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OLIVE BRANCH

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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 on **Sundays, August 3 and 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!

PROJECT PIKI PIKI FUNDS RAISED

Thanks to the generosity of our VBS families and members of Olivet, we were able to donate **\$4961** towards purchasing piki pikis (motorbikes) for the evangelists in the Dodoma Diocese of Tanzania. This buys 3 bikes!! This amount will be matched by the Northwest Ohio Synod. Thank you for making the work of these evangelists easier as they spread the Good News of Jesus to the people of Tanzania. If you would still like to contribute to this project, we will collect donations throughout July in the church office.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Adult Sunday morning class

No classes in July due to 10 AM worship for July

Women's group

Summer: monthly at 9:30 AM | Teen Room
July 21 & 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

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).

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our last combined worship service in July at 10 AM is Sunday, July 27, in the sanctuary. Regular 9 AM and 11 AM services will resume in August. Please note BOTH services will take place in the sanctuary August 3 only to allow for stage waxing and reconstruction in the Christian Life Center following the rummage sale.

OLIVET AT URBAN WHOLISTICS FARMS

1209 City Park Drive in Toledo

Last date: July 26 | 10 AM - 12 PM

Spend a morning at the farm with us! There are plenty of ways to help: support Sonia with the children's gardening program, assist at the kids' farm stand, or pitch in with general farm maintenance. Bring your kids or grandkids—there's something for everyone.

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.

DRIVERS/VEHICLES FOR FOOD PICK UP

If you have daytime availability along with a pickup or SUV, help is needed to pick up 10-20 lb. cases of food at the Food Bank in West Toledo to deliver to Olivet's food pantry. Contact Penny Moran if you can help (419-517-4335).

RUMMAGE SALE NEWS

The rummage sale is nearly here! Check the sign-up board outside worship or the main office for remaining volunteer needs. Snacks for our rummage sale volunteers are also needed! See enclosed list for more details.

DONATION DROP-OFF DAYS:

Thursday & Friday, July 24/25 | 8:30 - 5pm

Saturday, July 26 | 9am - 12pm

Sunday, July 27 | 10am - 1pm

Please clean, sort & bag your clothing items; bag or box household items.

Accepted Items:

Books • DVDs • Clothing • Shoes • Curtains
Bedding • Towels • Rugs
Baby furniture (only if very clean) • Bikes
Tools Appliances (working & clean condition)
Small furniture (can be carried by 1 person)

NOT Accepted:

Stuffed animals • Golf clubs • Car seats
Pictures larger than 18×24" • Magazines
Encyclopedias • Old tapes • CDs

New this year: electronics of any kind may be dropped off **during donation days only** to be recycled! Please bring someone to assist you if bringing large and/or heavy items. Recycling will be received **outside in designated receptacles**.

ORGANIZING & PRICING DAYS:

Monday - Wednesday, July 28-30

SALE DAYS:

Thu & Fri, July 31 & August 1 | 9am - 6pm

Saturday, August 2 | 9am - 12pm

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:

- 62 rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 100 sturdy pencil sharpeners
- 89 **blunt** edge scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 275 **unsharpened** #2 pencils with erasers
- 20 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 150 (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!

Sunday	20	10:00 AM	Combined Worship-CLC
Monday	21	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study-TR
Tuesday	22		
Wednesday	23	9-2:00	Food Pantry
		1-2:30 PM	Food Distribution
		5:00 PM	No Daily Bread
Thursday	24	8:30-5	Rummage Sale Drop Off
Friday	25	8:30-5	Rummage Sale Drop Off
Saturday	26	9-12:00	Rummage Sale Drop Off
		10-12:00	Urban Wholistics Farm
Sunday	27	10:00 AM	Combined Worship-Sanctuary
		10-1:00	Rumm. Sale Drop Off (Last Day)
Monday	28		
Tuesday	29		
Wednesday	30	9-2:00 PM	Food Pantry
			No Food Distribution/DB
Thursday	31	9-6:00 PM	Rummage Sale
Friday	1	9-6:00 PM	Rummage Sale
Saturday	2	9-12:00 PM	Rummage Sale
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 PM	Food Pantry
		1-2:30 PM	Food Distribution-Drive Thru
		5-5:45 PM	Daily Bread-Drive Thru
Thursday	7		
Friday	8		
Saturday	9		
Sunday	10	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship-Sanc.
		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	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.-Sanc
		11:00 AM	Vine Contemp. Worship-CLC
Monday	18	9-2:00 PM	Food Pantry
		9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study-TR

