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OLIVE BRANCH

The twice-monthly newsletter of

Olivet Lutheran Church

5840 Monroe St.

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July 19-26, 2026

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Women's Bible Study

Meets monthly at 9:30 AM during summer:

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

August 24

Tuesday Table Talks

August 11 | 6-8 PM | Harroun Community Park

Theme: Spirituality for The Two Halves of Life

HIGH SCHOOL FUN: DINNER & MUD HENS GAME Thursday, July 23 | evening

Take me out to the ball game! Youth are invited to see the Toledo Mud Hens take on their rivals, the Louisville Bats! Meet at Olivet at 6:15 PM to carpool to Fifth Third Field. Tickets will be paid for; bring money for food, drinks, and souvenirs. Friends are welcome! RSVP to Becky by Tuesday, July 21 (rcress@olivetsylvania.org).

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.

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.

PASTOR BILL PAVUK CALLED TO SERVE AS OLIVET PASTOR OF COMMUNITY LIFE

On Sunday, July 12, with the affirmation of 131 voting members of Olivet, Pastor Bill Pavuk received and accepted a call to Olivet Lutheran Church as Pastor of Community Life. Pastor Bill's compensation package was also overwhelmingly approved. More details to come on Pastor Bill's start date.

Thank you to all who attended Pastor Bill's meet-and-greet on Saturday, July 11, and the congregational meeting on July 12!

RUMMAGE SALE NEWS Donation Dates & Times

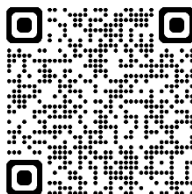
Thu & Fri, July 23 & 24 | 8:30 AM – 5 PM

Sat, July 25 | 9 AM – 12 PM

Sun, July 26 | 10 AM – 1 PM

Electronics recycling accepted!

See full list of accepted donations here:
www.olivetsylvania.org/rummage-sale



Food donations are needed to help keep our rummage sale volunteers fed. Scan the QR code to sign up for an item, or contact Shannon Walker (419-344-5351 or churchladyshan@gmail.com).

Non-perishable items may be dropped off to the Christian Life Center kitchen Sunday (7/26) through Wednesday (7/29). Perishables may be dropped off Wednesday (7/29) or Thursday (7/30).

Donations of paper & plastic bags are also needed for the rummage sale. Bags can be left in the donation bins located outside both worship spaces or brought to the church office. Thanks for helping us improve the checkout experience for our shoppers!

Sale Dates & Times:

July 30 & 31 | 9 AM – 6 PM

August 1 | 9 AM – 12 PM

EVENING WITH MISSIONARY DAVID BRONDOS

Saturday, August 1 | 6-8 PM

Rev. Dr. David Brondos, whose mission work in Mexico that Olivet helps support, will be joining us for dinner and discussion at Olivet the evening of Saturday, August 1. We'll start with dinner at 6 PM and then informal discussion in the Teen Room until 8 PM.

David is a professor at Augsburg Lutheran Seminary and the Theological Community of Mexico in Mexico City, whose work serves the entire Spanish-speaking world. In this role, David teaches and accompanies future leaders.

Space is limited, so please RSVP to Steve Sanderson via call/text (419-290-0865). Feel free to reach out to Steve or any other Global Mission members for questions or details (Heidi Lohrmann, Cynthia Fett, Barb Stough, Susan Santoro, Becky Moore and Amy Dixon).

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 in August. Be on the lookout for more details.

JULY 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 7/19 - dozen eggs **7/26** - cheese slices

TOILET PAPER DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations of toilet paper are needed for Redeemer Lutheran Church. Please place donations by the outhouse banners hanging outside both worship spaces. Thank you for your generosity and support of this ongoing partnership with Redeemer and the communities they serve!

PRAYER TEAM FOR FEEDING MINISTRY GUESTS

Did you know research shows that praying for others is associated with positive psychological and relational outcomes?

At Olivet, we gather prayers from our Wednesday feeding ministry guests in the afternoon at food distribution and in the evening at Daily Bread. After a member of our team gathers those prayers, they are then emailed out to a prayer team who lifts them up in prayer. Many of our guests thank us for the prayers and for God's comfort and healing. If you would be

interested in joining this prayer team or have questions, contact Susan Santoro at scsantoro711@gmail.com or 419-344-7071. You will only receive prayer requests once a week.

JULY/AUGUST

Sunday	19	10 AM	Combined Worship CLC
Monday	20	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study Donna Mens' house
		12 PM	Food Pantry
Tuesday	21	6:30 PM	Holey Knitters TR
Wednesday	22	12 PM	Food Pantry
		1 PM	Produce
		5 PM	Daily Bread
Thursday	23	12 PM	Food Pantry
		8:30-5	Rummage Sale Drop Off
		6:15 PM	HS Fun Mud Hens
Friday	24	8:30-5	Rummage Sale Drop Off
Saturday	25	9 AM	Olivet Weed It & Reap Team at Urban Wholistics Farms
		9-12	Rummage Sale Drop Off
Sunday	26	10 AM	Combined Worship Sanc.
		10-1	Rummage Sale Drop Off
Monday	27	12 PM	Food Pantry
Tuesday	28		
Wednesday	29	12 PM	Food Pantry
			NO Produce or Daily Bread
Thursday	30	9-6	Rummage Sale
		12 PM	Food Pantry
Friday	31	9-6	Rummage Sale
Saturday	1	9-12	Rummage Sale
		6 PM	Evening with David Brondos TR