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THE LIVE BRANCH

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

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

CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Upcoming Events:

- **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.

USHERS NEEDED!

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

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY, 10:10 A.M.

Each Sunday in the Adult Ed Room, using Upper Room Devotionals, available near entrance.

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

Thanks to two special people who bought 2 and 4 bales of bags from Aldi and Sautters this week.
Need noodles, 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, call Penny Moran at 419-517-4335.

TRANSPORTATION NEEDED FOR MEXICAN TRIP GOERS

Pastor Nate and seven travelers need a ride to Detroit airport on Friday Sept. 1 leaving Olivet at 5:20 a.m. We'll probably need two vans. Return trip pick up Sept. 7 at approximately 7:30 p.m.. If you can help, please see Pr. Nate.

UKRAINIAN FAMILY UPDATE

The Vozniuks have made huge progress in the short amount of time since arriving on July 19. They have social security numbers already, have been registered with Ohio Jobs and Family Services and are in the process of getting their drivers license learning permits just to name a few things. They have been a joy to work with and are very proactive to move forward. Thank you so much to all who have helped in any way, because even what you may think is a small thing is huge for them! At the moment, we are in full pursuit of a car for them. If anyone has any ideas, please let us know. You can call the Olivet office and they will point you in the right direction.

ELCA YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, August 6 at 10:10 a.m. in Olivet's Chapel for those planning to attend the Gathering in New Orleans next summer (July16-20). Eligible to attend: students entering 8th-12th grade this fall, and young adults who are 18-25 years old at the time of the event.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Mini Golf at Quarry Ridge. August 9 at 7 p.m. Ice Cream Afterwards at Mayberry Commons.

OLIVET DAYS AT URBAN WHOLISTICS FARMS

Saturday, August 12 ~ 11:00 - 2:00.

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

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

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 20 at both services
Bring your backpacks or briefcases for a back-to-school blessing.

TOLEDO BOTANICAL GARDEN

Art in the Garden

Saturday, August 12 ~ 11:00-4:00 p.m.

Activities and demonstrations by artists throughout the Garden. Kid-friendly! Food Trucks, music, ART!

BENEFIT CONCERT

Sunday, August 20, 2:00 p.m.

Glenwood Lutheran Church - 2545 Monroe St.

A Garden of Music

presented by

The Mosaic Chamber Ensemble

(Holly Clemans, flute; Ann Augustin, oboe;

Angela Duquette, clarinet)

Free-will donations will benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities and ProMedica Mission Services/Spiritual Care

FOLLOW UP TO GUN VIOLENCE FORUM

On Sunday July 30, in the Christian Life Center, a large group representing 28 different houses of worship, joined together for a *Gun Violence Reduction Forum*. Participants heard from Mom's Demand Action and their grass roots efforts related to gun safety. Also present, were members of Sisters 4 Unity. Each of these women has lost a child to gun violence. Their message was a powerful call to action to join together to combat this multi-faceted problem.

A large part of the day involved participants and their table hosts answering questions. The prepared questions brought forth meaningful and thoughtful discussion. The forum was moving, informative and inspiring. There is a march planned with Sisters 4 Unity on August 26, 10 am at Smith Park. For more information about this movement at Olivet, or other questions, please contact Mike Linehan at mline926@gmail.com or 614-595-6666.

RECAP OF OFFERING INCOME JULY—GOAL \$70,000

Weeks 1-5 Actual = \$61,368

INCOME 2023		\$758,000
(Offerings)		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	52,891	79,590
June-all	41,910	37,900
Y-T-D	306,054	317,602
deficit now	11,548	

Sunday	6	9:00 AM	Worship-Sanctuary
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study- TR
		10:00 AM	Youth Gathering 2024 info-Chapel
		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
		9-2	Food Pantry open
		1:00 PM	Produce distribution
		5:00 PM	Daily Bread Meal-drive thru
		7:00 PM	H.S. Youth-Putt Putt/Ice Cream
Thursday	10		
Friday	11		
Saturday	12	11:00 AM	Urban Wholistics-Tatum Pk
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
		10:00 AM	Ladies Bible Study- Penney's
			No Prayer Shawl group
Tuesday	15		No Bookworms
Wednesday	16	9-2	Food Pantry open
		1:00 PM	Food Distribution-Parking Lot
		5:00 PM	Daily Bread drive thru
Thursday	17	7:00 PM	Council
Sunday	20	9:00 AM	Worship-Sanctuary
blessing		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study- TR
Of all		10:00 AM	Body Shop Orientation-Chapel
Backpacks		11:00 AM	The Vine-CLC
Monday	21	9-2:00pm	Food Pantry is open in office
Tuesday	22		
Wednesday	23		NO Worship on Wednesdays
		9-2	Food Pantry open
		1:00 PM	Food Distribution-Parking Lot
		5:00 PM	Daily Bread meal- drive thru
Thursday	24		
Friday	25		
Saturday	26		
Sunday	27	9:00 AM	Worship-Sanctuary
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study- TR
		11:00 AM	The Vine-CLC
		12-2 PM	Mental Health Workshop-CLC
Monday	28	9-2:00	Food Pantry is open in office
Tuesday	29		
Wednesday	30	9-2 pm	Food Pantry in office
		1:00 PM	Food Distribution-Parking Lot
		5:00 PM	Daily Bread drive thru
Thursday	31		