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OLIVE BRANCH

The twice-monthly newsletter of

Olivet Lutheran Church

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SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Adult Bible Study

Sundays at 10:10 AM | Teen Room

Women's Bible Study

Meets monthly at 9:30 AM during summer

Last summer gathering: **August 24**

Tuesday Table Talks

August 11 | 6-8 PM | Harroun Community Park

Theme: Spirituality for The Two Halves of Life

BODY SHOP ORIENTATION

Tuesday, August 11 at 6 PM &

Sunday, August 10:10 AM | Weber Chapel

Two orientation sessions will be offered for all Body



Shop students, grades 6-8. The student and at least one family member should attend ONE of the sessions. Parents, please scan the QR code to fill out a form for each of your students prior to orientation.

HIGH SCHOOL FUN: BEACH DAY

Saturday, August 8

High schoolers, let's have some fun in the sun! Grab your swimsuit and a towel as we head to Maumee Bay State Park. Youth entering grades 8-12 and their friends will meet Becky at 12 PM at Olivet to carpool to the park and will return by 4 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided. RSVP to Becky (rcress@olivetsylvania.org) by Wed, August 5.

2027 ELCA YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT GATHERING INFORMATIONAL MEETING Sunday, August 30 after 10 AM worship in the Weber Chapel

Eligible participants to the Youth Gathering are students entering grades 8-12; at least one parent/guardian should be at the meeting along with any youth wishing to attend. Young adults aged 18 through 35 may attend the Young Adult Gathering. Contact Becky (rcress@olivetsylvania.org) for more information.

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

August 9 – 9 AM & 11 AM

August 16 – 9 AM & 11 AM

August 23 – 9 AM & 11 AM

(Pastor Bill Pavuk's first Sunday at Olivet)

August 30 – 10 AM in the Christian Life Center

ACCESSIBILITY TEAM MEETING

Monday, August 3 | 7 PM in the Teen Room

Please join us as we plan future projects and programming!

WALK WITH OLIVET & BETTER TOGETHER IN THE TOLEDO PRIDE PARADE

Saturday, August 15 | noon

We are excited to once again participate in Better Together, a growing movement to bring faith communities together in visible, meaningful support of our LGBTQ+ neighbors. Olivet will join in walking with other communities of faith in the Toledo Pride Parade happening August 15. Watch for more details in Olivet's Weekly Word email!

BLESSING OF BAGS & ELECTRONICS

Sunday, August 16

As we return from vacations and contemplate the start of school, students and professionals of all ages are invited to bring their bags or electronic devices to either worship service to receive a blessing on Sunday, August 16.

A NOTE FROM DAILY BREAD & OLIVET'S KITCHEN

Daily Bread now has a sufficient stock of food storage containers thanks to the many donations they've received. Please recycle food storage containers responsibly!

AUGUST 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 8/2 - cucumbers **8/9** – onions
8/16 – melon (whole) **8/23** - fresh berries
8/30 - celery

THANK YOU FROM THE RUMMAGE SALE TEAM

It takes a village to pull off Olivet's annual rummage sale, and our Olivet community once again showed up! THANK YOU to the volunteers who helped before, during, and after the sale. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you to those who brought in donations to sell, and food to keep our volunteers fed. And thank you to everyone who helped spread the word about the sale!

HELP US PRAY WITH OUR WEDNESDAY FOOD GUESTS

Olivet's Wednesday food distribution ministry is in need of caring volunteers to collect prayer requests from our guests from 12:30 to 2:30 on Wednesdays. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with our guests on a more personal level, and is deeply appreciated by those we serve. If interested or for more information, please contact Penny Moran at 419-517-4335 or pcreedmoran@gmail.com.

QUILTING NEWS

Thank you to members who have sewn quilt tops for Olivet's Quilt ministry! Quilt top packs are available for those interested in sewing together squares for quilt tops. Directions are included in the packs of quilt squares. Also appreciated are the sheets donated for quilts. Keep them coming!!

October 4th our quilts will be displayed in the sanctuary and Christian Life Center to be "blessed" during both services. This year is our 10th year of giving boxes of quilts to Lutheran World Relief for distribution in other countries. Quilts are also given out in our area.

Volunteers are always welcome to help on Tuesdays in the Christian Life Center when quilt layers are assembled. Contact Carol Leupp at 419-868-6623 if interested.

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.

AUGUST

Sunday	2	9 AM	Traditional Worship Sanc.
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study TR
		11 AM	Contemp Worship Sanc.
Monday	3	12 PM	Food Pantry
		7 PM	Accessibility Team Meeting TR
Tuesday	4	9 AM	Quilting Group CLC
Wednesday	5	12 PM	Food Pantry
		1 PM	Produce
		5 PM	Daily Bread
Thursday	6	12 PM	Food Pantry
Saturday	8	12 PM	High School Fun: Beach Day Maumee Bay State Par.
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		11 AM	Contemp Worship CLC
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Tuesday	11	9 AM	Quilting Group CLC
		6 PM	Tuesday Table Talks: Faith Seeking Understanding Harroun Park
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		11 AM	Contemp Worship CLC