



SPIRITUS WEEKLY UPDATE

WEEK OF APRIL 25TH, 2025

NEXT GATHERING SUNDAY MAY 4TH

**SPIRITUS COMMUNITY GATHERING AND
MEETING**

SUNDAY 5/4

GATHERING AT 3:00PM

CHAMINADE CENTER MADELEINE ROOM

Solar Sheep Visiting Mt. St. John

Starting this week there are sheep at Mount St. John. They are there to help maintain the environment around the solar field. There will be about 50 of them and they will be on the property for 1 to 2 weeks.

If you plan on visiting with any type of group please let us know so we can reach out the the property staff to let them know so we can coordinate and know what to expect.

Also, we would ask that no dogs be brought around the solar field while the sheep are there. They will have their border collie with them working the sheep, too. For more information check out these two Channel 2 news stories on the solar grazing sheep this morning.

Enjoy!!

<https://youtu.be/DamX2pCn60s>

<https://youtu.be/MIZbzm--TAo>

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PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

For all those in our community, those that we love, those who are alone, those who are grieving, those in war torn areas, those without anyone to pray for them and anyone else in need of loving support, prayer, or comfort.

Please pray for Teesie Lupp.

Her surgery has been set for May 8th
Please continue to hold her in your prayers during this time.

Please keep Tom Zawodny in your prayers.

They travel back to The James for the bone biopsy (to address the known prostate cancer) on **Friday the 25th** plus a brain MRI and associated other preparatory testing in advance of the brain biopsy on May 2nd. Tom is currently not experiencing any pain or other symptoms. They are going to need our prayer as they fight this battle. The practitioners at the James are much more connected (better team approach) and more into the latest research/options and experienced with 'exceptional' cases. With God's help, he would much rather fight this rather than give up hope and surrender.

EASTER PRAYER

Today, as pilgrims in search of hope, we cling to you, Risen Jesus. We turn our backs on death and open our hearts to you, for you are Life itself.

Pope Francis, 2020



PRAYER WRITTEN BY POPE FRANCIS WHILE HE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL

“The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches...
They have witnessed far more sincere kisses than those in airports...
It is in hospitals that you see a homophobe being saved by a gay doctor.
A privileged doctor saving the life of a beggar...
In intensive care, you see a Jew taking care of a racist...
A police officer and a prisoner in the same room receiving the same care...
A wealthy patient waiting for a liver transplant, ready to receive the organ from a
poor donor...
It is in these moments, when the hospital touches the wounds of people, that
different worlds intersect according to a divine design. And in this communion of
destinies, we realize that alone, we are nothing.
The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only reveals itself in moments of
pain or in the real threat of an irreversible loss.
A hospital is a place where human beings remove their masks and show
themselves as they truly are, in their purest essence.
This life will pass quickly, so do not waste it fighting with people.
Do not criticize your body too much.
Do not complain excessively.
Do not lose sleep over bills.
Make sure to hug your loved ones.
Do not worry too much about keeping the house spotless.
Material goods must be earned by each person—do not dedicate yourself to
accumulating an inheritance.
You are waiting for too much: Christmas, Friday, next year, when you have
money, when love arrives, when everything is perfect...
Listen, perfection does not exist.
A human being cannot attain it because we are simply not made to be fulfilled
here.
Here, we are given an opportunity to learn.
So, make the most of this trial of life—and do it now.
Respect yourself, respect others. Walk your own path, and let go of the path
others have chosen for you.
Respect: do not comment, do not judge, do not interfere.
Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely!
And leave the rest in the hands of the Creator.”
—Pope Francis



COMMUNITY INFO

Register to help setup SPIRITUS Gatherings... Knowing in advance who will be available to help set up the Madeleine room and administration tables for each gathering allows us to plan accordingly and ensures we have enough help!

Please sign up online at <https://givepul.se/gw0wzw>, or use the QR code below which will take you to the Spiritus scheduling website.

Once there, scroll down to see the published events, then click on the event that you would like to register to help.

There are three event shifts available –

1) **Setup at 2:00pm:** Help set up tables in hallway, set aside tables in the Madeleine Room and set out chairs. This group will also help at the end of the gathering;

2) **Greeter at 2:40pm:** Welcome everyone as they arrive, invite new guests to create a nametag; and

3) **Last one out:** The last one out will make sure that all of the lights are turned off and the doors to the Madeleine Room are locked. Additional details about each shift can be found online. If you have any issues signing up, please email Linda Skinner at scheduling@spiritus-mlc.org.

We thank you in advance for your support.



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UPCOMING SPIRITUS EVENTS

- May 4th – Spiritus Prayer Gathering and Community Meeting, Madeline Room, 3:00 PM
- May 18th – Spiritus Prayer Gathering, Madeleine Room, 3:00 PM
- June 1st – Spiritus Prayer Gathering, Madeleine Room, 3:00 PM
- June 15th – Spiritus Prayer Gathering, Madeleine Room, 3:00 PM
 - Set-up for this day will be at 2:30. UD's Wayfinders group (Religious studies/Theology grad students/undergrads working with high school students) will be in the Madeleine room before us with MEEC.

REMOTE VIEWING

Thank you to all those who help with the streaming and make it possible.

Check the website (link at bottom of each page) for link to remote viewing for Sunday.

Viewing of all past meetings are available on the Spiritus website. Just click the banner at the bottom of the page for access.

If you are interested in being trained to stream meetings, please see Kevin Skinner or send inquiries to contact@spiritus-mlc.org
To rewatch all past meetings click on the link for our website at the bottom of the page.



Urban Solidarity Initiatives: Many Opportunities to Get Involved!

- Respite Bag Sign-up Dates Are Still Available: Please consider signing up for one of the following upcoming dates to deliver Respite Bags to Food for the Journey Project (FJP): April 29, June 3, July 15, July 29, August 5 and additional dates in the fall. In addition to filling bags with shelf stable snacks, please consider adding a few of these items during the winter months, either in the same bag as the snacks, or in a separate Ziploc bag that can be given out separately. Suggested items include: lip balm, throat lozenges, travel size hand lotion, band aids, masks, toothbrush, travel size toothpaste, or hand warmers.

THE SOLIDARITY TOUR 4/26 HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO LOW INTEREST/RSVPS FOR THIS YEAR.

The World House Choir will be singing a number of songs as part of the celebration of Coretta Scott King's birthday on **Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Foundry Theatre at 920 Corry Street in Yellow Springs. The celebration is entitled "Loving Is the Key: A Performance Collage About Bayard Rustin and Coretta Scott King." The event commemorates both Coretta Scott King's birthday and the 60th anniversary of Bayard Rustin's speech at Antioch College. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.



UPDATE FROM ELIZABETH AND THOMAS HANGARTNER

Here are a few photos that Elizabeth and Thomas passed along to us.

Dear Friends and Well-Wishers of Change and Be Changed,

In Sub-Saharan Africa, words often cannot adequately express the unique, colorful experiences of daily life. The following is an eclectic collection of Africana as we see, hear, smell, and touch them all around us.

A peacock begging for food in a restaurant in Karonga, Northern Malawi, like our Scotties do at home.

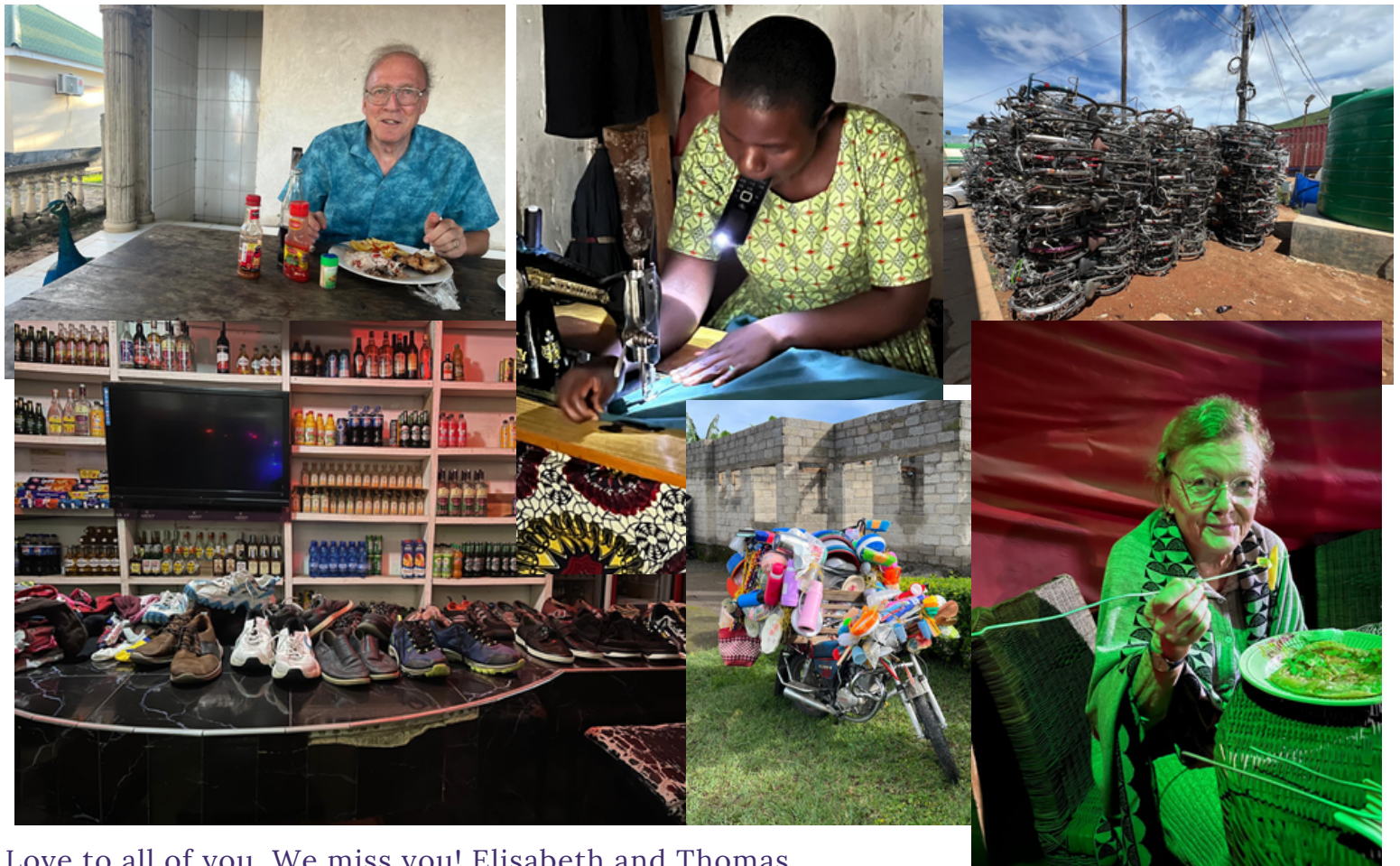
Sewing without electricity after sunset in Chitipa, Northern Malawi, the closest small town to Kaseye Hospital

Bicycles galore or parts thereof, for sale at the border between Southern Tanzania and Northern Malawi

Happy coexistence of a bar and a shoe store

A houseware store on the move in rural Southern Tanzania

Thomas's kebab skewer before becoming Elisabeth's creative wire fork



Love to all of you. We miss you! Elisabeth and Thomas

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SPIRITUS CONTACT UPDATES

If there is anyone who is seriously ill or facing a significant surgery or procedure the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available.

You can call the Spiritus office and leave a message if it is something that can be scheduled in advance, or if more time sensitive, you can reach out to Fr. Tom. His telephone number is 937-903-0943.

Also if anyone needs to receive Eucharist at home please notify Linda Folmar at Linda_folmar@sbcglobal.net.

If you need to change any contact information, please let us know by responding to this email or by writing any changes that you need to have made on the clipboard available by the nametags at each Spiritus gathering. We want to make sure that everyone is getting information in a way that is helpful and suits them.

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