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# OLIVE BRANCH

The twice-monthly newsletter of

**Olivet Lutheran Church**

5840 Monroe St.

Sylvania, Ohio 43560

## March 1-8, 2026

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION

#### Sunday School Classes

**Adults.** 10:10 AM | Teen Room

**Children.** 10:10 AM | Spark Room/Clubhouse

#### 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

March 10 | 6-8 PM | Teen room

Light meal served and childcare available.

Register at [olivetsylvania.org/ttt](http://olivetsylvania.org/ttt)

#### Wednesday Bible Study

for all ages; following the Narrative Lectionary

Wednesdays 6-7 PM in the Weber Chapel

#### Body Shop

**Classes:** Mar 1 & 15, 12-2 PM - Teen Room

**Body Shop Parents' Group:** Mar 1, 12:30-2 PM  
at El Salto (on Monroe St)

**Mark your calendar:** Sun, Apr 19, 9 AM - 12:30

PM is Breakfast Church at Salem Lutheran.

Watch your email for details!

#### Communion Instruction

Sundays, March 1 & 15 | 10:10-11 AM

Clubhouse (basement)

Calling all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders! Join Pastor  
Melissa for a Communion Instruction series.

Attendance at both sessions is encouraged.

Children who have received their first  
communion are welcome to continue their  
education!

#### Young Adults Connect

**March 1 | Sylvania Diner | 12:30-2 PM**

A monthly gathering for young adults (18-35) for  
fellowship & conversation after the Vine service.

(Attendees will purchase their own meals.)

RSVP to Sasha Franklin.

### 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.

A sign-up sheet is available in the church office  
or contact Jan Kirk to RSVP (419-367-4754).

### PI(E) DAY & PLAY NIGHT

**Saturday, March 14 | 6:00-8:00 PM**

**Christian Life Center**

Pi(e) Day & Play Night returns this year! Bring  
your favorite games and grab a friend for this  
fun, intergenerational activity put on by the  
Youth & Family Support Ministry Team. Munch  
on pizza and dessert pie slices too as we  
celebrate Pi Day (3-14). A free-will offering will  
be taken to cover the costs of the event.

### NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR EASTER EGGS-TRAVAGANZA!

Donations of individually wrapped treats and  
trinkets for the Easter Bunny's  
EGGS-travaganza goody basket are being  
collected at the Christian Life Center and main  
office entrances. Help with EGGS-travaganza  
preparation would also be appreciated. Thank  
you for your generosity!

### MARCH 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 3/8** – eggs                      **3/15** – cheese  
**3/22** – lunch meat                      **3/29** – butter

## EASTER EGGS-TRAVAGANZA

Saturday, March 21 | 9-11 AM

### Christian Life Center

Families are invited to attend Olivet's Easter EGGS-travaganza! A light breakfast will be served, and parents can enjoy coffee while their little ones make crafts, have their faces painted, play games (and win prizes!), visit the Easter Bunny, go on an egg hunt, and hear the story of Easter. HOP to see you there!

### SAVE THE DATE!

### Vacation Bible School

June 15-19

Vacation Bible School will be June 15-19. New volunteers are welcome! Please let Becky know if you are interested ([rcress@olivetsylvania.org](mailto:rcress@olivetsylvania.org)).

### COMMON THREAD QUILTERS NEED YOUR HELP

With the closing of Joann Fabric stores, Olivet quilters are in need of FABRIC, any size pieces members might have in their home and are willing to donate for quilt making. Also needed are sheet sets, any size or color (cotton or cotton blend, no 100% synthetic material). They may be left on pool table in Teen Room or in the office. Thank you for your help!!

### FOOD PANTRY & WINTER OUTREACH NEEDS

**Thank you** for helping keep our food pantry stocked with nonperishable items. Your generosity makes a tremendous difference for our guests, and we are grateful for all you do.

We are continuing to collect **coats, hats, gloves, blankets**, and other **warm winter gear**. Look for the "coat drive" donation bins outside both worship spaces and the church office.

Lastly, volunteer help for the pantry is always needed. We are looking for volunteers who can:

- Pick up food orders and deliver to the church. **Pickup trucks and large SUVs are especially helpful!**
- Help pack food bags (**Sundays after services and/or evening hours can be arranged**)

If you're able to assist, please contact Penny Moran at 419-517-4335. You may bring items on Sundays, or drop them off in the church office:

- Monday–Thursday: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
- Friday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

If you need to arrange a special drop-off time, please contact Amie McGee or call the office.

**Thank you** for your continued generosity!

## MARCH

Sunday	1	9:00 AM	<b>Traditional Worship   Sanc.</b>
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study   TR
		10:10 AM	Spark/1st Comm instruction
		<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Contemp Worship   CLC</b>
		12:00 PM	Bodyshop   TR
		12:30 PM	Bodyshop Parents   El Salto
		12:30 PM	Young Adult Conn   Syl Diner
		4:00 PM	OCNS Pancake Dinner   CLC
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 Gospel   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		
Saturday	7		Women's Retreat   Findlay
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		10:10 AM	Spark/Club 345
		10:10 AM	Pastor Lee Ann's Study   Chapel
		<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Contemp Worship   CLC</b>
Monday	9	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study   TR
		12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl   Atrium
Tuesday	10	7-8 AM	Guys' n Gospel   Panera
		9:30-11 AM	Quilters
		12:30 PM	Global Ministries   AE
		2:00 PM	Bookworms   TR
		5:30-9 PM	Handbells
		6:00 PM	Tuesday Table Talk   CLC
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