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OLIVE BRANCH

The twice-monthly newsletter of

Olivet Lutheran Church

5840 Monroe St.

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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

July 14 | 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).

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.

DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

If you would like a 2026 directory stop in the office and pick one up.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sun, July 12 at 11:10 AM | CLC

On Thursday, June 4, 2026, the Call Committee presented Pastor William (Bill) Pavuk as a candidate for Pastor of Community Life. The Congregational Council subsequently voted unanimously to present him to the congregation.

The Olivet Congregational Council is calling a special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 12 at 11:10 AM in the Christian Life Center. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on issuing a call to Pastor William Pavuk as Pastor of Community Life/Associate Pastor. Worship that day is at 10 AM in the Christian Life Center. A two-thirds majority vote of members in attendance is required to extend the call.

You are warmly invited to join us on **Saturday, July 11, from 6 to 8 PM for a casual meet and greet** with Pastor Bill and his wife, Dana. Pastor Bill will offer a brief presentation at 7 PM. Dessert will be served.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Call Committee for their faithful and diligent work throughout this process.

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.



Better Together t-shirts are available to order online (deadline is July 15). Scan the code to purchase. Shirts may be picked up from Olivet before the parade date (more details to come).

**YOU'RE INVITED TO AN OPEN HOUSE
CELEBRATING 3 YEARS IN AMERICA!
Saturday, July 18 | drop in between 4 & 8 PM
4503 Brittany Rd, Ottawa Hills, OH 43615**

We are so grateful for our Olivet Lutheran Church family and friends who supported and encouraged us as we began this new chapter. We would love to celebrate this 3-year milestone together with you! Please RSVP to Mariia (call or text 567-389-3585) and let us know if you plan to join us so we can prepare enough food for everyone. Thank you!

-The Vozniuk Family
Viktor, Mariia, Ivan, & Tymofii

The Vozniuk family arrived in the United States from Ukraine in July 2023 to escape the Russian-Ukrainian war. Olivet continues to provide support to this family as they build a new life in America.

**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE
RUMMAGE SALE!**

Can you lend a hand at this year's rummage sale? Help is needed in a variety of positions before, during, and after the sale. Check out the sign-up board outside worship for a complete list of unfilled positions. **Save the dates!** On **Sunday, July 19**, Bob Mens is asking for volunteers to stay after the 10 AM service in the Christian Life Center to help clear out chairs and move instruments off the stage, then move tables, racks, and plastic bins into place to start receiving donations on July 23. Then, on **Saturday, August 1**, volunteers will be needed around noon to help reset the Christian Life Center for worship. For more details, please call or text Bob Mens at 419-410-0519.

Sale: 7/30 - 8/1 | **Donation Dates:** 7/23 - 7/26
www.olivetsylvania.org/rummage-sale

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 7/5 - bag of carrots
7/12 - bunch of celery **7/19** - dozen eggs
7/26 - cheese slices

**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.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

JULY 2026

Sunday	5	10 AM	Combined Worship Sanc.
Monday	6	12 PM	Food Pantry
		7 PM	Accessibility Team Meeting TR
Tuesday	7	9 AM	Quilting Group CLC
Wednesday	8	12 PM	Food Pantry
		1 PM	Produce
		5 PM	Daily Bread
Thursday	9	12 PM	Food Pantry
		7 PM	Euchre TR
Friday	10		
Saturday	11	6 PM	Meet-and-Greet with Pastor Bill
Sunday	12	10 AM	Combined Worship CLC
		11:10 AM	Special Congregational Meeting CLC
Monday	13	12 PM	Food Pantry
Tuesday	14	9 AM	Quilting Group CLC
		6 PM	Tuesday Table Talks: Faith Seeking Understanding Harroun Community Park
Wednesday	15	12 PM	Food Pantry
		1 PM	Produce
		5 PM	Daily Bread
Thursday	16	12 PM	Food Pantry
		7 PM	Council Meeting
Friday	17		
Saturday	18		
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	9 AM	Quilting Group CLC
		6:30 PM	Holey Knitters TR
Wednesday	22	12 PM	Food Pantry
		1 PM	Produce
		5 PM	Daily Bread