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OLIVE BRANCH

The twice-monthly newsletter of

Olivet Lutheran Church

5840 Monroe St.

Sylvania, Ohio 43560

May 17-31, 2026

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Sunday School Classes

Adults (last day 5/24 until August)

10:10 AM | Teen Room

Children (last day 5/17 until fall)

10:10 AM | Spark Room/Clubhouse

Women's Bible Study

Monday, 5/18 at 9 AM

Scramblers on Central Ave.

Meets monthly at 9:30 AM during summer:
June 8, July 20, & August 24

Guys 'n Gospel

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

Summer hiatus Memorial Day - Labor Day

Tuesday Table Talks

June 9 | 6-8 PM | Harroun Community Park

Light meal served and childcare available.

Register at olivetsylvania.org/ttt

Body Shop

Last class: May 17, 12-2 PM - Teen Room

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

Sunday, June 7 at 10 AM service

High school and college graduates wishing to be recognized should contact the church office at 419-882-2077 or operations@olivetsylvania.org. A reception will follow in the bell courtyard.

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 AM and 11 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 Hepner at membership@olivetsylvania.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

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 yrs



through 5th grade may register now through

May 31. New volunteers are welcome! Please let Becky know if you are interested (rcress@olivetsylvania.org).

Visit www.olivetsylvania.org/vbs or scan the QR code above to register or volunteer.

Can you **donate supplies** for VBS? Items needed can be found on the “snowballs” on the bulletin boards in the preschool hallway and across from the Adult Ed Room. Take a snowball, purchase the listed item, and return it with the snowball to the church office. More items will be added as supply lists are turned in, so check back often. We also are in need of 50 empty water bottles.

VBS Station Leaders and helpers:

- If you are a Station Leader, please give Becky your **list of needed donations** ASAP.
- Please plan to attend ONE of 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!

Becky is looking for **youth volunteers** to lead small groups and help at stations during VBS! This is a great opportunity to get volunteer hours.

- Please **register** to volunteer at www.olivetsylvania.org/vbs.
- Save the Date: Youth volunteers will need to attend ONE of the following training sessions: Wednesday, June 3 at 6pm or Sunday, June 7 at 6pm in the Adult Ed Room. Thank you!

**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, memo “gun disposal event”.

MAY FOOD DISTRIBUTION DONATIONS

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 5/17 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 Amie McGee at operations@olivetsylvania.org.

MAY-JUNE

Sunday	17	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Sanc. Teacher Recognition
		10:10 AM	Spark/Club 345
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study TR
		11:00 AM	Contemp Worship CLC Teacher Recognition
		12:00 PM	Body Shop TR
Monday	18		Summer Hours 8:30-2:30
		9:00 AM	Women’s Bible Study Scramblers
		12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
Tuesday	19	7-8 AM	Guys' n Gospel Panera
		1:00 PM	Equity Art Team AE
		6:00 PM	VBS Adult Training AE
		6:30 PM	Holey Knitters TR
		7:00 PM	Vine Band CLC
Wednesday	20	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		1-2:30	Produce
		5-5:45	Daily Bread
		7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	21	11:00 AM	VBS Adult Training AE
		12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		7:00 PM	Council AE
Friday	22		
Saturday	23		
Sunday	24	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Sanc.
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study TR
		11:00 AM	Contemp Worship CLC
Monday	25		Office Closed
Tuesday	26	7:00 PM	Vine Band CLC
Wednesday	27	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		1-2:30	Produce
		5-5:45	Daily Bread
		7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	28	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
Friday	29		
Saturday	30		
Sunday	31	10:00 AM	Combined Worship CLC
Monday	1	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
Tuesday	2	7:00 PM	Vine Band CLC
Wednesday	3	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		1-2:30 PM	Produce
		5-5:45 PM	Daily Bread
		6:00 PM	VBS Training AE
Thursday	4	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry