



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – April 21st, 2024

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

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

DISCOVERING OPEN ARMS LUNCHEON: Sun, April 28th 11:30-2:30pm. For new friends to learn the heartbeat, vision, and core beliefs of OAC, as well as how to get connected with others in Growth Groups. The next step for membership & serving. **Sign up in foyer – Free lunch!**

PRACTICAL OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: Cleaning Team (*once a week for 90 minutes – day/time TBD*). Landscape Team (*mow lawn/edging, water plants*). Mercy/Care Team (*as needed: rides/shop/visit seniors & shut ins*). Meals Ministry (*on call/online communication*). Kids Ministry - Assistants (*serve alongside leaders/teachers once a month*). **SIGN UP IN FOYER IF INTERESTED TO KNOW MORE – NO OBLIGATION.**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MEETING: Sun, April 21st @ 11:30am Join us in the Kid’s Church room to learn NEW ways to get involved.

CITY MISSION 118th Anniversary Banquet: Sun. 4/28, 3pm. or Mon. 4/29, 6:30pm @ Glen Sanders. Seating limited, bring a generous gift & a friend. RSVP: BanquetRSVP@CityMission.com.

ALPHA PREGNANCY CARE CTR Annual Banquet: Sun. 4/28, 2pm or Mon 4/29, 5:30pm @ Marriot Albany - Wolf Rd. Bring a generous gift & a friend. RSVP: banquest@alphacare.org or (518) 689-0413.

SAVE THE DATE: Women’s Retreat at OAC May 17-18th

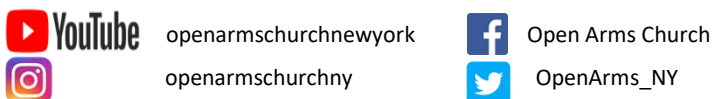
INDOOR SPORTS/REC:

- Mon:** Men’s Basketball 7-9:30pm. 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

YOUTH GROUP: Teens in 7th-12th grade invited Sunday evenings from 6-8pm for teaching/connections/snacks/games. *website: /youth*

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



Growth Groups

Opportunities to connect with others & grow in your faith.
Be a part of a group that fits your schedule/interest
Email pastorjohn@openarmchurch.com for more info!

MONDAY

- 1) Sermon Discussion Group:** (Men’s group)
Interactive discussion of the Sunday sermon/passage
Facilitated by Dave St. John
6:00-7:30 p.m. 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
10:00-11:30 a.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

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 1st & 3rd 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

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

FiresideChurchNY.com

God's Helper Gifted to Each Disciple of Christ

Various Scriptures (ESV)

*"If you love me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another **Helper**, to be with you forever, even the **Spirit** of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you." John 14:15-17*

The Holy Spirit works in and thru believers to:

1. Help us understand God's mind & will - then how to pray.

¹⁰These things God has revealed to us through the **Spirit**. For the **Spirit** searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the **Spirit** of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the **Spirit** who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. *(1 Corinthians 2:10-12)*
²⁶Likewise the **Spirit** helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the **Spirit** Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the **Spirit**, because the **Spirit** intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. *(Romans 8:26-27)*

The Holy Spirit works in and thru believers to:

2. Help us serve others in God's church for its health.

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed... ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same **Spirit**; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the **Spirit** for the common good... ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same **Spirit**, who apports to each one individually as He wills. *(1 Cor 12:1, 4-7, 11)*
¹⁰As each has received a gift (*spiritual*), use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. *(1 Peter 4:10)*

The Holy Spirit works in and thru believers to:

3. Help produce Christlike character in us as we walk w/Him

¹⁶But I say, walk by the **Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the **Spirit**, and the desires of the **Spirit** are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the **Spirit**, you are not under the law... ²²But the fruit of the **Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And

those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the **Spirit**, let us also keep in step with the **Spirit**." *(Galatians 5:16-18, 22-25)*

The Holy Spirit works in and thru believers to:

4. Help teach us Jesus' words & gives us His peace in trouble.

²⁵These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the **Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in My name, **He** will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. *(John 14:25-27)*

Are you in Christ, is Christ in you? If so, you've received the Holy Spirit whom Jesus promised to those who believe in Him

¹³In Him (*Jesus*) you also are included, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and having believed in Him, were sealed with the promised **Holy Spirit**,
¹⁴Who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory
(Ephesians 1:12-13)

Save the Dates: All invited to a 12 - week Growth Group on:
"The Person and Power of the Holy Spirit"
Embracing a culture of prayer

Tuesdays beginning June 4th 6:00-7:30pm (*pizza dinner prior*)?
Wednesdays June 5th 10:00-11:30am (*continental breakfast*)?