

Advent



THE UNITED ENDEAVOR - December 1977

The five candles of our Advent Wreath will be lit, an additional one each Sunday, during the Season of Advent. This series of Sundays begins on November 27 and ends on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25. And these five candles symbolize for us our preparing of ourselves for the Coming of Jesus Christ.

To look at this Season and these five events in a slightly different way, let me suggest to you the words of a sixteenth century poet, Philipp Nicolai. These are the words of Hymn No. 96 in our Hymnal:

1. Wake, awake, for night is flying,
The watchmen on the heights are crying,
Awake, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight's solemn hour is tolling,
His chariot wheels are nearer rolling
He comes! O Church, lift up thine
 eyes!
Rise up, with willing feet
Go forth, the Bridegroom meet;
 Hallelujah! :
Lo, great and small, We answer all;
We follow where Thy voice shall call.
2. Zion hears the watchmen singing,
Her heart with deep delight is
 springing,
She awakes, she rises from her gloom;
For her Lord comes down all glorious,
In grace arrayed, by truth victorious;
Her Star is risen, her Light is come!
Ah, come Thou blessed One,
God's own beloved Son, Hallelujah!
We haste along, An eager throng,
And gladsome join the advent song.

3. Now let all the heavens adore Thee,
 And men and angels sing before Thee
 With harp and cymbals clearest tone;
 Of one pearl each shining portal,
 Where we shall join the choirs
 immortal
 In praises round Thy glorious throne;
 No vision ever brought,
 No ear hath ever caught such great
 glory!
 Therefore will we, Eternally,
 Sing hymns of joy and praise to Thee.

The picture here, as you can see, is of a bride, the Church, preparing to meet the Bridegroom, Jesus Christ. Awakened from her slumber by His coming light, she moves quickly to greet Him. And the eternal marriage is celebrated with glorious choral singing! Now that is a most interesting way to think about Christmas, isn't it? Have you ever thought about it that way before? If not, then add it to your list of the many meanings of the Advent-Christmas Season. And our Birthday Party can become a futuristic Marriage Feast as well!

Pastor Hengen

To our November list of shut-ins, we would like to add the following temporary shut-ins:

Mrs. Marie Voelker, 700 S. Ellwood Ave.,
 Baltimore, Maryland 21224

Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, 510 S. Potomac St.,
 Baltimore, Md. 21224

Mrs. Carrie Bentrup, C/O 3602 Foster Ave.,
 Baltimore, Maryland 21224

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

At its meeting held on November 1, the Church Council took the following actions:

1. With some modifications, the Council approved the budget for 1978 as developed by the Budget-Finance Committee, and recommended that it be presented to the congregation at its annual November meeting.
2. The church school doors on East Avenue are to be replaced with solid core brick veneer doors having panic hardware. In addition to improving the appearance of the building, these new doors allow for easier exit in case of an emergency. The new doors will cost approximately \$500.
3. At the pastor's recommendation, it was decided to have only one worship service on Sunday, January 1, 1978. The service at 10:30 a.m. will include Holy Communion. There will be no service on New Year's Eve, nor an 8:00 a.m. service on New Year's Day.
4. On the condition of complete cooperation by our Youth Group, the Council approved the use of our facilities by the Youth Task Force to develop a show for presentation in April, 1978. Funds from the show will be used to help defray expenses for youth participants in a coming service project in the United States. Similar to the kind of work done in Puerto Rico, Belize, and Guatemala, the new project is expected to center around working with American Indians.

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On January 28 and 29, Ms. Brenda Gorrell of the U.C.C. National Youth Ministry will be here at United. The purpose of her visit is two-fold; first, she wishes to see and discuss the active program we have for young people; and second, she wishes to share with us some of the ideas being used within the United Church of Christ for developing and carrying on a program of youth ministry.

Mr. Louis Parker, Jr. and Mr. Ernest Jones are retiring from the council. As their terms end, the council wishes to express thanks to them on behalf of the congregation for their faithful service. The present council and those newly elected members will meet on December 6 to elect council officers for 1978.

Carole P. Weidel
Recording Secretary

At the annual Congregational Meeting held on Friday, November 25, the following persons were elected or re-elected to the Church Council:

Mrs. Margaret (Marty) Craig
Mrs. May Getz
Mr. Earl Jackson
Mr. J. Edwin Myers
Mr. Louis Oberlander
Mr. George A. Tuerk, Jr.

STEWARDSHIP COMMENTS:

Consider this: If everybody gave to the church what you gave to the church in 1977 thus far, what kind of financial shape would the church be in and would we meet the 1977 Budget?

The Youth Service Is Now The Contemporary Worship Service

By request of the Youth Service Group and with the approval of the Church Council, the Youth Service will now be called the Contemporary Worship Service. This change is a name change only. The same types of imaginative, innovative services will still be presented.

The name change was requested because the group felt that the old name was misleading. We believed many people thought the services were aimed only at young people. That is not the case and the age range of the people who attend the services proves it. If you have never attended a Youth Service, do yourself a favor and attend the Contemporary Worship Service. The tentative schedule through June is as follows:

- December 24 - Christmas Eve service, 7:00 pm
- January 29 - Christian Religions, Part I
- February 26 - Christian Religions, Part II
- March 26 - Undecided
- April 30 - Possible U.C.C.-wide service
- May 28 - What It Means To Be A Christian
- June 25 - The Church's Role In the Community

We are currently preparing the service for Christmas Eve. For the past four years the service has been the same with the drama "Journey To Bethlehem" presented. This year we are considering changing the service, but that is not definite. Whatever the case, the Christmas Eve service should be a fine, touching experience for the entire family and you should plan to attend.

The October service presented a skit about
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our semi-annual congregational meetings. In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the church two congregational meetings are held each year; one on the last Friday of January and one on the last Friday of November. After much discussion, the group concluded that these meetings are disasters. To us, the term congregational meeting implies that a large segment of the congregation participate. Our church boasts an active membership of over 700. Attendance at the congregational meetings ranges between 35-45 or about 5-6% of the active membership. To make matters worse, several of the members usually in attendance are unable to vote because they have not reached the voting age of 18 which is also set down in the Constitution and By-Laws.

We presented the skit in an attempt to set in motion a movement to attract many more people to the meetings by doing whatever necessary to reach the goal. We believe this goal is very achievable because if over 200 people can get to church on any given Sunday, then a much larger crowd can be expected at these meetings.

In the course of the skit one of our group members stood and made a motion to do away with the congregational meetings for a list of reasons. Our group does not wish to do away with the congregational meetings. We simply presented the most extreme motion in order to get wheels turning and people thinking.

The people attending the service voted, by ballot, on that motion. They had three choices; drop them, keep them the way they are, or keep them with some changes. Most

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of the people elected to keep them with some changes. The changes mentioned most often were to change the day of the meetings and to involve the people more so that they will be more interesting.

We are not suggesting that these results are a scientific survey of the congregation, but the results in conjunction with the overall problem do require some hard thinking. Can 5-6% of the congregation make decisions that affect the life of the whole church and expect the rest of the congregation to get involved?

Randy J. Schmitt
Contemporary Worship Service Director

OYSTER SUPPER

Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make our Sour Beef and Oyster Supper and Bazaar a success. All the organizations of the church were well represented. We served about 850 people plus helpers. Of that figure we had 160 carryouts. We tried this year to involve more of our younger people and take some of the pressure off our older members who have been working year after year on this project. We did this by setting up a system of teachers and learners. The knowledge and experience of the older members and the willingness and cooperation of both the younger and the older ones combined to make the success of the supper much more than financial. We got to know each other better and to understand more about the meaning of Christian Community. Thanks to you all.

Claire Hengen
Joan Stinchcomb
Co-Chairpersons

LADIES AID

The next meeting of the Ladies Aid will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7. Christmas dinner will be served at that time followed by a carol sing, entertainment, and a \$2.00 gift exchange.

Each month the centerpieces are given to the lucky number holders. The ceramic planters for November were made by Bertha Voelker at the special request of her mother, Marie. Our guest speaker was Catherine Smith who told us a Thanksgiving story.

In January, our meeting theme will be related to World Leprosy Day which is January 28. Money sent in support of this program will be in memory of Marie Witzke.

February we will have a speaker for "Meals on Wheels". February 8 - Ash Wednesday. The Ladies Aid will sponsor the Lenten Service Bake Sale. Tentative plans also include a Cod Fish Cake Luncheon and Dinner on February 24.

Did you know that Mrs. Catherine Grape was 73 on November 2? Her address is Homewood Retirement Center, 2750 Virginia Ave., Williamsport, Maryland 21795.

Claire Hengen - President

THANK YOU

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who purchased candy from us. A big thank you to Millie Slechta for her help. A special thanks to the Young Women's Guild, Marty Craig, and the Youth Group for their support. Without all of you, our candy sale would not be a success. I thank each and

everyone of you. May God Bless You all.

Roberta Jackson
Vice-President - Young Women's Guild

HUNGER PRIORITY

Because of the fine response by many of us to the Hunger Priority request for canned goods and funds, 14 food baskets were prepared by the Canton Christian Council for Thanksgiving, at least that many will be prepared for Christmas, and the shelves of our Pantry for the Poor will be stocked sufficiently for at least a few months. A special word of thanks to all those who helped with this project.

Challenge Fund - Painting and Reupholstering
pews.

Memorial Fund plus Improve-
ment Fund Envelopes

Consider this: If you gave \$500.00 to the church in 1967 and the same \$500.00 in 1977, it is now worth only \$278.40. In the same 10 years, if you increase your commitment and giving 5% each year, you would now be giving \$815.00 which is worth only \$453.80 in real spending power. If you increased your giving 10% each year you would now be giving \$1,296.00 which was reduced by inflation to \$722.00 in real dollars.

The Widows and Widowers Only Covered Dish Luncheon normally held on the second Sunday of the month at noon will join together in December to partake of the Tinsel Day noon time meal.

Jesus Day
Is For
Families!



On Sunday, December 11, come as a Family to Church School and to Worship. Then stay for Lunch, decorate our Building, and celebrate with Special Christmas Music.

(This is our December Fellowship Event.)

D E C E M B E R

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

NOTE: ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. YOUR SUNDAY BULLETIN FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES. INFORMATION, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE, 276-3000. 8:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

<p>4 COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE, 7:45 & 10:30 CHURCH SCHOOL 9 AM YOUTH GROUP MTG. 2:00 TO 5:00 P.M.</p>	<p>5 SENIOR CITIZENS SCOUTS SCOUTS "LUNCHEON IS SERVED" 6:30 P.M.</p>	<p>6 SEWING GROUP SCOUTS CHURCH COUNCIL MTG. 8:00 P.M.</p>
<p>11 WORSHIP SERVICES 8:00 & 10:30 AM. CHURCH SCHOOL 9 AM TINSEL SUNDAY BEGINNING AT NOON</p>	<p>12 SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PTY SCOUTS "LUNCHEON IS SERVED" 6:30 PM</p>	<p>13 SEWING GROUP SCOUTS CHURCH SCHOOL MTG. 8 PM</p>
<p>18 WORSHIP SERVICES 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, 9 AM - YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY 3-6, CAROLLING, 6:30 PM</p>	<p>19 SENIOR CITIZENS SCOUTS</p>	<p>20 SEWING GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY, 12 NOON SCOUTS</p>
<p>25 CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 A.M. ONLY CHURCH SCHOOL 9 AM</p>	<p>26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>27</p>

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>OFFICE. CHECK FOR FURTHER 393, WEEKDAYS</p>	<p>1 7:30 PM - SENIOR CHOIR CONWAY DIET</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>7 LADIES AID CHRISTMAS PTY. 2 PM - CONFIRMATION II 7 PM - YOUTH SERVICE 7 PM</p>	<p>8 CHOIR'S CHRISTMAS PARTY, 7 PM 7:30 CONWAY DIET</p>	<p>9 YOUTH GROUP EXECUTIVE MTG. 6:15 PM</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>14 CONFIRMATION I - 6:30 PM YOUTH SERVICE MTG. 7 PM</p>	<p>15 7:30 PM SENIOR CHOIR CONWAY DIET</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>21 WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY - 7 PM - CONFIRMATION II, YOUTH SERVICE</p>	<p>22 7:30 PM CHOIR CONWAY DIET</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE, 7 PM REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICE 8:30 P.M.</p>
<p>28 CONFIRMATION I, 6:30 PM YOUTH SERVICE 7 PM</p>	<p>29 7:30 PM SENIOR CHOIR CONWAY DIET</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

HAVE YOU SEEN THE UPDATE OF OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 1977? IT ALSO INCLUDES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW OBJECTIVES FOR 1978, SUCH AS:

- A special committee to consider and plan a weekend family camping spiritual retreat during the summer of 1978.
- The Women's Groups to plan and implement a program to make monthly contacts with known shut-ins.
- Appoint a "Welcoming Task Group" to welcome and involve new and prospective members into the total life of the congregation.
- A special 1978 Lent-through-Pentecost Attendance Campaign.

WE WILL VOTE ON THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AT THE JANUARY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

KEEP YOUR CALENDAR

Display the calendar in a prominent place in your home to keep you abreast of the daily, weekly and monthly events going on in your church.

Make notes on the calendar for your ready reference.

If you have an event you feel others in the Church would find of interest, let us know in the Church Office, phone 276-0393, Monday through Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CANTON FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Friendship members enjoyed a rare treat at their Installation-Anniversary Party on October 4 with a most interesting musical program by Anna Ganz, music specialist for the Department of Recreation. She told some amusing, some heart-warming and some serious stories connected with the composers of the songs she used. Towards the end of her fine presentation, she really had the place "rocking". There were many cries of "More! More!"

Steve Jorgenson came on October 31 to speak about the proposed prison site in S.E. Baltimore telling about several alternative proposals for a Senior "High Rise" or Cottages for Seniors. We asked that our members add their voice to the protests of the community to ban the prison being placed in the area.

Mar Anderson was a guest speaker on October 10, representing the "Meals On Wheels" program. She told of the helpful, gratifying service given by these groups and invited the members of Friendship Circle to participate in this worth-while project.

What a gusty wind. How it blew! The driver had to give full attention to the wheel! But soon the clouds parted, the sun smiled on us and the view was magnificent - all the glorious fall colors on the mountain foliage! Who can be sad when you see such beauty? So said all the Friendship Circle Seniors as they rode along on their trip to a lavish meal at the Cosy Inn on October 17. Afterward they paid a shopping visit to Tyson's Corner Mall, looking for Christmas ideas. A stop at a fruit stand loaded the bus with jugs of cider, bags of apples, jellies and pumpkins.

Jeannette Browning - Leader

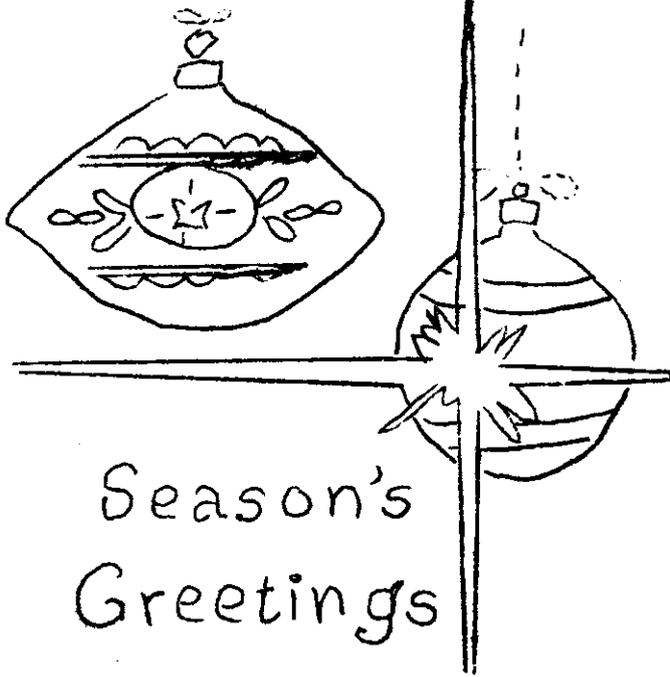
IT'S TIME TO LOOK AT OUR FINANCES

Since this edition of the Endeavor is the last one of the year it is a good time to look at the financial picture of our church. For 1977, the congregation approved a budget totalling \$65,085.00. Through October or 83% of the year we have collected \$49,611.00 which is 76% of the total budget. These figures show us to be 7% behind where we should be. To put it another way, to meet the budget for 1977 we should be collecting an average of \$5,424.00 per month, but for the first 10 months of the year we have collected only an average of \$4,961.00 per month. At this rate, we will end the year almost \$6,000.00 in the red.

Finishing the year in the red is nothing new for United Evangelical, but if the church is to continue, this trend must stop. Our budget is not large for a church of our size & it should be easily obtainable with a congregation of over 700 members.

In years past some people have said that they were not aware of the financial situation until after the year was over and it was too late. They felt that maybe it was the same case with most of the congregation. The purpose therefore, of this report is to make the entire congregation aware of the situation with the most complete picture that can be provided at this time, while there is still time to do something about it. If you are behind in your contributions please try to bring them up to date and if you are up to date think about an extra contribution. In this season of Advent and Christmas with the spirit of giving, please remember your church.

Randy J. Schmitt - Treasurer



Season's
Greetings

from

Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Alberta) Bauersfeld
Miss Ethel Becker
Mrs. May Getz
Pastor and Mrs. Hengen and Family
Earl, Roberta and Rob Jackson
Millie Slechta
Carole Weidel

"Hark, the Herald Angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King."

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms

Karen Lynn Gonce, born September 10, 1977, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Joseph Gonce (nee Carolyn Mae Graham), on November 13, 1977.

Lisa Marie Hare, born September 2, 1977, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward John Hare (nee Marie Isabelle St. Cyr), on November 13, 1977.

Christopher James Leikam, born October 7, 1977, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert James Leikam (nee Anna Elizabeth Dannettel), on November 13, 1977.

Kristina Lynn Leftwich, born September 28, 1977, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Leftwich (nee Shirley Meyers), on November 27, 1977.

Leah Ann Famiglietti, born July 1, 1977, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Joseph Famiglietti (nee Linda Jane Grauling), on November 27, 1977.

Raymond Thomas Thompson, born October 21, 1977, son of Mr. Lewis Belford Thompson and Ms. Darlene LaVerne Fischer, on November 27, 1977.

Weddings

Ralph Irving Ball and Theresa Marie Brockmeyer on November 12, 1977.

David A. Smith and Dianna Marie Pegg on November 26, 1977.

Funerals

Miss Margaret F. Bengel, member, age 61 years, on November 18, 1977.

CHOIR NEWS

We, the Choir of United Evangelical, now have four new officers, who are:

Willoughby Myrick, Jr. -----	President
Pastor Scott Hengen -----	Vice President
Clara Wise -----	Secretary
Bertha Will -----	Treasurer

It is our bounden duty, and our intentions, to serve the congregation faithfully and give them the music they desire and enjoy. We, the Choir, have received many good comments as to the music now being presented. We are pleased that we are presenting more enjoyable music. We are open to suggestions, as to what kind of music you like to hear, but bear in mind, that we will have to fit it in with the Pastor's Sermon or Scriptures, or both. We need your cooperation.

On Sunday, December 11, 1977, Tinsel Day, the Senior Choir and the Children's Choir will participate in singing songs to help make your day at the church more meaningful and enjoyable. We hope you and your families will attend. It will be a festive occasion for all.

Also, the annual Choir's Christmas Dinner will be held again at Winterling's on December 8, 1977 at 7:00 p.m. We wish to thank the Church Council for again extending to us, the financial support for this event. Thank you.

Willoughby Myrick, Jr.
President

Tinsel Day, December 11 - Needed - Crafts
for adults

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group had its first business meeting in October on October 23 at 2:00 p.m. These were the things discussed:

We had election of officers and these are the people elected:

President	_____	Billy Hoffman
Vice-President	_____	Penny Sullivan
Secretary	_____	Charlene Everett
Treasurer	_____	Norma Spence
President's Cabinet	_____	Norman Metzger
	_____	Edward Tomczewski
	_____	Steven Mefford
	_____	Cathy Borkman
	_____	Linda Pate

These officers will be in office for one year.

We went to Golden Ring Mall to the movies to see a current motion picture. We went by cars provided by the youth and advisors. We all enjoyed the movie and had a nice time.

Our fruitcakes are in and prices are as follows: 1½ lb., \$2.75 --- 2 lb., \$3.50 --- 3 lb., \$4.50. The fruitcakes are the Benson presliced ones and are available at the church office or from any youth group member. For further information, call the church office at 276-0393 or me at 276-4563. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

If anyone is Confirmation age or older, we invite you to join the Youth Group. We meet every other Sunday at 2:00 p.m. New members are always welcome.

Billy Hoffman
President

Y O U N G A D U L T S
C H R I S T M A S P A R T Y

If you feel you are a Young Adult,
please come!

December 17, 1977

7:00 p.m. till ??

Fellowship Hall

Use East Avenue Entrance

James

SANTA CLAUS

For The

KIDDIES

Christmas

Refreshments

Beginning on January 1, 1978, there will no longer be a Nursery for pre-school children during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Parents with young children are encouraged to come as families and, if necessary, use the Quiet Room during both worship services.

Congratulations to Paul Hengen for being named in November, to the National Honor Society and as "Musician of the Month" at Paterson High School.

STITCHES FROM THE SEWING GROUP

The following list of articles were made by our Sewing Group and delivered to Baltimore City Hospital on November 22:

- 90 Pair Footies
- 49 Baby Sacks and Gowns
- 35 Baby Bibs
- 11 Lap Robes
- 11 Baby Blankets
- 13 Bed Jackets
- 56 Theraphy Balls

Mrs. Lillian Buschman

ENERGY ALERT - HOW TO KEEP WARM IN CHURCH:

1. Rush to the front to sit and avoid the draft in the rear.
2. Sit twelve persons to each pew.
3. Wear thermal underwear in the appropriate liturgical colors.
4. Sit near the pulpit, Much hot air is emitted from that area.
5. Suggest using a modern translation of The Lord's Prayer and feel the heat!!!!

The UNITED ENDEAVOR is a vital form of communication between you and the United Evangelical United Church of Christ.

Read each page carefully - be informed. There are many opportunities for your participation.

If you have a message you would like to include in the UNITED ENDEAVOR, please be sure it reaches the Church Office by the 10th of each month.

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* Communion Sunday - 7:45 and 10:30 a.m.

* Communion Sunday - First Sunday of Month

* Church School - 9:00 a.m.

* Youth Sunday - Last Sunday in the Month

* Come and join us! All welcome!

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