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OLIVE BRANCH

The twice-monthly newsletter of

Olivet Lutheran Church

5840 Monroe St.

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SPIRITUAL FORMATION

NEW! Holy Pepperoni

Wednesdays, 5:30-7 PM

Jo-Jo's Pizza (5614 Mayberry Square)

Begins Wednesday, September 10

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!

Adult Bible Study

10:10 AM | Teen Room (not 9/7)

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:

Faith Seeking Understanding

October 14 | 6-8 PM at Harroun Park

Light meal served and childcare available.

Register at 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 (1st & 3rd Sundays monthly)

Body Shop

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 Hepner at membership@olivetsylvania.org.

PASTOR MELISSA LEAD PASTOR INSTALLATION SERVICE

Tuesday, September 9 | 6:30 PM | sanctuary

Northwestern Ohio Synod Bishop Daniel

Beaudoin will preside at this special service;

reception to follow. All are invited to join in this celebratory day for Olivet and Pastor Melissa!

LEISURE LEAGUE ANNUAL HARVEST SALE

Sunday, September 14

Before, between, & after worship services

Browse a variety of baked goods, produce, and crafts for purchase. All profits used to create and supply personal care bags for Cherry Street Mission's clients.

OLIVET OUTDOOR CLEANUP DAY

Thursday, September 18 | 9:30 AM - 12 PM

We're looking for volunteers to help beautify our grounds! Our main focus will be the weed trees in and around the dumpster area. Andrea is having to fight her way in to dispose of trash! If interested in volunteering, please contact Tina Johnson (419-350-8016), Bob Mens (419-410-0519), or Deb Shock (734-856-7000).

CRAFTING & SCRAPBOOKING DAY

Saturday, September 20 | 8 AM - 6 PM

Christian Life Center

Calling all crafters! If you're into arts and crafts, don't miss this opportunity to spend a day working on projects, enjoying delicious food, and even getting a massage! Registration is \$30 and includes breakfast, lunch, an afternoon snack, and half a table of workspace. For more information or to sign up, contact Karen Keefer (419-356-1902).

SCHOOL KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

All of our needs for the school supplies that we have been collecting have been received. On September 21st the Body Shop students will be assembling the backpacks and preparing them for shipment to the Lutheran World Relief headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland. They will then be distributed to various children around the world. Thank you for your generosity!

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. 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 **Monday, 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!

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. Thanks to our volunteers for June and July: Bob and Donna Mens, Mike Linehan, Karen Rosar, Raiden and Jordan Browning, Noah, Luke and Rebecca Gauchet, and Amy Dixon. For more information or to volunteer please contact Amy at 419-467-6356, or amydixon436@gmail.com. Thank you!

AUGUST BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

The Red Cross projected to collect 16 units of blood during our August 12th blood drive. They collected 18 units with 3 Power Reds and 2 first time donors! Thank you to those who stopped by to donate.

The next blood drive at Olivet will be Friday, January 23, from noon to 6 PM in the Christian Life Center.

Sunday	7	10:00 AM	Combined/Homecoming
		11:10 AM	Worship-Sanc.
Monday	8	9-2:00 PM	Root Beer Floats-Bell Court
		9:30 AM	Food Pantry
		11:00 AM	Ladies Bible Study-TR
		1:00 PM	Chair Yoga
		5:30/7:30 PM	Prayer Shawl
		7:00 PM	Rejoice/Jubilee Bells-Sanc.
Tuesday	9	7:00 AM	Accessibility Team-TR
		9:30 AM	Men's Bible Study-Panera
		2:00 PM	Quilting-CLC
		6:30 PM	Bookworms
		7:30 PM	Pr. Melissa's Installation-Sanc.
Wednesday	10	9-2:00	Reception-Atrium
		1-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		5:00 PM	Food Distribution-Drive Thru
		5:30 PM	Daily Bread-Drive Thru
		7:00 PM	Holy Pepperoni-JoJo's Pizza
Thursday	11	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
		7:00 PM	OCNS Welcome-basement
Friday	12	9:00 AM	Euchre-TR
		10:00 AM	OCNS Welcome-basement
		2:00 PM	Welcome Team-Atrium
Saturday	13		Council-AE
Sunday	14	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship-Sanctuary
		10:10 AM	Harvest Sale-Atrium
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study-TR
		10:10 AM	Spark/Club345
		11:00 AM	Vine Contemp. Worship-CLC
		12:00 PM	Body Shop-TR
		12:30 PM	Body Shop Parents-My Way
Monday	15	9-2:00 PM	Food Pantry
		5:00 AM	Equity Team-AE
Tuesday	16	9:30 AM	Quilting-CLC
		5:30/7:30 PM	Rejoice/Jubilee Bells-Sanc.
		6:30 PM	Holey Knitters-atrimum
Wednesday	17	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	18	9:30 AM	Fall Clean Up-outside
		7:00 PM	Council-AE
Friday	19		
Saturday	20	8:00 AM	Scrapbooking-CLC/TR