



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – March 10th, 2024

Children's Ministry (*birth – 6th grade*) available

Welcome/Prayer	Pastor John
Worship in Song	Worship Team
(5-6 th graders dismissed for class – last room on left in education wing)	
Bible Teaching	Pastor Kevin
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

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP NIGHT: March 29th 6:30pm @ Open Arms
Join us for a night of singing together to the Jesus who died for us!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH/CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES: Be a part of a group that fits your schedule/interest (*see list of groups to the right*).

3rd ANNUAL KINGDOM BUILDER'S CONFERENCE: Sat. April 13th 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 and more. **FREE - Sign up in foyer (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

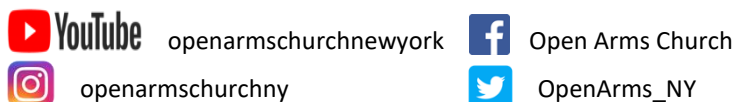
BAPTISM: Baptism is a special time to celebrate your journey of faith & obedience to Christ. Contact a pastor to tell of your interest.

PRAYER: Join with others on **Sundays 9-9:40am** and/or the **2nd & 4th 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:

OpenArmsChurch.com



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

FiresideChurchNY.com

Growth Groups

Opportunities to connect with others & grow in your faith.
Email pastorjohn@openarmchurch.com for more info!

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)
Meets every other week

THURSDAY

- 4) Aging Well:** (Men & Women)
Discover God's plan for us as we grow older.
Facilitated by Pastor Kevin
10:30-12:00 p.m. at the church building (kid's church)
Meets weekly
- 5) 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

- 6) 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

- 7) 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 1st & 3rd Fridays
- 8) 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 2nd

How to Respond to Suffering

Job 2:11–3:26 (ESV)

¹¹ Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they came each from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They made an appointment together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him. ¹² And when they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him. And they raised their voices and wept, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads toward heaven. ¹³ And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

¹ After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth. ² And Job said:

³ "Let the day perish on which I was born,
and the night that said,
'A man is conceived.'

⁴ Let that day be darkness!
May God above not seek it,
nor light shine upon it.

⁵ Let gloom and deep darkness claim it.
Let clouds dwell upon it;
let the blackness of the day terrify it.

⁶ That night—let thick darkness seize it!
Let it not rejoice among the days of the year;
let it not come into the number of the months.

⁷ Behold, let that night be barren;
let no joyful cry enter it.

⁸ Let those curse it who curse the day,
who are ready to rouse up Leviathan.

⁹ Let the stars of its dawn be dark;
let it hope for light, but have none,
nor see the eyelids of the morning,

¹⁰ because it did not shut the doors
of my mother's womb,
nor hide trouble from my eyes.

¹¹ "Why did I not die at birth,
come out from the womb and expire?

¹² Why did the knees receive me?
Or why the breasts, that I should nurse?

¹³ For then I would have lain down and been quiet;
I would have slept; then I would have been at rest,

¹⁴ with kings and counselors of the earth
who rebuilt ruins for themselves,

¹⁵ or with princes who had gold,
who filled their houses with silver.

¹⁶ Or why was I not as a hidden stillborn child,
as infants who never see the light?

¹⁷ There the wicked cease from troubling,
and there the weary are at rest.

¹⁸ There the prisoners are at ease together;
they hear not the voice of the taskmaster.

¹⁹ The small and the great are there,
and the slave is free from his master.

²⁰ "Why is light given to him who is in misery,
and life to the bitter in soul,
²¹ who long for death, but it comes not,
and dig for it more than for hidden treasures,
²² who rejoice exceedingly
and are glad when they find the grave?
²³ Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden,
whom God has hedged in?
²⁴ For my sighing comes instead of my bread,
and my groanings are poured out like water.
²⁵ For the thing that I fear comes upon me,
and what I dread befalls me.
²⁶ I am not at ease, nor am I quiet;
I have no rest, but trouble comes."

1) Be honest with God.

-Be honest about your pain.

-Be honest about your questions.

-Bring your pain & questions to God. (7:11-21)

2) Keep trusting in God.

-Keep trusting God is powerful. (9:4–12)

-Keep trusting God is in control. (19:8–10)

-Keep trusting God is wise. (28:12,20,23)