FAQ about Olive

How old is Olive?

- Old, but by the grace of God, he has made us new.

What denomination is Olive part of?

- We are part of Evana Network, a group of Anabaptist churches.
    - Learn more about Evana Network at evananetwork.org/

What does Olive think about the Bible?

- The Bible is the inspired word of God. It is essential in our faith walk to learn who God is, to get to know his Son Jesus, and to see and learn how the Holy Spirit works in our lives.
- Everything we preach and teach, starts with the Bible.

What is Olive about?

- **Mission**: We exist to grow disciples of Jesus Christ who build bridges to God, each other, and our community. We do this through the Holy Spirit's guidance and power.
- **Vision:** As transformation by God occurs in us we will Love, Grow, Serve, and Share. The more we are transformed by God, the more we become like God and we do the things God does. —---------->

What are the expectations of a member at Olive?

- Being a member means you are actively engaging in church life.
    - Adopt and live out our mission statement as their own.
    - Regularly attend worship services and Sunday school.
    - Getting to know other attenders and welcoming guests.
    - Volunteering and working alongside others.
    - Financially supporting Olive and its ministries.
    - Seek healthy ways to work through conflict with and seek resolution.
    - Share what you are passionate about.
    - Share where you have seen God at work and how God has been at work in you.

How do I get involved?

- The best way to get involved is to fill out the Gifts, Interests and Heart Passions form and return it to our Church Secretary.
- Another great way to get involved is to join in conversations, speak up about what gets you excited about church and about opportunities you might be interested in supporting.

How do I support Olive financially?

- Several options are available.
    - Online giving portal
    - Check or cash in the white box on the table at the top of the stairs
    - Auto pay through your bank.

Does Olive have a place for my kids?

- Yes! We have a dedicated children's wing. All persons working with children have passed a background check and have agreed to work with our policies and procedures for working with children.
    - If you would like to see our working with children handbook, we would be happy to share it with you.

How does Olive support its members?

- We work hard to work together and support one another as a community.
    - We have mediators and financial coaches.
    - We have many who are passionate about marriages, parenting and family and who would be willing to walk with others.
    - We have funds available to assist those in financial need, and we have connections to additional community services.

How does Olive connect with the community?

- Twice a year we have a community pork burger fundraiser to help someone in the community that is in need of assistance, usually due to unforeseen expenses, ei: medical, unexpected loss of housing, etc.
- Annual Ice Cream Social
- The Olive Community Garden is a U-Pick garden available to anyone passing by and gets used heavily. Any excess is shared with the Church Community Services Food Pantry in Elkhart.
- Our parking lot is a welcome space for commuters to take a break on a long drive and carpoolers to rideshare.

What are the services like at Olive?

- Check out our recorded services here: https://www.olivemc.org/services