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OLIVE BRANCH

The twice-monthly newsletter of

Olivet Lutheran Church

5840 Monroe St.

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August 3 - 10, 2025

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Adult Sunday morning class

10:10 AM | Teen Room

Women's group

Summer: monthly at 9:30 AM | Teen Room
August 18

Guys 'n Gospel

Resumes after Labor Day

Tuesday Table Talks:

Faith Seeking Understanding

August 12 | 6-8 PM at Harroun Community Park
Light meal served and childcare available.
Register at olivetsylvania.org/ttt

Children's & Teen Sunday School

Resumes in the fall

BODY SHOP ORIENTATION

Parents and caregivers of Body Shop students: please plan to attend one of the two upcoming Body Shop orientation sessions: **Sunday, August 24 at 12:20 PM**, OR **Tuesday, August 26 at 5:30 PM**. Please contact Becky Cress (rcress@olivetsylvania.org) with any questions or concerns.

OLIVET CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

OCNS will begin after Labor Day. Positions are still available in our Preschool 2 (ages 4-5) program; 3 or 5 days a week. For registration information, contact OCNS Director Jennifer Crooks at 419-882-4616.

A NOTE FROM CHAPLAIN GREG OLSEN

Thank you for the opportunity to share the Gospel July 13. It was a joy to be a part of that gathering and bear witness to the great love shared between the congregation and Vozniuk family. Thank you as well for your continued support of Genacross in so many different ways—including a gift to the Chapel Fund.

In Christ,
Chaplain Greg Olsen

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 at 10:10 AM

All are encouraged to attend this special meeting in the sanctuary where we will:

- Vote on accepting our candidate, Pr. Melissa Micham as Lead Pastor
- Review and vote on her compensation package

Worship times for that day are 9 AM (sanctuary) & 11 AM (Christian Life Center).

LEARN MORE ABOUT BETTER TOGETHER AT THE EQUITY TEAM TABLE

The Olivet Equity Team will be hosting an information table in the atrium between services **this Sunday, August 3** and **Sunday, August 10**. Stop by to learn more about Better Together: Faith Communities United for Toledo Pride 2025.

Better Together is a growing movement to bring faith communities together in visible, meaningful support of our LGBTQ+ neighbors. This year, Olivet is deepening its involvement—especially at the upcoming Toledo Pride parade in August. Equity Team members will be available to share details, answer questions, and invite your participation. We hope you'll come by!

BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, August 12 | 12-6 PM
Christian Life Center

Save the date to save a life! Stop by the Christian Life Center any time between noon and 6 on August 12 to donate blood. Save time by pre-registering online at RedCrossBlood.org and use keyword OLIVETLUTH; or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

OLIVET HOMECOMING SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 7
after 10 AM combined worship (sanctuary)
Mark your calendars for this time of fellowship featuring root beer floats from the Ladder 419 truck and lawn games in the Bell Courtyard!

SCHOOL KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The Global Mission Team is excited to once again partner with Lutheran World Relief to assemble school kits that will be sent to various places around the world. LWR will also distribute quilts and kits to areas here in the US that have been impacted by natural disasters. The following items are needed to assemble our goal of 100 kits: (Updated 7-31)

- 44 rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 88 sturdy pencil sharpeners
- 84 **blunt** edge scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 131 **unsharpened** #2 pencils with erasers
- 124 (70-80) sheet spiral notebook (wide or college ruled)

Look for the box at each entrance to the church. Collection will continue through September or until all items are donated. Thank you for making education possible for children around the world!

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

The Olivet Choir welcomes new choir members. We have some new and exciting music lined up for the coming year! We sing at most of the 9 AM services from September through May. We perform two cantatas per year: Christmas and Lent. Our rehearsals are on Wednesday nights at 7 PM, starting on September 3. You don't have to be an Olivet member to sing with us. Please pass this along to friends and family. For more information, contact Choir Director, Dr. Stephen Hodge at stevehodge7464@gmail.com.

TOLEDO NORTHWESTERN OHIO FOODBANK SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR GOLF OUTING

The Toledo Northwestern Ohio Foodbank is in need of volunteers for their upcoming Highland Meadows Golf Outing on Tuesday, September 2. This fun and meaningful event helps support hunger relief efforts in our community. There are three volunteer shifts available:

- Morning Shift: 9:30 am-12:30 pm (Setting up, running registration and raffle tables, preparing the bags and water for the golfers)
- Midday Shift: 11:30-5:30 pm (Running the prize holes during the outing.)
- Afternoon Shift: 3:30-6:30 pm (Helping with the end of event banquet, selling tickets, assisting the raffle table, etc.)

Those interested in volunteering may contact Nicole Tuttle-Robb at 419-242-5000 x212 or ntuttlerobb@toledofoodbank.org.

AUGUST

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|-----------|----|------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sunday | 3 | 9:00 AM | Traditional Worship-Sanc. |
| | | 10:10 AM | Adult Bible Study-TR |
| | | 11:00 AM | Vine Contemp. Worship-Sanc. |
| Monday | 4 | 9-2:00 PM | Food Pantry |
| | | 2:00 PM | Global Ministries-TR |
| Tuesday | 5 | 9-1:00 PM | Staff Calendar Day-TR |
| Wednesday | 6 | 9-2:00 | Food Pantry |
| | | 1-2:30 PM | Food Distribution-Drive Thru |
| | | 5-5:45 PM | Daily Bread-Drive Thru |
| Thursday | 7 | 5:30 PM | HR Meeting-library |
| Friday | 8 | | |
| Saturday | 9 | | |
| Sunday | 10 | 9:00 AM | Traditional Worship-Sanctuary |
| | | 10:10 AM | Adult Bible Study-TR |
| | | 11:00 AM | Vine Contemp. Worship-CLC |
| Monday | 11 | 9-2:00 PM | Food Pantry |
| Tuesday | 12 | 12-6:00 PM | Blood Drive-CLC |
| | | 6:00 PM | Tues. Table Talks-Harroun Park |
| Wednesday | 13 | 9-2:00 PM | Food Pantry |
| | | 1-2:30 PM | Food Distribution-Drive Thru |
| | | 5-5:45 PM | Daily Bread-Drive Thru |
| Thursday | 14 | | |
| Friday | 15 | | |
| Saturday | 16 | | |
| Sunday | 17 | 9:00 AM | Traditional Worship-Sanc. |
| | | 10:10 AM | Special Congregational Mtg.-Sanctuary |
| | | 11:00 AM | Vine Contemp. Worship-CLC |
| Monday | 18 | 9-2:00 PM | Food Pantry |
| | | 9:30 AM | Ladies Bible Study-TR |
| Tuesday | 19 | 9:30 AM | Quilting-CLC |
| Wednesday | 20 | 9-2:00 PM | Food Pantry |
| | | 1-2:30 PM | Food Distribution-Drive Thru |
| | | 1:30 PM | Equity Art Group-AE |
| | | 5-5:45 PM | Daily Bread-Drive Thru |
| Thursday | 21 | | |
| Friday | 22 | | |
| Saturday | 23 | | |
| Sunday | 24 | 9:00 AM | Traditional Worship-Sanc. |
| | | 10:10 AM | Adult Bible Study-TR |
| | | 10:10 AM | Member Care-Chapel |
| | | 11:00 AM | Vine Contemp. Worship-CLC |
| | | 12:20 PM | Body Shop Orientation-Chapel |
| Monday | 25 | 9-2:00 PM | Food Pantry |
| Tuesday | 26 | 5:30 PM | Body Shop Orientation-Chapel |
| | | 6:30 PM | OCNS Orientation |