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NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE’S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!



MINISTER'S MUSINGS



Greetings Faith UCC Community!

Some of our ministry teams are getting reorganized over the summer, and we are still in need of those willing to serve on the Education and Spiritual Growth Ministry Team, and the Outreach and Service Ministry team. I'm including descriptions of these two teams below for those of you who may wish to know what things these teams are to do. We may add or delete some items as per how we can best live into our new vision and mission statements.

Education and Spiritual Growth Ministry Team (ESGMT)

The Education and Spiritual Growth Ministry Team is responsible for educational programs and activities for the children, youth, college students, and adult members of Faith UCC. These responsibilities may find expression in the form of several specific activities:

- A nursery during the worship hour
- A 9 to 12 month Church School Program (including confirmation classes, as needed)
- An Adult Forum/discussion group
- The upkeep of Myer Library
- Outreach to college students
- Youth ministry, including mission and community outreach
- Young adult discipleship, including mission and community outreach
- Monitor safe church policy and safeguards for keeping children and youth safe while engaged in church sponsored activities

The activities organized by the ESGMT will necessarily change to meet the needs of the congregation and are not limited to this current formulation.

Following the transition from a paid Children's Sunday School Coordinator, an all-volunteer core of congregational staff has taken initiative and responsibility for the Church School program. The same is true of the other activities of the ESGMT.

Outreach and Service Ministry Team (OSMT)

The Outreach and Service Ministry Team is responsible for local and world-wide mission and outreach.

- Serves as a liaison between the church and many community agencies and national church projects.
- Monthly special offerings are set by this team along with responsibility to educate and inform the congregation regarding the importance and relevance those offerings via newsletter, mission moments and announcements.
- Representatives serve as members of various outreach groups in the community based on availability and interest.
- Seek new ways to reach out and support the community through various projects and initiatives such as Weatherization, congregational travel support, Out of the Cold and seek ways to live out our Open and Affirming covenant.





- Involved in wider church missions including Penn Central Conference partnerships, Church World Service projects and supporting the five denominational outreach efforts; One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors in Need, Christmas Fund, Our Churches Wider Mission and Strengthen the Church
- When interest and needs have arisen OSMT has scheduled mission trips to other parts of the country as well as financially supporting participation in wider-church lay leadership at General Synod as well as mission trips as able.

These two teams are vital to the health and future of Faith UCC, and we are in need of participants who are enthused about these forms of ministry in our community and beyond. The ESGMT initiated a meaningful movie night last year, and we were glad to welcome some people from the wider community to watch and discuss important topics and themes. We will likely continue this ministry, as well as consider other ways we can edify our own congregation and non-church neighbors. The OSMT has worked with the college-aged students last year, and sets the schedule for our mission and outreach monthly offerings. We also hope to expand some of the things that will serve our local community and hopefully extend it much further. Please let me know if you have questions and interests in serving on either of these two ministry teams.

Blessings of love and peace,
Pastor Bret

Prayer for World Peace - Dr. Jane Goodall

We pray to the great Spiritual Power in which
we live and move and have our being.
We pray that we may at all times
keep our minds open to new ideas and shun dogma;
that we may grow in our understanding of the nature of all living beings
and our connectedness with the natural world;
that we may become ever more filled with
generosity of spirit and true compassion and love for all life;
that we may strive to heal the hurts that we have inflicted on nature
and control our greed for material things, knowing that
our actions are harming our natural world and the future of our children;
that we may value each and every human being
for who he is, for who she is,
reaching to the spirit that is within,
knowing the power of each individual to change the world.
We pray for social justice,
for the alleviation of the crippling poverty
that condemns millions of people around the world
to lives of misery - hungry, sick, and utterly without hope.
We pray for the children who are starving,
who are condemned to homelessness, slave labor, and prostitution,
and especially for those forced to fight, to kill and torture
even members of their own family.
We pray for the victims of violence and war,
for those wounded in body and for those wounded in mind.
We pray for the multitudes of refugees, forced from their homes to alien places
through war or through the utter destruction of their environment.
We pray for suffering animals everywhere,
for an end to the pain caused by scientific experimentation,
intensive farming, fur farming, shooting, trapping,
training for entertainment, abusive pet owners,
and all other forms of exploitation
such as overloading and overworking pack animals,
bull fighting, badger baiting, dog and cock fighting and so many more.
We pray for an end to cruelty,
whether to humans or other animals,
for an end to bullying, and torture in all its forms.
We pray that we may learn the peace that comes with forgiving
and the strength we gain in loving;
that we may learn to take nothing for granted in this life;
that we may learn to see and understand with our hearts;
that we may learn to rejoice in our being.
We pray for these things with humility;
We pray because of the hope that is within us,
and because of a faith in the ultimate triumph of the human spirit;
We pray because of our love for Creation, and because of our trust in God.
We pray, above all, for peace throughout the world.

CONSISTORY CORNER



At our July 16 monthly meeting, Consistory took the following actions:

- On the recommendation of the Music Search Committee, voted to hire Marinda Jenkins as our new choir director, to begin work September 1
- Extended Rev. Myers' covenant for an additional month
- Reviewed and revised Faith's Wedding Policy

We also spent time discussing the importance of Faith's mission and ministry to the community and to the world. To continue that ministry it is essential to have the support and participation of all members. If you've been on a "summer sabbatical," we need to hear from YOU!

--Larry Bair, Consistory President



The Caring Network...

What is the Caring Network and what do the Caring Leaders do?

We are very fortunate to have a group of nine Caring Leaders (volunteers) who are friends and members at Faith Church. They are: Edna Bicehouse, Jane Childs, Jean Frank, Sue Doran, Rev. Ernie Hawk, June Irvin, Mary Jane Wild, and Jim and Sally Welsh.

Each Caring Leader has a list of people from the church with whom they keep in contact.

Our main question is: *“How do you want to be cared for?”*

Please let your Caring Leader know if you have a prayer request or if you need help or support in some way.

If you have any questions please call me at 814-777-0339 or email me at sandy99@onemain.com.

Thank you,

Sandy Miller -
Caring Coordinator

Part of the Caring Network's work is done through the Prayer Shawl ministry.

Caring Network leaders bring ministry needs to the Pastor and others on the Caring Teams. If you know anyone in the Faith Caring Community (members and friends of Faith) who would welcome receiving a handmade prayer shawl (also known as “comfort shawls” or “peace shawls”), please let Pastor Myers know.

The purpose of the prayer shawls, which are made for both men and women, are to comfort, support, and encourage. Prayer shawls are prayers for healing and hope. Since 2011, we have given over 30 shawls to members and friends of Faith. Each shawl is labeled with a prayer and the name of the recipient.



Jun 2018

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Monthly Offerings: Budget vs. Actual

Thousands

\$17

\$14

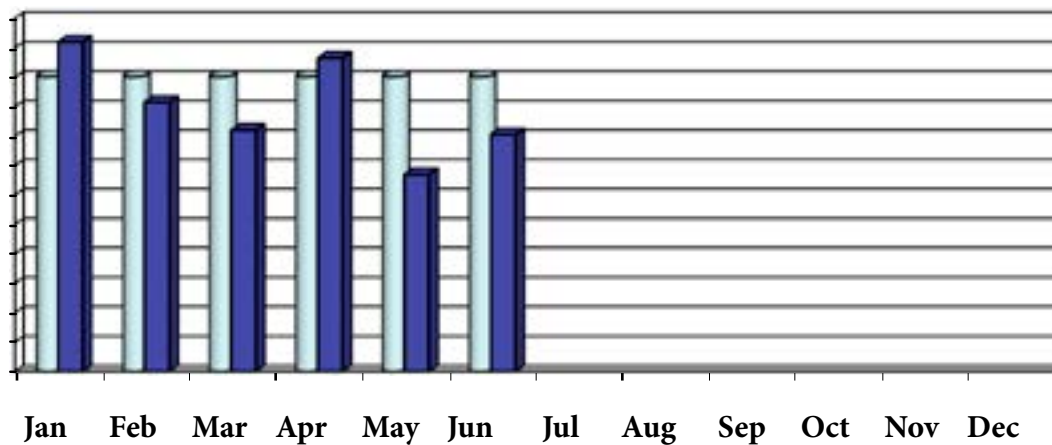
\$11

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\$5

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-\$1



June 2018

Total received = \$8,050 Total budgeted = \$10,000
Budget to actual difference (Current Month) = (\$1,950)

June Year-to-Date

Total Received = \$53,915 Total Budgeted = \$60,000
Budget to actual difference (Year-to-Date) = (\$6,085)

*Thank you for your continued stewardship in providing financial support
for the missions and ministries of Faith UCC*

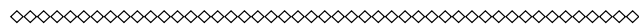
FAITH HAPPENINGS



AUGUST SPECIAL OFFERING

Bethany Children's Home (<http://www.bethany-home.org>) is Pennsylvania's first DPW Sanctuary® Certified agency, having earned the certification in 2010.

Thanks to their Sanctuary® accreditation, youth who have been abused and neglected have the opportunity to live the lives they deserve. Unique and specialized programs give youth access to a variety of therapeutic, spiritual, and cultural services in addition to recreational activities.



Strawberry Festival A Huge Success!

Many new guests, lots of ice cream, strawberries and cakes! Good publicity and banners. Romig Hall looked very festive and inviting.

\$1,275 proceeds before a few bills. We consider this as very successful.

Donation of ice cream and strawberries by Joe Meyers and family. We used 48 pints of strawberries and approximately 12 gallons of ice cream.

Other donations for banners and advertising were given by Lois and Larry Bair and Jane Childs. A special thanks to Jean Cole for guidance, and hard work behind the scenes and at the event.

Thanks to ALL helpers before, during, and after the festival. The proceeds will be added to the Guild treasury to help pay for the nuts that will be ordered for the Fall Nut Sale.

August 27at noon in Romig Hall.
Business Meeting. Bring lunch!



CELEBRATING SUMMER!

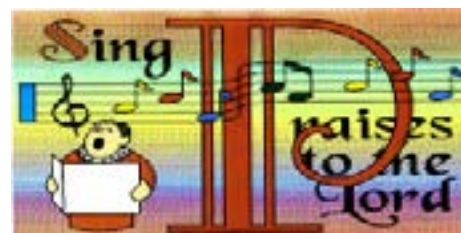
The Faith Church Annual Picnic

will be held this year at Sunset Park (850 McKee St., State College) on Sunday, **August 5** from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Food will be potluck, as usual—meat and beverages will be provided. (Please bring your own table service.)

Sunset Park is located near the Penn State Arboretum and offers a playground, along with space for baseball, basketball and horseshoes. Some of our cyclists are also exploring the possibility of a bike trail adventure that day! For those who prefer calmer activities, our pavilion will provide a pleasant place to sit and visit.

IN CASE OF RAIN, we will gather at the church at 5:00 for a fellowship meal and indoor games. If in doubt, call Lois Bair (359-6090) for a status check.

So invite some friends and join in the fellowship and fun on August 5!



CHOIR
NO Rehearsals
through the summer

“Subscription” Choices

We certainly hope you enjoy receiving this newsletter!

But we realize that things change and that folks can only keep up with so many things at a time.

If you would like to stop receiving this newsletter (OPT OUT), we understand. We’ll be sad, but we understand.

Please contact the office by phone or by email.



If you **do** enjoy receiving the FaithWorks! Newsletter, please consider sharing it or forwarding it to those who might be interested.

When doing do, be sure to encourage the recipients to contact the office about being added to the mailing/emailing list.

You all are the reason that Environmental Issues are a high priority at Faith. To help, please consider going with electronic (email or website versions) if possible and help reduce the congregations carbon footprint.

If you are receiving FaithWorks! by mail OR email, please do not take additional copies from the Gatheringn Space table ...unless you’re giving them out!

If you’d rather simply take one from the Gathering Space table, that’s OK! Just let the office know to take you off the mailing/emailing list.





Pastoral Search and Call Committee Update

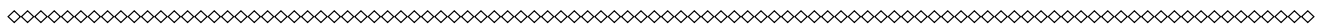
Following our official commissioning at the June 17th service, the Search and Call Committee is excited to dive into the pastoral search process.

As described in the June FaithWorks, thanks to the FaithUCC Consistory and the Penn Central Conference, our Church Profile was submitted and the job description was posted nationally. The Search Committee has now met a few times to get to know each other and learn how the search and call process works.

Thanks to Pastor Monica Ouellette of Saint John's UCC for answering our questions about the process!

We have started to receive profiles from applicants and will be reviewing these applications as they are received. Please let your patience and prayers be with us. The length of this process is unknown at this point, but the Committee is starting off with enthusiasm and focus.

If you are interested in more information on how the search process works, you can check out the PCC web site (<https://pccucc.org/the-search-process/>).



Church Directory

You should have received a request, by email or letter, to update your contact information for the Church Directory of Family and Friends. Additionally, you were able to indicate your preferences for being included in the directory, whether you wished to be included in the Caring Network (receiving pastoral-style care from lay leaders), if you wanted to receive the FaithWorks! Newsletter and by what means (either electronic or paper), and finally, whether you wished to be included on emails for other church announcements, events, or similar special notices.



Updating the Directory is a critical part of the Pastoral Search process. Having the best contacts possible for the new pastor sends a clear message of welcome and helps set the tone of our new relationship.

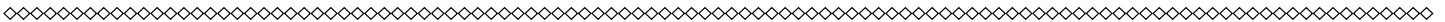
We will also be looking to obtain photos for the directory, to help the settled pastor match names and faces; but first things first! We'll likely be taking photos with a smart phone after Sunday services at some point. More on that later!

If you have not yet done so, please use this link to help us with this. Contact the office if you need assistance! <https://fucc.breezechms.com/form/24e4f1>

FAITH HAPPENINGS CALENDAR



| August 2018 | | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------|---|----------|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 First Friday | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 Trustees 7 PM | 15 | 16 | 17 Active Shooter Response Training | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Consistory 5:30 PM | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 Women's Guild Noon | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |



JUST FOR 



If you have an event, or know of an event that should be listed, please contact the office.

Weekly announcements are available on the church website:

<http://www.faithucc.info/news.html>.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Lots of Summer Fun!
Click the pics/links for more!



<http://www.tusseymountain.com/wingfest/>



Downtown Improvement
District
August 2-5



<http://www.visitpennstate.org/events/tenth-anniversary-summer-project-imagination-celebration-9338/>



INTERFAITH COFFEE HOURS

third Mondays, 6:30-8:00 pm,
through September,
Webster's Bookstore and Café
unless otherwise noted.



<http://www.milb.com/schedule/index.jsp?sid=t1174&m=7&y=2018>

*Along with First Fridays, this may be an opportunity for Faith Church to reach out to the community.
If you have any ideas, contact the office or Lois Bair.*

COMMUNITY EVENTS CONTINUED



LION Bash is an annual community block party and resource fair hosted by the State College Borough that brings together Penn State and State College communities for an evening of entertainment and education.

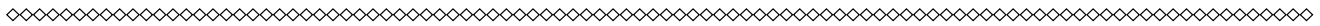
This year, LION Bash will occur on **August 29** from 5-8 PM on the 100 to 300 blocks of South Allen Street.

Last year, over 2,000 people attended LION Bash and participated with 100 community organizations and businesses that hosted Engagement Stations.



Learn more here: <http://www.statecollegepa.us/3055/LION-Bash>

(It's free to host an Engagement Station, we'd just need to register.)



<https://farmfest.paorganic.org/>





South Central Mountains Regional Task Force

SAVE THE DATE

Centre County Houses of Worship *Active Shooter Response Training*

WHEN: August 17, 2018

LOCATION: Centre Lifelink, 125 Puddintown Road, State College, PA.

TIME: 9:00 AM – Noon (first session)
1:00 – 4:00 PM (second session)

All participants interested in attending this training are required to register no later than one week prior to the class. Training registration is limited to 60 participants (maximum); therefore, early registration is recommended.

Go to www.scmrtf.org and locate the course under the Events Calendar; registration information will be found there.

Upon submission of the completed registration form, an email confirmation will be sent to you. If you have an account on the SCMRTF website, you can also view the list of other attendees.

Training Description: This 3-hour presentation will provide "Active Shooter: Preparation and Response" information based on Department of Homeland Security (DHS) best practices tailored for Houses of Worship or other open venues. It will discuss the personalities that perpetrate these attacks to potentially identify and curtail them, individual and organizational preparation, response, recovery, and other reference resources. Besides a DHS presenter, members of local law enforcement will also describe the law enforcement response to these and other types of serious events. Members of local law enforcement will provide ideas on how to assemble an Emergency Response committee for your organization. In addition, local law enforcement will also supply information on conducting a security site assessment, which can identify areas of vulnerability and potential risks for your facility.

Hosted and coordinated by two committees of the South Central Mountains Regional Task Force: the Law Enforcement Committee and the Business Continuity and Preparedness Coalition.

The Values, Vision, and Mission of Faith United Church of Christ

The Core Values of Faith United Church of Christ*

Inclusiveness/Open & Affirming/Welcoming

Fostering Outreach to Younger Community (PSU, et al), and Serving the Wider Community

Justice to those who don't receive it (social, environmental, etc.)

Volunteerism and service within the church's programs, ministries, ministry teams, etc.

Valuing and honoring tradition in worship with progressive theology, values, and language. (Recognition that "tradition" at Faith UCC, as in the Biblical tradition, is evolving and also elastic and flexible.)

Communally caring, loving, and nurturing of each other.

Education (all ages) – religious, cultural, societal, etc.

Spiritual Growth (all ages) – connecting generations, breadth & depth, guidance (mentoring), support groups, intellectually stimulating.

*Core values are not listed in any order of hierarchy.

The Values, Vision, and Mission of Faith United Church of Christ

The Vision Statement of Faith United Church of Christ

Faith United Church of Christ is a progressive community of faith that seeks to:

Live out an extravagantly welcoming, radically inclusive, and open and affirming faith in which we embrace the beautiful diversity of God's people, all of whom we see as our siblings regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, dis/ability, and circumstance of life.

Foster outreach and relationships with people of all ages, with emphases on younger members and families in the State college area and those in the Penn State University community, in order to heed God's call to us to serve locally and beyond.

Advocate for justice wherever there is injustice, and both speak and work for changes in local, regional, national, and world attitudes and laws that will address both systemic and personal injustices to groups and individuals.

Embody an ethos of service and volunteerism through the church programs, ministries, and Ministry Teams by which our church responds to God's call by aiding one another and the wider community.

Kindle and sustain a set of values, theology, and language that is innovatively progressive, while doing so in a structure of worship that respects tradition without being constrained by it.

Cultivate compassion, kindness, and caring concern within our congregation and wider community so as to nurture a spirit of cooperation, collaboration, and mutual support.

Edify our minds, hearts, and souls by educating ourselves and others about other faiths, cultures, societies, and human endeavors so as to further mutual understanding in the hope for peaceful relations.

Nurture spiritual growth in each person at every level of development so as to make wise our God-given consciences, deepen our resolve to follow Christ's call to love one another as ourselves, and broaden the Spirit's influence by doing our part in making the world a better place.

The Values, Vision, and Mission of Faith United Church of Christ

The Mission Statement of Faith United Church of Christ

We, the congregation of Faith United Church of Christ, live out our mission by faithfully:

Welcoming, befriending, and empowering all persons who seek a haven of spiritual sustenance and inspiration.

Providing an outreach of invitation and inclusion to the wider community, with an emphasis on children, young persons and the PSU community.

Speaking, writing, and acting in our personal, social, political, and religious lives in defense of those for whom justice is denied.

Investing and committing our time, talents, and efforts to create, nourish, support, and invigorate the ministries, programs, and leadership of our church to carry out our vision through volunteerism as well as requested and appointed service.

Affirming both creative and traditional elements within worship that are compatible with our progressive Christian values, and encouraging our pastor, staff, and congregation to appreciate the diversity of liturgy and interpretation in which we are each uniquely blessed while in sacred fellowship.

Practicing kindness and displaying compassion in all of our relationships within our church to facilitate a community of healing, encouragement, nurture, and peace.

Learning, teaching, and interacting with one another with the intent of fostering understanding, building relationships, and developing networks that expand our minds, inspire our spirits, and uplift our souls.

Engaging our sense of wonder and awe, inquisitively acknowledging our doubts and questions, planting seeds of sacred mystery, cultivating the crops of faithfulness, and reaping a harvest of blessing so that God's light might shine on us and through us to our world.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND VOLUNTEERS



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|----|----------------------|
| 5 | TINA AUMILLER |
| 6 | JOANN EDWARDS |
| 8 | ALISON CARR-CHELLMAN |
| 15 | VAUGHN SHIRK |
| 16 | KAY SHIRK |
| | JOAN BLASKO |
| 17 | SEANN REED |
| 20 | CARY ASENDORF |
| 24 | CLIF MERCHANT |
| 30 | DAVIN CARR-CHELLMAN |



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|----|----------------------------|
| 13 | JEFF & JANET SWIM-DAVIDSON |
| 19 | CHRIS & MELISSA COBLE |
| 25 | DANE & TINA AUMILLER |
| 29 | ALVA & BARB CHELLMAN |

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

AUG 5

12

19

26

COMMUNION TEAM

AUG 5

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

AUG 5 JIM & SALLY WELSH

12

19

26

FLOWERS

AUG 5

12

19

26

LITURGIST

AUG 5 JIM WELSH

12

19

26

NURSERY

AUG 5 PARENT CARE/COMMUNION

12

19

26

SUNDAY TRUSTEES

AUG 5

12

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26

USHERS

AUG 5

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26

Blanks indicate openings.



WORSHIP CALENDAR



August 5 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Sa 11:26-12:13a; Ps 51:1-12 OR

EX 16:2-4, 9-15; Ps 78:23-29

Ep 4:1-16

Jn 6:24-35

Holy Communion

Bread of Life

August 12 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Sa 18:5-9, 31-33; Ps 130 OR

1 Ki 19:4-8; Ps 34:1-8

Ep 4:25-5:2

Jn 6:35, 441-51

Shaping Community

August 19 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Ki 2:10-12, 3:3-3-14; Ps 111 OR

Pr 9:1-6; Ps 34:9-14

Ep 5:15-20

Jn 6:51-58

Wisdom Quest

August 26 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Ki 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43; Ps 84 OR

Jo 24:1-2a, 14-18; Ps 34:15-22

Ep 6:10-10

Jn 6:56-69

At Home With God



Prayers for healing and wholeness:

FROM MOST RECENT BULLETIN

These are the standard weekly texts which may or may not be used on a particular Sunday for worship.

If you would like to know what texts are being used, go to the church website on Friday evening or Saturday to check the [online bulletin](http://www.faithucc.info/bulletins.html).
<http://www.faithucc.info/bulletins.html>



If you know of a correction or update that should be made to our prayer list, whether an addition or removal, please notify the office. Also please secure permission of the prayer recipient to have their name published.

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300 East College Avenue
State College, PA 16801

Faith Works!

WORSHIP: 10:45 AM

We welcome children!

During the service, nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers (up to 4 years old) and Church School for children and youth ages 4+ years (except on Communion Sundays). **Holy Communion is celebrated monthly -- usually every first Sunday.**

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