

THE SANDY MOUNT VINE NOVEMBER 2014

From the Pastor

NOVEMBER is the month for THANKSGIVING! We have the privilege not only of giving thanks and praise to our good and gracious God for all his blessings in a special Thanksgiving Service at Deer Park UMC on Tuesday November 25, but also of showing our thankfulness through our congregation's Stewardship Seminar with Frank Robert, "Planned Giving" on Tuesday, November 18 at SMUMC. St Paul writes to the Colossian Christians chapter 3, verse 17, "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." This lifestyle, "doing in the name of Jesus" and "giving thanks to God the Father" is our response to God's grace; it is our stewardship, what we do with everything God has given us.

I have read several articles about disturbing trends in church attendance, especially by the young generation known as "The Millennials." It seems as if young adults are much less trusting than previous generations in our country's major institutions. These institutions include Congress, news media, education, corporations, and religious institutions or churches. Although age ranges are difficult to precisely categorize for Millennials, most would classify them somewhere around 18-34 years old.

Visit the vast majority of churches in the United States, look around, and notice the scarce number of congregants within this age group. Where are they? What are they doing? How can they be reached?

As "Baby Boomers" continue to age, "Millennials" will be assigned more and more responsibilities in our society. The difference is this...many more Baby Boomers were raised in church, not so much for the Millennials.

There are many other disconcerting polls concerning church attendance among Americans in general. Most of the advancement in Christianity is occurring in other countries or regions. Nineteen out of the top twenty countries in Christian growth rate are in Asia and Africa. Is there any "good" news for our country? Well, there is. God is still on His throne, and He has not abandoned our nation.

However, American churches are certainly faced with some unique, never-faced, challenges. And who is the church? We are! If you are a Christian, then you are the church of Jesus Christ. It is relatively easy for Christians to criticize some impersonal life form called "the church" for not reaching more people, but it is a little more difficult to admit that I myself may be part of the problem.

Who am I, right now, at this very time, influencing for Christ? Who am I discipling personally in his/her walk with God? Who did I invite to church this week? Have I ever shared the Good News of Christ with anyone? Am I praying regularly for an unchurched friend or acquaintance? Do I participate in any outreach, evangelism, or mission program? How much did I give financially directly toward evangelism?

It is time to "change the trend" and "turn the tide." Yes, the church can do it, but only if we remember that the church is you and me.

Pastor Bob

A Life Planning Conversation

Wills & Planned giving Life Planning & legacy Conversation.

- Advance Medical Directive
- Wills
- Estate Planning
- Planned Giving
- Medical Power of Attorney



<u>MID - ATLANTIC</u> United Methodist Foundation, Inc. Stewardship and Investment Management Tues., November 18th, 2014 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall Sandy Mount United Methodist Church

2101 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg, MD 21048

- Light refreshments
- Elder Law & Wills Attorney
 - Leo Keenan Esq.

&

- Planned Giving overview from our
- Mid Atlantic United Methodist Foundation's

Frank Robert

Please RSVP to Melissa Brooks at 410-861-5788 or email at Sandymtumc@comcast.net by Nov. 14th

Thank You

Thank you to Sandymount church for the lovely fall door decoration. All the expressions of sympathy received by me and my family from the members and friends at Sandymount has helped to sustain us at this difficult time.

Donna Caple



God's Servant's Choir Rehearses after Praise service offering.

There is plenty of room for everyone in grades 1 thru 5 elementary and middle school! We will rehearse following Sunday school the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month. We will sing the first Sunday of the EVEN months during the offertory of the Praise service. Contact:

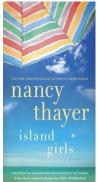
Robyn Gilden binkibbb@hotmail.com



You're invited to join us!

Nov., 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor and on Nov., 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor

We will be making crocheted and knitted prayer shawls. Experienced and new stitcher's are welcome. We always appreciate donations of yarn. If you have questions contact: Sherri Wahlgren 410-861-8443



BOOK CLUB

Join us for this fun reading and discussion group on Monday,

November 10th at 11 AM in the church parlor.

See you there!

"Island Girls"

by Nancy Thayer

FLOWER CHART Signup Reminder The Altar Flower signup list for October is as follows:

November 2 - Janet Mathias

- November 9 Bob Krauk
- November 16 Scarlett Fisher
- November 23 Boyle/Victoria Wellman
- November 30 Ted Wilson

Remember to submit your dedication to Helen by the Tuesday of the week they will be on the altar.

REMOVAL OF ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you for your continuing support in dedicating flowers that are placed on the altar.

PLEASE, remember the correct way to remove the flowers from the vases if you are taking the flowers with you. SEE: below

1. Get aluminum foil and/or Saran Wrap out of the kitchen to wrap stems.

2. After wrapping stems of flowers, take out liners, being careful of paraments and brass vases.

3. Pour water out of liners, dry them and place them back in the brass vases.

From your Finance Committee

Volunteers Needed!

The Finance Committee is looking for someone to fill a vacancy on one of our counting teams. We are also looking for several people who are willing to act as a substitute when a member of a counting team is unable to attend due to illness, vacation, etc.

Please contact Tom Poe for more details or if you are willing to serve. Phone: 443-881-4599



Mark your calendars for our Fall Clean Up Day. We need to spruce up the grounds and buildings for the bazaar.

Saturday, November 1, 2014

7:30 A.M. We welcome help of all ages and hope to see you there.

Sandy Mount Trustees



Members in Need Christmas Baskets

On Sunday, December 14, 2014 we will be assembling approximately 10 baskets for our shut-in church members. Donations of **fruit, small gifts, toiletries, treats** and **notes** would be appreciated.

A basket will be set up in the church hallway for your donations which are needed not later than 9:30 a.m. **Sunday, December 14th.**

Contact Peachy Caple at 410-848-3365 If you have any questions.

Don't forget to sign the cards on the table In back of the sanctuary.



Chancel Choir: every Wednesday at 7 pm in the choir room.

The Chancel Choir is now preparing music for the traditional Christmas Eve Service. We will be offering a mini-concert from 10:40-11pm to begin the celebration of our Savior's birth. There will be lessons, carols, a traditional candle lighting portion in the service, and lots of opportunities for congregational singing. We hope you can make worshiping with us a part of your preparations during this joyous time of year.

If you are being led to sing for the Glory of our Lord contact:

Connie Clarke 410-861-8774

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE



Children from nursery and the primary school grades up to grade 7 will hold Sunday School at 9:30, concurrent with the Praise worship service, children will transition into their Sunday School classes from this service following the offering.

High School/youth will meet at 10:00 as they do now.

Adult class (Bill Boyer's class) will meet at 9:45 a.m.

Pastor Bob's class on United Methodism at 10:00 a.m.

Join us at the "In Between Café" held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall

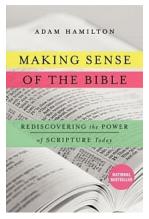
Adult Sunday School Class taught by Bill Boyer



In November, the Adult Sunday School Class, taught by Bill Boyer, will take up Adam Hamilton's study, *Making Sense of the Bible*. We've enjoyed two

Sundays of "Life Upon the Wicked Stage," taught by Bob Boyer, and now we return to our regular fall program

Remember, this is not a study of the Bible one book at a time, but an overall look at the scriptures and how they fit into our Christian faith. We'll discuss questions like, Which books made it into the Bible and why? What is the relation of Jesus to the Old Testament? How, When and Why were the Gospels written? Were Adam and Eve real people? What is the role of women in the Bible? Are science and the Bible really at odds?



Our class meets under the old sanctuary every Sunday at 9:45 AM. Those who attend the Contemporary service join us at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!



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Bake Shoppe at the Holiday Bazaar.....

I am writing to seek out all of those Bakers within Sandy Mount UMC. We need your help again this year as November will be here before we are ready for it, so we need to start planning now.

Some of the bake goods which sell are:

- Pies -fruit , pumpkin, pecan
- Cupcakes (can be brought in a container and we will package them)
- Cakes/Breads no large cakes...8 x 8 cakes or loaf pans. We can cut the larger cakes and sell as halves if we get them, We turn nothing done.
- Fudge
- Sticky buns
- Rice Krispy Treats and other snack foods
- Brownies
- Cookies Chocolate Chip (a big seller), Oatmeal, Snicker Doodles, Cookies with M&M's, Sugar Cookies or anything imaginable.
- Peanut Brittle
- Muffins
- Pickles, Jams, Relish
- Homemade Dog Treats

So start thinking of how you can make the Bake Shoppe successful again this year. I truly appreciate everyone's help in having items to sell. Without your help there would be no Bake Shoppe.



SPECIAL NOTE!

Please bring your baked goods on Friday, Nov. 7th before 4 p.m. or no later than Saturday morning.

CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT



Corn Hole, also know as Tailgate or Bean Bag Toss, is a game where players take turns throwing bags of corn at a raised platform with a hole in the far end. No special talent or skill is required to play.

We will play with 2 man teams and it will be a double elimination tournament.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH START TIME 9:30 AM

FREE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (Donuts, Bagels, Coffee, Juice) If play extends into the afternoon, hotdogs will be served.

The tournament is being held in the Fellowship Hall. We will play Rain or Shine.

This event is being sponsored by the Fellowship Team of your Congregational Care Committee.

Get your team signed up and get ready for lots of fun and fellowship!

MYF News

MYF has been back in full swing. We started our fall of with **Uprise Festival** in Shippensburg, PA. This was a blast with awesome Christian bands, rock wall climbing, inflatables and fun. The best part? No rain this year!!! Next on the agenda was a lot of fire. I hope you were able to join us for our **bonfire with Calvary and/or our bonfire with Pastor Bob**. We had lots of fun playing games and eating delicious food!

We have several exciting things coming up and hope you will consider joining us. Our annual **Christ-mas Post Office** will be taking place and we will also be holding a **towel drive**. The towel drive is for the Humane Society, which you all chose to adopt for this Christmas. Check out our events below and come on out! MYF is open to all middle and high school students, and you are always welcome to bring friends. The more, the merrier!!!

- Oct 26th: Adopt-A-Road right after Sunday School Join us right after church at Alex von Gunten's house where we will gather and start our road clean-up. Dress in long pants and bring gloves!
 Need two volunteers to sell address labels before both services. These are the labels for our Christmas Post Office fundraiser, which will open on Nov 16th. MYF meeting from 5:00-7:00 pm. Meet briefly at church for a few "housekeeping" items then we will ride over to the Assisted Living to host BINGO. The residents are looking forward to playing and enjoying the company of our terrific youth!
- *Nov 16th:* Need two volunteers to sell address labels before both services.
- <u>Nov 22nd:</u> Stratosphere trampoline mayhem with area churches. Meet at church at 10:30 to carpool to Stratosphere in Eldersburg. Cost is \$15. Please RSVP by November 15th on sign up sheet on bulletin board or to Ms. Becky at: <u>beckytesch@comcast.net</u>
- <u>Nov 23rd:</u> Need two volunteers to sell address labels before both services MYF hosts In-Between Café
- *Nov 30th:* Need two volunteers to sell address labels before both services
- <u>Dec 7th:</u> Last day of Post Office. MYF meeting 5:00p - 7:00 pm to sort cards and visit

Actual dates of the post office will be November 16th – December 7th. Towel drive dates are October 26th – November 23rd.



Christmas Post Office

The MYF are once again holding their annual Christmas Post Office fundraiser. **They heard our feedback and we will receive our cards earlier this year!** This means the Post Office opens much earlier than in the past. Labels will go on sale November 9th and be available every Sunday through November 30th. **December 7th will be the final day to drop off Christmas cards**. This gives the youth time to sort them and have them ready for pick up on **December 13th!**

Not familiar with the Post Office? This has been a popular fundraiser for the youth each Christmas season for many years. All of the money raised goes to fund their Christmas Outreach efforts. They place a large box in the church narthex where you can drop off Christmas cards for any church friends. There is a small box for monetary donations. This is much cheaper than postage for each card! The youth will sort the cards and wrap them up in ribbons to be picked up when you arrive at church December 13th!

This year they will also be selling address labels. For 4 consecutive Sundays, beginning November 9th, you can purchase labels from the youth in the narthex before church for just \$5. The labels are for each church member and saves you from having to write them all out. They are purely optional, however, if you prefer to use your beautiful calligraphy!

Youth Christmas Outreach

This Christmas the MYF has chosen two Outreach plans. The first is to adopt the Carroll County Humane Society. The Giving Tree in the Narthex will have ornaments hanging that you may choose to select identifying a specific need the Humane Society has or you may choose an ornament that allows you to make a monetary donation of your choice. Either of these options if very appreciated. The kids will then tour the Humane Society when they deliver the gifts.

The kids will also be raising money to help purchase small gifts for the residents of Safe Haven homeless shelter. The larger Outreach committee hosts a Christmas party at the shelter each year and the kids would like to contribute some gifts.

Please consider supporting our youth as they seek to serve our community this Christmas!



Towel Drive

The MYF has chosen to adopt the Carroll County Humane Society this Christmas. The Giving Tree in the Narthex will offer opportunities for members to choose to purchase items or make donations. Prior to Christmas, however, the youth will be hosting a towel drive. The Humane Society is always in need of gently used towels and wash cloths. From October 26th – November 23rd, please bring any towel donations you may have to the church. Your donation may be placed in the labeled wooden box that will be in the hallway between the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your support! Hey Kids and Youth take a minute to answer this question. Then give it to Pastor Bob. **What am I thankful for?**



Special Children's Service

The children will lead the 9 AM worship service on November 23rd. Join us for this special service.

"...And a little child shall lead them" Isaiah 11:6

OUTREACH NEWS NOVEMBER 2014

The Outreach Team thanks each of you for your help and support for our 2014 programs. Sandy Mount truly is a giving church.

This month we are providing you with the programs we have planned for 2015. It is our hope that you will continue to support these programs. Each of you have something to contribute, and we are looking forward to your help in making 2015 another year of sharing our blessings with those in need.

Purpose of Outreach Team

The purpose of our team is to assure that all of the church's outreach activities are in keeping with God's command to share his love and ours with our neighbors, to work together to organize the outreach activities of our church so that conflicts are avoided and each activity has the opportunity to be a success, and to help one another through the sharing of ideas and problem solving.

Outreach Programs for 2015

The following programs are <u>month</u> specific January Sock Collection for the Cold Weather Shelter April Scouting for Food-food collection for the Boy Scouts' annual program to collect food for local food bank Westminster Rescue Mission-each Sunday during the month of May bring in clothes, shoes, May purses to be picked up on Monday by the Rescue Mission - some items will be sold in their store, some will be sent to countries where there is a need for clothes and some will go to a plant in Pennsylvania to be recycled. May American Cancer Society Relay for Life Walk at Carroll County Ag Center. Our church will have a team in the walk if we can assemble a 10 person team by March 31st. National Day of Prayer-Our church will be open on this day during the time when the entire May nation is asked to pray Oct/Nov Giving Tree will be placed in the Narthex. You may choose any ornament(s) you wish from the tree for your donation to our Christmas projects Salvation Army Stockings-fill the stocking with goodies for a child Salvation Army Angels – purchase a gift from the child's wish list Youth Outreach-Humane Society of Carroll County--purchase a gift or make a donation Sandy Mount Elementary School-purchase a gift or make a donation-we will be providing for 3 families Safe Haven Residents -make a donation for Safe Haven Teams to purchase gifts November Holiday Bazaar-volunteer to help!!!!!!-although the bazaar is a fund raiser, we like to include it as an outreach activity because we hope to show those who visit our church the love of Christ. November Thanksgiving baskets for Sandymount School-we will be filling food baskets for 3 families December Safe Haven Christmas Party-our Church sponsors a party for the residents--we use the money allocated in our budget to purchase foods for a luncheon/party and grab bag gifts, we play games and sing carols, the residents receive the gifts from their wish list purchased for them with your donations to the Giving Tree

Outreach Programs for 2015

The following programs are ongoing throughout the year.

SERRV: Work at the Serrv Center in New Windsor, MD the first Tuesday of each month

Safe Haven Shelter: A team visits the shelter each Thursday of the month to provide dinner and fellowship with the residents.

Chipmunk Connection: Through our liaison person continue an ongoing dialogue to assure we are supportive of each other in our various programs.

Gas Cards: Our budget provides \$20 gas cards that are distributed by the office staff to those who call on our church with urgent situations

Good Samaritan Food Box: A box of food is kept in the office for those who seek assistance from our church

Imagine No Malaria: We have committed to the Baltimore Washington Conference that we will raise \$1500/yearly for the next 3 years to support "Imagine No Malaria" - this will be done through fund raisers and special offerings

Global Mission: Provide \$2500 for the year to support a missionary. The money for missionary support comes from our budget.

Assisted Living Home: Visit "Country Acres" on the 3rd Thursday of each month bringing a message, hymn sing, and a treat.

Health Resources: Sponsor Red Cross Blood Drives. Other health related programs may be offered throughout the year.

Other:

Youth Adopt a Road: Youth clean a portion of Old Westminster Pike twice a year.

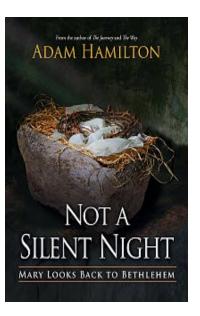
Community Jamboree: A day of games, food, and fun for the entire community every other year

Other programs may be added as needs are recognized.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

NOT A SILENT NIGHT

By Adam Hamilton



A 5 WEEK STUDY ABOUT THE LIFE OF CHRIST AS SEEN THROUGH THE EYES OF HIS MOTHER, MARY

The story begins at the crucifixion as Mary reflects back over Jesus' life until the day he was born

Study Leader: Scarlett Fisher

Each week we will have a lesson and a 10 minute film.

Study begins on **Thursday**, **November 13th** and continues each Thursday (except Thanksgiving Day) through December 18th

The class will meet in the Old Fellowship Hall from **10 AM until 12 noon.** You are invited to arrive earlier than **10 AM** if you wish to chat

With your classmates; however, class will begin promptly at 10 AM.

If you did not register by October 26^{th,} but would like to take the class, call me (410-861-8806) or email me (jimandscarlett@verizon.net) to see if we can work something out.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS



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It's time to place your order for Poinsettias for Christmas. Poinsettias are in 6 inch pots with 3 to 5 blooms and may be ordered in either red or white.

They will be \$10.00 each.

Give order form to Helen along with the quantity, color choice, dedication and payment.

The order must be in no later than Sunday, November 16th. Payment is due at time of ordering.

Please make checks payable to: SMUMC.

For more information, call Helen at 410-861-5788.

I would like to order: I	RED WHITE	Total: \$
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In Honor of		
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In Memory of		
Given by:		

Celebrating Birthdays in November						
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Nov. 4	Norm Schaefer					
Nov. 5	Sandy Cohn	新生产的1000000000000000000000000000000000000				
Nov. 8	Carol Callender	- Talasan C				
Nov. 8	Nicole Goge	Happy				
Nov. 12	Norm Schaefer	South States				
Nov. 15	Ken Horton	ABUTDAAV				
Nov. 16	Sandy Horton	1				
Nov. 24	Rob Barrone					
Nov. 24	Michele Scobie					



Worship Services Praise 9 AM Sunday School Traditional Service 11 AM

NOVEMBER 2014

Gíve Thanks To God

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship Services: Praise 9 AM Sunday School Traditional 11 AM						1 Fall Clean up Day starts at 7:30 a.m.
2 At noon (OFH), (CR) & (RR) in use for Bazaar prep.	3 All day (OFH), (CR) & (RR) in use.	4 All day (OFH), (CR) & (RR) in use. GS Troop 586 6 - 7:30 p.m. Cubs Trp. 395 7 - 8:30 pm	 5 All day (OFH), (CR), (RR) & (K) in use. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 - 8:30 pm 	6 All day (OFH), (CR), (RR), (K) & (Other) in use. Safehaven 5:30 - 7 PM	7 All day (OFH), (CR), (RR), (K) & (Other) in use. <i>Holiday</i> <i>Bazaar</i> 4 - 9 pm	8 All day (OFH), CR), (RR), (K) & (Other) in use. <i>Holiday</i> <i>Bazaar</i> 8 am - 3 pm
9 Christmas label sale starts! (OFH) & (1/2 RR) in use all day. (K) in use till noon MYF mtg. 5-7 pm	<i>10</i> <i>Prayer Shawls</i> 10 AM (Parlor) <i>Book Club</i> 11 AM (Parlor) <i>Cubs Trp. 395</i> 7 - 8:30 pm	<i>11 SERRV</i> Leave. 8 AM return at 3 PM WDT Mtg. 7 pm GS Troop 586 6 - 7:30 p.m. Cubs Trp. 395 7 - 8:30 pm	12 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 - 8:30 pm BS Trp. 395 7-8 pm	13 Advent Study begins 10 AM—Noon (OFH) Safehaven 5:30 - 7 PM		15 Corn Hole Tournament 9:30 AM
 16 Christmas Post Office open One Accord sings at 11 AM also rehearses at 6:30 PM Deadline to order poinsettias! 	17 GS Trp. 1584 & Brownies 6:30 - 7:45 p m Cubs Trp. 395 7 - 8:30 pm	18 LIFE PLANNING SEMINAR 7-8:15 pm (FH) GS Troop 586 6 - 7:30 p.m. Cubs Trp. 395 7 - 8:30 pm	19 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 - 8:30 pm BS Trp. 395 7-8 pm	20 Advent Study begins 10 AM—Noon (OFH) Country Acres 6 pm Deadline for Dec. Vine items! Safehaven 5:30 - 7 PM	21	22
23 Special Children Service 9 AM One Accord rehearses 6:30 PM Towel drive ends	24 Prayer Shawls 7 PM (parlor) Cubs Trp. 395 7 - 8:30 pm	25 GS Troop 586 6 - 7:30 p.m. Cubs Trp. 395 7 - 8:30 pm	26 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 - 8:30 pm BS Trp. 395 7-8 pm	27 Happy Thanksgiving! Church office closed	28 Church office closed	29
30 Advent Final day for labels. One Accord rehearses 6:30 PM						

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Traditional Service:				
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11/02 Tina Von Gunten, Cindy	Blob and Anita Myers			
11/09 Kara Urban, Brad Scob	e and Doris Edwards			
11/16 Katie McDonough, Belin	nda Von Gunten and Beth Mangano			
11/23 Tina Von Gunten, Davia	Caple and Marie Wilson			
11/30 Jeff Tesch, Steve Boyle of	nd Russ Clarke			
Church Opener/Closers: 11/2	Bev Markline 11/9 Ted Wilson	11/16 Katie Mc	Donough	
11/23	Bev Markline/Katie McDonough	11/30 Buddy W	Theat	
Church Office Hours: Monday	thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.			
Thanksgiving - Church Office	closed 11/27 & 11/28			
Pastor: Rev. Robert T. Wells Email: San	nan Church Phone: 410-8 dymtumc@comcast.net	861-5788 Website: sandyn	Office Manager: Helen Kemp nountume.com	



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Office Manager: Mrs. Helen Kemp tenig nylons: Carolyn Dinst Choir Director/Organist: Mrs. Connie Clarke Praise Team Leader: Mrs. Lynn Hasenei Pastor: Rev. Robert T. Wellman Church Staff

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