



Following Jesus Together

10:00am – February 23rd, 2025

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

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

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

Special Upcoming Opportunities

CHURCH FAMILY POTLUCK: Friday, March 14th @ 6pm. Good food, fun, and fellowship for the whole family. Save the date and if you're able to join us go to openarmschurch.com/potluck to RSVP.

GROWTH GROUPS: Opportunities to connect with others and explore the Bible in smaller groups. See groups listed to the right.

SAVE THE DATE: Women's Retreat @ OAC April 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 *website: /egiving*

For more information & other opportunities, visit us at:

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Winter Growth Groups

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

WEDNESDAY

- 4) Hebrews:** (Men & Women)
A NavPress LifeChange Study
Facilitated by Anthony & Linda Kovel,
Lon & Heather Walker
6:30-8:30pm @ alternating homes in
Rotterdam/Niskayuna
Meets weekly
- 5) Galatians:** (Men & Women)
Facilitated by Brian Helf
10:00am at the church building
Meets weekly beginning January 29th
- 6) Galatians:** (Men & Women)
Facilitated by Brian Helf
6:30pm at the church building
Meets weekly

THURSDAY

- 7) 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

FRIDAY

- 8) 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
- 9) 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

For help connecting with a group contact Pastor Brian

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A Picture of Kindness

Book of Ruth: The Lord Shows His Kindness

Chapter 3 (ESV)

¹ Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you? ² Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. ³ Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do.” ⁵ And she replied, “All that you say I will do.”

⁶ So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had commanded her. ⁷ And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came softly and uncovered his feet and lay down. ⁸ At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and behold, a woman lay at his feet! ⁹ He said, “Who are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer.” ¹⁰ And he said, “May you be blessed by the LORD, my daughter. You have made this last **kindness** greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. ¹¹ And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman. ¹² And now it is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I. ¹³ Remain tonight, and in the morning, if he will redeem you, good; let him do it. But if he is not willing to redeem you, then, as the LORD lives, I will redeem you. Lie down until the morning.”

¹⁴ So she lay at his feet until the morning, but arose before one could recognize another. And he said, “Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.” ¹⁵ And he said, “Bring the garment you are wearing and hold it out.” So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley and put it on her. Then she went into the city.

¹⁶ And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, “How did you fare, my daughter?” Then she told her all that the man had done for her, ¹⁷ saying, “These six measures of barley he gave to me, for he said to me, ‘You must not go back empty-handed to your mother-in-law.’”

¹⁸ She replied, “Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest but will settle the matter today.”

(Next week's passage: Ruth chapter 4)