



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER

10:00am – November 17th, 2024

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

- Welcome/Prayer** Pastor Brian
- Songs of Worship** Worship Team
(5-6th grade leave for class in Edu Wing, last room on left)
- Message** Pastor Kevin
- Song of Worship** Worship Team

NEW GUESTS: Visit Welcome Booth for more info and a gift

Special Upcoming Opportunities

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2025: Copies of the proposed budget for next year are available in foyer. Plan to attend the Annual Meeting on Sunday, Dec 1st following the worship service for discussion & questions. Members will vote by private ballot on Sunday, Dec 14th.

CHRISTMAS GREENING & CHILDREN’S GIFT SHOP: Sunday, Nov 24th
Join us from 4-5:30pm @ Open Arms as we decorate the church building together for Christmas. Fun activities & Christmas gift shop for children to choose & wrap gifts for family. Pizza dinner & Christmas cookies for all. Sign up in foyer to volunteer & RSVP. Contact Molly St. John for info molly@openarmschurch.com

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER MARRIAGE CONFERENCE: Nov 22-24th
At the Saratoga Hilton. See flyer in foyer. Contact Kevin Ellwood at ellwoodkt@gmail.com. Register @ WeekendtoRemember.com \$275/couple with Group Code: Ellwoods

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Sat., Dec 14th @ 7pm. Join us for a night of Christmas worship with regional Christian artist Dave Pettigrew. Invite friends & family! Free admission (love offering received)

INDOOR SPORTS/REC:

- Mon:** Men’s Basketball –7-9pm Andrew Knapp: knappsterx@gmail.com
- Tues:** Kid’s Playdate – 10am-12pm Tiffanie Stuitje: tnt.stuitje@gmail.com
- Tues:** Coed Volleyball – 6:30-8:30 Kevin Ellwood: 315.269.6433

Everyday Life at OAC

BAPTISM: Baptism is a special time to celebrate your journey of faith & obedience to Christ. Contact a pastor for next steps.

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.

YOUTH GROUP: Teens in 7th-12th grade invited Sunday evenings from 6-8pm for teaching/connection/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*

For more information & other opportunities, visit us at:

OpenArmsChurch.com



[openarmschurchnewyork](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)



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[openarmschurchny](https://www.instagram.com/openarmschurchny)



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For the latest w/the Glenville church plant, visit:
FiresideChurchNY.com

Grace Giving

2 Corinthians: God’s Power in Our Weakness

8:1–15 (ESV)

¹ We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ² for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor (grace) of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶ Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷ But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—**see that you excel in this act of grace also.**

⁸ I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. ¹⁰ And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. ¹¹ So now **finish doing it as well**, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. ¹² For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. ¹³ For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness ¹⁴ your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ¹⁵ As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.” (Exodus 16:18)

1) Grace demonstrated by giving. (v1-8)

2) Giving motivated by grace. (v9)

3) Proportional & mutual giving. (v10-15)

(Next week’s passage: 2 Corinthians 8:16-24)

Fall 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
5:30-6:45 p.m. at the church building (Kid's Church)
Meets weekly

TUESDAY

- 2) In View of God's Mercies: (Women's group)**
The gift of the gospel in the book of Romans. Discover how the gospel changes our eternal future and our present reality.
Facilitated by Kirsten Baker & Lisa Bailey
6:00-7:30 p.m. at the church building (prayer room)
1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays
- 3) 10 Questions to Diagnose Your Spiritual Health: (Men/Women)**
No matter where you are in your walk with Christ, learn how to do a self-check on your spiritual wellbeing.
Facilitated by Pastor Brian
6:00-7:30pm at the church building (Kid's Church)
Meets weekly

WEDNESDAY

- 4) Sermon Discussion Group: (Men & Women)**
Connect with others and discuss Sunday sermon/passage.
Facilitated by Gordon Tucker
10:00-11:30 a.m. at the church building (Kid's Church)
Meets weekly
- 5) Sermon Discussion Group: (Men & Women)**
Connect with others and discuss Sunday sermon/passage.
Facilitated by Jeff & Nancy Nuding, Jeff & Robin Gill
6:30-8:00 p.m. at the church building (Kid's Church)
Meets every other week

THURSDAY

- 6) We Are Men: (Men's group)**
A biblical perspective on godly manhood.
Facilitated by Mark Dahl & Michael Micheli
6:00-7:30 p.m. at the church building (Kid's Church)
Meets every other week

FRIDAY

- 7) Sermon Discussion Group: (Men)**
Interactive discussion of the Sunday sermon/passage.
Facilitated by Bob Baker & Bob Lemay
6:30-8pm at 2910 Pattersonville Rynex Rd, Pattersonville
Meets every other week
- 8) Sermon Discussion Group: (Men & Women)**
Interactive discussion of the Sunday sermon/passage.
Facilitated by Kevin & Becca Ellwood
6:30-8:00 p.m. at 3634 Guilderland Ave, Rotterdam
Meets weekly

Contact Pastor Brian to assist in joining a group – brian@openarmschurch.com