



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER

10:00am – January 19th, 2025

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 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: Feb 7-8th Begins Friday with dinner @ 6pm and ends Saturday after lunch. Mike Saccocio, Director of the Schenectady City Mission, will teach 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, designate “Men’s Advance” 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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FiresideChurchNY.com

True Ministry Builds Others Up

2 Corinthians: God’s Power in Weakness
12:11-21 (ESV)

¹¹ I have been a fool! You forced me to it, for I ought to have been commended by you. For I was not at all inferior to these super-apostles, even though I am nothing. ¹² The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works. ¹³ For in what were you less favored than the rest of the churches, except that I myself did not burden you? Forgive me this wrong!

¹⁴ Here for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be a burden, for I seek not what is yours but you. For children are not obligated to save up for their parents, but parents for their children. ¹⁵ I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls. If I love you more, am I to be loved less? ¹⁶ But granting that I myself did not burden you, I was crafty, you say, and got the better of you by deceit. ¹⁷ Did I take advantage of you through any of those whom I sent to you? ¹⁸ I urged Titus to go, and sent the brother with him. Did Titus take advantage of you? Did we not act in the same spirit? Did we not take the same steps?

¹⁹ Have you been thinking all along that we have been defending ourselves to you? It is in the sight of God that we have been speaking in Christ, and all for your upbuilding, beloved. ²⁰ For I fear that perhaps when I come I may find you not as I wish, and that you may find me not as you wish—that perhaps there may be quarreling, jealousy, anger, hostility, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder. ²¹ I fear that when I come again my God may humble me before you, and I may have to mourn over many of those who sinned earlier and have not repented of the impurity, sexual immorality, and sensuality that they have practiced.

- 1) ...by showing God’s patience & power. (11-12)
- 2) ...by sacrificing for others. (13-15)
- 3) ...by walking with integrity. (16-18)
- 4) ...by addressing sin. (19-21)

(Next week’s passage: 2 Corinthians 13:1-10)

Winter Growth Groups

New opportunities to connect with others & grow in your faith

TUESDAY

- 1) **The Gospel of John:** (Women's group)
A Bible Study by Melissa Spoelstra
Facilitated by Kirsten Baker & Lisa Bailey
6:00-7:30pm at the church building (Prayer Room)
Meets on 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays beginning February 4th

- 2) **Psalm 23 – The Shepherd with Me:** (Women's group)
A Bible study by Jennifer Rothschild
Facilitated by Jolee Helf
10:00-11:30am at 2193 New Scotland Rd, Slingerlands
Meets weekly beginning January 28th

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

WEDNESDAY

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

- 5) **Galatians:** (Men & Women)
Facilitated by Brian Helf
6:30-8:00pm at the church building
Meets weekly beginning January 22nd

THURSDAY

- 6) **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

Sign up today at the tables in the Worship Center!