



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER

10:00am – January 12th, 2025

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

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

NEW GUESTS: Visit our Welcome Booth for more information and gift

Special Upcoming Opportunities

NEW GROUPS BEGIN: Opportunities to connect with others and explore the Bible in smaller groups coming. Sign up today.

DISCOVERING OPEN ARMS CLASS: Sun, Feb. 2nd 11:30–2:00pm
Designed to help new friends understand our mission, core beliefs, & ways to get involved. Lunch provided.

MEN’S ADVANCE @ OAC: Fri, Feb 7th, 6pm to lunch on Sat the 8th.
Mike Saccocio, Director of the Schenectady City Mission will be with us teaching on this year’s theme: “Discipleship is an adventure!”
All men 13+ are invited. Sign up today in foyer! \$25 registration (please place in offering boxes and include your name).

SAVE THE DATE: Women’s Retreat @ OAC April 25-26th

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:

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Do I Depend on God?

2 Corinthians: God’s Power in Weakness
12:1-10 (ESV)

¹ I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵ On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses— ⁶ though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, **“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”** Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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FiresideChurchNY.com

(Next week’s passage: 2 Corinthians 12:11-21)

Winter Growth Groups

New opportunities to connect with others & grow in your faith

MONDAY

TUESDAY

- 1) **The Gospel of John - Savoring the Peace of Jesus in a Chaotic World** by Melissa Spoelstra (Women's group)
Facilitated by Kirsten Baker & Lisa Bailey
6:00-7:30 p.m. at the church building (prayer room)
1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays beginning February 4th

- 2) **Psalm 23 – The Shepherd with Me**
by Jennifer Rothschild
(Women's group)
Facilitated by Jolee Helf
10:00-11:30am at 2193 New Scotland Rd, Slingerlands
Meets weekly beginning January 21st

- 3) **Prayer Meeting**
(Men & Women)
6:30pm in the Prayer Room
Meets on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays beginning January 14th

WEDNESDAY

- 4) **Hebrews**
A NavPress LifeChange Study
Facilitated by Anthony & Linda Kovel and Lon & Heather Walker (Men & Women)
6:30-8:30 p.m. at alternating homes in Rotterdam and Niskayuna
Meets every week beginning January 22nd

- 4) **Galatians**
(Men & Women)
Facilitated by Brian Helf
6:30-8:00 p.m. at church
Meets every week beginning January 22nd

THURSDAY

- 5) **We Are Men:**
(Men's group)
A biblical perspective on godly manhood.
Facilitated by Mark Dahl
6:00-7:30 p.m. at the church building (Kid's Church)
Meets every other week beginning January 23rd

FRIDAY

- 7) **Sermon Discussion Group:** (Men's group)
Interactive discussion of the Sunday sermon/passage.
Facilitated by Bob Baker & Bob Lemay
6:30-8pm at 2862 Pattersonville Rynex Rd, Pattersonville
Meets every other week beginning January 24th

- 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 1st & 3rd Fridays beginning January 17th