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OLIVE BRANCH

The twice-monthly newsletter of

Olivet Lutheran Church

5840 Monroe St.

Sylvania, Ohio 43560

June 7-14, 2026

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Sunday School Classes

Adults - resumes in August

Children - resumes September 20

Women's Bible Study

Meets monthly at 9:30 AM during summer:

June 8: Penny Moran's house
(2928 Cypress Colony Dr. in Toledo)

July 20: Donna Mens' house
(4438 Vicksburg Dr. in Sylvania)

August 24

Guys 'n Gospel

Resumes after Labor Day

Tuesday Table Talks

June 9 | 6-8 PM | Harroun Community Park
Light meal served. Bring a beverage & a side or
dessert to share (about 12 attendees)

Scripture & Salsa: Summer Spiritual Practice

Thursdays, June 11, 25 & July 2

Olivet Garden of Peace/Weber Chapel

4 PM bible study | **4:45 PM** prayer practice

5:15-6:30 PM El Salto

Body Shop

Resumes in September

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.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

OLIVE BRANCH SURVEY

As part of Olivet's ongoing commitment to meaningful communication within our congregation, we are conducting a brief reader survey to evaluate and improve the Olive Branch, our twice-monthly newsletter.

We invite all members and friends of Olivet — whether you read the Olive Branch regularly or only occasionally — to share your feedback. Your responses will help us ensure that our communications reflect the needs, interests, and rhythms of our community. The survey takes approximately 3–5 minutes to complete and will close June 29. Responses are anonymous.

To complete the survey online, visit www.olivetsylvania.org/survey or scan the QR code. Physical copies are available in the



entrances to the sanctuary and Christian Life Center or in the church office. Completed surveys may be turned into the church office or placed in the "Communications" mailbox outside the church office. Thank you for your input!

VBS REMAINING VOLUNTEER NEEDS

- We still need volunteers for **morning check-ins, set-up** (Sun., 6/14 @ 11am), and **tear-down** (Fri., 6/19 @ 12:30pm). If you can help with any of these, please let Becky know! Thank you!
- Remaining youth volunteer training session: Sunday, June 7 at 6pm in the Adult Ed Room.

UNWANTED FIREARM DISPOSAL EVENT

Saturday, June 13 | 11 AM - 3 PM

Monroe Street United Methodist Church

Olivet's Equity Team was instrumental in organizing this upcoming event. Please help us spread the word. If you or someone you know has an unwanted firearm, this event provides a safe, responsible way to dispose of it and help make our community safer. Together, we can take a practical step toward reducing the risk of firearm accidents, thefts, and misuse while promoting the safety of our neighbors.

JUNE

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ASSISTANT
Children, Youth and Family Ministry is strongest when many people share their gifts, whether that's helping occasionally at events, supporting weekly programming, or simply building relationships with our young people. *Becky is looking for one or two volunteers who could help her on a regular basis* – a few hours once or twice a week – who become familiar with the ins and outs of her ministry and who would be able to fill in should she need to be elsewhere.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE!

Plans are well underway to for this year's rummage sale! It takes a village to make happen, and volunteers are needed in a variety of positions before, during, and after the sale. See the sign-up board outside worship for all available positions and timeslots. Thank you for helping to make this sale a success!

Sale Dates: July 30 - August 1

Donation Dates: July 23 - 26

www.olivetsylvania.org/rummage-sale

OHIO SUMMER YOUTH RETREAT HOPEWOOD PINES

SUN, JUNE 28 - WED, JULY 1

This retreat is for youth entering 6th -12th grades. The 2026 theme, "Choose Love," is based on 1 John 4:19: "We love because He first loved us." During our retreat, we will learn what it means to love God, love ourselves, love each other, and love our world. The cost to attend is \$150. Becky plans to chaperone; contact her for more info and to sign up!

A WORD ABOUT OUR COMMON KITCHEN

Whether you use the kitchen regularly, occasionally, or for the first time, please take time to read the procedures that are published in the June-August Olive Press. Posted on the kitchen doors is a summary of proper kitchen use. By following these simple procedures, our shared kitchen will remain ready for everyone.

JUNE 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 6/10 sliced cheese | **6/17** butter
6/24 eggs

Sunday	7	10 AM	Combined Worship Sanc.
		11 AM	Graduate Recognition Reception Bell Courtyard
		6 PM	VBS Youth Volunteer Training AE
Monday	8	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study Penny Moran's house
		12 PM	Food Pantry
		3 PM	VBS Decorations Team Meeting CLC
Tuesday	9	6 PM	Tuesday Table Talks: Faith Seeking Understanding Harroun Community Park
Wednesday	10	12 PM	Food Pantry
		1 PM	Produce
		5 PM	Daily Bread
Thursday	11	12 PM	Food Pantry
		4 PM	Scripture & Salsa: Summer Spiritual Practice Chapel
		7 PM	Euchre TR
Friday	12		
Saturday	13	11 AM	Unwanted Firearms Disposal Event Monroe Street United Methodist Church
Sunday	14	10 AM	Combined Worship CLC
Monday	15		Vacation Bible School Begins
		12 PM	Food Pantry
Tuesday	16	6:30 PM	Holey Knitters TR
Wednesday	17	12 PM	Food Pantry
		1 PM	No Produce
		5 PM	No Daily Bread
Thursday	18	12 PM	Food Pantry
		7 PM	Council Meeting AE

For full calendar, visit www.olivetsylvania.org/calendar