sup> Now when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, “Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. It is with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial.” <sup>7</sup> And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. <sup>8</sup> For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all. <sup>9</sup> Then a great clamor arose, and some of the scribes of the Pharisees’ party stood up and contended sharply, “We find nothing wrong in this man. What if a spirit or an angel spoke to him?” <sup>10</sup> And when the dissension became violent, the tribune, afraid that Paul would be torn to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him away from among them by force and bring him into the barracks.

<sup>11</sup> The following night the Lord stood by him and said, **“Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome.”**

# Winter Growth Groups

*New opportunities to connect with others & grow in your faith*

## MONDAY

- 1) Sermon Discussion Group:** (Men's group)  
Interactive discussion of the Sunday sermon/passage  
Facilitated by Jeff Monte & Dave St. John  
6:00-7:30 p.m. at the church building (Kids Church)  
Meets weekly beginning January 29<sup>th</sup>

## TUESDAY

- 2) Seek First the Kingdom** (Women's group)  
God's invitation to life and joy in the book of Matthew  
Facilitated by Kirsten Baker & Lisa Bailey  
6:00-7:30 p.m. at the church building (Prayer Room)  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays beginning February 6<sup>th</sup>
- 3) Balancing Love & Truth:** (Men & Women)  
An interactive study of 1, 2, 3 John.  
Facilitated by Pastor John  
6:00-7:30pm at the church building (Kids Church)  
Meets weekly beginning January 30<sup>th</sup>

## WEDNESDAY

- 4) Sermon Discussion & Fellowship Group:** (Men & Women)  
Connect with others and discuss Sunday sermon/passage.  
Facilitated by Jeff & Nancy Nuding  
6:30-8:00 p.m. at the church building (Kids Church)  
Every other week from January 31<sup>st</sup> to Memorial Day

## THURSDAY

- 5) Aging Well:** (Men & Women)  
Discover God's plan for us as we grow older.  
Facilitated by Pastor Kevin  
10:00-11:30 a.m. at the church building (Kids Church)  
Meets weekly beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>

## THURSDAY continued. . .

- 6) Wholehearted Living for Jesus:** (Men's group)  
An interactive Bible study for men.  
Facilitated by Mark Dahl & Michael Micheli  
6:00-7:30 p.m. at the church building (Kids Church)  
Meets every other week beginning Jan 25<sup>th</sup>
- 7) Thriving in Joy, not just Surviving:** (Men & Women)  
An interactive study on the book of Philippians.  
Facilitated by Jacob and Jen Dutcher  
6:30-8:00 p.m. at 153 Steadwell Rd., Amsterdam  
Meets weekly beginning February 8<sup>th</sup>

## FRIDAY

- 8) When Memory Issues Hit Home:** (Women's group)  
A biblical support group for women walking with family or freinds experiencing signs of dementia or Alzheimer's.  
Facilitated by Ann Ando  
10:00-11:30 a.m. at church building in the Cafe  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays beginning February 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 9) Sermon Discussion Group:** (Men's group)  
Interactive discussion of the Sunday sermon/passage.  
Facilitated by Bob Baker & Bob Lemay  
6:30-8:00pm at the church building (Kids Church)  
Meets every other week beginning January 26<sup>th</sup>
- 10) Timeless Truths for Marriage:** (Couples group)  
Preparing for or strengthening your marriage God's way  
*(for couples who are married, engaged, or dating).*  
Facilitated by John & Danielle Mulligan  
6:30-8:00 p.m. at 221 Harborside Dr. #236, Sch'dy  
Meets weekly beginning January 26<sup>th</sup>

**Sign up at tables in Worship Center today!**