

CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH THE GOOD NEWS

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Home Visits



"When you enter a home, greet it. If the home is worthy, let your peace come upon it." "the Mission of the Disciples" from Matthew 10:12

The Gospels are a journaling of oral stories which the early church found foundational to the faith. It tells us what Jesus taught, why he died to bring salvation to the faithful and how he changed the lives of the earliest believers. It is a stream of God s relationship with ordinary people. It is a people-topeople collection of rich, enduring stories.

In the coming months, pastoral visits to the homes of our members will begin. The Covid-19 pandemic prevented me from making visits to ensure everyone s health and welfare. Now as we find ourselves in a "*post-pandemic* "time, it is now safe for visits to members 'homes. It is an important function of the ministry to do home visits as it brings a rich perspective that informs the ministry in a unique way.

As a minister visits homes, he picks up special perspectives as to what the church means to its members. People share personal stories of how they came to be involved in the church, their concerns for others in their lives and neighborhoods, and share their need for prayer. Some will want to schedule baptisms which could not be safely performed during the pandemic but now are possible. Visits enrich what the *Brown Church* is. It does what the Gospels at their best offer - - a collection of the stories of God s relationship with the faithful.

Later this month, time will be set up for visits. Some of you have already received me in your home and I appreciate you offering your hospitality to me and sharing your perspectives and stories. As of the printing of this newsletter, only a third of members have been visited. I look forward to being able to meet with everyone wanting to have a visit in the coming months. If you are interested in scheduling a visit please call (603) 447-3851.

In Advance, I thank everyone for their generosity, in opening their hospitality and homes to me,

Rev. John Hughes



Proceeds benefit The Brown Church's work to support the health and wellbeing of the Mount Washington Valley area.

COME ONE ~ COME ALL

The Brown Church is planning a big Spring Event, An all-day experience - I'll give you a hint We'll have something for everyone, no matter what age, So please mark the date on your calendar page.

We'll have a nice bake sale to tickle your tummy, Lots of cookies and brownies, all of them yummy! Cakes and pies sold one-serving or whole. We want to please everyone, the young and the old.

The Bible Class ladies will have plants galore. All potted at prices not found in a store. We'll have crafts of all kinds to dress up your home, To fill a dull corner or enhance any room.

The yard-sale will be one for all to explore, Come search for that treasure you've long hunted for. For the kids this will be a time for great fun With plenty of room to hide and to run.

So the Little Brown Church on the date of **May 20** Will welcome you all with blessings aplenty. We do hope to see you, bring your friends in a bunch, You'll have a wicked good time - including a lunch!

TRUSTEES' MESSAGE

Welcome to Spring; the Spring Event planning has begun. We thank those who have



taken on the leadership of some of the events. We will be having a bake sale, yard sale, plant sale, BBQ lunch, crafts, silent auction (Pick a Prize) and themed gift baskets. Looking into also selling balloons, having children's activities and selling fresh produce. We are still looking for leaders for these.

We are calling this a Connections Spring Event. We will start with

meeting with Village businesses to ask if they will donate to the silent auction and/ or make a themed basket. We will encourage visitors to the event to walk the village and support these businesses.

We will also be reaching out to the chamber to connect with businesses outside the village. Our valley has many wonderful businesses and we hope many will provide items to auction or a themed basket.



How can you help?

TREASURES!

Would you like to volunteer to help at the event? Can you provide baked items? Do you have items for the yard sale? Are you associated with a business or have a favorite and can ask them to donate an auction item or themed basket? Would you lead one of the activities?

If you wish to help out in any of these areas, please contact the office at 603-447-3851 and Melody will let the Coordinators know.

Trustee Board: Anne Getchell, John Edgerton, Duddie Andrews, Nancy Irving, Nancy Divine & Tom Workman, ex officio member, Treasurer

WE NEED YOUR Yard Sale items can be dropped off at the church between May 1st and May 15th. Call the office to schedule a time. Thank you for your support!

TRUSTEE'S MEETING Tuesday, May 2, 4:30 pm



TRUST	EE OF THE WEEK		
5/7	Duddie Andrews		
5/14	John Edgerton		
5/21	Anne Getchell		
5/28	Nancy Irving		

Council Connections



The Council this month was better attended but a few members were on vacation. We had a good month financially in March. The Capital Campaign account finally brought in enough money to reimburse the General checking account for the final campaign expense. We decided to transfer that money back to the Dahl Endowment account to pay back the \$5,000.00 that we had to draw from it in February. Hopefully income will remain at March levels so that we don't have to draw more money out of the Endowment to pay bills.

I hate to be pessimistic, but we will have quarterly payments due in April and May that will probably cause us to draw more money out of the Endowment.

Two issues came up that need to be addressed. The first one, which concerns the condition of the tables and chairs that the church and groups use. The tables are falling apart and the chairs, well let's just say they are almost as old as I am, if not older. Now that the church is getting back to a more normal state of operations, we need to replace them so that Fellowship after church as well as group use will be safe. We are looking into prices to replace them. The second item of concern that arose is that the tile in the classroom downstairs is chipping up. This is a hazard as people can easily trip, as well as looking very unsightly. We are looking into prices for carpeting or other options for flooring. The reason I bring this up to you now is that this will require a need for a special appeal for funds. We have some money in the Building Fund account, but that will not be enough to cover both items. You will hear more about this in the coming month.

The topic that took most of the meeting was the preparations for the Spring Fling. Participation so far is very good and we are in need of items to sell for the yard sale. So now is a good time to look around your house and see if there are any items that we could sell. Anne Getchell has been announcing in church each week so check with her about any items that you may have. We are also looking for people to go around to area businesses and solicit items for the pick a prize or goodie baskets that can be sold. We already have the invitation letter and forms for their donations, we just need help in going around and getting the items.

The organ came up since we are hiding it with fabric. It's too far gone to repair. Nancy Divine has been in contact with a business that buys old organs for parts and also tries to sell them on consignment. We hope to have more info next month.

We also decided on a combination tree lighting and one day holiday fair with a turkey luncheon on December 2nd. Stay tuned for more information on that fundraiser and community event. So, crafters, begin making things to sell for that event. We hope to get more village businesses to join us in the tree lighting event. Maybe even do a bit of caroling around the village.

Blessings to all,

Carl F. Vitters, Moderator

<u>Food Pantry</u> <u>Wish List</u>

Ramen Noodles-Chicken &/or Beef Rice-A-Roni-Chicken or Beef Ketchup – 20 oz. Mustard – 20 oz Mayo - small jar Stable Milk box - 20 oz. Juice - Orange or Apple - 64 oz. Small Soup - Chicken Noodle or Tomato Jelly - Grape or Strawberry-16 oz. Small canned Chicken or Tuna-5 oz. Baked Beans - 15 oz. Tomato Sauce - 15 oz. Beef Stew - Canned - 15 oz. Boxed Crackers – 1 lb. Boxed Spaghetti – 1 lb. Canned Veggies - Peas, Carrots-15 oz. Instant Oatmeal - 1 lb. **Paper Towels** Toilet paper – individually wrapped Shampoo - White Rain or Suave-24 oz. Dawn Dish detergent - small size Tide Laundry Detergent - small size Large Laundry Detergent Hand Soap - Dial 2 or 3 pk bars

Food Pantry Donations

Please call the office to schedule a drop off time. Most of these items can be bought at Dollar Tree or

any supermarket.

Thank you for your donations!



Conway Village Congregational Church

By Appointment Only

Tuesdays, 8:30-12 pm

Serving Albany, Chatham, Conway, Center Conway, East Conway & Eaton

> 603-447-3851 Callforappointmentorformoreinformation.

Outreach Committee

Anne Getchell, Sylvia Weld, Charlyne Gray, Dawn Vitters, Marilyn Hughes & Charles Monaghan

Food Pantry Statistics								
MONTH	<u>Households</u>	<u>People</u> Served	<u>Meals</u> Given	<u>Over</u> <u>60</u>	<u>Under</u> <u>18</u>	<u>Walk</u> Ins	<u>New</u> Households	
January ~ April 2023	142	290	12,180	131	45	33	22	
January ~ April 2022	128	284	11,928	134	49	24	12	

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIACONATE

Welcome Spring!!

April showers are bringing May flowers-spring bulbs are popping up. Grass, trees and shrubs are greening up!! Hooray!! We're looking forward to celebrating Spring with our Fling!!

May is also an important month in the Christian calendar. Forty days after Christ's resurrection (May 18th this year), we remember Ascension Day-when Christ ascended to be with Father God. Then the last Sunday of the month-50 days after the resurrection-marks the beginning of the Christian Church's mission to the world-Pentecost. This is the day that we celebrate when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit down on the disciples and all believers. In the following scripture, Jesus addresses both of these upcoming events with his disciples after his resurrection.

Jesus Appears to the Disciples in Jerusalem

"Then he said, "When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me by Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must all come true." ...And he said, "Yes it was written long ago that the Messiah must suffer and die and rise again from the dead on the third day. With my authority, take this message of repentance to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who turn to me.' You are witnesses of all these things.

And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven."

Jesus Ascends into Heaven

Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting his hands to heaven, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. They worshiped him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy. And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God. *Luke 24:44, 46-53*

We truly have a lot to look forward to in May. We have opportunities to serve leading up to and during the Spring Fling. Let's work together to make it a successful day & provide more funds to further the mission of the Brown Church in the valley. Let's celebrate and worship Christ's ascension and the presence of God's gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives! Let's walk with Christ each and every day!

God Bless each and every one,

In Christ,

Judy

<u>Díaconate</u>

Co-Chairs - Louise Saxby & Judy Workman; Treasurer - Dawn Vitters; Secretary - Beth Campbell, and Nancy Divine <u>Deaconess</u> <u>of the Month</u> Beth Campbell

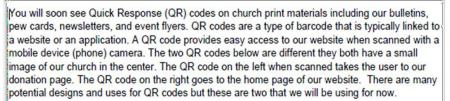
<u>Díaconate Meetíng</u> Wednesday, May 3, 4 PM Please visit our website or email us at

info@thebrownchurch.org to sign up for our email mailing list. Let us know which types of emails you are interested in, weekly worship, monthly newsletters, special events & volunteer opportunities,

website: thebrownchurch.org



Sunday Worship via Zoom <u>To access Zoom meeting by</u> <u>Phone</u> Phone Number: 1 646 558 8656 *(for audio only)* Meeting ID: 832 6656 0783 Password: 074610 We'll use this meeting until further notice.







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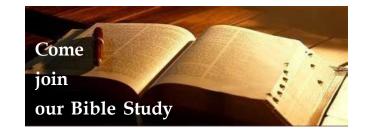
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AY WORSHIP 10 AM

The primary reason we have decided to begin using these QR codes is to provide an easy way for people to make donations and to learn more about our church. A lot of people no longer carry much cash with them. This has been evident in our plate donations when we have visitors who would have gladly made a donation, or perhaps given a larger donation but were not carrying cash.

In the future we will likely use QR codes for the Capital Campaign or other specifically targeted donations such as to the Food Pantry.



Women's Bible Study Thursdays 9:30am
 Conference Room &/or Sanctuary
 Men's Bible Study Fridays 9:00am
 Conference Room
 Also available on Zoom.
 If you would like to join a group, please contact the
 Church office at 603-447-3851 or email
 info@thebrownchurch.org

Sound of the The Dinner Bell Dinner Bell Fresh Homestyle Meal Everyone is Welcome!! NEW SUMMER HOURS! Mondays 5 – 6 pm

Call the Church office on Mondays for that days menu! 603-447-3851

Take Out Only!

These services continue to operate while taking recommended safety precautions and practicing social distancing.





May is Military Appreciation Month

Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the chance to publicly show their appreciation for troops past and present. Military Appreciation Month is a special month for both those in and out of the military. We honor the service and sacrifice of members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, National Guard, and the newest service, the Space Force, as well as the contribution of their spouses. Not only do we pause on

Memorial Day (May 29th) to remember the sacrifice and service of those who gave all, but the month also holds several other military anniversaries and events, including Loyalty Day (May 1st), VE Day Victory in Europe (May 8th), Military Spouse Appreciation Day (May 12th) and Armed Forces Day (May 20th).

We all wish to honor all those who selflessly sacrificed on our behalf. There are those who paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the military who we honor on Memorial Day. Those who are currently serving in uniform, we honor on Armed Forces Day and those who served in the past are honored on Veterans Day in November. These special days are set aside to let us remember our heroes. The holidays are frequently confused and painted with a wide brush of honoring anyone who ever did or does wear the uniform, which in recent years has even included civilian uniformed services. While it may seem like covering all the bases is the best approach, it is not. I am here to say that those who have served, and those who have lost a loved one, would appreciate everyone learning the difference between these days of honor and the reasons for them.

Memorial Day is a day of Remembrance.

Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May. From 1868 to 1970, it was observed on May 30th.

Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War (which ended in 1865) and a desire to honor our dead. On the 5th of May in 1868, General John Logan who was the national commander of the Grand Army of the republic, officially proclaimed "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet

churchyard in the land." Because the day wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle, the General called it the date of Decoration Day.

Memorial Day Red Poppies

In 1915, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," Moina Michael replied with her own poem: *We cherish too, the Poppy red that grows on fields where valor led, it seems to signal to the skies that blood*



of heroes never dies. She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial Day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit service men in need.

Later a Madam Guerin from France was visiting the United States and learned of this new custom started by Ms. Michael. When she returned to France, she made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women. This tradition spread to other countries. Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later, their "Buddy" Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans.

Armed Forces Day is celebrated annually on the third Saturday of May as an annual observance dedicated to the brave individuals <u>currently</u> serving in the United States Armed Forces. It is a day to pay tribute to men and women who serve the United States' armed forces. Armed Forces Day is also part of Armed Forces Week, which begins on the second Saturday of May. On August 31, 1949, Louis Johnson, who was the United States' Secretary of Defense, announced the creation of an Armed

Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, and Air Force Days. The event stemmed from the armed forces' unification under one department – the Department of Defense.

The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated on Saturday, May 20, 1950, with parades, military installation open houses, receptions, and air shows. Armed Forces Day is still celebrated nationwide today



in American communities and on military bases throughout the world with parades, picnics, festivals, parties, and discounts offered to servicemembers.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day was first proclaimed in 1984 by President Ronald Reagan to recognize the profound importance of spouse commitment to the readiness and well-being of our military members. It is celebrated annually on the Friday preceding Mother's Day.

History of Veterans Day



World War I – known at the time as "The Great War" – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, Armistice Day, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

This month let us all make time to say thank you to a veteran, show appreciation to a service member and honor those who laid down their lives for our freedoms.

> God Bless Those Who SERVE God Bless Those Who WAIT

"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation." -- George Washington

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." -- John F. Kennedy

Submitted by Nancy Irving

April Worship Service

Date	In Church	On Zoom	Special Day/Sermon Title				
4/2	47	13	Communion Sunday "Jesus Refuses to Speak"				
4/6	14 4	4	Maundy Thursday " Rewriting History "				
4/9	13	~	Easter Sunrise Service " <i>Mary It's Me!</i> "				
4/9	53	22	Easter Sunday "Jesus Got Up! What Now?"				
4/16	32	15	" Thomas Sunday, A Day of Finding our Faith Pulpit Supply ~ Curt Renyolds				
4/23	38	17	"Like a Stranger Among Us"				
4/30			"Imagine! Not Wanting"				

<u>To add someone to</u> <u>the Prayer List</u>

Please call 603-447-3851 or email us at info@thebrownchurch.org Also, please provide the person's mailing address so we may send cards. Thank you

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday !!

- Sandra Hatch
- U Wally Campbell
- Å Ray Behnke
- 🖞 Beth Campbell
- Meri Jones
- 🖞 John MacDonald

- 🖞 Steve Graustein
- 🖞 Dana Saxby
- D Elise Edgerton
- Deaul Weld
- Dick Vierus

Prayer Requests

- + Alice Clapp
- + Cathy Currier
- + Colleen Albert
- + Elise Keeney Edgerton
- + Linda Frechette
- + Alice Spear
- + Jill & Curt Reynolds
- + Tom Steele
- + Nicole Rabideau & Family
- + Carol Baribeau
- + Sandy Stowell, Lisa Horne & Family
- + Mitzi Fitch & Family
- + Cory Smith
- + Mark Weld
- + Debbie Kelly
- + Sanphy Family
- + Greg Turgeon
- + Paul Fitzsimmons
- + Lori Dorey
- + Russ Hunter & Family
- + Ruth Proctor
- + Charlie
- + Paula Burgess



Conway Village Congregational Church

Mission Statement

"We are a community of faith in Jesus Christ, open to all, and by following His teachings we willingly serve God, our neighbors and each other, through worship, fellowship and ministry."

> Sunday Worship via Zoom **NEW ZOOM ID & PASSWORD** Website zoom.us/join

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 8:00 am-4:00 pm

 Wednesday
 8:00 am-4:00 pm

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 8:00 am-4:00 pm

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ple will see our church know that we are well liked within the community. You will be notified on your Facebook notifications when we post something new.

You in turn, if you choose to, can share that post on your page, which is very helpful in promoting the church, particularly for promoting our events. Thank you & God Bless

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take out only	2 Food Pantry 8:30-12 pm By Appt	3	4 9:30 Women's Bible Study	5 9 am Men's Bible Study	6 9 am AA Good Morning Group
		4:30 pm Trustees Meeting	4pm Diaconate Meeting <u>Office Closed</u>	7 pm AA Big Book	Office Closed	
7 10 AM Worship	8 Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take out only	9 Food Pantry 8:30-12 pm By Appt	10	11 9:30 Women's Bible Study	12 9 am Men's Bible Study	13 9 am AA Good Morning Group
6:30-7:30 pm AA Fire Pit				7 pm AA Big Book	Office Closed	
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6:30-7:30 pm AA Fire Pit			4:30 Council Meeting	7 pm AA Big Book	Office Closed	Spring Fling 9am – 2pm
21 10 AM Worship	22 Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take out Only	23 Food Pantry 8:30-12 pm By Appt	24	25 9:30 Women's Bible Study	26 9 am Men's Bible Study	27 9 am AA Good Morning Group
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6:30-7:30 pm AA Fire Pit	Office Closed					

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May 2023 Worship Schedule

May Worship Schedule 2023

Sunday, May 7th – *Communion* Scripture: 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14 Sermon: "*One Last Stone* "

Sunday, May 14th

Scripture: Acts 17:22-31 John 14:15-21 Sermon: "*What Did You Say!* "

Sunday, May 21st

Scripture: Acts 1:6-14 John 17:1-11 Sermon: "*Out of this World* "

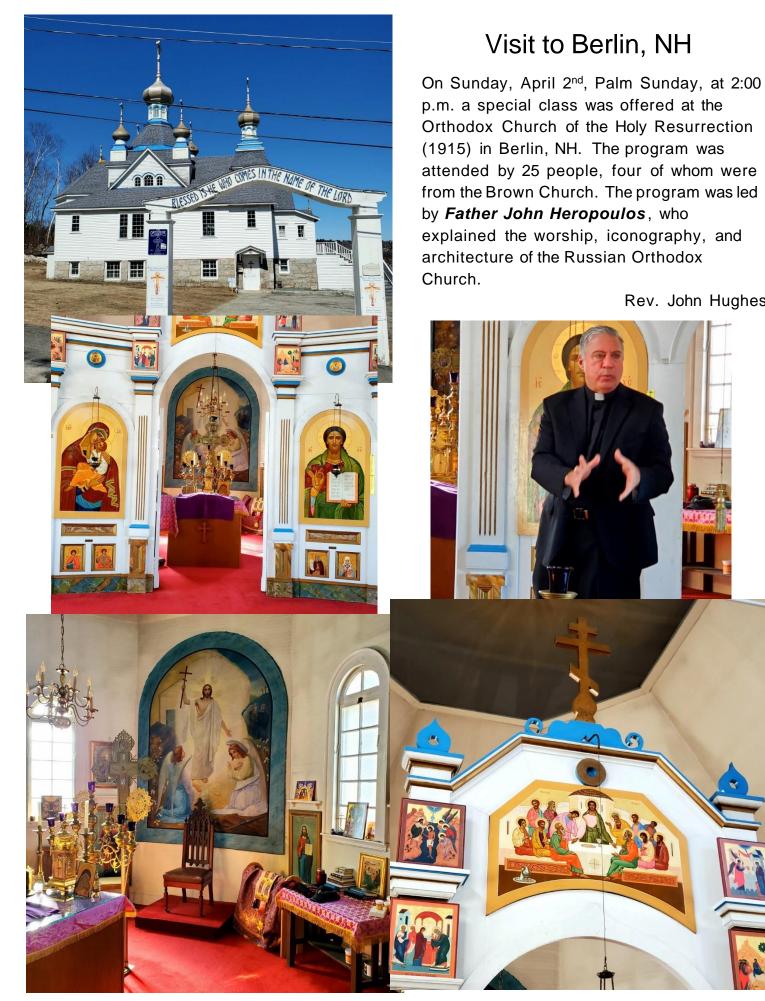
Sunday, May 28th – *Pentecost*

Scripture: Numbers 11:24-30 John 7:37-39 Sermon: "*If You Believe, Drink."* Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Psalm 66:8-20

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b



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