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OLIVE BRANCH

The twice-monthly newsletter of

Olivet Lutheran Church

5840 Monroe St.

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April 5-12, 2026

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Sunday School Classes

Adults. 10:10 AM | Teen Room

Children. 10:10 AM | Spark Room/Clubhouse

No Sunday School classes on 4/5

Women's Bible Study

Mondays at 9:30 AM | Teen Room

No Bible Study 4/6; resumes 4/13

Guys 'n Gospel

Tuesdays, 7-8 AM | Panera on Central Ave.

Tuesday Table Talks

April 14 | 6-8 PM | Teen Room

Light meal served and childcare available.

Register at olivetsylvania.org/ttt

Body Shop

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

Breakfast Church at Salem Lutheran:

Sun, Apr 19, 9 AM - 12:30 PM.

Check your email for details.

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

High School

Bible Study: Sun, 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. 😊

Nature Hike: Sat, April 18 - 2-4 PM at Secor
Metropark. Celebrate Earth Day a little early! Take
a nature hike and participate in a nature-related
activity with Becky as we give thanks for God's
creation! Please RSVP to Becky.

JOIN THE ACCESSIBILITY TEAM!

Join Olivet's Accessibility Team in helping to
make Olivet a welcoming place for all! Our next
meeting is scheduled on **Monday, April 20** at 7
PM. Thank you!

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.

A NOTE OF THANKS – AND AN INVITATION TO SERVE

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. Tyler's last
Sunday with us will be April 26, and a brief
farewell reception will be held following The
Vine. We are deeply grateful for the dedication,
care, and leadership he has shared with our
congregation over the years. His steady
presence has helped make our worship run
smoothly week after week, and we give thanks to
God for his innumerable contributions.

As we enter this time of transition, we are
seeking **new audio tech volunteers** to help lead
and support The Vine service. Serving on a
rotating team of volunteers, audio techs support
worship by prepping and operating the sound
and livestream systems to help the service run
smoothly from start to finish.

Two training sessions are being offered after the
11 AM service on **Sundays, April 12 and April
19**. Attendance at only one session is necessary.
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. An RSVP is appreciated to
assist with lunch planning. If you plan to attend,
please contact the church office at 419-882-2077
or churchoffice@olivetsylvania.org.

If you feel called to serve or would like additional
information, please reach out to the church
office.

**EARTH HEROES UNITE:
LOVE YOUR MOTHER EARTH
Saturday, April 11 | 10 AM - 2 PM | CLC
Doors open at 9:30 AM**

Registration is still open for this informative, interactive, and free event for earth lovers of all ages! Lunch included. To sign up, call the church office or visit www.olivetsylvania.org/earth-heroes by Wednesday, April 8.

**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!

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!

WOMEN'S RETREAT – THANK YOU!

The Olivet Women's Retreat 2026 was a great success. Twenty-two ladies traveled to the Country Inn and Suites in Findlay, for a weekend of rest and renewal. We enjoyed hospitality and fellowship as we studied "Listen, Love, Repeat" by Karen Ehman. Thank you to the ladies of our committee: Janet Kish, Cynthia Fett, Donna Mens, Katie Macaro and Rinda Holshoe. Each of these women bring a special touch that makes this weekend such a success. Of course, we need to say thank you to the office staff who helped bring this weekend together. Thank you to our dear Pastor Melissa for being with us and creating a beautiful closing Sunday service. And most important, a big thank you to the ladies who attend and support this wonderful ministry. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."(John 13:34)

**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: 4/5 – eggs | **4/12** – cheese slices
4/19 – butter | **4/26** – canned meat (no pork)

APRIL

Sunday	5	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Sanc.
		11:00 AM	Contemp Worship CLC
Monday	6	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
Tuesday	7	7-8 AM	Guys' n Gospel Panera
		9:30-11 AM	Quilters
		5:30-9 PM	Handbells
		7:00 PM	Vine Band CLC
Wednesday	8	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		1-2:30	Produce
		5-5:45	Daily Bread
		7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	9	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		7:00 PM	Euchre TR
Friday	10	10:00 AM	Welcome Team Atrium
		2-4:00 PM	Accessibility Survey Team TR
Saturday	11	10-2:00 PM	Earth Heroes Unite CLC
Sunday	12	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Sanc.
		10:10 AM	Spark/Club 345
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study TR
		10:10 AM	Pastor Pomrenke Study Chapel
		11:00 AM	Contemp Worship CLC
		12:00 PM	Body Shop TR
		12:30 PM	Body Shop Parents El Salto
		12:30 PM	Young Adults Connect Syl. Diner
Monday	13	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study TR
		12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Atrium
		7:00 PM	Accessibility Team TR
Tuesday	14	7-8 AM	Guys' n Gospel Panera
		9:30-11 AM	Quilters
		2:00 PM	Bookworms TR
		6-7 PM	Tue Table Talk TR
		7:00 PM	Vine Band CLC
Wednesday	15	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		1-2:30	Produce
		5-5:45	Daily Bread
		7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	16	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		7:00 PM	Council AE
Saturday	18	2-4:00 PM	HS Nature Walk Wildwood
Sunday	19	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Sanc.
		9:00 AM	Body Shop Bfast Church Salem
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study TR
		10:10 AM	Spark/Club 345
		10:10 AM	Gun Violence Info TBD
		11:00 AM	Contemp Worship CLC