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OLIVE BRANCH

The twice-monthly newsletter of

Olivet Lutheran Church

5840 Monroe St.

Sylvania, Ohio 43560

September 21-28, 2025

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Sunday School Classes

Adults. 10:10 AM | Teen Room

Children. 10:10 AM | Spark Room/Clubhouse

Teens. (1st & 3rd Sundays) 10:10 AM | Adult Ed Rm

NEW! Holy Pepperoni

Wednesdays, 5:30-7 PM

Jo-Jo's Pizza (5614 Mayberry Square)

Gather with other working adults to explore life's meaning and purpose alongside our narrative lectionary (scripture) for the upcoming Sunday. First pitcher and pizza provided. Come once or enjoy weekly. However this fits into your schedule, let's connect and engage!

Women's Bible Study

Mondays at 9:30 AM | Teen Room

Guys 'n Gospel

Tuesdays, 7-8 AM | Panera on Central Ave.

Tuesday Table Talks

October 14 | 6-8 PM in the Christian Life Center

Light meal served and childcare available.

Register at olivetsylvania.org/ttt

Body Shop

12-2 PM | Teen Room

Upcoming classes: Oct. 5 & 12

Next Body Shop **monthly parents' gathering:**

October 12, 12:30-2 PM, at Roosters (5702 Monroe St. in Sylvania).

Confirmation Prep Sessions

Sundays, October 5, 12, & 19 | 6:30-8 PM

Join Pastor Melissa and Becky in the Adult Ed Room to decorate your banners and better understand what confirmation is all about! All 9th grade confirmands should attend.

Fall Fun at BJ Pumpkin Farm!

Saturday, October 11 | 3-5 PM

Youth grades 8-12 are invited to go on a hayride, gobble doughnuts, and choose a pumpkin to decorate! Grab a friend and RSVP to Becky at 419-464-2964.

CLEAN YOUR STREAMS DAY

Saturday, September 27 | 8 AM - 12 PM

Side Cut Metropark

Join others from Olivet for this Northwest Ohio environmental tradition of removing trash from local waterways. Kickoff is at 8 AM at Maumee Rotary Centennial Pavillion (1025 W. River Rd. in Maumee). Cleanup will run 1-2 hours. Basic materials will be supplied; bring gloves and a "grabbing" tool if you have one. Youth in grades 8-12 are also invited to participate!

A free volunteer appreciation picnic will follow at the Lucas County Fairgrounds Arts & Crafts Center. To sign up, see the Caring for Creation Team board outside the atrium or contact Barb Stough (barbstough@gmail.com) **by Sunday, September 21.**

UPCOMING BOOK STUDY HOSTED BY THE ACCESSIBILITY TEAM

Mondays in October (6, 13, 20 & 27)

6:30 - 8 PM | Teen Room

Featuring the book "My Body is Not a Prayer Request: Disability Justice in the Church" by Amy Kenny. Books will be provided for the first 15 people to sign up, or \$12 each after that. (One copy is available to borrow from the JEDI Library in the atrium.) Contact Becky Cress (rcress@olivetsylvania.org) to reserve your spot!

WALK WITH OLIVET IN THE SYLVANIA FALL FESTIVAL PARADE!

Sunday, October 19

Olivet will be participating in Sylvania's annual Fall Festival parade again this year! The parade will kick off at **1 PM** at **Centennial Terrace** (note location change this year due to Main Street construction). Those interested in walking with us in the parade can sign up by scanning the QR code or calling the church office at 419-882-2077. Wearing Olivet apparel is encouraged. Be on the lookout for more details as the event gets closer!

OLIVET JOB POSTING: DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Olivet has posted the position of Director of Operations and will be accepting resumes from qualified candidates beginning now. After 22 years, Shannon feels a responsibility at her age of 74 to turn over the reins to someone who can partner with our fantastic staff. The job posting is available at via email request (operations@olivetsylvania.org), in the church office, or at www.olivetsylvania.org/job-operations.

What's ahead for Shannon...leisure daytimes, time with Skip and family, more travel AND lots of volunteering with Olivet ministries. 😊

Now the Search Team (a branch of the HR Team including Susan Santoro, Joyce Rupley, Stan Machosky, and Shannon Walker) begins their work. Candidate hopeful before Dec. 1.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UNDERWAY

Shoebox packing has begun for Operation Christmas Child. Brochures with information on what to include/not include in your box can be found at the Welcome Center. Boxes must be turned into the church office no later than **November 16**.

BREAKFAST CHURCH AT SALEM LUTHERAN

For the past 3 months, a small group of volunteers from Olivet have been serving breakfast at Salem Lutheran the last Sunday of the month. Around 9 AM, we gather to make breakfast then serve and attend the 10:30 worship service. It is a very worthwhile endeavor and invite more to join us!

The only necessary skills needed are to crack eggs (or jokes), flip pancakes, and serve with a smile. For more information or to volunteer please contact Amy Dixon at 419-467-6356, or amydixon436@gmail.com. Thank you!

WHY DON'T MY ADULT CHILDREN GO TO CHURCH?

**A monthly discussion series led by
Pastor Lee Ann Pomrenke**

Remember Pastor Melissa's "ask" for your prayer, \$\$\$, disappointment, and honesty, when she accepted the nomination as lead pastor on June 29? Possibly **3 of the 4** will be involved in this series of discussions led by Pastor Lee Ann, sharing research about the cultural shifts that have led to church decline, and some spiritual practices for how congregations can redirect our energy in response. Meet in the **Webber Chapel 10:15-11 AM this Sunday**, and **once a month** when Pr. Lee Ann is preaching.

Sunday	21	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship-Sanctuary
		10:10 AM	Spark/Club345
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study-TR
		10:10 AM	HS Bible Study-AE
		11:00 AM	Pr. Pomrenke-see opposite pg
		11:00 AM	Vine Contemp. Worship-CLC
		12:00 PM	Body Shop-TR
Monday	22	9-2:00 PM	Food Pantry
		9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study-TR
		11:00 AM	Chair Yoga
Tuesday	23	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study-Panera
		9:30 AM	Quilting-CLC
		5:30-9:00 PM	Rejoice/Jubilee Bells-Sanc.
Wednesday	24	9-2:00	Food Pantry
		1-2:30 PM	Food Distribution-Drive Thru
		5:00 PM	Daily Bread-Drive Thru
		5:30 PM	Holy Pepperoni-JoJo's Pizza
		7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	25	9:00 AM	OCNS Move-a-thon-parking lot
		7:00 PM	Mutual Ministry-Library
Friday	26	9:00 AM	OCNS Move-a-thon-parking lot
Saturday	27	8:00 AM	Clean Your Streams-Sidecut Pk
Sunday	28	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship-Sanctuary
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study-TR
		10:10 AM	Spark/Club345
		11:00 AM	Vine Contemp. Worship-CLC
Monday	29	9-2:00 PM	Food Pantry
Tuesday	30	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study-Panera
		9:30 AM	Quilting-CLC
		5:30-9:00 PM	Rejoice/Jubilee Bells-Sanc.
Wednesday	1	9-2:00 PM	Food Pantry
		1-2:30 PM	Food Distribution-Drive Thru
		5-5:45 PM	Daily Bread-Drive Thru
		7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2		
Friday	3		OCNS Field Trip-Gust Bros.
Saturday	4		
Sunday	5	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship-Sanctuary
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study-TR
		10:10 AM	Spark/Club345
		10:10 AM	HS Sunday School-AE
		11:00 AM	Vine Contemp. Worship-CLC
		12:00 PM	Body Shop-TR
		6:30 PM	Confirmation Prep-TR