



## MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

Welcome/Prayer

Pastor John

Worship in Song

Worship Team

Bible Teaching

Pastor Brian

Worship in Song

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

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH/CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES:** Sign up today in foyer for a group that fits your schedule/interest (*see back of program*)!

**MEN'S ADVANCE – IT'S NOT ABOUT US! March 8-9<sup>th</sup>.** All men (13+) join us for a Fri-Sat experience of encouragement, connection & fun. \$25 covers 3 meals beginning w/dinner 6:00pm Friday and ends w/lunch 2:00pm. Sign up in foyer today, see info flyer. Make check out to Open Arms memo: Men's Advance. Due Feb 25<sup>th</sup>.

**3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL KINGDOM BUILDER'S CONFERENCE: Sat. April 13<sup>th</sup> 8:30-1:30pm.** A conference for those who serve in the church. Sessions include: Servant Leadership, Being a Hospitable Church, Embracing Healthy Mental Health & more. **FREE/More info to come (lunch incl)!**

#### **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*

For more information & other opportunities, visit us at:

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## God's Providence

Acts 28:1-10 ESV

**Providence:** The act of purposefully providing for or sustaining and governing the world.

<sup>1</sup>After we were brought safely through, we then learned that the island was called **Malta**. <sup>2</sup>The native people showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold. <sup>3</sup>When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand. <sup>4</sup>When the native people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live." <sup>5</sup>He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. <sup>6</sup>They were waiting for him to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw no misfortune come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

<sup>7</sup>Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named **Publius**, who received us and entertained us hospitably for three days. <sup>8</sup>It happened that the father of Publius lay sick with fever and dysentery. And Paul visited him and prayed, and putting his hands on him, healed him. <sup>9</sup>And when this had taken place, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured. <sup>10</sup>They also honored us greatly, and when we were about to sail, they put on board whatever we needed.

### The Facts

### The Circumstances

### God at Work

For the latest happenings with the new church plant, visit:

**FiresideChurchNY.com**

# Winter Growth Groups

Opportunities for “*New friends*” to Open Arms to connect with others & grow in your faith. Sign up in Foyer!

## 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

## TUESDAY

- 2) 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

## WEDNESDAY

- 3) 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 beginning January 31<sup>st</sup>

## THURSDAY

- 4) Wholehearted Living for Jesus:** (Men’s group)  
An interactive Bible study for men of all ages  
Facilitated by Mark Dahl & Mike Micheli  
6:00-7:30 p.m. at the church building (Kids Church)  
Meets every other week beginning January 25<sup>th</sup>
- 5) 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

## FRIDAY

- 6) When Memory Issues Hit Home:** (Women’s group)  
A biblical support group for women walking with family or friends experiencing signs of dementia or Alzheimer’s  
Facilitated by Ann Ando  
10:00-11:30 a.m. at church building in the cafe  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays
- 7) Sermon Discussion Group:** (Men’s group)  
Interactive discussion of the Sunday teaching text  
Facilitated by Bob Baker & Bob Lemay  
6:30-8:00pm at the church building (Kids Church)  
Meets every other week beginning Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>