

## COMING DATES TO NOTE

- 5-10**  
Mother's Day  
CCYC Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser  
- 11 am to 1 pm
- 5-13**  
Wednesday Warriors - 8:30 am
- 5-17**  
Get to Know OCC - 10:30 am
- 5-18**  
TORCH Items due to Office - Noon
- 5-20**  
Women's Ministry Fellowship - 10:30 am
- 5-25**  
Offices Closed
- 5-31**  
Graduation Sunday  
Brunch Mixer - 10:30 am
- 6-19 to 6-20**  
Youth Family Campout - 5 pm to Noon
- 7-12 to 7-16**  
VBS 2026 - Illumination Station

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



## Cambridge Community & Youth Center Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser

Enjoy warm breakfast burritos & a great cup of coffee to support the Youth Center Camp fund.

**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – 1 pm** at the Center.

Carry out or eat in available.

**407 N West Street – Cambridge**

For large orders (a dozen or more), please contact Doreen at (309) 945-6936.

Suggested donation is \$3/burrito.



## GET TO KNOW OCC

If you've recently started attending OCC, we'd love to get to know you more and have you get to know us more, too! Join us for some refreshments, the opportunity to meet some of our elders and their wives, and learn more about OCC!

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday school hour in the blue room next to the gym.



## BRUNCH MIXER

**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am**

We will be taking a break from our normal Sunday school classes & having a time of food & connecting in the Fellowship Hall instead.



Sign up at the Information Center to help provide a casserole, fruit, or pastry for the brunch.

For more information, contact the church office.

## REGISTER TODAY FOR VBS

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



**VBS 2026**  
**JULY 12 – 16**  
**Dinner @ 5:15 pm**  
**VBS runs 6 to 8 pm**

For Children Ages 3 to Finishing 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Youth Bible Study for those who just finished 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade with an opportunity to serve during VBS.

# May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7 - 8:15 am Men's Huddle Bible Study
<b>3</b> 9 am Worship / Communion 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>4</b> 7 - 8:15 pm Men's Huddle Bible Study	<b>5</b> 9 am Staff Mtg  6:15 pm Women's Ministry Spring Bible Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9 am - Noon F.A.I.T.H. Homeschool Group	<b>9</b> 7 - 8:15 am Men's Huddle Bible Study
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<b>24</b> 9 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>25</b> Offices Closed 7 - 8:15 pm Men's Huddle Bible Study	<b>26</b> 9 am Staff Mtg	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7 - 8:15 am Men's Huddle Bible Study
<b>31</b> 9 am Worship 10:30 am Brunch Mixer (#5)						

## May Birthdays

L Stropes	3
D Rehn	8
V Snook	10
A Osborne	13
R Tuttle	13
C Carlson	18
P Grant	22
T Snook	22
E Fuller	25
N Hatfield	25
G Osborne	25
V Sloan	28
S Horsman	29
S Rehn	30

## May Anniversaries

K & M Kelley	22
L & A White	23
S & R Tuttle	30

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

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).

## 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 - March 2026	
	March 2026	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	General	\$66,332
Tithes & Offerings	\$16,437	\$58,534		Building	\$26,947
Expenses	\$20,250	\$62,608	\$59,430	Outreach	\$3,608
Variance	\$3,813	\$4,075		Missions	\$13,961

### 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



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**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.

### Please pray for the Center this month:

\*Thanks to all who have blessed our students with snacks and meals for this school year!!! The impact you have had speaks volumes!

### As we wrap up this school year...

- \*Please pray for continued open hearts and conversations this month.
- \*Pray for successful fundraisers to get kids to camp.
- \*Pray for a female adult leader for junior high camp. The need is significant.

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

### SAVE THE DATES:

- Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** - Cambridge Car Corner "Cruise In" - 5 to 7:30 pm -  
Selling Smoked Pork Sandwiches, Lemonade & Iced Tea
- Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** - Swedish Pancake Fundraiser - Filling Station, Bishop Hill

*Thank You*

Thank you, dear OCC family for celebrating the life of our Dad, Ival Betcher. He truly loved his church family. Thank you for the cards, meals, calls, texts, and for the many who set up and served the funeral luncheon. Thank you to Pastor Paul for a beautiful service. You all exemplify the hands, feet and heart of Jesus. We love you!

**Michelle & Doreen**

### WORSHIP MINISTRY

If you play an instrument and would like to share your talent, please let Doreen or Heidi know. We would love to add instruments into worship or as prelude music.

## ADULT MINISTRY



### Upcoming Sermons from Pastor Paul

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>:** A Big Picnic Miracle

- Luke 9:10-17

**May 10<sup>th</sup>:** Seats of Honor or Places of Grace?

- Luke 14:1-24

**May 17<sup>th</sup>:** Faulty Stain Solutions

- Mark 7:1-23

**May 24<sup>th</sup>:** Guest Speaker - T Case

**May 31<sup>st</sup>:** Guest Speaker - R Vedvik  
(Graduation Sunday)



Pastor Henschel will be out of the office May 22<sup>nd</sup> - June 13<sup>th</sup> for vacation. If you need to speak to someone while he is away, please contact one of the other elders.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

— CLASSES FOR ALL AGES —

### Sunday Mornings after Worship Services

**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.1.5.

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

**The 7 I AM's & 7 Signs in John**

- L Roach - Room A.1.1.

*\*New Class Starts May 3<sup>rd</sup>*

**Every Thought Captive** by Kyle Idleman

- S & R Tuttle - Fellowship Hall

### Elder Meeting Updates:

our **ELDERS**

We began our meeting this month by sharing praises and prayer requests and praying for the needs of our church family and community. We also discussed different details regarding the men's huddle groups, the Get to Know OCC class on May 17<sup>th</sup>, the youth family campout on June 19-20, other plans for the summer and sermon schedule, some shepherding matters, as well as possibilities for how to best adjust our ministries to accommodate the incoming large influx of those heading into Jr. high. If you would be interested in helping out with our Jr./Sr. High ministry either during Sunday school or on Wednesday nights during Awana, please let one of the elders know. Please also be in prayer that God would raise up people for this exciting opportunity to pour into these teens!

### Future Meeting Dates:

May 13<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

June 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

### Upcoming OCC Summer Dates to Know:

June 19-20 – Youth Family Campout

June 28 – Potluck in the Park

July 11 – River Bandits Faith & Family Night

July 12-16 – VBS

July 19 – Sunday School Brunch Mixer

July 20-24 – Royal Family Kids Camp

August 9 – School Prayer Walk

## FACILITY MINISTRY

The **Wednesday Warriors** will be meeting on **May 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.**



There are two goals for this group:  
1)replenishing of every man attending, &  
2)repair projects around the church.  
For more information, please contact D Gay, D Rehn, or P Warren.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

Thank you to all of our leaders who give their time and share the gospel with our students each week. Also, thank you to our church family for supporting the Spring AWANA Store with your donations. The kids enjoy shopping at the end of their AWANA year and spending their AWANA "bucks" they earned.

**M & D Carlson, A Osborne, & M Betcher**



**SAVE THE DATE! AWANA Kick-Off**  
**August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6 pm**

### MAY OCC VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE DURING WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

GROUPS	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	May 17 <sup>th</sup>	May 24 <sup>th</sup>	May 31 <sup>st</sup>
2's - 4's 9 AM	K Heberer E Akers	C Carlson L Carlson	D Carlson C Osborne	R Tuttle E Downing	K Heberer G Snook
2's - 4's SS Class	M Gay H Ott	C Carlson L Vincent	M Gay K Heberer	M Gay J Franck	Brunch Mixer - No SS

#### Graduating Students

If you know of any students that will be graduating this May, please let the church office know who is graduating, what school or college (and degree) they are graduating from, and any future school or job plans they may have so we can recognize their accomplishments on **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**.

\*Please include a photo of the graduate, if possible!



#### Graduation Parties

The church family is invited to a **Graduation Party for E Akers** on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at the Cambridge Community Youth Center, Cambridge, IL.

The church family is invited to a **Graduation Party for E Downing** on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 2 to 4 pm at their home, Cambridge, IL.

## SUMMER CAMP

Interested in learning more about camp opportunities for your children?

Check out the Information Center for camp brochures or contact Pastor.

Osco Community Church is also offering scholarships of \$100 to students that attend OCC or one of our regular programs (ex: Awana) and are attending a Christian camp this summer.

**Rock River Christian Camp**

**Youth for Christ (YFC) Camp**

**Camp Timber-lee**

## ADULT MINISTRY

### Women's Ministry Fellowship

May 20<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 AM

We will be meeting at L Warren's

**Open to ALL Women of OCC!!**

For directions or more information, contact L Warren.



### Women's Ministry Summer Bible Study

Titus: "While We Wait" by Sue Le Boutillier

Start Date: June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Wednesday evenings: 6 to 8 pm

Location: TBD

Cost: \$0

**Open to ALL Women of OCC!!**

### Men's Ministry Huddle Bible Study

**B** BETTERMAN® 11-week Bible study

Meeting weekly with 2 options:

**Mondays 7-8:15 PM**

**Saturdays 7-8:15 AM**

**Free and open to ALL Men of OCC!!**

For more information, contact Pastor Paul.



Have you checked out our library lately?

We have a great collection of fiction, nonfiction, children's, & young adult books for checkout as well as many DVD's.

Stop in the library, just off the fellowship hall, & check it out today!



The **church offices** will be closed on **Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** for **Memorial Day.**

# **2026 Church Goals**

## Adult Ministry

- Revitalization of men’s ministry with gatherings for studies and events.
- Sunday school class or midweek group geared to support and equip those caring for senior parents.

## Children & Youth Ministry

- Restart annual children’s volunteer training.
- Increase adult volunteers helping with youth ministry – expand Wednesdays to separate Jr. & Sr. High groups for discussions, be ready for Akers transition out of Sundays.
- Begin fundraising for EFCA Challenge 2028.

## Outreach & Missions

- Find ways to create greater connections between individuals / families in our church and or missionaries.
- Community worship service in Andover or Orion.

## Worship

- Have a “Serving Sunday” where we highlight and share different testimonies from our different ministries.

## Facility

- Restart spring/fall church clean up events.
- Begin transition to new lighting in sanctuary.

## Finance

- Transition to new treasurer set up and streamline accounting process.

## YOUTH MINISTRY



MEET UP OPTIONS	INCLUDES	LOCATION
 Meet at Church: <b>5:00 PM</b>	 Dinner Provided (Friday Night)	 Mapleton, IL (West of Peoria)
 Or Meet at Camp: <b>6:30 PM</b>	 Breakfast Provided (Saturday Morning)	
<b>WHAT TO BRING</b>  Lawn Chair  Personal Items  Camping Gear (if you have it)		<b>RSVP REQUIRED!</b> <b>TEXT OR CALL:</b>  <b>563-349-0096</b> or sign up in the foyer <b>RSVP BY JUNE 7TH</b>
<b>NO CAMPING EXPERIENCE NEEDED!</b>  Let us know if you need help with supplies — we've got you covered.		
<b>ALL YOUTH &amp; FAMILIES WELCOME!</b> Come enjoy a fun, relaxed time together outdoors. Non-OCC attenders must be accompanied by a parent		



To Know Him



To Make Him Known



To Share His Love

## MISSIONS MINISTRY

As a church we have a long legacy of being passionate about investin in those who are making Him Know to the nations. We are blessed to currently partner with 8 individuals or families and 6 organizations through both prayer and financial support. For more information about our missionaries, please stop by our missionary wall in the church foyer.



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& Youth Center**  
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**Peter Grant**  
PreVision Partnership



**Steve & Jill Horsman**  
InterAct Ministries - Alaska



**Scott Johnson**  
YFC International



**Elizabeth Mativo**  
Child Arise Kenya Widows  
& Orphans Ministry



**Beth Ann Nelson**  
Cru - Italy



**Jay & Kathy Pinney**  
Reach Global Montreal City Team



**Jim & Juanita**  
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**Keith & Louise**  
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