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OLIVE BRANCH

The twice-monthly newsletter of

Olivet Lutheran Church

5840 Monroe St.

Sylvania, Ohio 43560

October 19-26, 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

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

Nov 11 | 6-8 PM in the Christian Life Center

Light meal served and childcare available.

Register at olivetsylvania.org/ttt

Holy Pepperoni

Wednesdays, 5:30-7 PM

Jo-Jo's Pizza (5614 Mayberry Square)

A Bible study for working adults; first pitcher and
pizza provided.

Body Shop

12-2 PM | Teen Room

Upcoming classes: November 9 & 16

Acolyte training for all Body Shop students:

Sun, Nov 2 at 10:10 AM in the sanctuary

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

November 9, 12:30-2 PM, at Te'Kela (5702
Monroe St. in Sylvania).

TEEN BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study for 8th-12th grade meets again on
October 19! Have your kid dig out their Bible and
join Becky on the first and third Sundays of the
month between the services (~10:10-10:55 AM)
to explore how God works in the world using
games, art and visual media! No homework; just
God's word, prayer, and community.

Confirmation Prep Sessions

Remaining date:

Sun, October 19 | 6:30-8 PM | Adult Ed Rm

Confirmation Sunday is October 26 at the 9 AM
service, with a small reception to follow.

ACCESSIBILITY BOOK STUDY CONTINUES

Mondays in October (20 & 27)

6:30 - 8 PM | Teen Room

Featuring the book is "My Body is Not a Prayer
Request: Disability Justice in the Church" by
Amy Kenny. Attend one week or attend all!
Participants are welcome to join any session.
Contact Becky Cress to reserve a spot!
(rcress@olivetsylvania.org)

THE PASTOR NATHAN TUFF SACRED RAIN GARDEN NEWS

Blooming season is winding down as autumn
approaches. So why are there "dead" plants still
standing in the rain garden? Leaving native
plants over the winter is crucial for providing
habitat and food for wildlife, enriching the soil,
and protecting the plants themselves. One
great example of a plant that is still standing in
the garden is the swamp milkweed. As
monarchs make their way south, they seek out
this plant for food and shelter. Another example
of beneficial native plants are coneflower and
black-eyed Susan. The dried seeds of these
native plants are a nutritious source of food for
a variety of birds over the winter. For questions,
or to volunteer next spring to help with the
garden, please contact Amy Dixon at
amydixon436@gmail.com or 419-467-6356.

OLIVET AT THE HALLOWEEN HIKE

Saturday, October 25 | Olander Park

This year, Olivet's Youth & Family Support
Team is sponsoring a station at the Halloween
Hike at Olander Park! Bring your little ones and
join in the fun. Admission is \$3; pre-registered
families may enter starting at 5:15.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Sun, Nov 2 | 12:15 PM | Adult Ed Rm

Ready to learn more about Olivet's mission and
ministries? Join Pastor Melissa and Jill Hepner
(Membership + Ministry Coordinator) for an
overview of Olivet's ministries. Learn how to get
connected and go on an in-depth tour of
Olivet's building and grounds. A light lunch will
be provided with RSVP. Save your spot by
emailing Jill (membership@olivetsylvania.org)
or calling the church office at 419-882-2077.

**FALL CONCERT CELEBRATION:
AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC & MEANING**

**Saturday, November 15 at 2 PM
St. Stephen Lutheran Church
7800 Erie Street in Sylvania**

Gather for an afternoon of music at St. Stephen in Sylvania featuring singer, songwriter, and storyteller Kerry Patrick Clark. Reception to follow concert. The concert is free to attend; a free will offering will be taken to support the Lutheran Social Services food pantry. Donations of canned goods are also welcomed.

**OLIVET JOB POSTING:
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**

Olivet has posted the position of Director of Operations and is currently accepting resumes from qualified candidates. The job posting is available in the church office, via email request (operations@olivetsylvania.org), or at www.olivetsylvania.org/jobs. The Search Team is hopeful to have a candidate selected before December 1.

What's ahead for Shannon? "Leisure daytimes, time with Skip and family, more travel AND lots of volunteering with Olivet ministries," she says.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX

Currently we are doing the annual collection of boxes that will be shipped abroad to children. Grab a flyer and/or a box, fill it with goodies per the flyer and return it before Nov. 16, the day they will be blessed at worship before shipping.

TOILET PAPER DONATIONS NEEDED

So far this year, over 1600 rolls of toilet paper have been delivered to Redeemer Lutheran Church to help them provide basic necessities to the communities they serve. Toilet paper donations are still greatly needed, and can be left beneath the large outhouse posters outside both the Christian Life Center and sanctuary. Thank you!

**TABLE HOSTS NEEDED FOR
ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT**

If you would like to host a table for the women's tea following this year's Advent by Candlelight (Thursday, December 4 at 7 PM), please see Jan Kirk or Joann Bell.

SYLVANIA FALL FESTIVAL PARADE

It's not too late to join Olivet in the parade that is happening today. Meet at Pacesetter Park between 11-12:30.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Sunday	19	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship-Sanctuary
		10:10 AM	Spark/Club345
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study-TR
		10:10 AM	HS Sunday School-AE
		11:00 AM	Vine Contemp. Worship-CLC
Monday	20	12:00 PM	Sylvania Fall Fest-Centennial
		6:30 PM	Confirmation Prep-AE
		9-2:00 PM	Food Pantry
		9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study-TR
		11:00 AM	Chair Yoga
Tuesday	21	6:30 PM	Accessibility Book Study-TR
		7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study-Panera
		9:30 AM	Quilting-CLC
		5:30-9:00 PM	Rejoice/Jubilee Bells-Sanc.
		6:30 PM	Holey Knitters-TR
Wednesday	22	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	23		
Friday	24		
Saturday	25	11:00 AM	Wedding-Sanc.
		4:00-7:00 PM	Halloween Hike-Olander
		PM	
Sunday	26	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship-Sanctuary
		9:00 AM	Confirmation-Sanc.
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study-TR
		10:10 AM	Spark/Club345
		11:00 AM	Vine Contemp. Worship-CLC
Monday	27	9-2:00 PM	Food Pantry
		9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study-TR
		11:00 AM	Chair Yoga
		6:30 PM	Accessibility Book Study-TR
Tuesday	28	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study-Panera
		9:30 AM	Quilting-CLC
		5:30-9:00 PM	Rejoice/Jubilee Bells-Sanc.
Wednesday	29	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	30		
Friday	31		
Saturday	1	8:00-4:00 PM	
		PM	Tae Kwon Do-CLC