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The R E A C H O U T

Winter is here. What is the cause of the excitement? Well, the first is that we have been asked by the church to celebrate Harvest Sunday. We are asked to bring in food and supplies for the needy in our community. The pastor asked us in our Sunday best to load food into a truck to take it over to unload at the food pantry. The second the pastor asked us to decorate the church for Christmas. Again, he asked us in our Sunday best to carry Christmas trees and greens all over the church and hang them. The third is that it is time to prepare for the coming of the Lord and the second coming of the Lord. Advent, from Latin adventus, “coming”, in the Christian church calendar, the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas and also of preparation for the second coming of Christ. We also are to start the new year of the church. So, we are leaving the liturgical year of Matthew year A and moving to liturgical year of Mark year B. To me it is anticipation and excitement and then waiting with faith. We get excited for the coming of the Christ child and we are familiar with the birth story in Luke. But we have yet to see the second coming. We are excited and happy for the coming of the savior in the birth story but we still have to live in this world of sin and chaos.

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Thanksgiving reminded me of a story. I loved my mom's Dutch apple pie. YES, I really loved it! I waited each year for apple season when we would go over to my grandpa's and pick apples. Then my mom would make apple dumplings and Dutch apple pie. There are only two pies I would wait a year for and think about until I got it. That was Mom's Dutch apple pie and Gloria Hum's no sugar added peach pie. Mom's pie I got in the fall and on my birthday. Gloria's peach pie I got every year after the Krautfest. I would wait and wait for the season to come. I remember the anticipation and excitement. Now Gloria is not able to participate in the Krautfest deserts, and my mom has passed away. I've been trying to find mom's pie in every place I could think. Finally, someone said to try an Amish pie maker. When I got the pie from the Dutch House, I would get excited and anticipate the first bite. It was good but it wasn't mom's pie. I finally gave up the search. I just did not enjoy pie as I used to. I gave up hope, I stopped the search and I just ordered coconut cream or cherry pie. Then, on Thanksgiving Day this year, after lunch with family and friends, I got the excitement and hope I never thought could or would happen. Our daughter-in-law, Devin, had made a Dutch apple pie that tasted just like my mother's. Happy birthday and Happy Thanksgiving to me! I savored each bite. I did not want to talk, I did not want to eat it too fast, I wanted it to last. The birth of Christ is the joy of the season and we don't want to rush through it, but the reality of it is that the time flies. We are searching for gifts for under the tree. We are trying to meet expectations. We want it to be the perfect Christmas. Before you know it, Christmas is over and we are at Easter. We never get that total feeling of the anticipation of Christ coming. When Christ comes again all will be made new. God will wipe away every tear, pain and sorrow will be no more. Just like the day I finally tasted the pie that matched my expectation of my mom's home-made Dutch apple pie. Life is different and new again. I can count on having pie again. My excitement is that I have not lost my mom's pie but I will have it again.

We have the excitement that Christ has come and we know that this birth is a birth for us. Christ is a gift to the world and we know that each year we can celebrate. We must find ways to make it feel real to us. New ways to help others celebrate with us, by sharing the stories and the hope of the gift of this child who comes to save the world, and the love we allow others to feel. The new people going into the celebration with us. As more and more people join us, the more and more we receive in the sharing and the joy. This advent season, take another step in searching for the Christ child! Taste the moments and share the stories and get closer and closer to the memories of your faith in Christ. Allow faith, hope, and love to come from Christ, through you, to those around you.

Happy New Year!! Blessing to all of you and yours this Holy and blessed night! See you as we celebrate the coming of the Lord.

Pastor Ralph

Christmas Eve Weekend Worship

Saturday at 5pm- 4th Sunday of Advent- regular worship

Sunday at 8am and 10:30am- 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday at 7pm and 11pm- Christmas Eve candlelight service



Congregational Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2023

Pastor Ralph opened with prayer and Kevin called the meeting to order.

Election of council nominees for 2024-2027

Pastor Ralph nominates Mark Nemenz, Natalie Nemenz-Keenan, and Chris Herubin, Sr. Joyce nominates Jean Ketzel. All accepted their nomination. Loetta motions to instruct the secretary to cast a unanimous affirmative vote for the slate as it has been presented. Nancy and Tammy second. Motion carried. Thank you to Greg Razo, Nancy Barret, and Kevin Barret for their service on council.

Election of church representatives for 2023-2024

Kathy Kramer volunteers for Synod Assembly. Kevin motions to accept the presented list of representatives plus Kathy Kramer. Tammy seconds. Motion carried. Loetta motions to notify the secretary of the addendum that if someone else volunteers for Synod Assembly they are to be accepted. Tammy seconds. Motion carried.

Budget proposal

Naomi Sparks prepared the budget proposal. Carl motions to accept the 2024 budget proposal as presented. Nancy seconds. Motion carried.

For the good of the church

Pastor Ralph let the congregation know that \$3,000 was borrowed from the savings account this year. He said this is typical at this time every year.

New carpet will be installed in the Sanctuary and Narthex and adjoining room after the first of the year. Herk's Flooring will do the installation.

A new Girl Scout troop led by Jodi Yenchek will start meeting at Good Hope November 13th. They will meet in fellowship hall twice a month.

Kevin led the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.



2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The envelopes are here!

Please pick yours up in the Narthex starting this weekend.



BAKE SALE FOR CAMP FREDERICK'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL DECEMBER 9th

Please put 1 dozen cookies on each paper plate and seal the plate in a Ziplock bag. You may donate 1 dozen or several dozen.

Please bring your cookies to Good Hope Friday, December 8 from 9am- 2pm or Saturday, December 9 from 10am- 2pm. I will take them to camp.

Please no nuts, no peanuts, no peanut butter, and no soft icing or frosting.

**On behalf of Camp Frederick and myself, I thank you very much for supporting the camp. I really enjoy volunteering there and I believe camp is a healing place for the kids. Many of them come back as adults to counsel younger children. Thank you again,
Wendy**

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE DECEMBER

Serving in God's house	December 3	December 10	December 17	December 24	December 31
Lector 8:00	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse
Lector 10:30	Andy Tesyk	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk
Communion bread	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller
Chrema	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards Tammy Chuey	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards Sandy Kuntz	Wendy Edwards	

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE JANUARY

Serving in God's house	January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
Lector 8:00	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse
Lector 10:30	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk
Communion bread	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey
Chrema	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards Tammy Chuey	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Sandy Kuntz Tammy Chuey	Wendy Edwards Andy Tesyk

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
December 3rd	1st Sunday of Advent	blue	Isaiah 64: 1-9 Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 Mark 13: 24-37	Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.
December 10th	2nd Sunday of Advent	blue	Isaiah 40: 1-11 Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3: 8-15a Mark 1: 1-8	John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.
December 17th	3rd Sunday of Advent	blue	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 John 1: 6-8, 19-28	"Rejoice always," begins the reading from 1Thessalonians. Isaiah and the psalmist make clear that God is turning our mourning into laughter and shouts of joy. "All God's children got a robe," go the words of a spiritual. It is not so much a stately, formal, pressed outfit as it is a set of party clothes, clothes we are happy to wear. We receive that robe in baptism, and in worship we gather for a foretaste of God's party.
December 24th	4th Sunday of Advent	blue	1 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16 Luke 1: 46b-55 Romans 16: 25-27 Luke 1: 26-38	God keeps the promise made to David to give him an everlasting throne. The angel tells Mary that God will give David's throne to her son Jesus. She is perplexed by Gabriel's greeting and by the news of her coming pregnancy, but she is able still to say, "Count me in." We who know that Jesus is called king only as he is executed still find it a mystery hard to fathom, but with Mary today we hear the news of what God is up to and say, "Count us in."
December 31st	1st Sunday of Christmas	white	Isaiah 61:10-- 62:3 Psalm 148 Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 2: 22-40	The psalmist calls on the natural world, celestial bodies, fire and earth, creatures, and all humanity, to praise God. The voices of Simeon and 84-year-old Anna join the chorus today, recognizing what God is doing in Jesus. Simeon's song is often sung after communion, for we have seen God's salvation in the assembled community and have held Jesus in our hands in the bread. Then, like the prophet Anna, we tell of Jesus to all who look for the healing of the world.

Thank You



Girl Scout troop #80214, led by Jodie Yenchek has begun meeting in our Fellowship Hall every other Monday. They made us thank you cards and very much enjoy meeting here. This troop includes girls from all different areas and they welcome new members.



Our Prayer List



Joe Kreidler	Jamie	Oliver Coldiron	Samir & Kristen
Patty Dickey	Carol Jean Horst	Erin Shoemaker	Joe & Debbie Wrenn
Alison Dobro	Floyd Welker	Lindsey Hospodar	John & Pam Nock
Savannah Popio	Donald Stoffer	Stan Huddleston	In the military:
Janet Chittock	Joey Biroschak	Emerson Grace	Alyssa
Dennis Grant	Ernie Gayge	Norm Deckand	Bryce Liberty
Terry Ward	David Pollo	David O'Neil	Jakeb Fry
Checker Ward	James	Greg Razo	Lyndsey Miller
			Daniel McMurray

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :



29- Joe and Deb Dulovich

December 3

Kim MacFarland
Nancy MacFarland
Bev Madden
Jackie Makowski

December 10

Dawnalee McCauley
Larry McFall
Mary McFall
David McGaffic

December 17

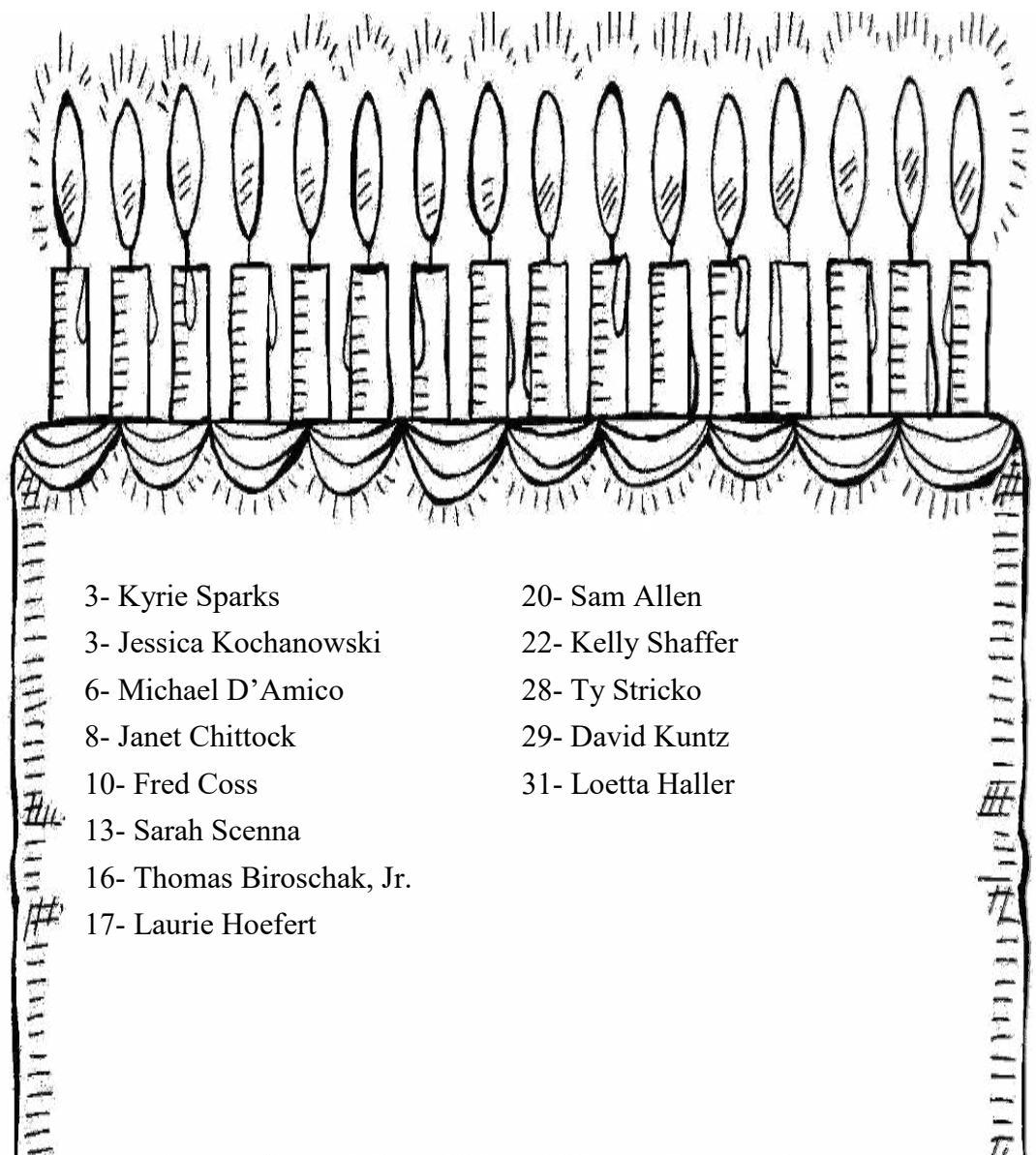
Eileen McGaffic
Deanna McIntosh
Mandy McIntosh
Michael McMurray

December 24

Roberta McMurray
Ruth McMurray
Chelsea McNeal
Clayton Messek

December 31

Baylee Mohr
Karen Moore
Gus Nemenz
Mark Nemenz



3- Kyrie Sparks	20- Sam Allen
3- Jessica Kochanowski	22- Kelly Shaffer
6- Michael D'Amico	28- Ty Stricko
8- Janet Chittock	29- David Kuntz
10- Fred Coss	31- Loetta Haller
13- Sarah Scenna	
16- Thomas Biroschak, Jr.	
17- Laurie Hoefert	

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for November 21, 2023

present: Mark, Lauren, Kevin, Nancy, Chris, Natalie, Jean, Mike, Kim, Carl, P. Ralph, and Wendy
excused: Greg

P. Ralph opened the meeting with prayer.

Kevin welcomed new members of council: Natalie, Jean, Chris, and Mark.

P. Ralph thanked those going off council next month: Nancy, Kevin, and Greg.

Pastor's Report –November– 2023

Area of Focus Last Month:

- ⇒ I had 19 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- ⇒ I had 15 contacts by phone for significant help.
- ⇒ We had our regular number of Saturday night and Sunday morning services.
- ⇒ Over the past month I have presided at 14 worship services and prepared 6 sermons.
 - Sept 3 Sick Day
 - Oct 7 Animal Blessing
 - Oct 15 Fall Festival at Camp Frederick
 - Oct 28 Trunk or Treat 5pm to 7pm
 - Oct 28 Heather Lude and Marc Wedding

Secretary's Report:

Attended blessing of pets

Volunteered at Fall Festival

Picked up communion wine

Changed paraments

Attended bible study

Served at fish fry

Answered calls for 3 c's

Updated electronic sign

Organized clothing shed

Completed office duties

Prepared agenda and reports for council and took minutes

Prepared bulletins and power point services

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

All bills and statements to Naomi

Old Business:

a. Pastor Ralph is checking with Realm to see if they have a printed directory.

b. Jordan Razo said that he can fix the sidewalks on a nice weather day this winter. He will add a sealant to the mix to help it last longer.

c. Wendy will check with Greg to see if we can raffle off the items in the extra office that were left over from the last yard sale,

d. The new carpet for the church has been paid for and ordered.

(council cont.)

New Business:

- a. A member of our congregation has offered to pay for the floor under the pews to be cleaned or replaced. Superior Maintenance has submitted a quote for the cleaning of the sanctuary floor and the cleaning and waxing of the Fellowship Hall floor. P. Ralph will get a quote from Herk's Flooring to replace the floor under the pews with a wood laminate.
 - b. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for help to paint the Narthex and landing. Council will choose a wall color at the next meeting when we have a carpet sample to compare the paint chips.
 - c. Kevin has stated that the church's debit card can remain in his name after he goes off of council in December.
 - d. We received a notice of hearing from the Beaver Township Division of Zoning. The applicant wishes to change the zoning of the white house on the corner from residential to commercial. This house is across the street from the church on the North side of the building. P. Ralph and other council members plan to attend the hearing on November 30.
 - e. Camp Frederick has updated their constitution. We received a copy of the revision and they asked for signatures to agree to the changes. P. Ralph motions to accept the changes. Mike seconds. Motion carried.
 - f. A church family has offered to cover the cost of Zoom for one year. This will allow people at home to view our worship service on Sundays at 10:30.
 - g. Lauren and Nancy will collect and distribute the staff gifts this year.
- Kevin led the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.



Treasurer's Report October 1- October 31, 2023

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual	Budget	Budget remaining
Income	\$16,502.66	\$16,535.00	\$32.34
Expense	\$16,119.63	\$16,435.57	\$315.94
Net Total	\$383.03	\$99.43	(\$283.60)

2024 approved budget		2023 budget	est. all 2023	est. remain oct-dec	tt ytd 2023 act. thru sept
	accounts				
	INCOME:				
188,000.00	4010 offerings	173,000.00	187,631.93	60,638.00	126993.93
20.00	4020 int/div	20.00	19.19	6.00	13.19
1,000.00	4030 other incom	400.00	1,453.24	300.00	1153.24
<u>4,899.00</u>	4040 fr	<u>25,000.00</u>	-	-	-
193,919.00	tt income	198,420.00	189,104.36	60,944.00	128,160.36
	EXPENSES:				
	<i>personnel</i>				
45,629.00	5010 salary pasto	45,629.00	45,629.04	11,407.26	34221.78
9,000.00	5020 housing	9,000.00	9,000.00	2,250.00	6750
66,000.00	5030 pen/med	64,100.00	69,854.72	21,425.16	48429.56
20,000.00	5040 sal sec	20,000.00	19,999.92	4,999.98	14999.94
	5050 sal treas	5,000.00	-	-	0
4,426.00	5060 sal cust	4,426.00	4,426.08	1,106.52	3319.56
7,025.00	5070 sal music	7,025.00	6,170.00	1,590.00	4580
2,320.00	5090 taxes	2,789.00	2,319.77	568.08	1751.69
400.00	5100 w/c	360.00	398.00	-	398
	5120 ed	400.00	-	-	0
6,555.00	5150 mileage	<u>6,555.00</u>	6,484.50	1,800.00	4684.5
161,355.00	tt pers	165,284.00	164,282.03	45,147.00	119,135.03
	<i>gen/admn</i>				
2,870.00	5110 r/e	2,800.00	2,869.24	-	2869.24
	5130 adv	200.00	-	-	0
275.00	5140 postage	200.00	270.49	-	270.49
2,316.00	5160 equip repr	2,300.00	2,208.00	552.00	1656
3,000.00	5170 supplies	2,500.00	3,277.13	600.00	2677.13
1,200.00	5180 bldg repr	1,000.00	1,376.88	225.00	1151.88
3,708.00	5200 insurance	3,336.00	3,608.54	1,110.32	2498.22
1,200.00	5210 snow/lawn	1,000.00	980.00	200.00	780
	5340 MISC		705.23	150.00	555.23
<u>240.00</u>	5360 bank fees		240.00	60.00	180
14,809.00	tt gen/adm	13,336.00	15,535.51	2,897.32	12,638.19
	<i>utilities</i>				
7,500.00	5220 elec	7,600.00	6,324.90	1,800.00	4524.9
2,500.00	5230 gas	2,500.00	1,954.00	622.00	1332
1,500.00	5240 sewer	1,500.00	1,323.28	270.00	1053.28
1,075.00	5250 trash	975.00	1,056.66	282.00	774.66
1,800.00	5260 water/fire	2,100.00	1,689.86	450.00	1239.86
<u>2,600.00</u>	5270 comm	<u>2,125.00</u>	2,612.13	510.00	2102.13
14,375.00	tt util	16,800.00	14,960.83	3,934.00	11,026.83
	<i>ministries</i>				
1,880.00	5280 mission sup	2,000.00	-	-	-
	5300 benevolance		-	-	-
1,500.00	5320 worship	1,000.00	2,037.18	300.00	1,737.18
	5330 classes		-	-	-
3,380.00	tt min	3,000.00	2,037.18	300.00	1,737.18
193,919.00	TT EXP	198,420.00	196,815.55	48,344.32	144,537.23
<u>-</u>	NET	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,711.19)</u>	<u>12,599.68</u>	<u>(16,376.87)</u>
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Mark Your Calendar

December 1- Last fish fry until Lent from 3-6:00pm.

December 2- Ladies fellowship at Good Hope at 11:30am.

December 6- Free community dinner at Calvary from 6-7pm.

December 9- Christmas Festival at Camp Frederick from 4-8pm. \$10 per car admission.

December 17- Shepherd of the Valley Christmas gifts due

December 24- Christmas Eve candlelight services at 7pm and 11pm

Office Notes

We are collecting hard candy such as jolly ranchers and starlight mints to give to Teen Challenge on Christmas. Please bring your donations to the Narthex by Christmas Eve. Thank you in advance.

Used greeting cards are collected all year long. Please put them in the container on the table in the Narthex. These cards are donated to the Alzheimer facility so they can be used to make crafts.

Bible study is finished for this year. We will begin again after the 1st of the year.



Santa Parade



Saturday, December 16th from 10:00 a.m. to noon

HO HO HO! Santa will once again visit our township before Christmas along with our police, fire and park departments. Visit the township's web page for his route and locations for seeing him. Because of time constraints, Santa will be not be able to stay long.



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Return Services Requested

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Worship Services

Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM & noon

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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