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OLIVE BRANCH

The twice-monthly newsletter of

Olivet Lutheran Church

5840 Monroe St.

Sylvania, Ohio 43560

April 19-26, 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

May 12 | 6-8 PM | Teen Room

Light meal served and childcare available.

Register at olivetsylvania.org/ttt

Body Shop

Classes: May 3 & 17, 12-2 PM - Teen Room

Breakfast Church at Salem Lutheran:

Sunday, April 19, 9 AM - 12:30 PM

Check your email for details.

Scrapbooking Fundraiser: Saturday, April 25 for
2027 Winter Retreat. Check your email for details.

High School

Bible Study: Sunday, April 26 - 12:30-2 PM
at Sylvania Diner. Friends are welcome! Walk to
the diner together with Becky at 12:15 PM or meet
us there. Please RSVP to Becky. 😊

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JUNE 15-19

Registration Open May 1st - 31st

Vacation Bible School will be June 15-19. This
year's theme is "Snowball Mountain Challenge:
Find Your Strength in God," and our mascot is
Ollie the Arctic Seal. **Children between age 4
years through 5th grade may register between
May 1 and 31.** New volunteers are welcome!
Please let Becky know if you are interested
(rcress@olivetsylvania.org).

OUTREACH MINISTRY ENDOWMENT MATCH NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1

All gifts to the Outreach Ministry Endowment of
Olivet will be matched dollar for dollar up to
\$20,000 by an anonymous donor! This
endowment supports the long-term future of
Olivet's local and global outreach ministries.

Once the fund reaches \$100,000, its earnings
provide ongoing ministry support. Give cash or



planned gifts and help double
the impact. For more
information contact the church
office or email

operations@olivetsylvania.org.

THE VINE AUDIO TECH VOLUNTEERS TRAINING SESSION

Sunday, April 19 after the 11 AM service

Audio tech volunteers are needed to help lead
and support The Vine service. Those interested
in finding out more are invited to attend a training
session on Sunday, April 19. A light lunch will be
provided before the one-hour training session
begins. Note: attending this training does not
commit you to being a part of this ministry team.

SPRING OUTDOOR CLEANUP DAY

Friday, April 24 | 9:30-11:30 AM

Join us as we help ready and refresh Olivet's
grounds for spring! Only general maintenance is
needed. Bring your garden tools and come with
garden gloves to trim, weed, mulch, rake, and
plant grass seed. Contact Tina Johnson, Bob
Mens, or Deb Shock for more information.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR TYLER MARTIN SUNDAY, APRIL 26

After 13 faithful years of service, Tyler Martin is
stepping down from his volunteer role on Olivet's
Tech Team as The Vine audio tech. Please join
us after the 11 AM service on Tyler's last
Sunday, April 26, for light refreshments as we
wish Tyler well and extend our appreciation for
his dedication and care.

MULTIFAITH EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 26 | 2-5 PM

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (1825 Glendale)

This event is free and open to all. Families, friends, and neighbors of all backgrounds are welcome. Learn about sustainability and eco-spirituality while enjoying music and family-friendly activities with people of many faiths.

The Multifaith Coalition to Reduce Gun Violence will be there with a table where you can make arts and crafts out of gun parts, and we'll make garden tools from gun parts using a forge.

Isaiah 2:4 "He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; **they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks;** nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

QUILTING NEWS

Saturday, May 2: help tie quilts in the Christian Life Center starting at 9 AM. If you can tie a knot, you can help!

More quilt kits available! Good news for members who helped sew quilt tops in the past—there are more quilt kits available to sew into quilt tops! Kits come with quilt squares, thread and directions for sewing into a quilt top. These will be available on Sunday mornings.

RUMMAGE SALE SAVE THE DATES:

Thursday, July 30 – Saturday, August 1

Donation drop off begins Thursday, July 23. It's never too early to begin saving your "stuff" to donate! More information to come.

SOCIAL MEDIA ASSISTANT

Passionate about social media and want to use your skills to serve our church community? We're looking for creative volunteers to help grow Olivet's Facebook and Instagram presence! Working on a team, you'll help create engaging content and collaborate on fresh ideas to connect with our congregation and community online. No professional experience required, just a love for storytelling and a heart for service. Teens welcome! If you're interested, please reach out to Sara at communications@olivetsylvania.org for more information!

APRIL 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 4/19 – butter
4/26 – canned meat (no pork)

APRIL-MAY

Sunday	19	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Sanc.
		9:00 AM	Body Shop Bfast Church Salem Lutheran
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study TR
		10:10 AM	Spark/Club 345
		11:00 AM	Contemp Worship CLC
Monday	20	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study TR
		12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
Tuesday	21	7-8 AM	Guys' n Gospel Panera
		9:30-11 AM	Quilters
		5:30-9 PM	Handbells Sanc.
		6:30 PM	Holey Knitters TR
		7:00 PM	Vine Band CLC
Wednesday	22	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		1-2:30	Produce
		5-5:45	Daily Bread
		7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	23	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
Friday	24	9:30 AM	Spring Cleanup outside
Saturday	25	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Scrapbook CLC
Sunday	26	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Sanc.
		10:10 AM	Spark/Club 345
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study TR
		11:00 AM	Contemp Worship CLC
		12:20 PM	HS Bible Study Syl. Diner
Monday	27	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study TR
		12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
Tuesday	28	7-8 AM	Guys' n Gospel Panera
		9:30-11 AM	Quilters
		5:30-9 PM	Handbells Sanc.
		7:00 PM	Vine Band CLC
Wednesday	29	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		1-2:30	Produce
		5-5:45	Daily Bread
		7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	30	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
Friday	1		
Saturday	2	9:00 AM	Quilt Tying CLC
Sunday	3	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Sanc.
		10:10 AM	Spark/Club 345
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study TR
		11:00 AM	Contemp Worship CLC
		12:30 PM	Young Adult Conn Syl. Diner