



OCTOBER 2026 TORCH

COMING DATES TO NOTE

10-3

Newman Baby Shower - 10 am

10-11

Soup & Prayer - 5 pm

10-14

Wednesday Warriors - 8:30 am

10-17

OCC Fall Church Clean-up - 8 am to Noon

10-19

TORCH Items Due to Office - Noon

10-21

Women's Ministry Fellowship - 10:30 am

10-24

LifeShield Training - 8 am to Noon

10-28

AWANA Dinner - 5:15 pm

11-1

Daylight Savings Ends - *Fall Backward*

11-30

Brunch Mixer - 10:30 am

Annual Meeting - 11 am

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



JOIN US FOR A
BABY SHOWER
IN HONOR OF
L NEWMAN & BABY BOY NEWMAN
Saturday, October 3rd at 10:00 AM
Osco Community Church

L & B are registered at Amazon "L Newman". They are specifically wanting diapers & wipes from nontoxic clean brands like Freestyle, Coterie, Kudos, Honest, or Hello Bello. L also loves homemade or custom gifts.

Interested in contributing to a group gift, contact R Tuttle.

**FALL
CHURCH CLEAN-UP**

Saturday, October 17th
(8 AM – Noon)

 **CHURCH
EMERGENCY
RESPONSE**
Awareness • Preparation • Response • Recovery

*A Safer Church.
A Stronger
Community.*

**BE PREPARED.
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

When an emergency happens, the first few minutes belong to the people who are already there.

 **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24**
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**YOU DON'T NEED MEDICAL TRAINING
TO HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE.**

 **RECOGNIZE**
an emergency

 **RESPOND**
with confidence

 **WORK TOGETHER**
in a coordinated way

 **SUPPORT**
medical responders

 **CARE**
for people and
help with recovery

**SIGN UP AT
THE CHURCH**

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 7 - 8:15 am Men's Huddle Bible Study 10 am Baby Shower for L Newman
4 9 am Worship / Communion 10:30 am Sunday School	5	6 9 am Staff Mtg 7:30 - 8:45 pm Men's Huddle Bible Study	7 6 pm AWANA	8	9 9 am - Noon F.A.I.T.H. Homeschool Group	10 7 - 8:15 am Men's Huddle Bible Study
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October Anniversaries

J & A Brewer	2
J & N Hatfield	4
S & J Horsman	9

October Birthdays

M Osborne	2	E Downing	10
G White	2	J Horsman	11
C Kane	4	C Stropes	14
C Allen	5	K Akers	18
J Brewer	5	K Heberer	20
K Janson	8	M Kelley	20
D Schmedt	8	J Hatfield	27
T Fleming	9	W Brewer	29
C Osborne	9	L Reddick	29
G White	9	K Downing	31
E Allen	10		

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 **Acts & Facts**, & **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 - August 2026	
	August 2026	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	General	\$63,466
Tithes & Offerings	\$22,529	\$145,837		Building	\$29,623
Expenses	\$21,203	\$151,471	\$158,478	Outreach	\$3,573
Variance	\$1,326	\$5,634		Missions	\$11,548

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			MISSIONS BUDGET	TORCH Items are due to the Church office by October 19th at Noon .
	Service	Sunday School		
9/6/26	107	89	We need \$9,175 in order to meet the 2026 budget quarterly.	Just a reminder that we cannot guarantee space in the newsletter if items are sent in after the deadline!!
9/13/26	95	84		
9/20/26	100	78		
9/27/26	<u>87</u>	<u>70</u>		
Average	97	80		



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:

Individually wrapped candies - both chocolate and non
 Thanks to all who continue to provide snacks, meals and other food stuffs!

Please pray for the Center this month:

- *Pray for the new students who come to the center weekly. Pray for opportunities to connect & build relationships.
- *Pray that we can speak the truth in love as there are many different viewpoints and beliefs.
- *Pray for finances moving forward. We are SO thankful for those who partner with us financially! Insurance costs & utilities are putting a strain on finances. Whether it be through grants, more partners or other fundraising opportunities, we seek God's provision.

Thank you for faithfully praying for and supporting the Center!

FACILITY MINISTRY

The **Wednesday Warriors** will be meeting on **October 14th** 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 Dennis Gay, David Rehn, or Phil Warren.

Open to all CCYC & OCC students in 6th - 12th grades

January 15 - 17, 2027
 Lake Geneva Youth Camp
 Lake Geneva, WI

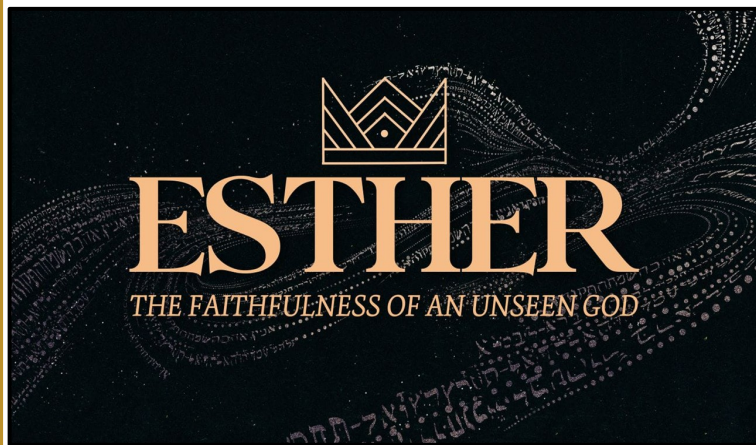


COST:

\$155 includes meals, lodging, activities, etc. (Except travel meals)
 \$25 deposit due by 10/25/26
 Spaces are limited so get your reservation in soon!

For more information or to register, please contact Doreen Vincent at (309) 945-6936.

ADULT MINISTRY



Upcoming Sermons from Pastor Paul

October 4th: Guest Speaker - R Vedvik

October 11th: Day of Decision
- Esther 4

October 18th: A Tale of Two Powers
- Esther 5

October 25th: Sleepless in Susa
- Esther 6



Pastor Henschel will be out of the office October 6th & 7th for a conference. If you need to speak to someone while he is away, please contact one of the other elders.



Sunday Mornings after Worship Services

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

1st - 3rd Grade - D Wallace/N Hatfield - Room C.1.7.

4th & 5th Grade - T Henschel/M Vedvik - Room C.1.5.

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

1 Corinthians - J Hatfield - Room A.1.1.

Vertical Marriage with Dave & Ann Wilson

- W & C Snook - Fellowship Hall

Help for the Helpers - Pastor Paul - Room C.1.9.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Anyone interested in learning bells for Advent?
Let Heidi or Doreen know.

Elder Meeting Updates:

our **ELDERS**

We began our meetings this month with sharing prayer requests and praises and praying for the needs of our church family and community. We discussed the elder nominations that were submitted by the congregation and talked through the different candidates. Please continue to be in prayer through this process as we approach some to prayerfully consider taking the next step in the process. We also discussed different parts of the treasurer transition and church budget process and timing. We are asking ministry leaders to have their budgets in by Oct 16 and are planning on having annual meeting November 29 at 11:00 (during the brunch mixer in the fellowship hall). In addition to some other shepherding matters, we talked about details for the LifeShield training on Oct 24 and scheduled the fall church cleaning event for Saturday, Oct 17 at 8 AM to noon.

Future Meeting Dates:

October 12th and 26th at 6:30 pm

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 11th

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

**Soup
AND
Prayer**

Sunday at 5 – 6:30 PM

October 11th

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



CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

AWANA Christmas Store - Wednesday, December 16th

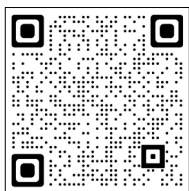


Donations of new gifts are being accepted now for the AWANA Christmas Store.

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, gift bags, & gift tags 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 13th**.



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: \$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, call, (309) 522-5561 or go to facebook.com/OscoAwana

Important Dates:

Oct. 28th - AWANA Dinner

Nov. 25th - No AWANA - Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 16th - Christmas Store

Dec. 23rd & 30th - No AWANA - Christmas Break

March 3rd - AWANA Dinner

March 24th - No AWANA - Spring Break

AWANA Christmas Store Ideas

KID'S ITEMS:

Sports Balls -
Soccer, Basketball,
Football, Kickballs
Large Bouncy Balls
Nerf Guns
Bags of Candy
Hot Wheels
Girls Hair Ties/
Scrunchies
Nail Polish Sets
Lip Balm Sets
Football Cards

Baseball Cards

Pokémon Cards

Card Games

Rubik's Cube

Squishies (NeeDoh,

Dumplings, Butter)

Jewelry Making Kits

Scratch Paper Art Sets

Small Lego Sets

Rock Art Kits

Wood Art Kits

Window Art Kits

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



OCTOBER OCC VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE DURING WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

GROUPS	October 4 th	October 11 th	October 18 th	October 25 th
2's - 4's 9 AM	K Heberer C Osborne	S Osborne M Osborne	D Carlson L Carlson	R Tuttle A Hoste
2's - 4's SS Class	K Heberer A Vincent	K Heberer H Ott	M Gay K Heberer	M Gay C Carlson



ADULT MINISTRY



Women's Ministry Fellowship

October 21st - 10:30 AM

Meet at L Warren's
Bring a pumpkin dish to share!!

Open to ALL Women of OCC!!

For directions or more information, contact L Warren.

Men's Ministry Huddle Bible Study Daniel by J.D. Greear 8-week Bible study

Meeting weekly with 2 options:

Saturdays 7:00 - 8:15 AM

Tuesdays 7:30 - 8:45 PM

Free and open to ALL Men of OCC!!

For more information, contact Pastor Paul.





Dear OCC Family,

Thank you to everyone who donated shoes and socks for the Shoes for Orphan Souls in August. We ended up with 20 pairs of shoes and 71 pairs of socks!

C Kappelman

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH

If you are interested in becoming a member of Osco Community Church or have any questions, please see Pastor Paul.

SAVE THE DATE:

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

collection begins Sunday, October 25th
& will run until Sunday, November 22nd.



Box labels and extra shoeboxes
will be available in the foyer.

Reminders: Soap, toothpaste, and candy are not accepted in shoeboxes. Shipping is \$10 per box.



*Daylight Savings Time ends early
Sunday, November 1st. Don't forget to set
your clocks back one hour before bed on
Saturday, October 31st.*

BRUNCH MIXER

Sunday, November 29th at 10:30 am

We will be taking a break from our normal Sunday school classes
& having a time of food and 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.

ANNUAL MEETING

November 29th
at 11:00 AM
during the Brunch Mixer



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 investing in those who are making Him Known 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.



**Cambridge Community
& Youth Center**
facebook.com/CYCcambridgell



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



Jim & Juanita
Wycliffe - Mexico

Nick & Jennifer
Investing in Leaders in South Asia

Keith & Louise
EFCA Reach Global

Jay & Kathy
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