OSCO Community Church

DECEMBER 2026 TORCH

COMING DATES TO NOTE

12-5
Cambridge Christmas on the Square
- 5 to 7 pm

12-6
Women's Ministry Coram Deo Christmas Activity - 5 to 8:30 pm

12-9
Wednesday Warriors - 8:30 am

12-14
CCYC Blood Drive - 3 to 7 pm

12-16
Women's Ministry Fellowship - 10:30 am
AWANA Christmas Store - 6 pm

12-17
TORCH Items Due to Office - Noon

12-19
Blue Christmas Service at CCYC - 6 pm

12-20
Women's Ministry Christmas Get Together - 5 pm

12-24
Christmas Eve Service - 4 pm

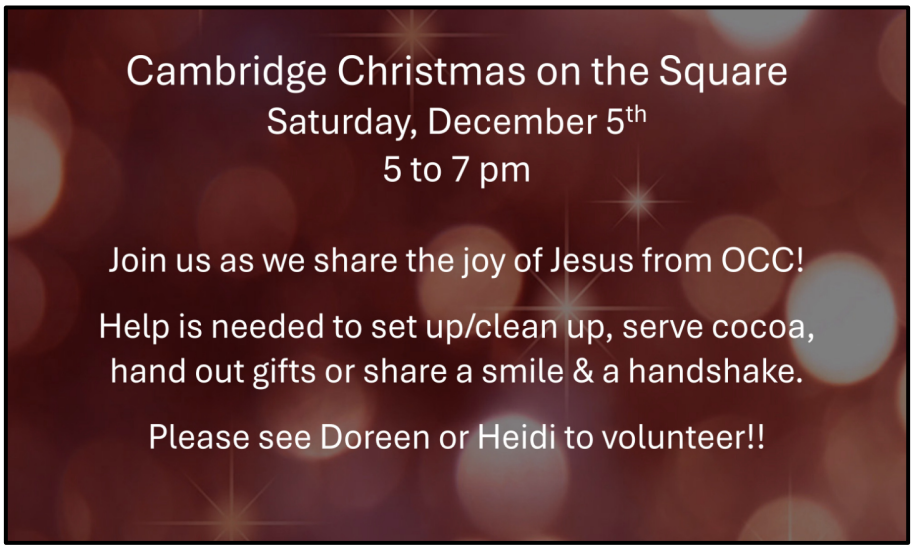
12-25 & 12-28
Offices Closed - Merry Christmas!

12-27
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.







December 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9 am Staff Mtg 6:30 Elder Mtg	**2** 6 pm AWANA	**3**	**4** 9 am - Noon F.A.I.T.H. Homeschool Group	**5** 5 to 7 pm Cambridge Christmas on the Square
6 9 am Worship / Communion 10:30 am Sunday School 5 to 8:30 pm Women's Coram Deo Event	**7** 5:30 to 8 pm Adult Coed Volleyball	**8** 9 am Staff Mtg	**9** 8:30 am Wednesday Warriors 6 pm AWANA	**10**	**11** 9 am - Noon F.A.I.T.H. Homeschool Group	**12**
13 9 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	**14** 3 to 7 pm CCYC Blood Drive 5:30 to 8 pm Adult Coed Volleyball 6:30 Elder Mtg	**15** 9 am Staff Mtg	**16** 10:30 am Women's Ministry Fellowship 6 pm AWANA Store	**17** Noon - TORCH *Items* Due to Office	**18**	**19** 6 pm Blue Christmas Service at CCYC
20 9 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 5 pm Women's Christmas Event at M Gay's	**21** 5:30 to 8 pm Adult Coed Volleyball	**22** 9 am Staff Mtg	**23**	**24** 4 pm Christmas Eve Service	**25** **Christmas Day** Offices Closed	**26**
27 9 am Worship 10:30 am Cookies, Cocoa, & Coffee	**28** Offices Closed 5:30 to 8 pm Adult Coed Volleyball	**29**	**30**	**31**		

December Birthdays

B Fuller	4
B Nelson	8
M White	11
M Allen	13
N Janson	15
D Carlson	17
L Roach	21
J Christ	25

December Anniversaries

J & J (missionary)	28
D & "M" Gay	28



The **church offices** will be closed on **December 25th & 28th** for **Christmas** and **January 1st** for **New Years**.

Check out the Information Center for copies of **Acts & Facts,** & **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**.

FINANCE MINISTRY

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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE - General Fund				Fund Balances - October 2026	
	October 2026	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	General	$67,863
Tithes & Offerings	$23,012	$183,269		Building	$26,774
Expenses	$15,761	$184,517	$198,097	Outreach	$3,139
Variance	$7,251	$1,248		Missions	$9,854

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
11/1/26	86	70
11/8/26	92	59
11/15/26	115	84
11/22/26	111	72
Average	**101**	**71**

MISSIONS BUDGET

We need $9,175
in order to meet the
2026 budget quarterly.

TORCH Items are due
to the Church office
by **December 17th** 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 if furthered.

Supply needs for the Center this month:

Individually wrapped candies (Clearance candy is great!)
- both chocolate and non-chocolate
Jacks' frozen pizza - Pepperoni or Cheese
Bottled water (8-10 oz little size or 15-16 oz regular size)

Please pray for the Center this month:

*Please pray for the students over Christmas Break. For some it is not a good experience.
*Pray for those who have suffered loss this past year. May they experience the peace of God.
*Pray that break will be a good time of rest for our volunteers.

Thank you for faithfully praying for and supporting the Center!

Join CCYC on **Saturday, December 5th**
for fresh popcorn
at **Cambridge Christmas on the Square**
from **5 to 7 pm**.

PUT GOOD INTO THE WORLD
BLOOD DRIVE ImpactLife

Cambridge Community & Youth Center
BLOOD DRIVE
Monday, December 14th, 2026
3:00 – 7:00 pm
407 N West Street, Cambridge, IL
Contact Doreen Vincent at 309-945-6936
or vinfarmservice@gmail.com to sign up today!

We now have an Amazon wish list!
Scan the QR code to the right

ADULT MINISTRY



Upcoming Sermons from Pastor Paul

December 6th: A Day to Remember (Part 1)
- Esther 9:1-19

December 13th: A Day to Remember (Part 2)
- Esther 9:20-10:3

December 20th: Prayer for the True King
- Psalm 72

December 27th: Living in Light of Christmas' Reality
- Colossians 3:15-17

SUNDAY SCHOOL
—CLASSES FOR ALL AGES—

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.*
(Both adult classes are continuing for the month of December)
Foundational Christian Doctrines - *L Reddick - Room A.1.1.*
Learning to Live as Jesus Lived (5 week course) **-** *S & R Tuttle - Fellowship Hall*

FACILITY MINISTRY

The **Wednesday Warriors** will be meeting on **December 9th** at **8:30 am.**

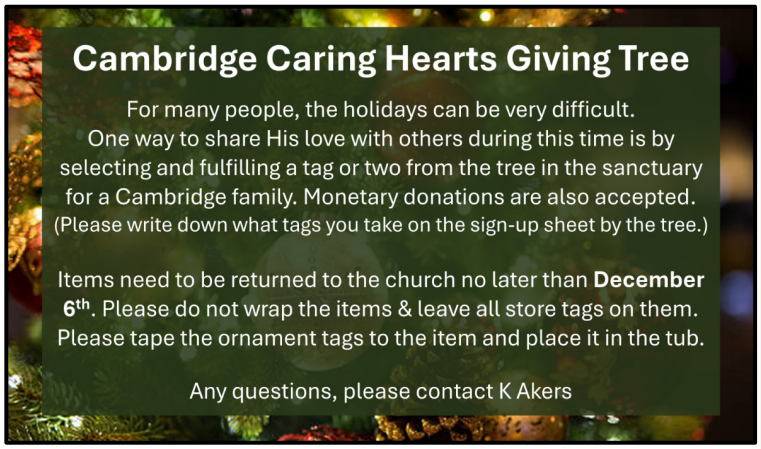
There are two goals for this group:
1)replenishing of every man attending, &
2)repair projects around the church.
For more information, please contact D Gay, D Rehn, or P Warren.

Elder Meeting Updates:

our ELDERS

Due to scheduling challenges, we weren't able to meet in person this month. However, we were able to discuss and move forward with a new ministry partner agreement with RFKC, some different building and grounds projects and needs, as well as some shepherding matters.

Future Meeting Dates:
December 1st and 14that 6:30 pm





Osco Community Church
ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Mondays
5:30-8:00 PM

Questions? See Heidi Hoste



Cookies, Cocoa, & Coffee Fellowship

Sunday, December 27th
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.

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:
Dec. 16th - Christmas Store
Dec. 23rd & 30th - No AWANA - Christmas Break
March 3rd - AWANA Dinner / VIP Night
March 24th - No AWANA - Spring Break
April 7th - Leader Appreciation / Spring Store
April 14th - Awards Night

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

DECEMBER OCC VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE DURING WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

GROUPS	December 6th	December 13th	December 20th	December 27th
2's - 4's 9 AM	R Tuttle T Wells	C Carlson C Osborne	D Carlson L Carlson	K Heberer M Osborne
2's - 4's SS Class	M Gay S Lodge	M Gay S Osborne	M Gay A Vincent	Cookies, Cocoa, & Coffee - No SS

ADULT MINISTRY

Women's Ministry Fellowship

December 16th - 10:30 AM

Meet at L Warren's
Bring a Christmas treat to share!!

Open to ALL Women of OCC!!

For directions or more information, contact L Warren.

Women's Ministry Events

December 6th - Coram Deo Women's Christmas Event - 5:00 to 8:30 pm

The evening includes an open house with live entertainment, boutique shopping, desserts, a time of worship, & a hope-filled message. The cost of the tickets is $10.
The Women's Ministry will place a ticket order on December 2nd. Please let us know if you are interested in attending via the sign-up sheet at the Information Center by November 29th.
Tickets can also be purchased online. For those interested, we will be carpooling.
This would also be a great event to invite a friend.

December 20th - 4th Annual Christmas Get Together at M's Home - 5:00 pm

Food-Fun-Fellowship!

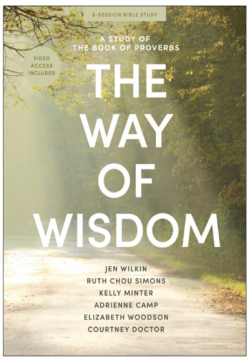
Please let us know if you are attending via the sign-up sheet at the Information Center.

For more information about either event, please see R Tuttle

Women's Ministry BIBLE STUDY

The Way of Wisdom: A Study of the Book of Proverbs

January 12th - March 2nd
Tuesdays from 6:15 – 8:00 PM
Snook home in Cambridge



Sign up at the Information Center by **December 20th** to order your Bible study book today! Cost is $20 per book.

Open to ALL Women of OCC!! Invite a Friend!!



2027 Offering Envelopes will be available in the foyer starting **December 20th**.
Be sure to get yours soon! If you do not see your name on a box, write your name on the sheet provided along with the box number.

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 27th**.

Food Collection

OCC Weather Cancelation Policy

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

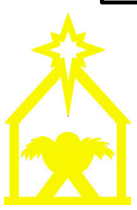
What if it's bad weather?
"Come if you can" is the motto. If things are looking unsafe for travel in your area, feel free to stay home and tune in from there.

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.

SAVE THE DATE:



2026 Annual Reports need to be turned into the church office by Friday, January 15th!



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/CYCcambridgeIL



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
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