



# The Memo from Memorial

Weekly Newsletter of Memorial Presbyterian Church

Appleton, WI

May 6, 2021

## New This Week

### Support MPC's Efforts to Make Live Streaming Permanent

If you haven't already, MPC members and friends will receive a mailing regarding MPC's plans for upgrading our ability to live stream worship as we prepare to return to in person worship. In the meantime, I want to share some of the project highlights, costs, and make three requests of you.

#### Live Stream System Overview

- \*Session approved proposal on April 13
- \*Large LED screen, visible throughout sanctuary
- \*3 camera system, allows full view of chancel, congregation, faceted glass windows
- \*Smaller LED Screen serving as monitor for worship leaders and choir
- \*Operator computer, software, and workstation
- \*Uses existing sound system with minor modification
- \*System will allow us to combine the best of in person (the feeling of being in worship with others) and online worship (using videos, including people no matter their location)
- \*Installation may take up to 14 weeks after we give go ahead to proceed

- Prayerfully consider financially supporting this project. Review the *Live Stream System Overview* (above) and *Cost Overview* (below). Share your excitement with others and consider making a donation and/or pledging to support the project by the end of the year. You can do so by responding to the mailing by May 28 or making a secure online donation at <https://bit.ly/MPCGives>
- Consider your willingness to volunteer when in person worship resumes: if you previously held a Sunday morning volunteer role (usher, greeter, counter, scripture reader, or communion preparer/server) are you willing to continue? All current volunteers should have received an email from Crystal this week to ask if you want to continue in your assigned role. Whether you previously held a Sunday morning volunteer role or not, might you be willing to consider another Sunday morning volunteer role listed above? This could be on a temporary or long-term basis. Please contact Crystal at [crystal.lillge@mpcappleton.org](mailto:crystal.lillge@mpcappleton.org) with your volunteer role preferences and any specific scheduling notes (do you leave town in the winter? are you in the choir?).

#### Cost Overview

\*Equipment (cameras, computer, screens): \$39,500

\*Installation: \$12,500

\*Electrical and internet connections: \$4,000

Projected Total: \$56,000

*Donations Received to Date: \$5,000*

**Remaining Balance: \$51,000**

- Operate live stream equipment: the system we've chosen is meant to be operated by volunteers. We will be adding this role to the Sunday morning volunteer rosters. If you feel comfortable with technology and are willing to learn the new system, we

might have a very important role for you. If you are interested in learning more email Pastor Mike at [mike.goodwin@mpcappleton.org](mailto:mike.goodwin@mpcappleton.org).

- Bonus Request: There is a lot of information out there right now and you might feel lost in the shuffle, or like you missed something; just ask, call the church office and we'll do our best to point you in the right direction!

Each of us has a part to play serving and caring for one another.

In Christ,  
Pastor Mike

## Worship Details\*

### This Week:

**May 9:** *Preaching:* Pastor Mike Sermon: Becoming a Community: Contested Boundaries *Scripture Reading:* Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21

Join us for a Fellowship Hour after worship:  
[bit.ly/MPCCoffee](http://bit.ly/MPCCoffee)

### Coming Up:

**May 16:** *Preaching:* Pastor Mike Sermon: Becoming a Community: United by Promise *Scripture Reading:* Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

**May 23:** *Preaching:* Pastor Mike Sermon: Becoming a Community: Sent by the Spirit *Scripture Reading:* Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7 [5:16-26] *Other:* Pentecost



May 9 Bulletin

May 9 Kids Bulletin

May 9 Adult Devotional

**This week, our Weekly Mission Giving supports La Escuelita in Managua, Nicaragua.** La Escuelita, or the Little School, is a private preschool in a very impoverished area of Managua. It provides an early school opportunity for approximately 60 students who are between the ages of 3 and 5. They are taught by two teachers in a small two room building with an attached court yard.

In addition to teaching, the teachers try to identify and address the family and social problems that may have an impact on a student's school experience. They try to stay connected with the parents and caretakers and help them address problems. Most of the parents do not have regular jobs and are forced to scramble to try and provide for their families. Many stand on street corners and work as street vendors. Some of the parents have left their children to be raised by relatives and friends. This instability in a young child's life can be very hard on them. Since many of the students come to school hungry, the teachers also provide them with a meal.

La Escuelita is strongly supported by Doug Orbaker, a prior PCUSA mission worker who spent many years working in Nicaragua. Doug and his wife actively promote the school and seek funds to help support it. Those of us who traveled to Nicaragua in 2017 had a chance to visit the school and talk with the teachers. We were impressed with how much they are

able to do with so little resources.

While La Escuelita is not a part of CEPAD, who are our Mission partners in Nicaragua, assisting the school gives us another opportunity to be supportive of the people of Nicaragua. Please consider giving what you can to help maintain the important work they do serving the young children of Managua.

You can give securely online on our donation site: [bit.ly/MPCGives](https://bit.ly/MPCGives) or you can send a check to the church with La Escuelita listed in the memo.

### April Mission Giving Totals

**One Great Hour of Sharing:** \$1,230.23 was raised.

**Harbor House:** \$479.92 has been raised so far.

**La Escuelita:** \$406.87 has been raised so far.

## Adult Education\*

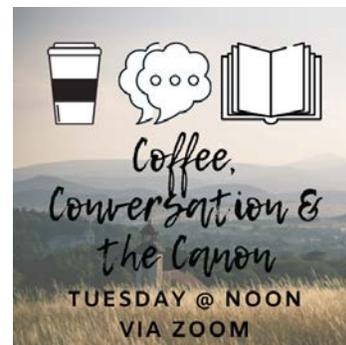
Adult Ed. continues via Zoom; if you have any questions or problems, please reach out to [Greg](#) or the [church office](#).

*Spring has sprung and we are heading toward the summer finish line! Below is what will be happening for the rest of this year.*

### Coffee, Conversation and the Canon – Tuesday at noon

**May 11** – Lectionary - Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29 Neither Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female; one in Christ. (led by Pastor Mike) . Commentary – [Click Here](#) Podcast – [Click Here](#)

**May 18** – Lectionary -Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7 [5:16-26] Pentecost; God pours the Spirit into our hearts so we can call on God as Father. Fruit of the Spirit. (led by Pastor Mike) Commentary – [Click Here](#) Podcast – [Click Here](#)



### Sunday Morning Adult Ed – 8:45 a.m.

**May 9** – Animate Bible – Interpretation – “Scripture Reads Us” – Will Willimon

**May 16** – Sunday Times

**May 23** - Animate Bible – Grace – “Love is the Bottom Line” – Jay Bakker

### Beer, Booze & the Bible Is Back (virtually)

While we still can't gather at Fat Sammy's we can all still lift a glass and meet online at 7:00 pm on Thursday nights. The format will be the same as before; I will select a video for us to pre-watch and then we will gather to discuss. The following is what I've selected.

**May 6** - This week we will continue our conversations on racism, returning to the video series “Uncomfortable Conversations With a Black Man”. [This week's episode is](#)

"White Parents Raising Black Children" – pay particular attention to what the kids have to say.



## On the MPC Calendar\*



While we aren't able to meet in person right now, many of the groups that meet regularly are still doing so...via Zoom! [Click here](#) for more information on how to use Zoom.

**If you are interested in joining any of the Zoom events, contact the church office for the link to the group you want to join.** We can also help you get connected if you haven't used Zoom before.

### Thursday, May 6

7:00 am: All Things Considered Men's Group

7:00 pm: Beer, Booze and the Bible: [bit.ly/MPCBeerBoozeBible](https://bit.ly/MPCBeerBoozeBible)

### Saturday, May 8

9:00 am - 12:00 pm (noon): Deacon Food Drive and Bread For the World Letter Drop-off

### Sunday, May 9

8:45 am: Adult Ed. [bit.ly/MPCAdultEd](https://bit.ly/MPCAdultEd)

10:00 am: Virtual Sunday Worship

Join us on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/MPCAppleton/live/>

Join us on YouTube here: [bit.ly/MPCAppletonYouTube](https://bit.ly/MPCAppletonYouTube)

You can find past links to Facebook or YouTube worship videos here:

<https://www.mpcappleton.org/who-we-are-sermons/>

11:00 am: Coffee Fellowship Hour: [bit.ly/MPCCoffee](https://bit.ly/MPCCoffee)

### Tuesday, May 11

8:00 am: Good News Women

12:00 pm: Coffee, Conversation and the Canon

### Wednesday, May 12

9:00 am: Prayer Team

Contact Connie Olson for Zoom Link

Submit Prayer Requests here: [bit.ly/MPCPrays](https://bit.ly/MPCPrays)

## Mission Corner

### Deacon Food Drive and Bread For the World Letter Drop-off – Saturday, May 8

The Deacons will be collecting donations for their Spring Food Drive on Saturday, May 8 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in the church parking lot. All nonperishable food items will be delivered to St. Joseph Food Program, and they would especially appreciate cereal (unsweetened), peanut butter & jelly, soup, fruit cups, tuna, Hamburger Helper, crackers with cheese, granola bars, and snacks such as raisins and fruit roll-ups. Let's get the kids off to a great start this summer with these food items and treats!

*Bonus:* This food drive is in conjunction with MPC's annual Bread for the World Offering of

Letters, so if you'd like to save on postage, just drop off your letters to Members of Congress when you drop off your food donation. See below for details on sending your letters.

Many thanks for your generosity!

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### **Send Congress a Mother's Day Message to End Hunger**

This year is the 42nd year MPC has coordinated with Bread for the World to send our letters to Congress advocating for an end to hunger. Letters work. And there is nothing so effective as a personally written, heartfelt cursive note. Using an attractive card this year may make your Mother's Day message to Congress even more effective.

### **How to Write a Letter For the Bread for the World Offering of Letters**

1. Write one letter, or two, or three. You can choose to send a note to your Representative in the House (either 6th or 8th District) and/or to the two Wisconsin Senators. Here are their addresses:
  - Rep. Mike Gallagher OR Glenn Grothman Washington, D.C. 20515
  - Sen. Ron Johnson AND Tammy Baldwin Washington, D.C. 20510
2. Ask for these 2021 Bread for the World hunger policy goals:
  - Make the expansion of the child tax credit in the American Rescue Plan permanent and available to all children regardless of immigration status.
  - Increase U.S. leadership and funding for global nutrition programs without which an entire generation may be denied their God--given right to flourish.
3. Personalize your letter, by giving your reasons for writing and giving more information to the lawmaker. Such letters are many times more powerful than just a signature on a form letter. [Find suggestions and ideas here.](#)
4. Sign with BOTH your name and your address, so your elected lawmakers know you are a constituent, and they can send a response.

### **Sending Your Letters**

1. You may choose to simply stamp them and drop them in the mailbox, or see step 3 below.
2. [Use this link to send emails.](#) Using your address, it will automatically send emails to your Representatives and Senators with one click. Be sure to personalize the email before hitting the SEND button. Use the link in step 3, above.
3. Save a stamp and be sure your cards and letters are counted by bringing them to the church parking lot on **Saturday, May 8, 9:00 am to noon**, when you drop off your items for the Deacon's Food Drive. We will mail them for you.

*Materials and information will be available at the food drive on May 8 to write a card or letter there.*

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## **From the Office**

### **Office Reopening Update**

Beginning the week of May 10, Crystal will officially be two weeks post-second COVID shot and will begin working in the office

regular hours Monday – Friday. Details about small group gatherings will be finalized soon, but beginning May 10, you are welcome to stop in the office to pick things up, drop them off, etc.

We do still require masks and ask that you maintain proper distancing while in the building. Please [let Crystal know](#) if you have any questions.



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### A Plea From the Property Team

It has been a long time since most of us have seen the inside of our beautiful church. However, in the past 13+ months, work has continued: new floors have been placed in the two bathrooms opposite the Fireside Room, some roof and chimney repairs have been done, and Sherry has kept the building clean and ready for us.

As with all buildings, maintenance is a continuous process. Eyes and ears have to be on the alert for signs of leaks, breakdowns, and possible future failure. Sometimes research has to be done to determine options for repairs. Decisions have to be made about what to do. Contractors have to be contacted to give quotes. Then more decisions have to be made.

In the past few years, the Property and Maintenance Team has gotten smaller and smaller. But we still have the same building that needs the same amount of attention. Therefore, we are actively recruiting more help. This doesn't mean you have to climb on the roof (though you can if you want to) or fix a leaky toilet or undertake a massive painting job. It does mean that you get to participate in the process of DECIDING what to do to keep the church we love in excellent physical condition. Please give it some prayerful thought.

For more information, please contact a member of the Property Committee:  
Crystal Lillge: 734-1787 or [crystal.lillge@mpcappleton.org](mailto:crystal.lillge@mpcappleton.org)  
Steve Lockhart, chair: 733-2347 or [salockhart@gmail.com](mailto:salockhart@gmail.com)  
Sherry Meyer: 538-1208 or [sherry.meyer@mpcappleton.org](mailto:sherry.meyer@mpcappleton.org)  
Tracey Hornung: 954-6599 or [tvhdg@new.rr.com](mailto:tvhdg@new.rr.com)

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### Scripture Readers Needed



### Call for Volunteers: Virtual Scripture Readers

Thank you to everyone who has recorded scripture readings these last few months. It has been great to have this opportunity for member participation in worship.

We have extended our scheduling for virtual scripture readers through the end of August. You can find the sign up here: [bit.ly/VirtualReaderSignUp](https://bit.ly/VirtualReaderSignUp)

Please do not worry about the technology aspect; if you are interested and willing to learn, Pastor Mike will provide instructions and guidance for you.

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## Mental Health Resources

**NAMI Online Support Groups:** If you or a family member is struggling with mental health challenges, you are not alone. NAMI Fox Valley's online support groups are a great way to connect with others who are navigating similar challenges. All of our support groups are led by trained facilitators who have personal lived experience. Together, we are stronger.



To learn more, go to [www.namifoxvalley.org/online-support-groups](http://www.namifoxvalley.org/online-support-groups).



**Peer Support Warm Line:** Struggling? Please remember that the Iris Place peer-support warm line is operating 24/7 at this time.

Our warm line is a form of social support for anyone experiencing emotional distress related to mental health and/or substance abuse. The warm line offers a judgement-free conversation with an experienced peer support specialist.

When you call, please leave a message and you will receive a call from a peer support specialist within 4 hours.

#### **Additional Resources:**

[\*NAMI and Covid-19 Resources\*](#)

[\*How to de-stress your family's pandemic holidays from Fuller Youth Institute\*](#)

## **In the Community**

**UPDATE: The Fox Cities COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic (FCCVC) has appointments for anyone aged 16 and older.** The FCCVC will be open for vaccines from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. each operating day. Please note: Hours/days of operation are subject to change on a weekly basis.

**Where:** Fox Cities Exhibition Center  
355 W. Lawrence Street  
Appleton, WI 54911



[Click here](#) or visit <https://foxcitiescovidvaccine.com/> for more information.

#### **NAMI Fox Valley is offering a virtual outreach series to honor Mental Health Awareness Month.**

There are three presentations throughout the month of May:

- The Role of a CIT Officer & the Outagamie County S.A.F.E. Program
- N.E.W. Mental Health Connection's 'Strong Minds 4 Men' Initiative
- Youth Mental Health Struggles Amidst COVID-19

[Click here](#) to learn about each presentation, see its date and time, and register!

While we hope that you can join us live, each presentation will also be recorded and sent to registrants at a later date to accommodate schedules that don't allow for live attendance.

Questions? Contact Megan Zimmerman, NAMI Fox Valley's Community Outreach Coordinator, at [mzimmerman@namifoxvalley.org](mailto:mzimmerman@namifoxvalley.org).

#### **Help shape the future of the Fox Cities**

[Imagine Fox Cities](#) is asking you to share how you're personally feeling now and to look ahead to the next five years related to physical and mental health, finances, life purpose and fulfillment, and emotional and social support. Feedback about overall community well-being also will be sought.

By responding to this survey, people in the Fox Cities can be part of an effort to help create an understanding of the current and potential future well-being of the community. Results will be helpful in discussions and plans for enhancing life for those who call the Fox Cities home now and for future generations.

Contribute your voice by taking the survey online until May 14, 2021:

<https://www.imaginefoxcities.com/survey>

"Imagine Fox Cities' purpose is to take the pulse of the Fox Cities and discover ways to improve the community," explained Rayon Brown, co-chair of the Imagine Fox Cities initiative and executive director for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) for Fox Valley Technical College. "We know the past year has completely reshaped the social climate around social justice, diversity and race and that the pandemic has had a major impact on overall wellness, especially on minoritized members of our community. What we don't know is just how much this has affected our region. Through this survey, we want to understand peoples' thoughts and concerns and share the results with the community. We want to work together to find helpful solutions and proactively prepare for the future."

Thank you for being a part of an effort to help create an understanding of the current and potential well-being of the community. Results will be reported in early summer.

Learn more about Imagine Fox Cities and our community's living vision by visiting [ImagineFoxCities.com](https://www.imaginefoxcities.com).

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### Community Tribute to Dr. John Mielke

Community Leaders, including Pastor Mike, shared memories and tributes in memory of Dr. John Mielke and the many ways he was leader and partner in the community. It's described as a 'Virtual Quilt of Remembrances' and was woven together by Oliver Zornow, Executive Director of the Building for Kids.

Sally and family have given permission to share it with the larger community.

At the end of the quilt there is an embedded form where additional submissions can be sent in to be added (they will be updated and integrated periodically throughout the year).

'Virtual Quilt of Remembrance' – <https://sway.office.com/I2u8XyNWK0eAiSL2>

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### Find out how one hour of your time can change a life



Outagamie County is seeking volunteers to help with three important programs that can make a positive impact for our neighbors in need:

- **Outagamie County Volunteer Driver:** This very flexible volunteer role makes sure every child can visit their parents by providing rides to Health & Human Services clients for parent/child visitations. Volunteers choose how often they want to drive, and which rides they want to provide, based on a list of options they receive. While most trips are local, some out-of-town destinations are optional. Mileage is reimbursed.
- **Supervised Visit program:** Help families rebuild their relationship in a safe environment by supervising the visits of children in alternate care with their natural parent(s) at an agreed upon site (options include their home, the library or a park). Volunteers can choose their schedule and the assignments. Average time commitment is 1-2 hours a week. Once assigned a case, the schedule is generally consistent. First-time volunteers will shadow veteran volunteers until they feel comfortable with the role.
- **Guardianship Program:** Some folks who live in their own home, group home or long-term care facility do not have family or friends willing to help them make important life decisions. That is why we are seeking court-appointed legal guardians – compassionate advocates who help make everyday living/health decisions for people who need them the most. Volunteers are not live-in or hands-on caregivers and do not provide financial assistance.

For more information on these opportunities, contact Penny Jane at [pennyjane.strauss@outagamie.org](mailto:pennyjane.strauss@outagamie.org).

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**Help single-parent students at FVTC get behind-the-wheel experience**

Make the Ride Happen is seeking a driver to help three students in the Fox Valley Technical College Life Skills class get five hours of driving experience at the FVTC parking lot.



These single-parent students lack a social support system and are trying to get their driver's license to seek employment.

For details on how you can help, contact Holly at 920-225-1740 or [holly.keenan@lsswis.org](mailto:holly.keenan@lsswis.org).

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers\*

### *In our thoughts and prayers*



If you have a prayer request, please email the [church office](#). In lieu of prayer request or connection cards usually filled out in the church pews, you can use [this form](#) to submit anonymous prayer requests.

The Prayer Team continues to meet (via Zoom) on Wednesday mornings from 9-10am.

This week, let us pray:

For those who need healing...

- For friends and loved ones infected by COVID-19.
- Bonnie Rowe, as she undergoes medical tests.
- Tom Orbison, as he recovers from a fall.
- Mary Francis' friend, Tracy Evers, is thankful for the healing prayers received after spinal surgery; she is now able to work periodically.
- Melissa, a friend of Bev Craig's niece, who had an aneurysm. She survived surgeries, but still has an aneurysm in her brain that is too risky to go after at this time. She is home recovering. She has residual cognitive impairment which they hope will get better.
- Bob and Cathy Hatfield, as Bob's recovery continues.
- Harriet Louise Andrejeski, dealing with asthma and allergies, needs further tests at Children's Hospital.
- Gwendolyn Mercy Beard, who is starting to respond several weeks after transplant. Prayers for continued healing.
- Tom Neal, who was recently hospitalized.
- Former interim Pastor Kathy Keener who is recovering from surgery to remove a brain tumor.
- Mary Francis, who is waiting for diagnostic answers.
- Tonya (Anderson) Dorn, a friend of Sherry Meyer's, who was diagnosed with Stage 2B Pancreatic Cancer in November 2020, has undergone surgery, and is in the process of chemotherapy. [Click here for information about a benefit that will be held in May.](#)
- Francie Kopecky, whose vein ablation surgery on April 22 went well.
- Fred Umland's nephew, Dustin White. Dustin has been hospitalized with kidney and liver failure and is also being treated for pneumonia. He is not a candidate for a transplant and his current situation is very serious.

For those who grieve...

- Amy Biese's nephew, Brad Donnermeyer, and his three sons as they grieve and go through the passing of his wife and their mother to cancer.
- All those mourning deaths related to COVID-19.
- Sherry Meyer and family, as they grieve the loss of Sherry's daughter, Kendra, who passed away on April 22. [Click here for Kendra's obituary.](#)
- The Braatz family, as they grieve the loss of Greg's dad who passed away on April 25.

We hold in prayer...

- Baby Harlow and her parents Lindsey and Jeff, as Harlow continues to heal.
- Natalie Hatfield, in regard to shared custody, discipline and support for her son Finn.
- Tom Guttenberg (Army) arrived safely in Germany. Praying for Tom, his wife Kiera, his parents Kerry and Emily, and his unit the 432 Civil Affairs Battalion.

- Congratulations to Chad and Nicole Schimmelpfenning, who welcomed twins Henry and Daniel on April 28. All are doing well.

For our partners in Nicaragua...

- We are thankful for the new five-year cycle and the people we are getting to know in the communities we will partner with for 2021-2025.
- We are thankful for the emergency projects we are coordinating to help many families that suffered the affects of the hurricanes.

This month we are praying for:

- the protection and health of our families in COVID, lately there has been a spike in infections.
- our brothers and sisters that are struggling with their health and extreme poverty in the rural communities that we serve.
- God would give us comfort and strength in our difficult moments and that there would be unity where we are empathetic and show love to our neighbors.

Lastly, Denis shares a small chorus we sometimes sing at CEPAD to sum up our prayers (it rhymes a lot more in Spanish, but I hope the translation still gives you some sense of the song): *God, give me your eternal peace, give me the gift of patience Help me to trust in you and not in my own strength I can't do this, you are my sustainer and my creator And you have the last word.*

### **A Prayer in the Easter Season**

Through Christ, we pray for the church . . .

Let us be people of joy, living witnesses to the power of the resurrection and the good news of your grace and peace.

Living God, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for the earth. . .

From the dust of the damaged earth, raise up your new creation, full of beauty, wonder, and glory.

Living God, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for all nations . . .

Let the message of your saving power spread throughout the world: that the dominion of death is no more.

Living God, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for this community . . .

Though the doors of this church are closed, May our hearts be open wide as we go forth in love and service and others come in to find a home.

Living God, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for loved ones . . .

Give hope to those who wait for good news. Turn their mourning into dancing, and their sorrow into joy.

Living God, **hear our prayer.**

God of all power and glory, receive these prayers, and continue your mighty work among us, through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. **Amen.**

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