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THE OLIVE 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
now thru Sept. 1. Then: M-Th, 8-4:30, Fri, 8-1:00.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

People of all ages are invited to celebrate a new Sunday School year on **Rally Day**, Sunday, September 10 at 10:10 in the courtyard! Bring a lawn chair or a picnic blanket and fellowship with others. Enjoy a coffee and a snack, play yard games, and more!

Age-appropriate Bibles will be available Sunday, September 10, at both services for children who do not yet own one. Kids aged 3 yrs through 2nd grade will receive a children's Bible, while 3rd - 5th graders will receive an NRSV study Bible. Please let Becky know ahead of time if you would like your child to receive a new Bible.

KITCHEN CREW NEWS

Summer is ending, and it's back to work for everyone. As activities ramp back up for the new school/activity year, the kitchen crew have a few requests. We are very blessed to have a fully equipped, commercial grade kitchen. And a busy kitchen is a happy kitchen. When you use the kitchen for your events, please remember that we do not have a laundry service or recycling pick up. If you use towels, please take them home and return them clean and folded, ready for the next event. The Daily Bread program relies on volunteers to take care of recycling every week. Leaving your recyclables makes their work that much more difficult and time consuming. Please recycle responsibly.

Kitchen staples such as foil, gloves, plastic wrap are supplied by Daily Bread, and are expensive. If you use them, please consider making a small donation to the DB fund to cover replacement costs. When shopping for your event, feel free to check the silver refrigerator and spice cabinet for whatever you may need, in small amounts. There is no need to purchase a jar of herbs or spices for only a tablespoon, when we have large quantities available. If in doubt, contact Holly at hollygene@hotmail.com or text to 419-902-0655.

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.

COMMUNITIES AGAINST VIOLENCE MARCH

Saturday, August 26, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Smith Park, Toledo

Activities, resources, fun for everyone!

Sponsored by Sisters 4 Unity

SHINE A LIGHT ON HATE

Creating a Compassionate Community

Sunday, August 27 1:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Franciscan Center of Lourdes University

6832 Convent Blvd., Sylvania, OH

FREE to attend; advanced registration encouraged in order to receive first-choice of breakout sessions.

The event includes a keynote address, three rounds of breakout sessions offering multiple opportunities to learn about specific community issues, and a concluding panel. Local organizations will have information tables, accompanied by small bites and cultural performances.

RSVP requested by Thursday, August 24 to Sherry Majewski: 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org

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!

**SPECIAL WISHES/CARDS TO CELEBRATE
DORIS FRY'S 95th BIRTHDAY 8/29!**

It would be wonderful if many could send
a birthday card to Doris:
Oak Leaf Village, Room 263, 4220 Holland Sylvania,
Toledo, Oh 43623

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

LEISURE LEAGUE HARVEST SALE

Sunday, September 17

Produce, crafts and baked goods will be offered for
sale in the Atrium and in the hallway leading to the
CLC. ALL proceeds go to our community service
project.

USHERS NEEDED!

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

THINK ABOUT JOINING...

Choir, Handbells, Wednesday Food Distribution,
Olivet Pantry bag filling, Quilters, Children's Ministry,
Body Shop adult guides, one of the many subgroups of
our three Mission Emphases: Congregation,
Community and Global; the Women's Bible study, the
Adult Sunday morning Bible study, etc. Watch for
details in upcoming publications for start times.

RECAP OF OFFERING INCOME

AUGUST GOAL \$52,302

Weeks 2/4 Actual = \$33,320

OFFERINGS ~ 2023		
Annual Goal:		\$ 758,000
Month	Actual Recieved	Monthly Goal
January	\$ 43,524	\$ 44,722
February	\$ 45,228	\$ 48,512
March	\$ 54,523	\$ 47,754
April	\$ 67,978	\$ 59,124
May	\$ 53,005	\$ 79,590
June	\$ 42,512	\$ 37,900
July	\$ 61,456	\$ 70,000
Y-T-D	\$ 368,226	\$ 387,602
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AUG/SEPT

Sunday	20	9:00 AM	Worship-Sanctuary
Blessing		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study- TR
Backpacks		11:00 AM	The Vine-CLC
Monday	21	9-2:00	Food Pantry -office
Tuesday	22	7:00-8AM	Guys N Gospel—Panera -Central Ave
Wednesday	23		NO Worship on Wednesdays
		9-2:00 PM	Food Pantry-office
		1:00 PM	Food Distribution-Parking Lot
		5:00 PM	Daily Bread meal- drive thru
		6:30 PM	OCNS parent orientation-CLC
Thursday	24		
Friday	25		
Saturday	26		
Sunday	27	9:00 AM	Traditional - Sanctuary
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study- TR
		11:00 AM	The Vine-CLC
		Noon-2	Mental Health Worship-CLC
Monday	28	9:00-2:00	Food Pantry - office
Tuesday	29	7:00-8AM	Guys N Gospel-Panera, Central Ave
		1:00 PM	Altar Guild Picnic-Hoetzles
Wednesday	30	9:00-2:00	Food Pantry-office
		12:15-2:45	OCNS Open House-classrooms
		1:00 PM	Food Distribution-Parking Lot
		5:00 PM	Daily Bread drive thru
		5:30 PM	15-20 Yr Old- TR
Thursday	31	9-11:30AM	OCNS Open House-classrooms
Sunday	3	9:00 AM	Worship-Sanctuary
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study- TR
		11:00 AM	The Vine-CLC
Monday	4		Labor day- church/office closed
Tuesday	5	7:00-8AM	Guys N Gospel-Panera, Central Ave
		9-11:30AM	OCNS first day of school
Wednesday	6	9:00-2:00	Food Pantry—office
		1:00 PM	Food Distribution-Parking Lot
		5:00 PM	Daily Bread meal- drive thru
		7:30 PM	Choir Resumes
Thursday	7		
Friday	8		
Saturday	9		
Sunday	10	9:00 AM	Worship-Sanctuary
RALLY		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study- TR
SUNDAY		11:00 AM	The Vine-CLC
		noon	Body Shop-CLC
Monday	11	9-2:00	Food Pantry - office
		9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study resumes
		1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl group-TR
Tuesday	12	5:30-9PM	Handbells resume