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THE LIVE BRANCH

The twice-monthly newsletter of
Olivet Lutheran Church
5840 Monroe St., Sylvania, Ohio 43560

JULY 23-30, 2023

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 8:30-2:30; Fri., 8:30-1:00;

CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Upcoming Events:

- **Blessing of Backpacks** - Sunday, August 20
- **Body Shop Orientation** - Sunday, August 20 at 10:10 in the Chapel – for all 6-8th grade students and their parents
- **Promoting Your Child's Mental Health**, for parents of Body Shop students, led by Olivet member and UT Health Science professor, Linda Lewin – Sunday, August 27 at 12:15 p.m.
- **Rally Day** – Sunday, September 10
- **First Body Shop Class** – Sunday, September 10 from 12-2 p.m.
- **Confirmation Prep classes** – First four Sundays in October from 7-8:30 p.m.

SUMMER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We'll be discussing "Salvation Now," by Anna Madsen. Please bring your copies of Gather magazine. Additional copies will be provided.

- Monday, August 14, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Penny Moran, 2928 Cypress Colony Drive

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

No Bible Study July 30

Everyone is invited to join us on Sundays in the Teen Room between services. Mike Moore leads us in discussions. Enjoy Christian fellowship!

BIBLE DISCUSSION FOR MEN

Tuesday morning 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

Panera Bread, 7115 Central Ave.

Each week is a stand-alone session. Join us every week or come when you can. If you have a Bible, bring it. If not, *Bible.com* on your phone will do just fine. For more information or to sign up, text, call or email: Mike Linehan - 614-595-6666 mline926@gmail.com

FOOD MINISTRY

Dire need for brown bags—please ask for paper when shopping!

Also need peanut butter, pasta sauce, syrup.

We are in need of more people to help fill grocery bags in the Pantry. If you have a couple of hours to spare once a month, please call Penny Moran at 419-517-4335, or let the church office know. Thanks!

5th SUNDAY COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, July 30, at 10:00
in the Christian Life Center.

Bill Genson and "The Hymns of Dixieland" will lead us in joyful worship. Pastor Nate's 35th Anniversary of Ordination will be celebrated.

GUN VIOLENCE FORUM

July 30 at 1:00 p.m. in Olivet's CLC

Congregational teams from Toledo and the surrounding communities invite you to a forum to develop strategies to break the cycle of gun violence in our communities. Featured speakers will be from *Moms Demand Action*, a grassroots movement working toward public safety measures to protect people from gun violence, with an emphasis on passing stronger safety legislation.

Please R.S.V.P to Shannon by July 28.

WALK INS WELCOME !

operations@olivetsylvania.org

Or 419-882-2077

NEW BACKPACKS NEEDED FOR SYLVANIA SCHOOL KIDS IN COOPERATION WITH SYLVANIA AREA FAMILY SERVICES (S.A.F.S.)

Deadline is JULY 30. Please - only NEW backpacks. Bring them to church and drop in the basket marked "backpacks". Nice backpacks for only \$5 at FIVE BELOW, local store.

UKRAINIAN FAMILY UPDATE

The Vozniuks arrived on July 19 and are settling into their house. Drivers are still needed to take the family to and from appointments. Please call the office or sign up on the sheets located by the sanctuary and the CLC - or call the office during the week. Have bikes? We could use a bike for Mrs. Vozniuk and a bike for her 10 year old son. Many thanks to all who have donated furniture and supplies thus far.

NO DAILY BREAD MEAL JULY 26

OLIVET DAYS AT URBAN WHOLISTICS FARMS

Next day is August 12 ~ 11:00 - 2:00.

Speak with Mike Linehan to sign up. Text, call or email:
614-595-6666, mline926@gmail.com

HOME CAREGIVERS

Anyone who is caring for a loved one at home is invited to tap into this free resource from Area Office on Aging. On **July 25**, a discussion entitled, "Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body," will be presented. You may listen over your phone or access the video by calling or emailing Jennifer Forshey: 419-725-6983 (jforshey@areaofficeonaging.com) or Tracie Fountain: 419-725-6984 (tfountain@areaofficeonaging.com)

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, Aug. 6 at 10:10 a.m. in Olivet's Chapel for those planning to attend the Gathering in New Orleans next summer (July 16-20). Those eligible to attend are those entering 8th-12th grade this fall, and those who are 18-25 years old at the time of the event.

BED SHEETS NEEDED FOR QUILT MINISTRY

Flat sheets of all sizes - twin, full, queen or king - for backs of quilts. Please no white sheets. We are running very low on quilt backs and would appreciate member help with sheets! Thank you!

USHERS NEEDED!

Please speak with Chrisann Shaner if you can make yourself available.

RECAP OF OFFERING INCOME

INCOME 2023 (Offerings)		\$758,000
		GOAL
Date	actual rec.	by month
January - all	43,524	44,722
February -all	45,228	48,512
March - all	54,523	47,754
April - all	67,978	59,124
May - all	53,220	79,590
June-all	42,511	37,900
Y-T-D	306,984	317,602
deficit now	-10,618.00	Thru June

JULY—GOAL \$70,000

Weeks 1-3 Actual - approx. Only \$33,000

Our Rummage Sale usually netted about \$10,000 that is a portion of our planned 2023 General Operating budget. Unfortunately, as we approached summer it was clear that it would not happen this year. Let's together strive as a congregation to make up the difference and set our plan to have the event in 2024.

JULY-AUGUST

Day	Number	Time	Event
Sunday	23	9:00 AM	Worship-Sanctuary
		10:10AM	Adult Bible Study- TR
		11:00 AM	The Vine-CLC
Monday	24		
Tuesday	25		
Wednesday	26	1:00 PM	Food Distribution-Parking Lot
			NO Daily Bread mealTODAY
		9:00-2:00	Food Pantry-office
			NO Worship on Wednesdays
		7:00 PM	Mexico Info/plan meeting-TR
Thursday	27		
Friday	28		
Saturday	29		
Sunday	30	10:00 AM	ONE Worship-CLC
			Hymns of Dixieland band
			NO Adult Bible Study
Monday	31	9:00-2:00	Food Pantry-office
Tuesday	1		
Wednesday	2	1:00 PM	Food Distribution-Parking Lot
		5:00 PM	Daily Bread meal- drive thru
		9-2:00	Food Pantry-office
			NO Worship on Wednesdays
Thursday	3	9-NOON	Staff Planning day for 2024
Friday	4		
Saturday	5		Adams Grad party - CLC
Sunday	6	9:00 AM	Worship-Sanctuary
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study- TR
			Youth Gathering 2024 info- Chapel
		10:00 AM	
		11:00 AM	The Vine-CLC
Monday	7	9-2:00	Food Pantry is open
		5:30 PM	15-20 Yr-old group-TR
Tuesday	8		Election Day - office open
Wednesday	9		NO Worship on Wednesdays
		1:00 PM	Food Distribution-Parking Lot
		5:00 PM	Daily Bread meal- drive thru
		9-2:00	Food Pantry-office
		7:00 PM	H.S. Youth-Putt Putt/Ice Cream
Thursday	10		
Friday	11		
Saturday	12		
Sunday	13	9:00 AM	Traditional - Sanctuary
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study- TR
		11:00 AM	The Vine-CLC
Monday	14	9:00-2:00	Food Pantry - office
			Ladies Bible Study- Penney's home
		10:00 AM	No Prayer Shawl group
Tuesday	15		No Bookworms
Wednesday	16	1:00 PM	Food Distribution-Parking Lot
		5:00 PM	Daily Bread drive thru
		9:00-2:00	Food Pantry-office
Thursday	17	7:00 PM	Council