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OLIVE BRANCH

The twice-monthly newsletter of

Olivet Lutheran Church

5840 Monroe St.

Sylvania, Ohio 43560

May 3-10, 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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JUNE 15-19

Registration is now open!

This year's VBS 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 now until May 31.** To register, visit www.olivetsylvania.org/vbs.

New volunteers are welcome and youth volunteers are needed! Please let Becky know if you are interested (rcress@olivetsylvania.org).

VBS Station Leaders and helpers:

- If you are a Station Leader, please give Becky your list of donations needed ASAP.
- Please plan to attend ONE of our two VBS training sessions, either Tuesday, May 19 at 6pm or Thursday, May 21 at 11am in the Adult Ed Room. Thank you for volunteering!

Teacher Appreciation Sunday, May 17th!

As we wind down our regular Sunday children and youth programming, let's thank our kids' teachers and mentors for their hard work and dedication. Teachers and mentors will be recognized at both services.

YOUNG ADULTS CONNECT

The gathering planned for this Sunday, May 3, has been cancelled. Stay tuned for details on a cookout planned for late June!

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES 5TH ANNUAL STOCK THE SHELVES

Friday, May 15 | 11 AM – 1 PM

Olivet is partnering with Lutheran Social Services for their annual Stock the Shelves food donation event happening Friday, May 15. This food drive helps replenish the shelves of their food pantry, which serves 900 individuals in the Toledo area every month.

Donations may be dropped off at 2149 Collingwood Blvd. between 11 AM and 1 PM on the day of the food drive. Wish list items include canned meats, canned fruits & vegetables, canned soups, ramen noodles, cereal, oatmeal, pasta & pasta sauce, energy bars, and crackers.

UNWANTED FIREARM DISPOSAL EVENT VOLUNTEERS & DONORS NEEDED

Saturday, June 13 | 11 AM - 3 PM

Olivet is partnering with the Multifaith Coalition to Reduce Gun Violence to host a safe, drive-through unwanted firearm disposal event on Saturday, June 13, from 11 AM to 3 PM at Monroe Street United Methodist Church (3613 Monroe St., Toledo).

Community members can safely dispose of unwanted firearms and receive a gift card or artwork in exchange. The process is simple, secure, and handled by trained staff. This event is part of Gun Violence Awareness Month and is an opportunity to take a meaningful step toward safer homes and communities.

Volunteers are needed to help guide donors through a simple drive-through process. You will not handle firearms—trained safety experts will take care of that. To volunteer, scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/229nzfcb. Note: all volunteers must attend a Zoom training on Wednesday, June 3 at 7 PM, or watch the recording in advance if unable to attend live.



A link will be emailed after you sign up.

Thank you to those who have donated toward purchasing gift cards for the event. Those wanting to make contributions by check can mail or drop off a check made out to Olivet Lutheran Church with "gun disposal event" in the memo line.

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.

MAY 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:

5/3 Head Lettuce | **5/10** Broccoli

5/17 Sliced Cheese | **5/24** Butter

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.

MAY IS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

Jill would like to create a bulletin board of Olivet members or family members (even if they aren't members of Olivet) who are currently serving in any of the branches of the military. Please send a picture with the military branch, rank and where they are stationed to Jill Hepner,

membership@olivetsylvania.org.

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

Do you love working with young children? Our church nursery is looking for a few more caring and reliable caregivers! Volunteers will serve on Sunday mornings during the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM services, helping care for children ages 0–3.

Helpers (ages 12+) & Leaders (ages 16+) must complete a Red Cross Babysitting Course or have CPR training. If interested contact Jill membership@olivetsylvania.org.

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
		12:00 PM	Body Shop TR
Monday	4	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		7:00 PM	Accessibility Team TR
Tuesday	5	7-8 AM	Guys' n Gospel Panera
		9:30-11 AM	Quilters CLC
		5:30-9 PM	Handbells
		7:00 PM	Vine Band CLC
Wednesday	6	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		1-2:30	Produce
		5-5:45	Daily Bread
		7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	7	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
Friday	8		
Saturday	9		
Sunday	10	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
Monday	11	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study TR
		12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Atrium
Tuesday	12	7-8 AM	Guys' n Gospel Panera
		9:30-11 AM	Quilters
		2:00 PM	Bookworms TR
		6:00 PM	Tuesday Table Talk TR
		7:00 PM	Vine Band CLC
Wednesday	13	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		1-2:30	Produce
		5-5:45	Daily Bread
		7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	14	11:00 AM	OCNS Farewell CLC
		12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		7:00 PM	Euchre TR
Friday	15	11:00 AM	OCNS Farewell CLC
Saturday	16		
Sunday	17	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
		12:00 PM	Body Shop TR