

COMING DATES TO NOTE

4-1

Offices Closed

4-10

Wednesday Warriors - 8:30 am

4-13

Women's Iron Sharpens Iron Conference
- 8:30 to 4 pm

4-17

AWANA Store - 6 to 7:30 pm

4-19

TORCH Items Due to Office - Noon
CCYC Trivia Night Fundraiser - 6 pm

4-20

Ladies Spring Brunch - 9:30 am

4-21

Congregational Mtg. - 10:15 am
Soup & Prayer - 5 to 6 pm

4-22

CCYC Blood Drive - 3 to 7 pm

4-24

AWANA Awards & Pizza Night
- 6 to 7:30 pm

4-27

M Johnston Graduation Open House
- 2 to 5 pm

4-28

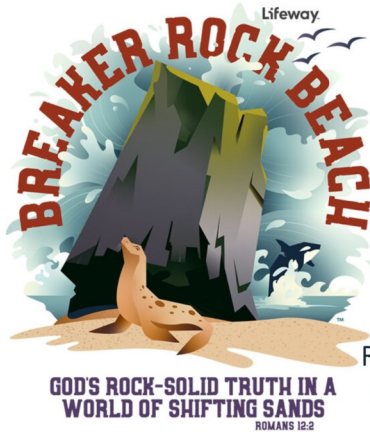
M Lindsey Bridal Shower - 1 to 3 pm

7-14 to 7-18

VBS 2024

****To see more events and details, visit our
online calendar at oscochurch.org/calendar.**

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



VBS 2024

JULY 14 – 18

Dinner @ 5:15 pm

VBS runs 6 to 8 pm

For Children Ages 3 to Finishing 5th Grade

Register here with the QR code
or online at oscochurch.org!!



We are in need of refrigerator or oversized cardboard boxes
to start prepping scenery for VBS 2024. Boxes can be left in the
entryway by the offices. - Thank you, OCC Staff



**Soup
AND
Prayer**

Sunday at 5 - 6 PM

April 21

Come for some soup & fellowship
followed by a time of prayer.
(Soup will be provided!)



April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Offices Closed	2 9 am Staff Mtg	3 6 pm Awana 7:30 pm Worship Team Practice	4	5	6
7 9 am Worship/Communion 10:30 am Sunday School	8 6:30 pm Elder Mtg	9 9 am Staff Mtg	10 8:30 am Wednesday Warriors 6 pm Awana 7:30 pm Worship Team Practice	11	12	13 8:30 am – 4 pm Women's ISI Conference
14  9 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	15	16 9 am Staff Mtg	17 6 pm Awana Store 7:30 pm Worship Team Practice	18	19 9 am – Noon F.A.I.T.H. Homeschool Group Noon -TORCH <i>Items</i> Due to Office 6 pm CCYC Trivia Night Fundraiser	20 9:30 am Ladies Spring Brunch @ CCYC
21 9 am Worship 10:15 am Congregational Mtg. 10:30 am Sunday School 5 pm Soup & Prayer	22 3 to 7 pm CCYC Blood Drive 6:30 pm Elder Mtg	23 9 am Staff Mtg	24 6 pm Awana Pizza & Awards Night 7:30 pm Worship Team Practice	25	26 9 am – Noon F.A.I.T.H. Homeschool Group	27 2 to 5 pm M Johnston Graduation Open House
28 9 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 1-3 pm M Lindsey Bridal Shower	29	30 9 am Staff Mtg				

April Birthdays

C Snook	9
M Betcher	21
C Keeney	23
H Akers	24
T Henschel	30

April Anniversaries

M & D Carlson	2
E & C Carlson	3
A & S Osborne	7
B & J Franck	13
S & T Scott	28
S & K Janson	29

Did you miss a **Sunday** due to vacation or illness?
Recent copies of the sermons, sermon notes
& the current bulletin is available to
download from our website, oscochurch.org.

Check out the Information Center for copies of
Church Around the World, Acts & Facts,
current **Sunday School** classes, & **Our Daily Bread**.

FINANCE MINISTRY

If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Ministry at financeministry@oscochurch.org.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE - General Fund				Fund Balances - February 2024	
	February 2024	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	General	\$68,235
Tithes & Offerings	\$12,468	\$28,596		Building	\$29,733
Expenses	\$18,936	\$34,660	\$38,678	Outreach	\$5,937
Variance	\$6,468	\$6,064		Missions	\$16,241

Did you know there are Four Ways to give to Osco Community Church?

1. Go to our church website and click on the **GIVE** link. (No apps required)
2. Place your envelope in the offering box on Sunday morning
3. Mail checks to the church address, ATTN: Finance Team
4. Scan the QR code to the right



Attendance - 4 Weeks

	<u>Service</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
3/3/24	127	92
3/10/24	97	76
3/17/24	118	86
3/24/24	<u>97</u>	<u>84</u>
Average	110	85

MISSIONS BUDGET

We need \$10,223 in order to meet the 2024 budget quarterly.

In order to meet the 2nd quarter of 2024, we need \$10,223.

TORCH Items are due to the Church Office by **April 19th at Noon.**

Just a reminder that we cannot guarantee space in the newsletter if items are sent in after the deadline!!



Cambridge Community & Youth Center
Ministry Site for Central IL YFC
facebook.com/CYCcambridgeIL

Cambridge Community and Youth Center provides a safe place where respect and relationships are encouraged, the community is served, and the Kingdom of God is furthered.

Supply needs for the Center this month:

Granola Bars, Peanut Butter Crackers, etc.
Bottled Water - both 8 oz & 16 oz bottles
8 or 9 inch plates - paper or styrofoam

Please pray for the Center this month:

- *Fundraising is in high gear for camp. Several opportunities/events coming up this month. Please pray these are successful.
- *Pray for those still interested in camp but not committed to camp. At this time, 17 students are planning to go.

Thank you for faithfully praying for and supporting the Center!

Join us for a
Cambridge Community & Youth Center
TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER
Friday, April 19th
Doors open at 5 pm, Trivia starts at 6 pm.

Cost: \$100 for a table of 8 or \$12.50 per person if not filling a table.
Cost includes answer sheets, 5 mulligans, & 1 double sticker per table. There will be a prize for the winning team.

Pulled pork sandwich, hot dogs, chips, dessert & beverage available for donation.
Raffle items from local businesses & individuals.

407 North West Street, Cambridge, IL • dvincen@yfcpa.org • (309) 945-6936

Proceeds to fund summer camp scholarships

**This is a non-alcoholic event.

BLOOD DRIVE

[BLOODCENTER.ORG](https://bloodcenter.org)

Cambridge Community & Youth Center
April 22, 2024
3 – 7 pm

Contact Doreen Vincent at 309-945-6936 to sign up today!



ADULT MINISTRY

UPSIDE DOWN

A STUDY THROUGH THE BEATITUDES

Upcoming Sermons from Pastor Paul

April 7th: Guest Speaker - Missionary D DeBoef
- The Legacy Home

April 14th: Blessed are the Peacemakers
- Matthew 5:9

April 21st: Blessed are the Persecuted
- Matthew 5:10-12

April 28th: Worship and Warning
- Psalm 95

SUNDAY SCHOOL

—CLASSES FOR ALL AGES—

Sunday Mornings after Worship Services

Age 2 – Kindergarten – M Gay - Room C.1.3.

1st & 2nd Grade – D Wallace/N Hatfield - Room C.1.7.

3rd – 5th Grade – M Carlson/T Henschel - Room C.1.4.

6th – 12th Grade – T & K Akers - Room A.2.1.

Experiencing the Cross – Men's Class - Room A.2.2.

Finding Purpose in A Confused World – Women's Class
- Fellowship Hall

CAKE SUNDAY – SUNDAY, APRIL 14th



Sign up at the Information Center to help provide a dessert or fruit for Cake Sunday.
Please see Katie Janson with any questions.

OUR ELDERS

Elder Meeting Updates:

Both of our meetings began, as usual, with sharing prayer requests and praying for the needs of our church family and community. During our first meeting we also met with Wendy and Deb from Royal Family Kids Camp. Because of changes at their previous church, they are looking for a new host church for this ministry in Henry County. This would primarily involve a commitment on the church's part to provide volunteers, use of the church facility for training as well as the sending off and returning events, and some ministry oversight. After taking some time to prayerfully consider and then discuss this opportunity at the next meeting, the elders decided to put it to the congregation since this would need widespread support by the church to function well. We will be having a congregational meeting on April 21 for Wendy and Deb to share more, but please let the elders know in the meantime if you believe we should pursue this opportunity, if you are willing to help serve in it, and any other questions you might have about it. At our meetings this month we also continued our elder training, looking at 1 Timothy 3, discussed various administrative and shepherding matters, and finalized the 2024 ministry goals, which can be found in this Torch.

Future Meeting Dates:

April 8th at 6:30 pm

April 22nd at 6:30 pm

WE HAVE UPDATED OUR CAKE SUNDAY NEEDS:

- *We introduced a 2-sided line with hot items at the beginning, with someone there to serve it (same as potlucks).
- *Parents, please accompany your children through the line and help them to be mindful of others who have not yet gone through the line in how much food they take.
- *We are asking for help with prepping food and cleaning up after Sunday school.
- *Please remember to sign up at the Information Center if you are bringing food, so we can know how much food might still be needed and so we can have it all ready to be served after church.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY



*Awana gives children and youth
an opportunity to know, love,
and serve Jesus.*



Register here with the QR code
or online at oscochurch.org!

Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Registration: \$15/child

Awana Clubs for ages 3 through 6th grade

Cubbies - Ages 3 & 4

Sparks - K through 2nd grade

Truth & Training (T&T) - 3rd through 6th grade

Important April Dates:

April 17th - Awana Store

April 24th - Awards & Pizza Night

Sign up for Updates by texting @oscoAWANA to 81010

For more information, please contact:

awana@oscochurch.org, facebook.com/OscoAwana, or call (309) 522-5561

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April 17th

We are having an Awana Store coming up in April for the kids to end their year in a fun way & shop for themselves.

Would you consider a cash donation to help purchase small items for kids to "buy" with their Awana bucks or \$5 gift cards to Subway or Whitey's?

At this time, we are requesting no "gently used" items be donated.

If you would like ideas for specific items, you can contact Matt or Dawn Carlson or Michelle Betcher.

APRIL OCC VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE DURING WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

GROUPS	April 7 th	April 14 th	April 21 th	April 28 th
Nursery 9 AM	T Scott C Wells	Downing Family	J Franck C Wells	Vedvik Family
2's - 4's 9 AM	M Carlson E Downing	D Carlson A Kayser	C Carlson E Akers	R Tuttle B McCoy
Nursery 10:30 AM	S Osborne R Tuttle	L Vincent	Bolt Family	B White J Kane
2's - K SS CLASS	M Gay J Franck	M Gay H Ott	M Gay S Osborne	M Gay D Carlson



2024 Church Goals

Sunday Morning Welcoming

- Establish a more purposeful system to welcome guests and follow up with them afterwards.
- Expand greeters serving on Sunday morning to add someone at front door by elevators.

Adult Ministry

- Offer Men's / Women's Spring Quarter Sunday school classes.
- Provide training in personal evangelism for the church.
- Increase efforts to develop and equip future elders and ministry team leaders.

Children & Youth

- Increase involvement of youth and older children in Sunday services, serving alongside adults.
- Support and sponsor community youth going to YFC camp.
- Look into options for future youth conference/service project trip.

Outreach/Missions

- Find new ways to reach out to community and continue ongoing efforts.
- Hold a worship service in a community park, followed by food.
- Continue to keep missionaries in front of OCC family through video and other updates.

Facility/Finance

- Update directional signage throughout the church.
- Paint fellowship hall.
- Replace projector in the sanctuary.
- Train new church treasurer.
- Replenish building fund.

April 21st

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Immediately following the Worship Service

We will be meeting to discuss & vote on becoming the host church for Royal Family Kids Camp in Henry County. This would largely involve a greater volunteer and facility use commitment than our current support.



The church offices
will be closed on
Monday, April 1st for Easter.

FACILITY MINISTRY



The **Wednesday Warriors** will be meeting on
April 10th at 8:30 am.

There are two goals for this group: 1) Spiritual
replenishing of every man attending, & 2) Simple repair
projects around the church.

For more information, please contact D Gay, D Rehn,
or P Warren.



The church family is invited to a
Graduation Open House
for **M Johnston**
on Saturday, April 27th
from 2 to 5 pm
at the Geneseo Country Club,
22393 Grange Road, Geneseo, IL.

Graduating Students

If you know of any students that will be graduating this May,
please let the church office know who is graduating,
when they are graduating, and what school or college
(and degree) they are graduating from so we can recognize
their accomplishments.

*A photo of the graduate could also be included!



JOIN US FOR A
Bridal Shower

HONORING
Madison Lindsey
Fiancé of Brenden Allen

SUNDAY, APRIL 28th
1 – 3 PM
OSCO COMMUNITY CHURCH

PLEASE BRING A FAVORITE FAMILY
RECIPE ON A 3X5 CARD TO SHARE

REGISTERED AT TARGET,
CRATE & BARREL,
AND AMAZON

RSVP TO CANDY SNOOK AT
(309) 781-9313 BY APRIL 21st.



To Know Him



To Make Him Known



To Share His Love

MISSIONS MINISTRY

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for all of the missionaries at Osco Community Church. Please continue to pray for their flexibility and creativity as they figure out how to do ministry when so much has changed around the globe and what a "new normal" looks like.



Wayne & Jeanine Allen
Freedom Ministries



Steve & Jill Horsman
InterAct Ministries - Alaska



Beth Ann Nelson
Cru - Italy



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& Youth Center**
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Nick & Jennifer
Investing in Leaders in South Asia



Justin & Lluvia Hoste
One Collective - Mexico

Christian Community Center
Romania

Keith & Louise
EFCA Reach Global in Asia



Dick & Terri Grady
One Challenge



Scott Johnson
YFC International



Jay & Kathy Pinney
Reach Global Montreal City Team



Peter Grant
PreVision Partnership



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Child Arise Kenya Widows &
Orphans Ministry



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