



Manchester United Methodist Church

The Chimes

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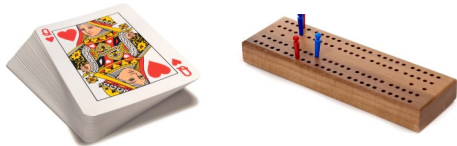
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The Beginning of Lent



HE CHOSE
THE NAILS
WITH
MAX LUCADO

~Series starting Feb 18th. Join a study group! More information available inside.



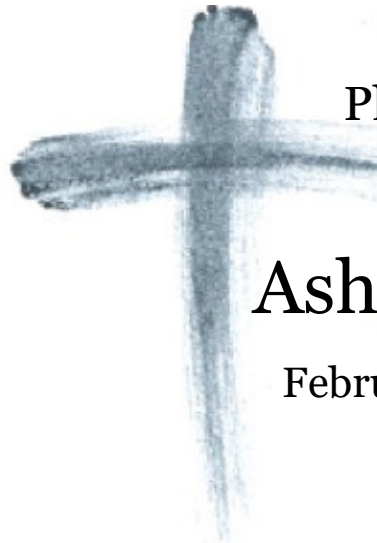
Starting Friday Feb 2nd

Cribbage and 500 Card Club

Please join us on Friday
afternoons at 1:00PM in Wesley Hall!

Coffee, Donuts and Cards!

If you're interested please email Clarence
Slife at
clarenceslife@yahoo.com or contact Kat in
the main office at
(563) 927-4439 or
kat@umcmanchester.com



Please Join Us For

Ash Wednesday

February 14th at 6:00PM

The church would like to thank all of the
ushers for their service this past year!
Thank you for your
dedication.

*If you would like your year end statement please contact the main office
563-927-4439 We would be happy to accommodate you –MUMC Staff*

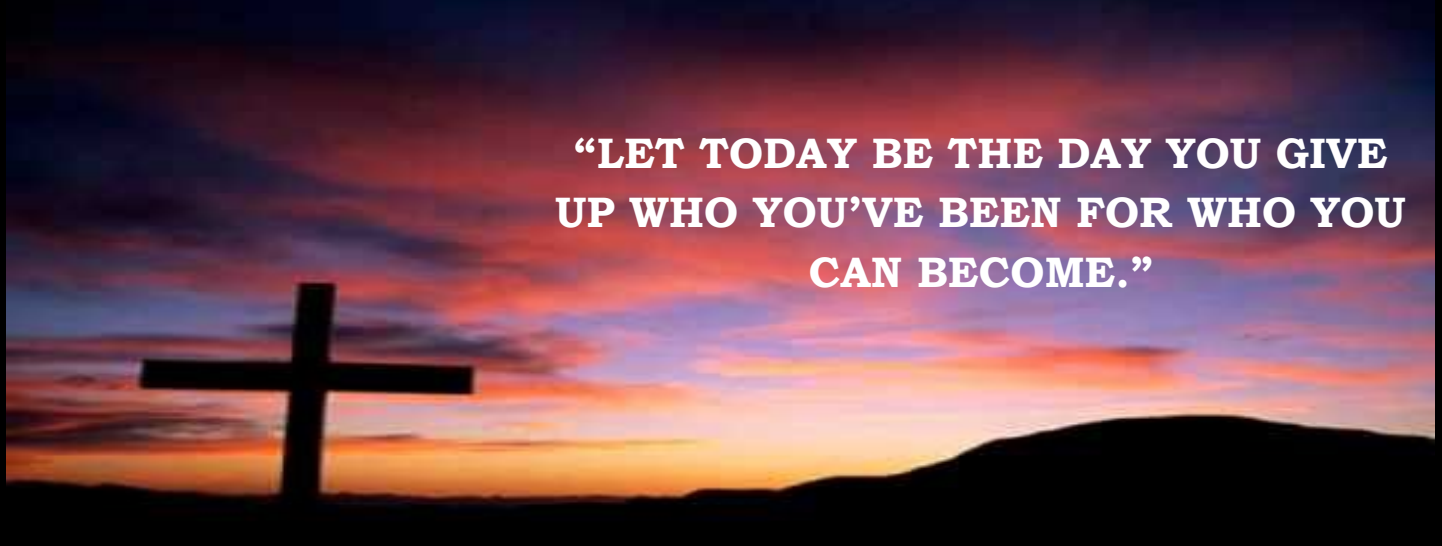
A note from Reverend Phil...

Lent was established in the 4th century as 40 days (Not counting Sunday's, so 46 in all) where Christians focus on self-discipline in preparation for the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord. Often, we try to focus on giving something up that may cause a distraction from God. For some it may be eating better, to quit smoking, gossip, or in my case, Chinese buffet's. These are all good and honorable things, but in an act of self-discipline we may choose to take something on rather than give something up. More time in prayer, more quiet time reading scripture, devote more time to volunteering at church, or more time in a small group bible study. These can all be just as edifying as giving up a bad habit, by choosing a new spiritually healthy one. This year for Lent the Education Committee Team has chosen to focus on an all church bible study. For six weeks we will be in the same scriptures, prayers, and discussion focus, we will all be in the same conversation. They have chosen Max Lucado's study "He Chose the Nails." It is very easy to join a group that will fit your schedule as there are sign up clip boards in the Narthex next to the welcome table. Our goal is to have over 80% of the church involved in this study. So please be in prayer as work to prepare for Easter, and all this means for the redemption of God's people, including you and me. Lent begins on February 14th this year (Valentines Day) and ends on April 1st (April Fools Day!)

Please be in prayer to make the time available for this short 6-week study.

Peace,

Pastor Phil



**“LET TODAY BE THE DAY YOU GIVE
UP WHO YOU’VE BEEN FOR WHO YOU
CAN BECOME.”**

MUMC Single Board
January 16, 2018
Wesley Hall
6:00 p.m.

Present: Mark Reth, Zach Rogers, Charlie Dighton, Randy Waterman, Marge Wolter, Ruth Voshell, Bruce Nodurft, Al Remling, Jean Gross, Bill Scanlan, Pastor Phil, Janine Stellick, Bill Scanlan.

Chair Mark Reth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.. Our call to worship was from Psalm 119:105-112 which reminds us that the Bible can be our light to show us the way ahead so we won't stumble as we walk. We need to study the Bible so we can see our way clear to stay on the right path.

Prayers and praises were lifted up followed by a moment of silence and a prayer for guidance from our chair.

Finance: Bruce gave the board the final budget report for 2017. Our actual budgeted amount for 2017 was \$270,073 (including apportionments) however, our actual expenses with apportionments amounted to \$238,174 leaving us with a surplus of \$31,899. Adjustments for certain budget items have been made for 2018 where there was a shortfall in those areas. All bills have been paid.

Trustees: Charlie led us in an extended discussion on the condition of our building and the great need for updating many areas that are showing their age. The subject of security also was discussed with there being so many entrances. We need a general conversation with the congregation as well as the board for a way forward. We need to be in prayer and seek God's guidance.

Worship: Michael Stocks is looking for a new camera for the sanctuary.

Christian Ed. Vacation Bible School is set for July 16-20 and will be added to the calendar. Lenten study materials will come from their budget.

Missions: Our congregation has given approximately \$1600 towards Sydney Litterer's mission work.

Reaching and Receiving: Janine reminded everyone about the bowling party on February 11 from 3-5. There will be information in the February Chimes. Also the men will be serving the pancake breakfast that morning after worship.

Lay Ministry: Bill has organized a leadership team and they will be charting a path forward.

There were no action items reported.

Following pastor comments the meeting was adjourned at 8:15. Our next meeting will be on February 20, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. We closed with the Lord's Prayer and singing of the doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gross
Single Board Secretary

December Financial Report

Year-to-date budget income: \$266,170

Year-to-date actual income: \$270,073

SERVING OUR CHURCH

February 4

Communion servers: Scouts
Acolytes: Liturgist: Youth
Scripture Reader: Scouts
Children's Sermon: Scouts
Greeters: Bertha Starr & Val Wanzer
Nursery: Debbie Rogers

February 11

Acolytes: Youth
Liturgist: Rita Woods
Scripture Reader: Toby Tutton
Children's Sermon: Kristin Milroy
Greeters: Bertha Starr & Val Wanzer
Nursery: Susan Hermann

February 18

Acolytes: Youth
Liturgist: Bill Scanlan
Scripture Reader: Jackie Sherman
Children's Sermon: Darla Gaskill
Greeters: Bertha Starr & Val Wanzer
Nursery: Becca Hermann

February 25

Acolytes: Youth
Liturgist: Jeff Larsen
Scripture Reader: Travis Hough
Children's Sermon: Jackie Sherman
Greeters: Bertha Starr & Val Wanzer
Nursery: Meghan Mensen

Pianists & Music Coordinators:

Beth Mueller and Lynne Rasmussen

Piano/Organ Substitute: Duane Philgreen, Mark Philgreen, Marianne Sandberg

Tech Team: Michael Stocks, Ruth Voshell

If you would like to be part of the
Serving Our Church Team
please contact

**Communion Server, Liturgist,
Scripture Reader, Children's Sermon:**

Jeff Larsen @ 927-5089 or
call the office @ 927-4439

Door Greeter:

Janine Stellick @ 9273485
e-mail: rjstellick@yahoo.com

Tech Team:

Ruth Voshell
mumctechteam@gmail.com

Nursery:

Mary Jane Fetter @ 920-2006

Acolyte and Usher:

Jim Kerton @ 927-5953

Or

Sign up at the Welcome Center





HE CHOSE THE NAILS

WITH
MAX LUCADO

GOD'S GREATEST GIFTS EVER GIVEN TO US

Every gift from God reveals his love, but no gift reveals his love more than the gifts of the cross. These gifts came not wrapped in paper but in passion. They were not placed around a tree but around a cross. They were not covered with ribbons but sprinkled with the blood that Christ shed on our behalf.

In the six-session video Bible study, *He Chose the Nails*, Max Lucado explores the many gifts that Christ provided to us at his crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross but also the gift of the thorns that pierced his brow. The nails that tore his flesh. The seamless robe that he removed for us. The empty tomb where he forever defeated sin and death.

The hill of the cross is rich with the gifts of God's grace. These were gifts he didn't have to give. The only required act for our salvation was the shedding of blood, yet God did so much more. So, as we unwrap these gifts, we need to pause and listen for his voice. As we do, perhaps we will hear him whisper, "I did it just for you."

2018 Weekly Schedule

Week One (Feb 18-24)

He Chose to Be One of Us

Week Two (Feb 25-Mar 3)

He Chose to Forgive Us

Week Three (Mar 4-10)

He Chose to Invite Us into His Presence

Week Four (Mar 11-14)

He Chose to Love Us Forever

Week Five (Mar 18-24)

He Chose to Give Us Victory

Catch Up Day (Mar 25)

Missed a session because of your busy schedule? All five videos will be available after worship for viewing during this final day of study.

Mark your calendar with the following dates:

February 14th: Ash Wednesday Worship
Service at 6:00PM

MARCH 10th: Hosting Men's Lentin
Community Breakfast at 7:00AM

MARCH 25th: PALM SUNDAY at 9:00AM

MARCH 29th: MAUNDY THURSDAY
at 7:00PM

MARCH 30th: GOOD FRIDAY
at 7:00PM

APRIL 1st: EASTER SUNDAY
at 9:00AM

UMW Bible Verse of the Month

*"Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each day."
-Lamentations 3:23*

Scrip News!



Your MUMC scrip team is pleased to tell everyone that we had a very successful 2017! The year's total sales were \$156,219.90. That's a lot of gift cards! Our total profit for the year was \$5936.60, or about 4% of the total sales. On January 14 the team presented two checks during the worship service. As has been done twice yearly for several years, one was for \$2500 for the general budget. The other was from our Fareway profits, and this check was in the amount of \$1711.35. Fareway stipulates that their profits go to education. This can be children, youth, adults, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School - anything that is educational. So the more Fareway gift cards we sell, the more money goes to our educational programming.

As you can see, a total of \$6711.35 was given for 2017, with our profits for that year being \$5936.60. 2016 was a similar situation – we gave back more than we actually earned. For 2018 we will either have to reduce the amount we turn over to the church – or sell more gift cards. This is up to YOU – the congregation. We welcome new customers!! Just talk to anyone on the scrip team or stop at the table and ask for a paper with info on how our gift card program works – we'll be very happy to help you get started.

Another facet of our program is AOP. This stands for amount of purchase and is a percentage given by several local businesses without the use of physical gift cards. (Participating merchants include Gateway Appliances, Honey Creek Furniture, Corcoran Furniture, Lake Design and Decor, Georgen Auto, Boubin Tire, Edgewood Building Supply, and Schroeder's Cash Supply). The 2017 profits from AOP were \$326.38. When you're purchasing at those places, just tell them you want to use MUMC scrip and they'll take it from there. Most of them have a sign near their checkout saying the participate in our scrip program..

If you haven't yet tried scrip gift cards, please consider it and help your church at the same time. They work like any gift card that you buy at stores. At Fareway and many other places, you simply swipe the card - no checks to write, no cash to mess with, and you don't have to be concerned about your credit card being compromised. Your remaining balance is on your receipt and stays on your card for the next use. It can't get much easier, and with every purchase you help MUMC. If you've been using scrip for groceries and / or gas, please consider branching out. We have cards for many local and area restaurants and stores.

We welcome Terry Larson to our team, and we thank Roger Mueller for his years of service to scrip! Your 2017 - 2018 scrip team is Carol Dighton, Kathy Evarts, Linda Gearhart, Alice Kluesner, Terry Larson, Erin Learn, Chris Mundy, and Vicki Spellerberg.

Scrip is available for purchase every Sunday in the narthex before and after worship as well as Wednesdays before WOW. If you have special needs outside of those times, call Chris Mundy at 920-5865.



WANTED:

Individuals passionate about spreading
the **Good News of Jesus Christ**
one **shoebox** at a time!

There will be an Operation Christmas Child planning meeting Tuesday, February 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Old Youth Room. We will be setting goals and making plans for this year's Drop-Off Location and Packing Party. Any and all ideas are welcome as we seek to reach more children through this ministry. Whether you've been backing shoebox gifts for years or are hearing about this ministry for the first time, please come share ideas and learn more! Contact Stephanie Stocks if you have any questions (mstocks@iowatelecom.net or 563-920-1570).

Ministry Minute

Becoming a vibrant, fruitful, growing congregation requires a change of attitudes, practices and values. Good intentions are not enough. Too many churches want more young people as long as they act like old people, more newcomers as long as they act like old-timers, more children as long as they are as quiet as adults, etc. Little changes can have big effects. Let us be the church that welcomes young people and meets them where they are, that welcomes newcomers who can bring a vibrancy and diversity to our midst and that welcomes children who we expect to act as children do. We can be this type of congregation!



OCC BAKE SALE!!!

The last Sunday of every month please participate by either baking and/or purchasing items from the youth to help with shipping costs for Operation Christmas Child next year!

Contact Mary Jane Fetter, 563-920-2006, with any questions . Happy Baking!

February 11th

Family/Church Fun Day
Bowling Party

Compliments of Reaching &
Receiving

At Lightning Lanes
From 3:00PM-5:00PM

Cookies and bars will be provided otherwise
you may purchase food options from the
Bowling Alley's menu.

(No outside food is permitted)

*Save
the
date*





Love to sew or quilt? Then you should join
Calico Cut Ups!
 Every Tuesday at 9:00AM in the Community Room

What about a good
 cup of coffee, a scone
 and great conversation?
 Join *The Sippers* at Aunt
 Emmy's Café every Friday
 at 9:30AM.



Sudoku Puzzle

Answers on the back!

		6		5	4	9		
1				6			4	2
7				8	9			
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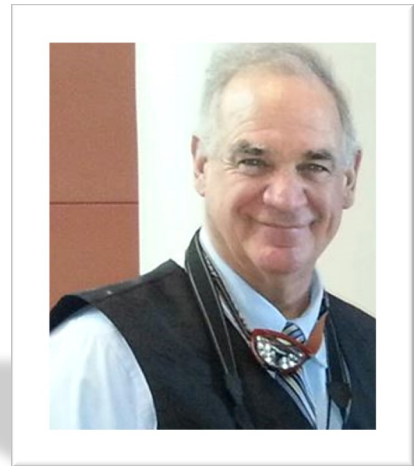


Getting to Know The Congregation:

Bill Scanlan

(Q) What brought you here?

(A) I grew up in Manchester and I would come to church with my parents every Sunday.



(Q) How has your faith shaped you life? How did it start?

(A) The moment that stays with me the most, it was Easter, I was seven years old. I was sitting in the front pew by myself watching the sun shining through the stained glass windows. It was so beautiful. Then a man named Bing Kerton came up to me and said, "You should be an acolyte." From then on Bing put me to work. I would later become an usher and then a liturgist. Each position brought me closer to God.

(Q) What was the first career you dreamed of having as a kid?

(A) I wanted to be a cowboy. Back then cowboys were seen as heroes. I wanted to save people and be a hero.



(Q) What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

(A) My Uncle, Thomas Turley Jr, said, "Everyone looks at the world through a different telescope. Respect what they see."



(Q) How can someone win a gold star with you?

(A) Be and do the miracle that God created in you.



(Q) If you were given the choice what would your last meal on Earth be?

(A) Southern fried chicken, mashed potatoes with milk gravy, roasted vegetables and cherry pie a la mode.

(Q) How did you meet your wife?

(A) At the time I was an east coast admin rep for Upper Iowa. I called students daily to tell them about the opportunities at the college. One day the operator ended up asking me about the School. She informed me that there'd be a pageant for Miss New York State (Leads To Miss America) that she had entered and many students would be attending. I went to the pageant. Turns out the operator was Contestant number 6. She was wearing a pink dress and sang "Scarborough Fair." After the Show I ran into her in a doorway. I was dumb struck. I thought, "can a man ever marry a woman as beautiful as that?" Donna is my best friend and is the greatest thing that's ever happened to me. I couldn't ask for a better partner in life.

(Q) What are you most grateful for?

(A) The privilege of this day.

Miss New York State



YFC Babysitting Night!

Friday February 16th

5:00pm—10:00pm

Manchester United Methodist Church



FREE WILL DONATION FUNDRAISER

We will serve dinner, play games,
watch movies, and have fun!
For children up to age 12.



Help us fund YFC Camp
2018 and have a night all
to yourselves!

~For more information and to RSVP, please contact:
Rachel Sanders at 931-374-5186



Heart-land Dinner

February 20th, in Wesley Hall the Third Annual Valentine's Dinner for those who have lost a loved one.

Serving...

Hors d'oeuvres from 4:30-5:15pm

Seating from 5:15-5:30pm

Main Course, including desert, at 5:30pm

The evening is sponsored by Congregational Care as well as several anonymous donors. There is no cost to participants. Please join us in celebrating our loved ones with a wonderful meal and a speaker.

We ask that if you plan to attend to contact Kat no later than 3:00pm on Thursday February 15th, to reserve your spot.

Office 563-927-4439 or kat@umcmanchester.com

If anyone is interested in helping decorate, serve or clean up, please contact Kat or Susan Hermann at 563-920-6310





- Dianne Larsen 2/01
- Robbie Sedain 2/03
- Connie Erickson 2/04
- Shirley Haigh 2/05
- Jackie Sherman 2/06
- Linda Toms 2/08
- Alex Zehr 2/08
- Terry Larson 2/09
- Maya Huegel 2/10
- Linda Gearhart 2/11
- William O'Connell..... 2/12
- Tyler Smith 2/12
- Jody Puffet 2/13
- Lynne Rasmussen 2/15
- Hannah Philgreen..... 2/17
- Elwyn Curtis..... 2/18
- Wilma Hatch..... 2/18
- Isabella Richmond 2/19
- Amy Blumer 2/19
- Richard Fox..... 2/20
- Don Mellody 2/20
- Lucinda Stoll 2/22
- Arlan Henderson..... 2/23
- Marcheta Lux..... 2/25
- Stephanie Stocks 2/26
- Sydney Litterer..... 2/27
- Joan Jones 2/27
- Jordan Schultz..... 2/27
- Ben Litterer..... 2/28
- Caryssa Philgreen..... 2/28
- Amira Thurn 2/28

- Sean & Nancy Edaburn2/14
- Brad & Shirley Davis2/16
- Ron & Linda Gearhart2/19



Please sign up in the hallway to donate flowers for the altar. Please let Kat in the office know if there is a special occasion or in memory of a loved one.

Good Neighbor Home
105 McCarren Drive, Manchester

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROOM #</u>
Carol Brockmeyer	N-144
Catherine Manson	S-24
Huberta Olive	N-137B
Delores Timmer	S-25
Faye Wright	N-13A
Garneth Hook	MP-206
Mary Ellen Richter	S-28

The Meadows
220 McCarren Drive, Manchester

Evelyn Dunn	111
Mary Lou Beswick	114
John Tyrrell	35B

The First MUMC Family Christmas



February

Sun

8:15AM
Serving Our Church Leaders
meet Sunday morning

Mon

WIC
Feb 5 & 12
2nd
Helpings

Tue

CHIMES DEADLINE
February 22




Wed

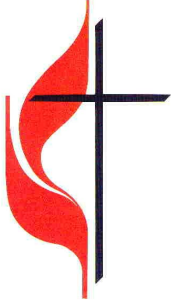
Worship on Wednesdays
Worship @ 6:00PM—Sanctuary
Small Group Discussion @ 6:45PM

Thu

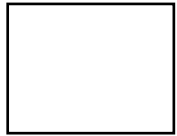
Fri
February Mission: UMCOR

Sat

<p>11:30am Chuong Garden</p> 				<p>1 1:00PM Knitters</p>	<p>2 9:00AM Cribbage Club Wesley Hall 9:30AM Sippers@ Aunt Emmy's</p>	<p>3 8:00PM Community Meeting</p>
<p>4 9:00AM Worship w/ communion 10:00AM Fellowship 10:30AM Sunday School</p>	<p>5 10:30AM Study Group 5:30PM Worship Design</p>	<p>6 9:00AM Calico Cut Ups</p>	<p>7 9:00—11:00AM Prayer ~ Sanctuary 5:15PM WOWw/Comm</p>	<p>8 1:00PM Knitters 10:30AM Communion @ GNH/Meadows 6:00PM</p>	<p>9 9:30AM Sippers@ Aunt Emmy's</p>	<p>10 8:00PM Community Meeting</p>
<p>11 9:00AM Worship 10:00AM Pancake Breakfast</p> 	<p>12 10:30AM Study Group 5:30PM Worship Design</p>	<p>13 9:00AM Calico Cut Ups</p>	<p>14 9:00—11:00AM Prayer ~ Sanctuary 5:15PM WOW</p>	<p>15 1:00PM Knitters</p>	<p>16 9:30AM Sippers@ Aunt Emmy's</p>	<p>17 8:00PM Community Meeting</p>
<p>18 9:00AM Worship Fellowship 10:30AM Sunday School</p>	<p>19 10:30AM Study Group 5:30PM Worship Design</p>	<p>20 6:00PM Single Board Valentines Dinner</p> 	<p>21 9:00—11:00AM Prayer ~ Sanctuary 5:15PM WOW</p>	<p>22 1:00PM Knitters CHIMES DEADLINE</p>	<p>23 9:30AM Sippers@ Aunt Emmy's</p>	<p>24 8:00PM Community Meeting</p>
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Return Service Requested

TO

Office Hours
 Monday & Wednesday
 8:00AM-5:00PM
 Tuesday & Thursday
 8:00AM-3:00PM
 Friday
 Church is Closed

We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:00AM
 Sunday School classes @ 10:30AM

Wow—Worship on Wednesdays
 Worship at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary
 6:45pm Small Group Discussion

Sudoku Puzzle
Answers

2	8	6	1	5	4	9	7	3
1	9	5	7	6	3	8	4	2
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3	7	9	6	2	5	4	8	1
8	5	1	3	4	7	6	2	9
4	6	2	9	1	8	7	3	5
6	3	4	5	7	2	1	9	8
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