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Notes From the Manse

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

Isaiah 43:19

Well, summer is officially over. Oh, I know that for most of us Labor Day marks the end of summer, just as Memorial Day signals its beginning. But according to the calendar, the autumnal equinox is the real ending of summer. It can be hard to say goodbye to summer. The days are long, the nights short. There just seems to be more time for things, time for kids to go swimming, time for walks down by the Pequea or trips into the mountains. There are vacations or at least some kind of breaks from the usual routine. Things just seem slower, slow enough for folks to linger with each other, for husbands to watch baseball games while wives read. When I go for a run in the evening I can smell food cooking on grills. On Sundays, we open up Old Leacock for early worship and hymn signs that attract people from all over. And this summer, the softball team won and won again, eventually bringing home a championship.

Now, all that is over for another year. Now, kids have had to go back to school, to another round of homework and tests. Now, even if we worked all summer, it still feels like it's time to go back to work. But is all that really such a bad thing? When I was a kid, sure, I dreaded going back to school. But there was a part of me, though I might not have admitted it, that looked forward to it. When I was in grade school, there were new lunch boxes to get decorated with some favorite superhero or cartoon character. Later, there was something about a routine shared with my peers that brought a certain purpose, a kind of fellowship. And the Fall itself is one of my favorite seasons, with a new crispness in the air, the leaves taking on brilliant colors before they drift to the ground. In time will come Halloween with its costumes and delighted kids. In time will come Thanksgiving. At church, the choir is back with new members. Session is meeting again; new plans, new ideas are being formed. The youth group has all kinds of things in the works.

Our faith teaches that we need always to know and respect the past. It is why there is an Old as well as a New Testament. Put simply, we need to know where we come from if we are to know where we are and where we are going. Christ was the fulfillment of God's promises, or rather the beginning of the fulfillment—the Kingdom is still coming. And there's work to do. So, yes, it is good to hold onto the old, but we need to hold onto it lightly. We should rejoice in the present, celebrate the fact that we are called to be about the work of building God's Kingdom. And we should believe in the future. At times, the present can seem full of challenges, the future pretty uncertain. But remember what the words of the Lord in *Isaiah*—"I am about to do a new thing." Dare we trust that? Dare we believe that the Lord is doing a new thing not just in the world as a whole, not just at other churches, other fellowships, but here at Leacock as well? We can, you know. For after all, it is not all up to us; it never is. It is God who is doing that new thing. And God is. Look around you—that new thing already is springing forth. Don't you see it? It's there, sometimes in small things, in little acts of grace, but it's there all right. So, let us rejoice in the passing of the season. Let us step into the future confident that that future is in the hands of the Lord.

Rev. Robert W. Birch





Session Snippets

What do marathon runners and elders have in common? The ability to go the distance!

Your Session met for four long but very productive hours September 19, and no one went to sleep, complained, or even left early. The meeting began with Rev. Michael Wilson from Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church speaking about his congregation's experience with the Acts 16:5 Initiative.

Then Loretta McClarigan came to explain the kitchen renovation plan being proposed and funded by Presbyterian Women. At

8:30 p.m. we began working on these action items:

- Agreeing to participate in the Acts 16:5 Initiative.
- Approving the Endowment Committee's recommendation for cost of the church office air conditioning replacement unit coming from the **Building and Facilities** Fund.
- Approving vacation for Rev. Birch from October 30 - November 13.
- Approving Sarah Kneier, a student at Lancaster Theological Seminary, as pulpit supply for November 3 and Rev. Steve Getty as pulpit supply for November 10.
- Adopting an Animal Policy.
- Adopting a Music Continuing Education Policy.
- Amending the wedding policy to include the wording "all wedding requests for church use are to be considered individually by the Wor-

- ship Committee and recommended for approval to Session if felt to be applicable."
- Approving Youth Group's "Wear a Wacky Sweater to Church" fund raiser for November 17.
- Approving Youth Group's having a bake sale at the Advent Family Night.
- Approving contracting with C. Rathman Trimwork and JG Graybill for the kitchen remodeling.

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Pray For

October 6 Kitty Shumate October 13 Robert & Deborah

October 20 Lori Smith

Sindall, Jennifer October 27 Richard Smith

Congregational Meeting Sunday November 17

Following

9:30 a.m.

Service of Worship

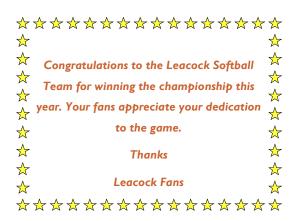


CO/CL Committee

We'd like to thank everyone who helped organize and serve the Old Leacock Day picnic, as well as those who brought such delicious food-especially desserts!-and stayed to fellowship in the churchyard. What an ideal day it was!

Our committee is busy collecting the last few surveys and distributing the resulting information to the various committees and boards. Thank you all for responding.

We are also gearing up for the Fifty Year Members Luncheon on October 27 and our Advent activities, which are not far behind.





Oct 6 (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time) Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

Oct 13 (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time) Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

Oct 20 (29th Sunday in

Ordinary Time) Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8

Oct 27 (30th Sunday In Ordinary Time)

Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-

18

Luke 18:9-14



Session Snippets (continued)

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- Discussing formulation of the 2014 budget, being realistic about income versus expenditures.
- Calling the Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 17 following the 9:30 a.m.
 Service of Worship.
- Asking elders to brainstorm ideas about keeping members from "falling through the cracks" and contacting in a timely manner those who are absent from worship; elders are requested to send these ideas to the clerk prior to the October meeting for inclusion on the agenda and discussion.

God's Place for Boys & Girls

With the advent of fall, God's Place is once again up and running. Volunteers will staff this time which includes a story related to the Lectionary for the day and a craft. All children attending the 10:30 a.m. Service of Worship from Kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to leave the sanctuary and go to God's Place after the Children's Sermon.



Lancaster General Hospital has scheduled community blood drives throughout the year at the following locations. Won't you consider giving blood - every pint is very important!

BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE OCTOBER 2013

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Wed, Oct 2	White Horse Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Tues, Oct 8	Bareville Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:30pm
Wed, Oct 9	Kinzers Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Tues, Oct 22	Yoder's Market	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Wed, Oct 23	Bird-in-Hand Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Thurs, Oct 24	Intercourse Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm

The Lancaster General Suburban Outpatient Pavilion (Health Campus) Blood Drive is located in Building 2104, Suite 202. The hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:00am to 7:30pm. For more information call 544-0170.





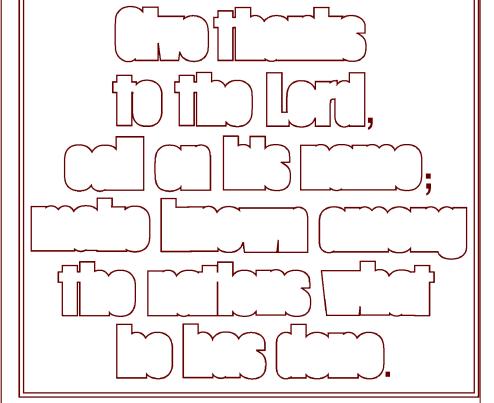


David's Psalm of Thanks

Find what David said. Match the words in the list to the word shapes.

1 Chronicles 16:8

what	call	thanks	known	to
Give	among	the	the	Lord
he	on	nations	his	has
done	name	make		



Answer: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

Thank You Notes

Dear Church.

Thank you for paying half of my camp Donegal money. I really appreciate it. I had so much fun at camp!

Thank you once again for the money you gave to us?

Love,

Alyssa Carney

To the members of Leacock Presbyterian,

We would like to thank everyone for thoughts and prayers on the passing of our father, Jack Wettig.

Thank you Ladies of the Leacock Presbyterian for the beautiful prayer shawl.

Also we would like to thank Rev. Birch and Emily for their visits to dad when he was in the hospital. Also, Rev. Birch, what a beautiful funeral service you provided for dad!!

Thank You Again, Tracy & Darrell Dippner & Family

Dear Church,

The women of Leacock who make prayer shawls need to know how much their work is appreciated.

My son, my daughter, and I all found comfort in the shawls during a time when comfort was so needed.

Thank you so much.

Beth, Paige, and Quinn Reinhart

Save The Date

Sunday October 6 5:00 p.m. Potluck and a Movie Mystic River (rated R)

Sunday November 17
Wacky Sweater Day
Donate \$2
to the youth group and
wear your wackiest sweater

Bus Trip to Benefit Organ Fund



A New York bus trip is scheduled for Satur-

day, November 30. The bus will leave AC Moore's at 6:30am and be at the church at 6:45am

It is a "do as you please trip" or, if you are interested in Radio City Music Hall (Christmas Show), we can still try and get tickets.

The bus will depart from New York at 5:30pm.

The cost is \$50.00 per person for the bus trip (Radio City Music Hall is extra).

Please call the church office (687-6619) to reserve your

Take the bus to New York on November 30 \$50.00

Benefits Organ Fund

Survey Wrap-up

The CO/CL Committee would like to thank everyone who responded to the Interest Surveys we distributed this summer.

If you were not able to do that yet, we are still very interested in hearing from you.

Pick up a survey sheet in the back of the sanctuary, fill it out, and return it to an usher or the church office at your earliest convenience.

Fill Out A Survey



Trustee Talk - Work Day - October 19

WORK DAY

IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE HELPING TO FIX UP OUR CHURCH!

We realize that everyone has a busy schedule so if you can't make it for work day, there is a list of things that need to be done hanging on the bulletin board in the back hallway.

Also, please remember to pay your per capita (envelope found in your church envelope box). This will help by allowing us to use the money in our budget for much needed repairs.

Thank you,

Leacock Trustees





At-Home Member

October 12 Miriam Keneagy

Miriam Keneagy Room 3 Village Manor Brethren Village 3001 Lititz Pike Lancaster, PA 17606-5093

Thoughts & Ideas Box

Several of you have already utilized the Thought and Ideas Box to make suggestions, ask questions, and bring various concerns to the church's attention.

We hope that you will also continue to use it as you come up with new ideas for improving a situation or program or for ways in which our church could grow in fellowship and

ministry.

You could also volunteer your services for some program or activity. Signing your name is not required, but a direct response is impossible without it.

Please be assured that only the Clerk of Session has the key and that notes are presented directly to each Session meeting where they are read and

referred to the appropriate committees. The name of the writer is given only to the committee and is kept confidential.







Christmas Bazaar



Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle All the Way......That time of year is fast approaching once again......Our annual Christmas Bazaar at Leacock will be held on Saturday, December 7. Mark your calendar, we will be looking for volunteers to help before December and on the actual day of the bazaar.

There are so many ways for you to lend a helping hand. We will be having a Candy Workshop (this year you will be able to order and pay for the amounts you want ahead of time or simply come to the bazaar and buy what you'd like). We will need

tons of bakers to bake cookies and breads to fill tins and plates available for purchase the day of the bazaar. Would someone like to make peanut brittle or fudge?

How about birdseed cookies...they were a hit the last two years! If you are canning, please think of us....last year our selection was sparse....we could use jams, jellies, fruits, apple butter, salsa, chow chow, applesauce, and any other items you think might sell.

We hope you will take time to fill a basket with a theme of your choice again this year. We will only be accepting gently used Christmas ornaments, Christmas books, and Christmas items/decorations for in our "Used Area." Please notice, this year only Christmas items will be sold....all other items will be taken to Goodwill before the

We hope to have another Greens Night to make centerpieces, arrangements and wreaths. If you have any greens to share, let us know ahead of time.

Our famous Holiday Cafe will be open for business serving break-

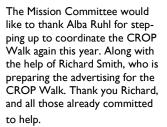
fast and lunch items.

Then comes the set-up crew, cashiers, baggers, and tear-down crew all necessary helpers that are needed to make this event a huge success. So far all the "crafts" are priced and ready for display.....this is a year-long process!

So watch the next newsletter for exact dates and times, mark your calendar, and come out to lend a hand or two. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Loretta McClarigan 808-7689.



Mission Committee - CROP WALK



October 20 is the date for the CROP Walk. Alba Ruhl has been contacting all the churches involved: St. Johns United Method-

ist, Kinzers Mennonite, Paradise Bible and, this year, Hershey Mennonite, and Keystone Evangelical. We received a call from Wesley United Methodist also wanting to join this year. Calvary Monument and Timberline church, also in the Paradise area may be asked to join.

Walkers should gather at Leacock Presbyterian Church at 1:00 p.m. The walk will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Please contact Alba to help with this event and make the CROP Walk a success once again for our area. Remember 24% of the money raised stays in the Paradise area. Check the pews for CROP Walk envelopes as well. The CROP Walk is a walk for hunger, and everyone knows that we have a "need" right here in the Paradise area.

Our church has helped with some of those needs by supply-



ing a monthly meal. We just couldn't do it if we didn't get the help from our congregation. We are truly blessed by God with a giving and caring church family. Thank You! October's meal will be: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, fruit cup, breads and desserts. Check for sign-up sheets in the narthex.

Blessings, Mission Committee

Did You Know?



Who changes the church sign each week?

First of all, a big shout out to

Sean Carney for commenting during work day last spring how impressed he is with the church sign at Leacock and how frequently we change it. Unknown to him, I'm sure, he was speaking to one of the people responsible for that sign, and it was so nice to have that positive feedback.

The Community Outreach/ Congregational Life Committee is in charge of the sign, and the committee has been making a concerted effort for two years now to make sure important events and sermon titles get posted on the sign.

I'd personally like to thank everyone who's played a part in that. Unfortunately, there are few of us, and the sign needs changing about twice a week, so, yes, we're looking for volunteers. We know there are those out there who've commented on the sign, and this is the perfect way for you to help insure it's put to good use.

This is something you can volunteer to do even if you think you don't have time. It

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The Leacock Presbyterian Church endeavors to be welcoming and accommodating to all persons. The following guidelines indicate what is expected of a person bringing a service dog or other animal into the church, and what is expected of members of the congregation in helping to make the experience positive for everyone involved.

Service Dogs - Will have free access to the building. As defined by the American Disabilities Act, a service dog is any dog assisting a person with a disability. Service dogs directly assist their owners with daily tasks and are meant to

Animal Policy

be with their owners at all times. Types of service dogs include dogs for the blind, the hearing impaired, and assistance dogs that help by picking things up, etc. In the sanctuary, the service dog shall remain on the floor, adjacent to the person responsible. In general, the service dog shall be kept on a leash, off the furniture, and under control of the individual using the dog. Regarding food preparation areas, service dogs are not permitted. Since a service dog is a working dog, members of the congregation should not seek verbal or physical contact with the dog by calling, or attempting

to engage the dog in play, and should not pet the dog.

Other than Service Dogs - The presence of animals, (e.g., pet dogs and cats) in the church building, shall be limited to areas OTHER than for food preparation. Animals are not allowed in the Sanctuary, except under circumstances of special occasions, approved by the Session of the Church. Animals are to be kept off the furniture (pews), but if of appropriate size, can be held by the responsible person to keep the animal in control. The person bringing the animal into the Church is fully responsible

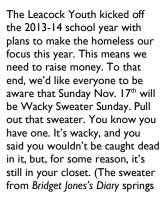


for the animal, will keep the animal with them at ALL times and shall be financially responsible for any damage caused by the animal. If the animal cannot be controlled and stay with the responsible person at all times, the animal should not be brought into the Church. If there is any question of safety issues or dangers the animal may pose to children or adults in attendance when the animal is in the building, they should be addressed by a reasonable person in charge immediately.

It is the intention of this policy to let common sense prevail.



The Youth: Making the Homeless Smile



to my mind, although Collin Firth can turn even a tacky sweater into something nice.)

For the low cost of a mere \$2 donation to the youth group, you will get to wear it to church and try to prove that you're the member of the congregation with the wackiest sweater. We will also have a box out in the narthex for gently-used sweaters you'd like to donate for the homeless.

On Family Advent Night, the youth will host a bake sale, so bring your sweet tooth and some money to help raise even more money. With all the money we hope to raise from Wacky Sweater Sunday and the bake sale, we will be buying food and water and taking a trip into Philadelphia to pass out to homeless along with the sweaters we collect. (If you want to see what we hope that will look like, go to Youtube.com and type

in "make the homeless smile.) We will be looking for adult chaperones to accompany us on the trip to Philly, so please keep that in mind, if you're interested.

Later in the year, we're planning a lockin and another youth retreat. We meet every other Sunday at 7:00 p.m., and all youth in 7th-12th grades, and their friends are welcome.

Emily Birch, Youth Group Leader & Charlene Boas

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only takes about twenty minutes (maybe less once you've had a lot of practice, like I have) after church on Sunday, and we would only ask that you do so for one month of Sundays.

Surely, anyone could find an hour and twenty minutes per year to spare (for instance, you'd only have to cut a mere 13 seconds of your Face book time each day to get an hour and twenty minutes).

If you'd like to volunteer, please see Karen Homsher or Jenny Keenan.

Emily Birch, Community Outreach/ Congregational Life Committee "Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody's going to know whether you did it or not."

-- Oprah Winfrey



Youth Sunday School



If you're in high school and would like to explore each Sunday's lectionary text and how it relates to you, please join us in the upstairs youth lounge on Sunday mornings at 9:15.

We will read the Bible and discuss our thoughts about it.

Emily Birch Youth Sunday School Leader

Leacock Book & Movie Group

The book and movie discussion club will meet on Sunday October 6th at 5:00 p.m. for a potluck supper. The group will also view the movie *Mystic River*.

All are welcome. If you don't want to watch the movie (which is rated R), just bring a covered dish and join us for the potluck. Or skip dinner and join us for the movie.

The next book we'll be discussing is Stephen King's 11/22/63. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, this novel is very unlike most of the books he's written, so don't worry if you're not a

horror fan. We will set a date for discussion at the potluck on Oct. 6^{th} .

Emily Book Book and Movie Group Coordinator



Scripture and the World—A New Adult Sunday School Class

How would it feel if your faith were really important to you and you found out that a child or a spouse followed a very different faith or even none at all? What should you do? What should you think? Is that person somehow lost, to you, to God?

Or, hey, there's that new iPhone coming out, with a cool gold color and a fingerprint

sensor! Got to have one—but, wait, doesn't Jesus say that if we are to follow him we have to give up all our possessions? How on earth can I justify getting yet another fancy thing I won't even want in a few years?

There's all kind of evidence that the Syrian government has used poisonous gas on its own people, on kids and women. What should the U.S. do? What would Christ want us to do? Wasn't he the Prince of peace? But didn't he also say he came to bring not peace, but a sword?

If questions such as these have ever crossed your mind, come join us in the new adult Sunday school offering, Scripture and the World. Sometimes, the world can seem a pretty uncertain, troubling, even frightening place.

How does our faith speak to the issues of our lives, in the world at large, in our schools or jobs, in our homes? What does Scripture have to say about them?

Each week a different issue is raised, with the two facilitators offering different points of views on it, different Scripture



A New Adult Sunday School Class

passages related to it. Then the group as a whole wrestles with it

There are not right or wrong positions; no final answer is sought. The goal is to get people to think about the issues, respect various points of view, and leave perhaps with a few more questions.

So far, the discussions have been lively, so come join us. Every new voice sheds a little more light to help us in our journey through this world.







Stewardship Report

FINANCIAL UPDATE JULY & AUGUST 2013

	Offering July		Expenses July	
	<u>2013</u>	<u> 2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Monthly Total	\$14,683	\$17,367	\$26,236	\$19,129
Year-to-Date	\$108,304	\$115,255	\$124,919	\$118,605
Budget Tracking Through J	uly			
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>		
Total Annual Budget	\$251,276	\$247,355		
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$124,919	\$118,605		
% of Budget Spent	50.0%	48.0%		
	Offering August		Expenses August	
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u> 2012</u>
Monthly Total	\$15,670	\$12,870	\$16,229	\$14,724
Year-to-Date	\$123,974	\$128,125	\$141,148	\$133,164
Budget Tracking Through A	August			
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>		
Total Annual Budget	\$251,276	\$247,355		
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$141,148	\$133,164		
% of Budget Spent	56.0%	54.0%		

Total expenses through July are higher than our income from offering, continuing the trend from all previous months of the year. However, looking at August specifically, our offering was higher this year than it was last August. This is, hopefully, the beginning of a trend for the remaining months of 2013, and is welcomed as the summer months tend to dip down in offering and attendance. Our year to date offering versus expenses still is at a deficit; to overcome this we really need some stronger offering to catch up.

Please pray about and consider anything you could possibly do to help improve our current situation in getting closer to meeting our budget. We still have a few months to go in 2013! Thank You.



The Stewardship Committee.



USHERS OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2013

Donald Andrews, Head Usher Ed Margerum, Head Usher 8:00 Service, (687-7878) 10:30 Service, (442-4027)

<u>OCTOBER</u>

Ralph Shank Steve Boas
Karen Boyer Charlene Boas
Deb Sindall Forrest Boas
Robert Sindall John Shirk

NOVEMBER

Tom Burkins Lois Snader
Vicki Burkins Valerie Ruhl
Tracey Dippner David Erickson
Scott Shenk Linda Erickson

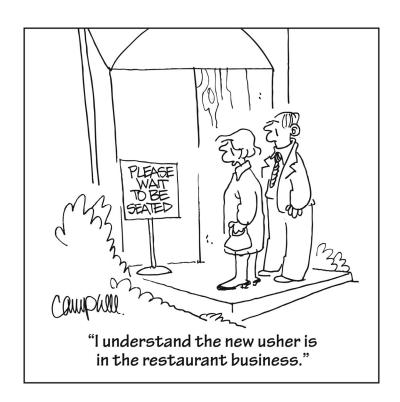
PLEASE NOTE -- If you are unable to serve the month or part of the month you are scheduled for, please try to trade with someone else then contact the head usher. They will contact the church office. THANK YOU!

NURSERY OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2013

If you are unable to serve as a volunteer, PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE SCHEDULED ON ANOTHER SUNDAY. Call the office secretary, 687-6619, so she can make the bulletin change. THANK YOU!

Oct. 6	9:30	Tom & Vicki Burkins
Oct. 13	8:00 10:30	Sue Funk Chuck & Kathy Ankney
Oct. 20	8:00 10:30	Loretta McClarigan Deb Beane & Kris Shirk
Oct. 27	8:00 10:30	Deb Sindall Darwin Eshleman & Linda Erikson
Nov. 3	8:00 10:30	Michele McLaughlin Steve & Forrest Boas
Nov. 10	9:30	Dave & Carol Berkhimer
Nov. 17	8:00 10:30	Donald & Christy Fieldsa Johanna Gingher & Sharon Williams
Nov. 24	8:00 10:30	Ellen Barnes Mike & Alba Ruhl

Please see separate icon on the front page for the October Church Calendar



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