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THE LIVE BRANCH

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

JULY 14 – JULY 21, 2024

OLIVET'S NEWEST STAFF MEMBER

We extend a warm welcome to Jill Hepner as she joins our staff as Membership Coordinator (a title being analyzed for renaming). Jill has served at Olivet in many capacities over the span of 13 years: as nursery caregiver, office volunteer, and on the youth & family ministry team. Presently, she rings in the Jubilee Handbell Choir, is a Minister of the Word (reader), and also Vacation Bible School helper. Her professional experiences include 3rd grade teacher for 10 years, classroom aid, and math intervention specialist. Jill and Jon are parents of Emily (12) and Abigail (8). Jill will officially begin her new role on August 13 and train a few hours a week in the meantime.

RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS DAYS

Donation days are upon us! Donations will be accepted on the following days and times:

Thursday & Friday, July 18 & 19 | 8:30A - 6P
Saturday, July 20 | 9A - 12P
Sunday, July 21 | 10A - 3P

Please bring your pre-sorted, separated, and bagged items to the Christian Life Center entrance. Hand trucks and carts will be available at the curb to assist you. Items may be left with a volunteer inside the CLC lobby, or taken directly to the designated table inside the CLC. Donations are happily accepted from Olivet members or family of members.

For a list of accepted items and donation instructions, scan the QR code or visit:
www.olivetsylvania.org/rummage-sale-july



RUMMAGE SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To volunteer, please use the signup sheet at Sunday morning worship or contact Shannon (operations@olivetsylvania.org) or Chalise (ann.underwood@yahoo.com).

SINGLE-SERVICE SUNDAYS THIS JULY

For the month of July, Olivet will be joining together as one body for worship at one combined service each Sunday at 10 AM.

July 21 - Sanctuary

Guest missionary, Rev. David Brondos

July 28 – Sanctuary

Bill Genson & Hymns of Dixieland

VOZNIUKS ONE-YEAR RECEPTION

Please join us July 14 in the Teen Room at 11 AM (after the 10 AM service) for a reception to honor the one-year anniversary of the Vozniuks' journey to the USA from Ukraine.

PRODUCE DONATIONS NEEDED

This is the time of year we start getting produce from our gardens or we pick up extra at Costco and we can't eat it all soooooo.....PLEASE, think about food distribution on Wednesdays at church. We are not getting nearly enough produce to pass out to our guests, which is about 110 families per week. We are having to buy some, which again isn't enough. If you can please help us out, bring the produce to the kitchen on Tues/Wed.mornings before 11 so we can share the abundance. Thank you! *PENNY*

TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE

The transition team has been continuing our efforts to discern the congregation's wishes as to the characteristics of a replacement lead pastor and the direction of Olivet. We have been working with a respected consultant group, Kairos and Associates, recommended by Pastor Robyn. We started with targeted interviews, used those to guide us, and collaborated with Kairos and Associates on a survey for the congregation. We have set a deadline of August 18 to have the survey ready to administer. This deadline gives us adequate time to finetune the survey.

Late summer will be an ideal time to administer the survey, according to our consultants, as people are returning from vacations and can turn their attention to completion of the survey.

We are hopeful that everyone will take the time to complete the survey. Watch for more information at the end of July.

THE GARDENS OF OLIVET

This spring and summer, a fine band of property volunteers have turned their attention to the gardens. This Spring, we cleaned up the area where a cottonwood tree was removed by the shed at the northwest corner of the parking lot. Roots were removed, garden soil spread, and grass was planted. In addition, the garden bordering the East wall of the Christian Life Center was cleaned up, mulched and the bushes were trimmed. The bell garden by the office entrance was weeded, bushes trimmed and the railing for the steps going to the boiler room was sanded and painted. Amy Dixon spearheaded the development of the new Sacred Rain Garden dedicated to Pastor Nate in honor of his ministry here at Olivet. The Garden of Peace is maintained by a rotating group of volunteers who keep that area looking beautiful.

Members were asked to “adopt” one of the gardens – weed, trim and keep neat. Thank you to the following people who stepped up to adopt one of the gardens:

- Steve and Cathy Sanderson** – garden bordering the East wall of the CLC
- Gary Crane** – Bell garden
- Deb Shock** – garden bordering the playground fence (Deb has also weeded the perennial garden by the office door)

We have a few more gardens that would benefit from being “adopted”. They are:

1. The Perennial garden by the office door – this is a large garden and would be best served by a duo.
2. The garden by the mailbox (East entrance of the church, going out to the laundromat) which was refreshed with new plantings last fall and is now low maintenance.
3. The bushes by the kitchen door and Teen Room door. They are currently in need of trimming.

Thank you to those that invest their time and energy to keep our property looking good. Look for the opportunity this fall to spend a half day refreshing the garden by the playground fence.

Consider adopting a garden, which means weeding and trimming as needed - probably twice a year would be adequate. In the meantime, if you have an hour or two, stop by and pull some weeds in any of the gardens. Let the office know you are there as a courtesy to them if you are present during office hours. To adopt a garden, contact Tina Johnson at marktinajohn@gmail.com.

TOOTHBRUSH & TOOTHPASTE DRIVE FOR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Redeemer Lutheran Church is requesting a shift from donations of toilet paper to donations of toothbrushes & toothpaste to meet the growing needs of the communities they serve. New toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste can be dropped off in the bins near the large outhouse posters outside the Sanctuary and Christian Life Center. Thank you !

JULY/AUG

Sunday	14	10:00 AM	Combined Worship - CLC
		9:00 AM	Bible Study - Chapel
		11:00 AM	Reception for Vozniuks-TR
Monday	15		NO Chair Yoga til 7-29
Tuesday	16	9:30 AM	NO Quilting
			Youth send off to New Orleans
Wednesday	17	9-2 PM	Food Pantry
		1:00 PM	Produce
			NO Daily Bread
Thursday	18	8:30-6	Rummage Sale - Drop Off
Friday	19	8:30-6	Rummage Sale - Drop Off
Saturday	20	9-noon	Rummage Sale - Drop Off
Sunday	21	10:00 AM	Combined Worship-Sanctuary
		9:00 AM	Bible Study - Chapel
		11:00 AM	Reception/ Pr. David Brondos
		10-3 PM	Rummage Sale drop off-last day
Monday	22	9:00-2:00	Food Pantry
		9:00-5:00	Rummage Sale set up
Tuesday	23	9:00-5:00	Rummage Sale set up
Wednesday	24	9-2:00	Food Pantry -office
		9:00-5:00	Rummage Sale set up
			NO Produce/Daily Bread meal
Thursday	25	9Am-6PM	Rummage Sale open
Friday	26	9Am-6PM	Rummage Sale open
Saturday	27	9:00 - noon	Rummage Sale open
Sunday	28	10:00 AM	Combined Worship-Sanctuary
Dixieland		9:00 AM	Bible Study-Chapel
Monday	29	9-2:00	Food Pantry
		11:00 AM	Chair Yoga-CLC
Tuesday	30	7:00 PM	Transition Team- Atrium
Wednesday	31	9-2:00	Food Pantry
		1:00 PM	Produce
		5:-5:45	Daily Bread-Drive Thru
Thursday	1		
Friday	2		
Saturday	3		
Sunday	4	9:00 AM	Traditional-Sanctuary
		10:10 AM	Bible Study - TR
		11:00 AM	The Vine-CLC

