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OLIVE BRANCH

The twice-monthly newsletter of

Olivet Lutheran Church

5840 Monroe St.

Sylvania, Ohio 43560

February 1-8, 2026

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

New! Wednesday Bible Study

for all ages; following the Narrative Lectionary
Wednesdays 6-7 PM in the Weber Chapel
(no gathering February 18)

Sunday School Classes

No Sunday School February 1

Adults. 10:10 AM | Teen Room

Children. 10:10 AM | Spark Room/Clubhouse
February 1: Childcare available for kids ages 3
yrs-5th grade during the Annual Meeting

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

February 10 | 6-8 PM | Teen room

Light meal served and childcare available.

Register at olivetsylvania.org/ttt

Body Shop

Classes: February 1 & 22, 12-2 PM - Teen Rm
Body Shop Parents' Group: Feb 1 canceled
Winter Retreat: February 6-8 (Friday-Sunday) at
YMCA Storer Camps (Jackson, MI); check your
email for details!

Teen Bible Study

High schoolers in grades 8-12 are invited to join
Becky for Bible study on Sunday, February 15,
from 12:30 to 2 PM at the Sylvania Diner.
Friends are welcome! Walk to the diner
together with Becky at 12:15 PM or meet us
there. Please RSVP! 😊

DONATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Each week, we're asking each family in the
congregation to bring in a fresh food item to be
given out at our Wednesday food distribution.
Please deliver food to the church by 10 AM on
Wednesdays. Thank you for your generosity!

Week of 2/8 – onions **2/15** – eggs

Week of 2/22 – cheese **3/1** – butter

Note: cereal is always needed for the pantry

CHILI'N ON A SUNDAE AFTERNOON MEET & GREET: An Intergenerational Event Sunday, February 1 following the Annual Meeting | Christian Life Center

Everyone is invited to join us for ice cream
sundaes and a chili cookoff! Plain spaghetti will
be available for youth. Free will offering
proceeds to benefit the Family Ministries
Support Team.

ACCESSIBILITY TEAM MEETING Mon, February 2 at 7 PM | Teen Room. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING FEBRUARY 4

A new Bible study is kicking off in February
each Wednesday evening from 6 to 7 PM. The
group, following the narrative lectionary, will
meet in the Weber Chapel and is open to all
ages. Note: there will be no gathering on
February 18.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER
February 17 | 5-7 PM | Christian Life Center
Shrove (Fat) Tuesday the day before Ash
Wednesday, is a day of feasting, celebration and
indulgence in rich, fatty foods before Lent's forty
days of fasting and reflection. A freewill offering
will be taken to raise funds for the 2027 Youth &
Young Adult Gatherings in Minneapolis.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 18 12 - 1 PM – drive thru ashes (parking lot) 7 PM – worship service (sanctuary)

YOUNG ADULTS CONNECT

Young Adults Connect is a new monthly
gathering for young adults (18-35) at Sylvania
Diner after the Vine service. We will meet on the
first Sunday of the month (except February and
April) from 12:30 to 2 PM for fellowship and
conversation. Please note that attendees will
purchase their own meals for this event. **Dates:**
2/8, 3/1, 4/12, and 5/3. RSVP to Sasha Franklin
at 419-279-5451.

**BREAKFAST CHURCH
AT SALEM LUTHERAN**

Olivet has been supporting Salem Lutheran Church with volunteers for their once-a-month Breakfast Church since June. We make a simple breakfast and then have fellowship and a church service with those who are present. It has been a rewarding endeavor, and we'd like to invite anyone who may feel compelled to join us. We need around 4-5 people to help serve. I would encourage families, teens and adults to all consider it. Breakfast Church is the third Sunday of the month. Upcoming dates: February 15, March 15, April 19, and May 17. Please contact Amy Dixon (amydixon436@gmail.com) if you have questions or would like volunteer.

SAVE THE DATE: WOMEN'S RETREAT

March 7-8 | Country Inn & Suites, Findlay OH

Women of all ages are invited to Olivet's annual women's retreat! This year, our six-session Bible study is "Listen, Love, Repeat" by Karen Ehman. In this DVD study, we will rediscover the JOY that comes from putting others first. We will learn practical, creative ways to scatter kindness to family and friends and our community.

The cost is \$125 per person which includes an overnight stay at the Country Inn and Suites of Findlay, Ohio, lunch Saturday afternoon, meeting room, and materials. If you are sharing a room, the cost is \$62.50.

Plan on attending this little getaway as we study God's word about loving one another and learn to navigate a self-centered world. Invite a family member, a friend, or a co-worker to this fun-filled weekend. A sign-up sheet is available in the church office or contact Jan Kirk to RSVP (419-367-4754).

SAVE THE DATE:

**Earth Heroes Unite: Love Your Mother Earth
Saturday, April 11 | Christian Life Center
10 AM – 2 PM | doors open at 9:30 AM**

Olivet's Global Missions Team is excited to announce their upcoming event "Earth Heroes Unite: Love Your Mother Earth." The day will feature interactive stations, activities and a discussion panel for earth-lovers of all ages! The event is free to attend and includes lunch. Look for more details to come in the weeks ahead.

NEW FOOD PANTRY HOURS

To support a safe and well-organized environment for everyone who uses our building, we are adjusting our food pantry hours. Pantry guests are welcome on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM.

FEBRUARY

Sunday	1	10:00 AM	Worship, Annual Meeting CLC
		11:30 AM	Chill'n on Sundaes Afternoon
		12:00 PM	Body Shop TR
Monday	2	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study TR
		12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		7:00 PM	Accessibility Team TR
Tuesday	3	7-8 AM	Guys' n Gospels Panera
		9:30-11 AM	Quilters
		5:30-9 PM	Handbells
		7:00 PM	Vine Band CLC
Wednesday	4	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		1-2:30	Produce
		5-5:45	Daily Bread
		6:00 PM	Word & Wonder Chapel
		7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	5	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
Friday	6	5:15 PM	Body Shop Retreat thru Sunday at Camp Storer
Saturday	7		
Sunday	8	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Sanc.
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study TR
		10:10 AM	Spark/Club 345
		11:00 AM	Contemp Worship CLC
		12:30 PM	Young Ad Conn Sylvania Diner
Monday	9	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study TR
		12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Atrium
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Thursday	12	11:00 AM	OCNS Bookfair/Grands AE
		12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		7:00 PM	Euchre TR
Friday	13	11:00 AM	OCNS Bookfair/Grands AE
Saturday	14		