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# OLIVE BRANCH

The twice-monthly newsletter of

**Olivet Lutheran Church**

5840 Monroe St.

Sylvania, Ohio 43560

## August 17 - 31, 2025

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION

#### Adult Bible Study

10:10 AM | Teen Room

#### Women's Bible Study

Last summer schedule gathering:

Monday, August 18 at 9:30

*Regular schedule resumes Mon, September 8:*

Mondays at 9:30 AM | Teen Room

#### Guys 'n Gospel

Resumes after Labor Day

#### Tuesday Table Talks:

##### Faith Seeking Understanding

September 9 | 6-8 PM at Harroun Park

Light meal served and childcare available.

Register at [olivetsylvania.org/ttt](http://olivetsylvania.org/ttt)

#### Children's Sunday School

Resumes September 14 at 10:10 AM

#### Teen Sunday School

Resumes September 21 at 10:10 AM

Adult Ed Room (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays monthly)

#### Body Shop

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

Body Shop **classes resume Sunday, September 14** in the Teen Room, **12-2 PM**.

Body Shop parents: please join Pastor Melissa for a **monthly parents' gathering** beginning **September 14, 12:30-2 PM**, during Body Shop. Our first gathering will be at MyWay Bistro.

#### **HELP WANTED:**

##### **NURSERY TEEN WORKERS**

Must be at least 12 years old and have completed a babysitter course. If you are interested contact Jill at [membership@olivetsylvania.org](mailto:membership@olivetsylvania.org).

### HOME COMMUNION VISITATION

Our homebound members tell fascinating stories. Would you care to listen – and bring the gift of connection to their Olivet community through news and the sacrament? A monthly visit (approximately one hour) is encouraged.

Join Pastor Melissa in Weber Chapel on Sunday, August 24 at 10:15-10:55 a.m. for a brief introduction and training. An RSVP to [pastormelissa@olivetsylvania.org](mailto:pastormelissa@olivetsylvania.org) is helpful but not necessary.

### MULTI-FAITH PRIDE WORSHIP SERVICE

**Thu, Aug 21 | 7 PM | Temple Shomer Emunim  
6453 Sylvania Ave.**

Everyone is welcome at Equality Toledo's upcoming multi-faith pride worship service. This annual pride gathering will include reflections by three speakers, small group discussions, a few shared songs, and a unity ritual. Registration is required; register here: [tinyurl.com/yhbjyps3](https://tinyurl.com/yhbjyps3)

### A VISITOR TO OLIVET FROM PALESTINE

**Sunday, August 31**

On Sunday, August 31, we will welcome a very special guest to Olivet. Amer Hannunah is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Beit Sahour, a small town near Bethlehem. He is currently in the U.S. on a mission to support Christian families in his hometown. They have been deeply affected by the war there and the complete collapse of tourism, once their main source of income. These people are artisans who hand-carve beautiful religious items from olive wood. For years, this craft has been their livelihood and a way of sharing their faith with the world.

Amer will have items available for purchase before and after worship that day, and during worship he will speak briefly about the situation in his home country.

Please plan to be present to welcome Amer that day, and, if you so choose, to support his people by purchasing some beautiful olivewood pieces for your own home or for gifts. A free will offering will also be taken.

## ADULTING 101: HEALTHY MEAL PREP ON A BUDGET

**August 24 | 5-7 PM | Teen Room**

"Adulting 101" is a quarterly gathering for young adults to connect and build life skills. Join us for our next gathering to learn about "Healthy Meal Prep on a Budget" with guest presenter, Penny Moran. A portion of our evening will be spent preparing a meal to share together. Interested? Available? Would you care to know about future events? Please RSVP to Pastor Melissa via text (419-309-0114).

## OLIVET HOMECOMING SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 7

after 10 AM combined worship (sanctuary)  
Bring a lawn chair and enjoy 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 8-14)

- 52 **blunt** edge scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 35 sturdy pencil sharpeners
- 24 (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](mailto:stevehodge7464@gmail.com).

Sunday	17	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship-Sanc.
		10:10 AM	Congregational Mtg/Vote
		11:00 AM	Vine Contemp. Worship-Sanc.
Monday	18	9-2:00 PM	Food Pantry
		9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study-TR
Tuesday	19	9-1:00 PM	Staff Calendar Day-TR
		9:30 AM	Quilting-CLC
Wednesday	20	9-2:00	Food Pantry
		1-2:30 PM	Food Distribution-Drive Thru
		1:30 PM	Art Equity-AE
		5:00 PM	Daily Bread-Drive Thru
Thursday	21	7:00 PM	Council-AE
Friday	22		
Saturday	23		
Sunday	24	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship-Sanctuary
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study-TR
		10:10 AM	Communion Visitation-Chapel
		11:00 AM	Vine Contemp. Worship-CLC
		12:20 PM	Body Shop Orientation-Chapel
		5:00 PM	Adulting 101-TR & Kitchen
Monday	25	9-2:00 PM	Food Pantry
		7:00 PM	Accessibility Team-TR
Tuesday	26	9:30 AM	Quilting-CLC
		5:30 PM	Body Shop Orientation-Chapel
		6:30 PM	OCNS Orientation
Wednesday	27	9-2:00 PM	Food Pantry
		9-11:30 AM	OCNS Open House
		1-2:30 PM	Food Distribution-Drive Thru
		5-5:45 PM	Daily Bread-Drive Thru
Thursday	28	9-11:30 AM	OCNS Open House
Friday	29		
Saturday	30		
Sunday	31	10:00 AM	Combined Worship-CLC
Monday	1		Labor Day-Office Closed
Tuesday	2		Office Hours 8-4:30, Fri 8-1
		7:00 AM	Guys & Gospel-Panera (Central)
		9:00 AM	OCNS First Day
		9:30 AM	Quilting-CLC
Wednesday	3	9-2:00 PM	Food Pantry
		1-2:30 PM	Food Distribution-Drive Thru
		5-5:45 PM	Daily Bread-Drive Thru
Thursday	4		
Friday	5		
Saturday	6		
Sunday	7	10:00 AM	Homecoming Service-Sanc.
		11:10 AM	Root Beer Floats-Bell Court