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Organist Emeritus: Bob Oehme
Children's & Family Ministries: Linda Oehme
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Welcome!



Pastor Jason and Scarlett
Bay of Fundy, New Brunswick, June 28, 2022

We are excited to welcome our new Pastor and Teacher, Rev. Jason Boyd. Join us September 4th for his first Sunday with us!

God's Doors are Open to All



From the Pastor

Rev. Jason Boyd

It's just about that time! As I write this, I am about two weeks away from my arrival in Norwich. The parsonage here in Henrietta is getting (slowly) packed up, and I cannot wait to be there with you. Even in normal circumstances, I would say how excited I am to be on my way. After the craziness that was foisted upon us in March 2020 – and which is still part of our reality – this is all the more so. Joy is rising in my heart. I am so eager to share worship and communion with you officially as your Pastor and Teacher for the first time on September 4, and I am so pleased to be joining you in ministry!

As this month of September unfolds, we will begin to get to know each other, and I am looking forward to hearing your stories, learning where you have traveled on your own journeys of faith, and being in community with you. Faith is a path we walk together, and I am blessed for that opportunity to walk the path with you. I sent Cheri a particular photo for this newsletter. (See front page.) You can see it is me and my Schnauzer, Scarlett. I had told the Search Committee she would like to be known as the Holy Terrier of Norwich, and they laughingly agreed.

That is one big part of me you will get to know; Scarlett is my heart. The photo was taken along the Bay of Fundy in New Brunswick, Canada this June. There is quite a story behind that photo as well, but I will save that for when we are together in person. It also tells you of another part of me – I love to travel, and I love being at the water. And there is more for you to discover about me, and my heart just beats with excitement for the time of getting to know all of you. My eagerness has just been growing and growing throughout the Summer. I have been finding myself almost literally counting down the days until this next step on the blessed journey of life begins.

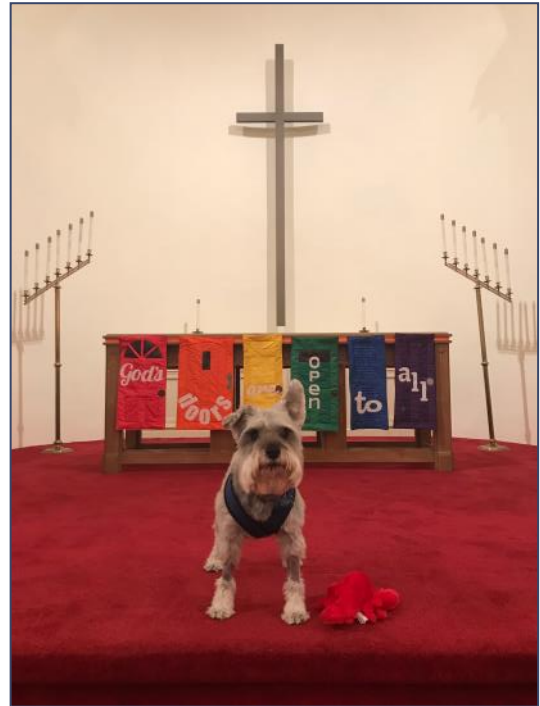
I have already been down to Norwich for a couple of meetings – note the picture of Scarlett in the Sanctuary below – and attending many more on Zoom. It is so nice to feel this spark that I am experiencing, truly a gift from God. We are blessed when we can truly sense that we are doing what God asks of us, and I am feeling that very strongly right now.

Blessings,

Pastor Jason

Scarlett

September 4 is coming! I am so excited to be on my way soon and to be there in ministry to and with you!



As you can see, my sweet Schnauzer Scarlett has already checked out the Sanctuary. I am putting this little note here as she is going to be with me in worship on September 4. Now, I do not normally bring my dog to church when leading worship, but as this is my first Sunday and the opportunity to meet/re-meet you, it's also time to "meet my family." You will see her as I'm walking her around town, and she will often be in the office with me.

I wanted to give you a heads up about my Scarlett: she is the world barking champion. When she sees you, she is going to bark. A lot. Unlike 99% of dogs, it is perfectly OK to approach her when she is barking – she just barks, sometimes even while "giving kisses." Her "voice" can be a little screechy, but she is the happiest dog I have ever known, and you will soon see just how joyful seeing you will make her. As she gets to know you, her bark will even increase in pitch as she is ever more happy to see you.

~ Pastor Jason

Deacons Doings

Mary Williams, Chair

Core Value: Loving Church Family

In June, Mary and Pete Williams had a brief visit with Sam Miller. Sam successfully completed his CDL and tractor trailer driving certification and is employed as a truck driver. Sam was the Sunday Sexton at UCC and sang in the choir.



Sam Miller



On July 17, 2022 we said thank you and “Shalom” to Interim Pastor John Steitz. Pastor John was presented with a “Rainbow Monday” t-shirt and coffee mug as a token of our appreciation for his service to our congregation. He is now serving a congregation in Albertis, Pennsylvania as a Settled Pastor.



Pastor John and Mary Williams

Core Value: Spiritually Alive

Celebrating our Annual Pride Sunday
June 12, 2022



Pat Burke, Interim Pastor John Steitz, Elspeth Hunter, Jason Handy, Brad Morrison, Bob and Linda Oehme, Allie Rehn and Eloise



Union worship services between First Baptist Church and UCC took place on seven Sundays from July to September. Our two congregations have enjoyed a long history of summer worship and it was wonderful to be with our brothers and sisters in Christ. The last joint service will be September 4, when we welcome Pastor Jason Boyd to our church.



Helping Hands



Bags of personal care items donated by the Deacons of the United Church of Christ for the Helping Hands Giveaway night.

Our Board of Deacons continues to support the monthly give-away nights sponsored by the Norwich Helping Hands organization. Every month, Deacon Rose Laughlin and Ruth Tucker shop and put together giveaway bags of personal care items. Rose and Ruth then deliver the bags to the YMCA in time for the give-away night.

On the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. hundreds of people stop by the YMCA and pick up items that they may need for free. The next give-away night is September 15th.

Donations of brown paper bags would be greatly appreciated! You can bring them to the church or get them to Rose or Ruth.

You can also donate money toward the purchases. Make a check out to the church and mark it for *Helping Hands*.



Core Value Moment (8/28/22) *Spiritually Alive* by Pat Burke

I was asked to talk today on the core value: Being Spiritually Alive. This will NOT be a Theology of the Holy Spirit, but simply some of my personal experiences, perspective and understanding.

In John 14:26 ... “but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send you in my name will teach you everything.”

It was not until I became a part of UCC Norwich that I had a desire to learn about the Holy Spirit. However my motivation was very low. It took years for me to grasp what things the Holy Spirit could teach me. Faith, Hope and Love seemed like the place to start.

What is faith? It is a gift from God, but is not an instant present. It develops over time. Consider the seed of a desire planted, it takes quite a while to germinate and grow before it can bear fruit. The

more it is nurtured, the more robust it will be. Prayer is the sun, water and fertilizer of FAITH and the Holy Spirit shows us the way. HOPE is the desire to be, have or do and Prayer provides the energy of the Holy Spirit. Love also grows with prayer and the Holy Spirit taught me to see others the way God sees us.

I have a personal experience I will share with you to underscore what I am trying to say. I am an introvert, so I felt the restrictions of Covid to be a gift. But it soon became apparent that the UCC Norwich needed ways to stay in touch with each other.

One of the many ways was to develop a Prayer Group. Initially there was a lot interest, but over time a core group of four, with others who attend when time allows, was formed. We meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m. for one hour on Zoom. Over the past two years we have gotten to know and care deeply for each other. We are very open in asking questions that include personal growth and development of our soul and our lives. We maintain respect for information. We discuss the best ways of approach for sensitive areas in requests for prayers in and out of our UCC Congregation. We pray on requests for healing, clarity, change, to understand the will of God, etc.

However, there were people in my life who I had difficulty getting along with, difficulty even being around. At this point I turned to God with multiple questions and desires to be a better me. The answers to my prayers surprised me.

In one case a distant memory suddenly came in my mind like a vivid dream and I realized that I had hurt, offended, and been overall unkind to someone. I started to cry, because I could feel the pain I caused her when she was just trying to care for me. In time, I had no reservation apologizing to her and repairing the wrong I had done.

I continued to pray to the Lord to show me a way to feel love in areas where I had differences with people. This time the answer came in an unexpected thought in my mind, heart and body. “Be still and try to take a walk in their shoes.” I did just that and now I feel love and acceptance for them and I thank God who took me on this path of love and caring.

To me now, to be Spiritually Alive means trying to live a life where I can share and embrace a life of Faith, Hope and Love through the Holy Spirit.

However, for me to do this I have to maintain a commitment to PRAYER.

Congratulations to Our 2022 High School Graduates

We hold you in prayer as you move on from high school and we wish you a wonderful first college year.

Shea Breese, Josiah Tyler



2022 Scholarship Recipients

The following students have received scholarships toward their 2022-23 secondary education expenses. The Scholarship Committee, a sub-committee of the Board of Trustees awarded a total of \$10,000 in scholarship funds.

Awarded to a covenant member of the church in memory of many devoted church members:

Memorial Gifts Scholarship

Shea Breese

Awarded to a covenant member of the church who has made a significant contribution to church life throughout high school:

Alexander and Alice Neill Scholarship

Shea Breese

Awarded based on character, service, scholarship and financial considerations:

Theodore P. Dolgos Scholarship

Josiah Tyler

Donald Tracy Scholarship

Alex Gage

Samantha Gage

Aria Maholchic

Theron and Margaret Hust Scholarship

Alex Gage

United Church of Christ Scholarships

Shea Breese

Sean Eaves

Samantha Gage

Aria Maholchic

Jadyn Munson

Josiah Tyler

Children and Family Ministries

Jessica Posner, Interim Director

I would like to take a minute to introduce myself. My name is Jessica Posner and I will be working with the younger children in the church while Mrs. Oehme is getting herself better. I have been an educator for many years in different aspects. I currently live and teach in Ellenville, NY. I live with my husband, daughter, two cats and a guinea pig.

Church school will look a little different for the next few months. Some weeks will be all virtual and some weeks will be a hybrid. The weeks I am able to be in Norwich, I will be at the church for anyone who would like to join me in person. I will give you at least 2 weeks notice if I am going to be there. If you are unable to join me in person, I will still be holding the Zoom meeting.

We will continue to work with the Whole People of God program the kids already know and love. Supplies will either be delivered or mailed with enough time for everyone to have what they need.

I am looking forward to this new journey with the help of God and our church family.

First Day of Sunday School
Sunday, September 18th
9:00 a.m.

for school-aged children
In-person at the church and on
Zoom in a combined class.



NURSERY RE-OPENED

Nursery care is now available on Sundays for children up to the age of five beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Nursery is

located up the stairs at the front of the building. Children are also welcome for the entire the service or can leave after the Children's Moment – whatever works best for your family.

Music Ministries

Mary Williams, Director

Choir Updates: This Fall, my goal for the choir ministry is to reintroduce the art of live choral performing to our worship service while continuing to offer virtual opportunities for those musicians who have become part of our “away (from Norwich) team”.

ZOOM Choir will resume Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning on September 14. Then, we will move to in-person rehearsals at church during October and November! An Advent/Christmas cantata is being planned as well. Preparation for that will be held virtually AND in-person. Several songs will be shared as virtual anthems with a live performance planned for a Sunday afternoon in December.

Hand Bell Choir rehearsals will resume in October with performances during the Advent season. We are looking for more SINGERS and RINGERS! Contact Mary Williams if you are interested in joining either group.



We are definitely sad that our Summer Programs are drawing to a close. However, the fun will continue at The Place with fall programming.

We are currently accepting registrations for our KIDS Program, a licensed SACC program, which provides Before and After School Care, Vacation Care and programming when schools are running on a half day schedule. All snacks and meals are included in the pricing. Registration forms are available at The Place and also on our website. We accept Childcare Assistance through Chenango County DSS.

Teen Programming kicked off on August 27 with an Ice Cream Social. This FREE event for Chenango County teens was held at The Place.

Chenango Youth Philanthropy Council will be launching soon after school begins. CYPC is a county-wide youth engagement program that teaches junior and senior high school students about Chenango County and the needs of the community. Youth work to build leadership skills, learn the importance of teambuilding, and also spend time working with nonprofits in our community.

For additional information and/or to register, please contact us at The Place 607-336-9696 or check out our website <https://theplacenorwich.com>

Great things are happening at The Place... be a part of it.



Please be reminded that Colorscape uses our parking lot for handicapped parking during the festival, except for Sunday morning.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

**Offering Taken
October 2**



In 2022, the Neighbors in Need “BEHOLD!” offering focuses on economic justice. With inflation impacting all of our households, the UCC offers the following as a way to look at economic justice through the lens of Christian faith.

READ

Ephesians 6:12 (NRSV) and/or James 5:4 (NRSV)

THINK ABOUT:

- How does the wage gap impact us today? Racial wealth gap? Digital divide?
- How are families doing in rural, urban, and even the global economies?
- How are workers and other groups joining together to affect change and establish worker justice?

WAGE THEFT/FRAUD

Unfortunately it is quite common for employers to steal wages from workers, that is to fail to pay employees all they earn. Up to two-thirds of workers in low-wage industries are victims of wage theft each week. Failure to pay for all hours worked or for overtime are just some examples of the ways employers steal wages.

Ending wage theft in your community.

Learn more. Low-wage workers are high-value people, created in the image of God. All jobs must provide fair wages, benefits, and working conditions. Workers must be able to support themselves and their families and live with dignity the life of wholeness that God intends for all. God’s reign does not stop at the door to the workplace but extends to all aspects of life including our work lives.

One-third of the offering supports [Council for American Indian Ministry](http://www.councilforamericanindianministry.org) (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. **To learn more, go to www.ucc.org/nin.**

UCC Norwich will receive the NIN offering on Sunday, October 2, 2022. Envelopes will be available in the bulletin or drop off a check made out to UCC Norwich with NIN in the memo line.

Needed at Our Daily Bread Food Pantry



- soups of any kind
- hygiene products of any kind.
- Any donation of nonperishable goods
- monetary donations are always appreciated.

Located at Emmanuel Episcopal Church,
37 W Main St., Norwich.
Hours: M-W-F 10:00 a.m. – noon.



HUGE SALE

**To Benefit
Chenango County
Habitat for Humanity**

Thursday, September 15

Friday, September 16

Saturday, September 17

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

16 North Canal St., Oxford
(next to Mirabito Gas Station)

**Volunteers Needed to help set up
on Wednesday 9/14 starting at 1:00 p.m.
Contact Audrey Johnson at 607-843-6249.**

Livestream Team

Update by Mary Williams

Our Livestream process will be undergoing an evaluation with a consultant from the Rochester area in September. If you have ideas or thoughts about our Livestream, please contact a member of the team: Pastor Jason Boyd, Jen Mallozzi, Chris McSweeney, Bob Oehme, Pete Williams, Mary Williams.

The Livestream Team attended a virtual webinar on August 14, 2022 called "Worship Planning Retreat: Re-Shaped". The keynote speaker was Jason Moore who specializes in a hybrid worship model that incorporates **both** live **and** online participants which he calls "both/and". Here are the highlights of his talk:

WHY do we need to continue hybrid worship?

- No one is an afterthought! We need to engage live AND at home audiences.
- Those who were or have felt shunned in worship have returned. Online worshiping has helped folks feel less vulnerable. Now that we have returned to in-person worship, we need to consider how to continue that welcome.
- Many folks who are not able to attend church have benefitted from virtual services. We must continue to minister to people in nursing homes, shut-ins, prisons, etc.
- Busy families, vacationers, travelers can worship from anywhere and at any time.
- Worship lives beyond Sunday. People can view a service any day of the week.
- Visitors can try out a church online first before visiting in person.
- We need to bring dignity and respect to the entire congregation (in-person is not better or more valid than online etc.).
- Geography no longer matters. "My parish is the world wide web!"
- Special needs families can worship at home without fear of judgment.
- A dialogue is now possible by using the "chat" feature on digital platforms. This can be used to engage at home viewers.
- Introverts and those with social anxiety can take a respite from in-person worship when needed.

- Those with hearing and visual difficulties can have an enhanced experience.
- Final thought: embracing hybrid worship is similar to embracing the early life of the church: think about how Paul wrote letters AND spoke in person!

Intern Position Available

The Livestream Team is looking for a second intern to learn the Livestream Director role. This training will include instruction on the computer and software used in generating the weekly livestream of our worship service. If you are interested, please contact Jen Mallozzi at jmallozzi@uccnorwichny.org or the church office at 607-334-3434.



Anyone who enjoys needlework of any kind is welcome to come and bring a project. The group also makes shawls, scarves and socks for people who may need some prayer and encouragement. For more information, talk to Jane Prime or contact the church office at 607-334-3434.

Emmanuel Soul Kitchen Thursday September 15 Good FREE meal for Body & Mind All are welcome

5:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall,
Emmanuel Episcopal Church,
37 West Main St., Norwich
607-334-8801 for more information.

We've Got Mail



Dear Scholarship Committee,

It is an honor to be a recipient of this scholarship. I cannot thank you enough for the money that will be used towards books, tuition and PGA fees. I am excited to enter my final year as a college student, and I thank you for your constant support over the last four years.

Thanks again.
Alex Gage

Dear UCC,

I am honored to be a recipient of a 2022 UCC and Theodore P. Dolgos Scholarship and I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support to the students who need it most. Your scholarship has helped to open the door to a brighter future and will play a key role in shaping me into a successful person. Your generous support will help me on the path to achieving my goals. Thank you!

Josiah Tyler

Dear UCC,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for making the Top Ten Scholar Award possible. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this as it will surely help me at Boston University.

Stephen Kman

Dear UCC,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the \$500 scholarship. This will help me with my tuition in my third year at Binghamton University. I am continuing to study Biomedical Engineering. I get to choose my concentration in the Fall. I am leaning towards choosing a concentration in Biopharmaceuticals. Thank you for your continued support in my college career. I will continue to strive to succeed.

Jadyn Munson



Dear UCC,

Thank you all for awarding me with the Memorial Gifts Scholarship, the Alex and Alice Neill Scholarship and the UCC Scholarship. I am honored to receive these scholarships and be a part of the United Church of Christ Community.

Shea A. Breese

Dear UCC,

Thank you so much for the opportunity with the [scholarship] money I received. It will help tremendously get me through college. I'm not as fortunate as others being on my own through college, so this money will be used to become something greater and better. Again, thank you for your scholarship. I'm gonna' do great things.

Sean Eaves

Dear UCC,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the NHS After Prom Party! With your continued support, we are able to provide a fun, safe alternative for hundreds of students! Thank you!

NHS After Prom Party Committee

Dear UCC,









On behalf of the volunteers that are part of Our Daily Bread Food Pantry, we want to thank you for the donations in April and June. As you know, we are now giving our families a 5 day/15 meal package and we have increased the amount of milk that we give each household on the milk voucher. Your donation will help with the increase in food that we need to be able to do this. We have decided to continue to prepack the food for now. This helps insure the safety of both volunteers and clients. Our clients continue to be grateful for the food and milk that we are able to give them.

We couldn't provide food for the numbers of people that we're feeding without generous donations like yours. With the increase in food and gas prices we have seen an increase in the number of families coming to the pantry for the past two months. We assume this will continue and are happy that we can be there to assist families.

Barbara and Gary Tompkins,
Co-Coordinators

September 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:00 a.m. AARP Driver Training Course Founders' Rm.	2 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom	3
4 9:00 a.m. Nursery 10:00 a.m. Union Worship/Communion with FBC. Pastor Jason's first Sunday. 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 6:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ Fellowship, Zoom	5 Labor Day <i>Church Office Closed</i> 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom 1:30 p.m. Tutoring, Kitchen 3:00 p.m. Tai Chi Founders' Rm.	6 1:00 p.m. Piecemakers Circle, Kitchen 6:30 p.m. Executive Council, Zoom	7 9:00 a.m. Home Bureau Founders' Rm. 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle Zoom 	8 12:30 p.m. Tutoring, Jr. High Rm. 1:00 p.m. Piecemakers Mtg. Founders' Rm.	9 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom 12:30 p.m. Colorscape Food Prep, Kitchen Colorscape Chenango Art Festival Downtown Norwich Saturday 9/10 - 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. Sunday 9/11 - 11:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	10 8:00 a.m. Colorscape Food Prep, Kitchen
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Re-Decorating Update

The Founders' Room Redecorating Group met on August 8, 2022. Present at the meeting were Pat Burke, Ed Tucker (Trustee), Pete Williams (Vice Moderator), Mary Williams (Deacons and Facilitator). If you have thoughts or ideas, or would like to be involved in the next meeting, please contact the church office.

Here are some of the highlights from our discussion:

"What is the purpose of the Founders Room"

- multipurpose (flexible)
- fellowship; church and community
- honoring our history
- a work space
- an opportunity to show WHO we are
- inclusive to all
- exhibition space

"How will the Founders Room be used?"

- gathering space
- meetings
- fellowship
- meals
- receptions
- rehearsals
- lessons
- worship

"What message(s) do we want to convey about who we are?"

- accessible to all/We are open to all
- core values
- our history (pastors, moderators)
- our building's history

"What ideas do we have?"


- Consolidate photos and give more historical/factual info
- Celebrate the ministries of the church (ONA Forum, Music lesson scholarship program, music outreach, etc.)
- Use 3 existing bulletin boards to educate who is on (photos)/meeting dates/purpose of the church boards; Trustee, Deacon, and Executive Council
- Return the whiteboard to its location for use in meetings
- Discontinue or relocate the book rack
- Create four banners or a single application which communicates our four core values. Work with a professional graphic designer.

Prayer Concerns

Let us keep in our prayers the following concerns:

- ♦ families, families that may be going through particularly difficult times, families seeking God's guidance;
- ♦ those who are moving because of their work, those looking for work, and those looking for meaning in their work.
- ♦ those who are ill, who are recovering from illness or surgery, or who anticipate going to the hospital.
- ♦ those who grieve over the death of someone they love.
- ♦ our church, that it might be faithful to its calling, our pastor, all staff members and committees.
- ♦ peace in the world.
- ♦ gay, lesbian and bisexual and transgendered persons, and all those who feel isolated and alone.
- ♦ all those affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic

Congratulations

 Jason Handy and Braderick Morrison who were married on August 6, 2022.



September Celebrations

Birthdays

4	Kayla Farrell	10	Wadeanthony Burke
5	Chad Conant		John Kolb
7	Burt Bridge	11	Samantha Gage
	Maxine Gage	14	Sam Miller
8	Janet Johnson	22	Pat Burke
	Bob Oehme	23	Arlene Wade
9	Jay Conant	24	Henry Carpenter
		25	Gary Sprout

Anniversaries

Brooke Bonney and Chris Koo - 9/3/2020
Todd Bachman and Elizabeth Bronson - 9/15/1984
John Kolb and Lilit Danielyan - 9/23/2008
Chris and Jennifer Mallozzi - 9/29/2012

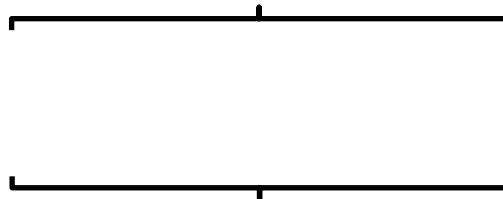


UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
God's doors are open to all.

Welcome

Worship Sundays at 10:00 AM
In-person/Livestream

www.UccNorwichNY.org
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