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OLIVE BRANCH

The twice-monthly newsletter of

Olivet Lutheran Church

5840 Monroe St.

Sylvania, Ohio 43560

October 5-12, 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

October 14 | 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: October 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.

OLIVET'S NEW WEBSITE DEBUT

We hope you love the new and completely
revitalized website that debuted mid-September.
www.olivetsylvania.org

BOOK STUDY BEGINS

THIS MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

6:30 - 8 PM | Teen Room

Join Olivet's Accessibility Team for a book
study each Monday evening in October! The
featured book is "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 a 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 at
olivetsylvania.org/fall-parade-2025 or calling the
church office at 419-882-2077. Be on the
lookout for more details!

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
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 before Nov. 16, the day
they will be blessed at worship before shipping.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

As a church family, we want to be mindful of and give thanks for those among us who have served in the armed forces. If you are a veteran, or if someone in your household is, we would be grateful to know so that we may honor and hold you in prayer. Please call or email Jill Hepner, Membership & Ministry Coordinator, by October 19 so we may add you to our Olivet veterans list. Jill can be reached at 419-882-2077 or membership@olivetsylvania.org.

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!

YOUTH & FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM

SEEKING CANDY DONATIONS

This year, Olivet's Youth & Family Support Team is sponsoring a station at the **Halloween Hike** at Olander Park! Outdoor Sylvania anticipates handing out candy to over 400 costume-wearing children at the event. Olivet churchgoers are invited to support this community event by donating bags of individually wrapped candy **through Sunday, October 19**. Look for donation buckets outside both worship spaces. Thank you to all!

KAHLE SENIOR CENTER ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR RUMMAGE SALE

1315 Hillcrest at Willys Park in Toledo

Have more "stuff" to donate to the rummage sale but don't want to wait until next July? The Kahle Senior Center is accepting donations from September 22 **through October 6** for their rummage sale.

Sale hours:

Thu, October 9 – 9 AM - 7 PM (*Lunch & Bake Sale*)

Fri, October 10 – 9 AM - 5 PM (*Half-price Day + Lunch & Bake Sale*)

Sat, October 11 – 9 AM – 1 PM (*\$3 Bag Day; buy one bag, get one free*)

If you are donating large items, please call the Kahle Senior Center first (419-476-2745).

Sunday	5	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	6	12:00 PM	Body Shop-TR
		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	7	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.
		9-2:00	Food Pantry
Wednesday	8	1-2:30 PM	Food Distribution-Drive Thru
		5:00 PM	Daily Bread-Drive Thru
		5:30 PM	Holy Pepperoni-JoJo's Pizza
		6:00 PM	Family Support Min. Team-TR
		7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9	7:00 PM	Euchre
Friday	10		
Saturday	11	3:00 PM	HS Fun-BJ Pumpkin Farm
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		10:10 AM	Spark/Club345
		11:00 AM	Vine Contemp. Worship-CLC
		12:00 PM	Body Shop-TR
Monday	13	12:30 PM	Body Shop Parents-Roosters
		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	14	1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl-atrium
		6:30 PM	Accessibility Book Study-TR
		7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study-Panera
		9:30 AM	Quilting-CLC
		2:00 PM	Bookworms-AE
Wednesday	15	5:30-9:00 PM	Rejoice/Jubilee Bells-Sanc.
		6:00 PM	Tues. Table Talks-CLC
		9-2:00 PM	Food Pantry
		1-2:30 PM	Food Distribution-Drive Thru
		5-5:45 PM	Daily Bread-Drive Thru
Thursday	16	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
			Council-AE
Friday	17		
Saturday	18	6:00 PM	Urban Wholistics Gala-CLC