

## COMING DATES TO NOTE

**12-7**

Cambridge Christmas on the Square  
- 5 to 7 pm

**12-8**

OCC Annual Meeting - 11:30 am  
Women's Ministry Coram Deo Christmas  
Activity - 5 to 8:30 pm

**12-9**

Blood Drive at CCYC - 2:30 to 7 pm

**12-11**

Wednesday Warriors - 8:30 am

**12-15**

Women's Ministry Christmas Get Together  
- 5 pm

**12-18**

AWANA Christmas Store - 6 to 7:30 pm

**12-19**

TORCH Items Due to Office - Noon

**12-24**

Christmas Eve Service - 4 pm

**12-25 & 12-26**

Offices Closed - Merry Christmas!

**12-29**

Cookies, Cocoa, & Coffee Fellowship  
- 10:30 am

**1-1**

Offices Closed - Happy New Year!

**1-15**

Annual Reports Due to Office

\*\*To see more events and details, visit our  
online calendar at [oscochurch.org/calendar](http://oscochurch.org/calendar).

Cambridge Christmas on the Square  
Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
5 to 7 pm

Join us as we share the joy of Jesus from OCC!  
Help is needed to set up/clean up, serve cocoa,  
hand out gifts or share a smile & a handshake.

Please see Doreen or Heidi to volunteer!!

## Upcoming Advent Worship Services and Sermons at Osco Community Church

**December 1<sup>st</sup> - 9 am**

*The Promise of a King (David)* - 2 Samuel 7:1-17  
Communion

**December 8<sup>th</sup> - 9 am**

*Lessons from the Wise Guys (Magi)* - Matthew 2:1-12

**December 15<sup>th</sup> - 9 am**

*Turf Wars (Herod)* - Matthew 2:13-23

**December 22<sup>nd</sup> - 9 am**

*King of all Kings (Jesus)* - Philippians 2:5-11

**December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve Service 4 pm**

Carols & Candlelight Service

**December 29<sup>th</sup> - 9 am**

*Reflect, Refill, Recommit Prayer Service*

# December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9 am Worship/Communion 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9 am Staff Mtg	<b>4</b> 6 pm Awana 7:30 pm Worship Team Practice	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9 am – Noon F.A.I.T.H. Homeschool Group	<b>7</b> 5-7 pm Cambridge Christmas on the Square
<b>8</b> 9 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 11:30 Annual Mtg  5-8:30 pm Women's Ministry Coram Deo Christmas Activity	<b>9</b> 2:30 to 7 pm CCYC Blood Drive 6:30 pm Elder Mtg	<b>10</b> 9 am Staff Mtg	<b>11</b> 8:30 am Wednesday Warriors  6 pm Awana 7:30 pm Worship Team Practice	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School  5 pm Women's Ministry get together at M Gay's	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9 am Staff Mtg	<b>18</b> 6 pm Awana Store 7:30 pm Worship Team Practice	<b>19</b> Noon -TORCH Items Due to Office	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 4 pm Christmas Eve Service	<b>25</b> Christmas Offices Closed  No Awana No Worship Team Practice	<b>26</b> Offices Closed	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9 am Worship (Reflect/Refill/Recommit) 10:30 am Coffee, Cocoa, & Cookie Fellowship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9 am Staff Mtg				

## December Birthdays

W Carlson	3
M White	11
M Allen	13
N Janson	15
D Carlson	17
L Roach	21
T Townsend	21
R Lough	22
Jesus Christ	25

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](http://oscochurch.org).

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

## December Anniversaries

D & M Gay	28
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## FINANCE MINISTRY

If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Ministry at [financeministry@oscochurch.org](mailto:financeministry@oscochurch.org).

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE - General Fund				Fund Balances - October 2024	
	October 2024	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	General	\$59,685
<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>	\$15,994	\$160,588		<b>Building</b>	\$15,148
<b>Expenses</b>	\$14,983	\$174,524	\$193,381	<b>Outreach</b>	\$6,550
<b>Variance</b>	\$1,012	\$13,936		<b>Missions</b>	\$5,858

### 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

	Service	Sunday School
11/3/24	115	94
11/10/24	124	105
11/17/24	121	85
11/24/24	<u>117</u>	<u>82</u>
<b>Average</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>92</b>

#### MISSIONS BUDGET

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

In order to meet the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2024, we need \$2,708.30.

#### TORCH Items are due

to the Church Office by **December 19<sup>th</sup> at Noon.**

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

### Cambridge Caring Hearts Giving Tree

For many people, the holidays can be very difficult. One way to share His love with others during this time is by selecting and fulfilling a tag or two from the tree in the sanctuary for a Cambridge family. Monetary gifts are also welcomed.

All gifts need to be returned to OCC on or before December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please do not wrap the gifts. Just attach the tag to the item.

See Kelly Akers for more information.

## December 8<sup>th</sup>

# ANNUAL MEETING

Immediately following Sunday School

We will be voting on 2025 Budgets and elders (Tom Akers).

Budgets are available at the Information Center.

### Orion Area Food Pantry December Donations

Osco Community Church is in charge of the December donations for the Orion Food Pantry. Monetary donations are also accepted. All donations are due back to the church on or before **Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**.



## Food Collection



### Cookies, Cocoa, & Coffee Fellowship

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 am**

We will be taking a break from our normal Sunday school classes & having a time of treats and connecting in the Fellowship Hall instead. Bring some of your favorite Christmas cookies to share as we take some time to connect with others in the church and family who might be in town for the holidays.



## ADULT MINISTRY



### Upcoming Sermons from Pastor Paul

**December 1<sup>st</sup>:** The Promise of a King (David)  
- 2 Samuel 7:1-17

**December 8<sup>th</sup>:** Lessons from the Wise Guys (Magi)  
- Matthew 2:1-12

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**December 29<sup>th</sup>:** REFLECT, REFILL, RECOMMIT

### OUR ELDERS

### Elder Meeting Updates:

During our meetings this month, we shared prayer requests and prayed for the needs of our church family and community as well as continued on in our elder training study of Budgeting for a Healthy Church by Jamie Dunlop, looking at chapters 4 and 5 on Staff and Programs. We also talked through details related to the annual meeting on December 8 and morning service on December 29, which will be focused on prayer. As will be brought up at the annual meeting, we also discussed the growing need to replace or repair one of the furnaces (the one we had delayed replacing last year).

### Future Meeting Dates:

December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm



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

**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - D Wallace/N Hatfield**  
- Room C.1.7.

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - M Carlson/T Henschel**  
- Room C.1.4.

**6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade - T & K Akers - Room A.2.1.**

**(Both adult classes are continuing for the month of December)**

**Book of Luke - L Roach - Room A.1.1.**

**"The Marriage You've Always Wanted" DVD Series by Gary Chapman - W & C Snook - Fellowship Hall**

### Upcoming Women's Events:

**December 8<sup>th</sup> - Women's Christmas Event at Coram Deo in Davenport 5:00 - 8:30 pm**

The evening begins with an open house with live entertainment, boutique shopping to support local & global outreach initiatives, snacks and desserts. At 7 pm, there is worship time, and this year the Christian speaker is Glenna Marshall. The cost of the tickets is \$10. The Women's Ministry will place a ticket order on December 1<sup>st</sup>, please let us know if you are interested in attending at the sign-up sheet in the foyer. However, you can always buy your own tickets online. ***This would be a great event to invite a friend.*** For those interested in carpooling, we will leave from the church at 4:30 p.m.

**December 15<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Get Together at M Gay's home in Andover 5:00 pm**

Mark your calendar for the "second annual" Osco Women's Christmas Event. Last year we had such a magical time! M and D were such wonderful hosts. Food-Fun-Fellowship! Please let us know if you are attending via the sign-up sheet in the foyer. For more information, see R Tuttle.

### SAVE THE DATE



**2024 Annual Reports need to be turned into the church office by Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>!**

## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY



### AWANA Christmas Store - Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

Donations of new gifts are being accepted now for the **AWANA Christmas Store**. Gifts are needed for women, men & children of all ages. There is a large group of 3rd-6th graders so items for 9-12 years old would be helpful. See the list below if you would like to donate specific items or you can contact M or D Carlson or M Betcher. At this time we are requesting no "gently used" items be donated. Wrapping paper, tags, & tape are also needed. Donations for the store can be dropped off in the AWANA Christmas Store bin next to the AWANA closet (as you are heading to the fellowship hall) by **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

#### MEN'S ITEMS:

Car Cleaning Supplies  
Utility Knives  
Carmex/Men's Lip Care  
Work Gloves  
Chocolate/Candy Bars  
Mixed Nuts  
Grilling Items/Utensils  
Tools

#### WOMEN'S ITEMS:

Hand Soaps (Foaming or Gel)  
Kitchen Towels  
Kitchen Utensils  
Hand/Body Lotion  
Chocolates  
Cozy Winter Socks

#### KID'S ITEMS:

Sports Balls -  
: Soccer, Basketball,  
: Football, Kickballs  
: Large Bouncy Balls  
: Nerf Guns  
: Bags of Candy  
: Hot Wheels  
: Nail Polish Sets  
: Lip Balm Sets  
: Baseball Cards  
: Football Cards  
: Pokémon Cards  
: Board Games  
: Card Games  
: Rubik's Cube

Jewelry Making Kits  
Scratch Paper Art Sets  
Small Lego Sets  
Rock Art Kits  
Wood Art Kits  
Window Art Kits  
\$5 Gift Cards



#### AWANA Christmas Store Ideas



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



Register here with the QR code  
or online at [oscochurch.org](http://oscochurch.org)!

Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Registration: \$20/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*

**FREE Bible Study for 7th - 12th Grade**

#### Sign up for Updates

by texting @oscoAWANA to 81010

**For more information, please contact:**

[awana@oscochurch.org](mailto:awana@oscochurch.org),  
[facebook.com/OscoAwana](https://facebook.com/OscoAwana),  
or call (309) 522-5561

#### Important Dates:

**Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Store

**Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> & Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**

No Awana - Christmas Break

**March 26<sup>th</sup>**

No Awana - Spring Break

## DECEMBER OCC VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE DURING WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

GROUPS	December 1 <sup>st</sup>	December 8 <sup>th</sup>	December 15 <sup>th</sup>	December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	December 29 <sup>th</sup>
Nursery 9 AM	On Call	On Call	On Call	On Call	On Call
2's - 4's 9 AM	C Carlson B Janson	D Carlson T Snook	R Tuttle E Downing	K Heberer B McCoy	R Tuttle E Akers
Nursery 10:30 AM	L Vincent J Kane	S Osborne B Vedvik	Bolt Family	C Fleming K Lindquist	Cookies, Cocoa & Coffee - No SS
2's - K SS CLASS	C Carlson J Franck	M Gay D Carlson	M Gay H Ott	M Gay K Heberer	Cookies, Cocoa & Coffee - No SS



## OCC Weather Cancellation Policy

*The morning worship service will not be canceled for weather on Sundays.*

### What if it's bad weather?

"Come if you can" is the motto. If things are looking unsafe for travel in your area, feel free to stay home and tune in from there.

### What if I'm serving?

If you are serving in any capacity you are under NO obligation to come to church if you do not feel it is safe for you to do so. Simply contact Pastor Paul with your name and the area where you were scheduled to serve so he is aware.





# BLOOD DRIVE

BLOODCENTER.ORG

**Cambridge Community & Youth Center**  
**Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**2:30 – 7 pm**

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



## FACILITY MINISTRY



The **Wednesday Warriors** will be meeting on **December 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Cambridge Community & Youth Center**  
*Ministry Site for Central IL YFC*  
[facebook.com/CYCcambridgeIL](https://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:

Hot Cocoa Mix  
Individually wrapped candies, cookies, chips, and snacks

### Please pray for the Center this month:

- \*Pray for students who are dealing with difficult family situations over the holidays.
- \*Pray for those who serve at the Center. Pray for encouragement, wisdom, & strength. Pray that Christmas break will be a time of refreshment for them.
- \*Pray for additional monthly financial partners.

**Thank you for faithfully praying for and supporting the Center!**



M Nilsson  
Woodridge Supportive Living  
620 Olivia Drive, Apt.127  
Geneseo, IL 61254

**New Address**



The **church offices** will be closed on **December 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>** for **Christmas** and **January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Years.**



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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**Nick & Jennifer**  
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**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**  
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**Peter Grant**  
PreVision Partnership



**Elizabeth Mativo**  
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Orphans Ministry



**Jim & Juanita**  
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