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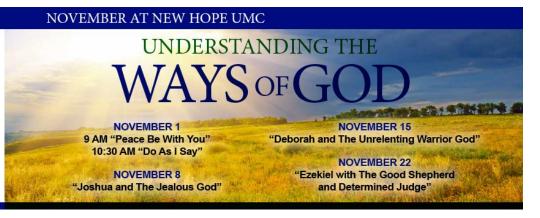
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Worship with Us on Sundays!

New Hope UMC has been blessed with wonderful weather for our Sunday Parking Lot Services. We are thankful for everyone that has attended the services. As cold weather is upon us, New Hope's Transition Team is making a few changes to our Sunday services.

We understand that during these uncertain times, not everyone is comfortable attending indoor worship services. Because of this, New Hope will continue to offer simulcasted radio broadcasts to the parking lot for all indoor services. Additionally, we will continue to provide prerecorded services that will be posted on Facebook and emailed out on Sunday morning.

Starting Sunday, November 8th, New Hope will be moving all services indoors.

- The 9:00 am service will be moving indoors to the Family Life Center and will be simulcasted to the parking lot.
- The 10:30 am service will be moving indoors to the Sanctuary and will be simulcasted to the parking lot.

This will allow both Pastor Lilian and the musicians to share their talents from the heated building on the cold mornings; while still giving the option for people to listen to the service from their vehicles in the parking lot of New Hope. We invite people that are comfortable coming indoors, wearing a mask, and willing to social distance; to join Pastor Lilian in either the Family Life Center or Sanctuary. Additionally, Charity Johnson, Children's Ministry Coordinator, will be moving the 10:30 am Sunday School offering indoors, using our Sunday School rooms.

Finally, we would like to remind everyone that New Hope has adopted a mandatory face covering while indoors. Also, for your safety, we will have seating configured to allow socially distant seating and we will be refraining from singing in the Sanctuary.

If you have questions or concerns about the changes coming because of the colder weather; please contact Clark Howland (*clarkhowland@msn.com*), chair of the transition team. The transition team is continuing to meet regularly to discuss and continue to refine New Hope's response to this global pandemic.

On behalf of the Transition Team, Clark Howland (clarkhowland@msn.com)

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Prayer Chain Request

If you have a prayer chain request, please call Mary Ann Rice at 964-7734 or the church office at 278-2097.

Prayer Concern

Lynn Louk; Linda Miller; SaLynn Conley; Fred Foreman; Anita Gaul; Freda Ruleman; Jim Wells; Dorothy Montgomery; Brenda McConahay; ; Glenda Millard; Chris Boyles' sister, Trudy; JoAnn Pugh; Cathy Cate; Jim Clark; Desiree Spring; Gordon Johnson; Stephanie Roul Stewart; Josephine Demarco; Greg Ankeney; John Ahlbrecht; Kay Lynn Ahlbrecht; Bishop Laurie Haller; District Superintendent, Rev. Heecheon Jeon; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary; Women at the Well.

Prayers for the following military personnel: Jason Homard; Adam Larson; Joshua Larson; Todd McGinnity; Devan Stanton; Hunter Schmidt; and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

If there are any other people that should be listed, please contact the church office at 278-2097.

If you are home bound, in a nursing home, or feeling alone and have not been visited by our Care Team or Pastor Lilian, please let us know because we would love to visit you. Please contact the church office at 278-2097,

nhfamily@newhopedsm.org

"Thank you, thank you, thank you, Lord. What more is there for me to say but this?"



Sympathy

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Darlene Caldwell. Darlene was a member of New Hope and passed away on September 19th.

Our Sympathy to Celeste & Josh Nelson and family on the passing of Celeste's father, Frank Lacona.

Our Sympathy to Tim & Brenda McCulley and family on the passing of Tim's mother, Barbara McCulley

Wedding

Congratulations to Andrea Forbes and Sean McFarland on their October 17th wedding.

Directory Update

Patrice and Larry Webber No land line. Please use Patrice's cell # 515-229-6086.

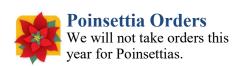
Garden Fellowship

For the month of November, Pastor Lilian will take a hiatus from the garden fellowship. Please watch for further details.

Please call the church office, 278-2097, if you have questions.

Young Adults Gathering (ages 18 - 27 yrs.)

For the month of
November, Pastor
Lilian will not be
gathering. Watch for
details for next month.
Also if you want to be
included in the email, please contact
the church office at nhfamily@newhopedsm.org or 278-2097.



~ Sunday, November 1st! ~





Our Charge Conference will be held on Thursday, November 5th, 6pm A ZOOM annual church conference is being organized led by assigned presiding elders in a smaller

cluster.

Please contact the church office to sign up, 278-2097 or nhfamily@newhopedsm.org to let Nancy know if you will participate in Charge Conference. The booklets will be ready for pick up from the church office on November 4th. An email with the Zoom instructions will be sent to you. Thank you!



Honoring our Veterans

Sunday, November 8, during each of the worship services, we will be honoring our veterans who have served in the military

at any time in their lifetime.

If you are a veteran, we would very much like to recognize you on that Sunday.

We are grateful for the service our veterans have given to our country, and want to have a chance to share our thanks.



Confirmation 2020/2021

Attention 8th graders and families!

With the pandemic we are in and prayerfully discerning what is best, we will be having "once a-month-four-hour-retreat-format" for Confirmation Class this Conference year **every first Sunday of each month beginning on November 1, 2020.** Our class will meet in the sanctuary and we will follow all approved safety protocols.

This is how our time together is structured:

10:30 - 11:35: Participating in the 10:30 Service and Communion

11:40 - 2:00: Shared Meal (individual pizzas will be delivered)

12:00 - 2:00: Teaching-Learning Time 2:00 - 2:30: Time with Mentor

If you have questions, please give me a call at 642-757-7925. Pastor Lilian



Hanging of the Greens Sunday, November 22

Now that we will be having services in the Family Life Center and the Sanctuary, let's make them shine with our decorations!

Please join me Sunday November 22. We will decorate the FLC after the 9:00 am service and continue to the Sanctuary after the 10:30 service.

As always, let's make this a safe event. We will be wearing our masks and social distancing.

Let's make sure we make this Advent season a special one!

Blessings and let me know if you have any questions.

Pam Frey yayafrey@gmail.com 515-490-8440

Women's Fellowship

Postponed until further notice. Ouestions? contact Susan Clark at 964-5119.

Veterans Helping Veterans

Postponed until further notice. Questions? contact Billy Nuzum at bbnewz54@gmail.com



Men's Breakfast Postponed until further notice.

Care Ministry Team

Next meeting is Thurs., Nov. 12th at 10am at the church. Social distancing and wearing face masks. Questions, contact Clarice Rubek, rrubek@aol.com

New Hope Needlers

Postponed until further notice. Questions? Contact Jody Rains, 278-8282

Blood Pressure Check

Postponed until further notice.

FRIDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

ZOOM

Bible Study The Friday Zoom Bible Study will meet Nov.13th at 1pm.

We will not meet again until December.

We will continue to study Paul's letter to the Philippians focusing on a 'A new Way of Life

with Christ'. Paul wrote about a mental transplant, being in-Christ, and seeing life anew.

If you would like to join the group please contact Jim Louk at jimlynnlouk@mac.com, or call him at 515-402-7573, so he can help you connect with our group.

Bidwell-Riverside Center



At this point Bidwell continues to cancel group-volunteering events through December.

However, if anyone from the group would like to volunteer as an individual, they would welcome you but would need to know about one week in advance.

If anyone is interested in doing that, please contact Lynn Louk (jimlynnlouk@mac.com) or 515-276-7900 and she can inform you about tasks that could be done.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic found its way to Iowa the Bidwell Pantry has served 9,206 individuals.

Advent by Candlelight

We have been blessed to have Advent by Candlelight the last 20 years for the women of our church and our friends.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we will not be having the event this year.

We will look forward to having the grand, joyful program in 2021!



Join us for **Christmas Eve Services**

Details are being made to have safe social distancing Christmas Eve services.



5:30pm - Parking Lot Service. You will be able to sit in your car and listen to the service on the radio feed.

7:30pm - Indoor service in the Family Life Center. We will offer pre-registration for 100 members.

10:00pm - Indoor service in the Sanctuary. We will offer pre-registration for 65 members.

Watch for further details coming soon, along with how to pre-register.



If you have any questions, please contact Charity Johnson at cjohnson@newhopedsm.org

Mission Statement: Connecting kids to God and others

Christian Learning Time (CLT): 4 year old—7th Grade

Vision Statement: Connecting lessons about God through real life experiences



We will continue to meet every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Ruby Chapel. We will discuss the scripture lessons that go with Pastor Lilian's sermon.

S.W.A.G. (Saved With Amazing Grace): K - 5th grade

Vision Statement: Connecting lessons about God through real life experiences

S.W.A.G will be on **Wednesdays at 6:00-7:00pm.** If it is not raining, and the temperature is above 45 degrees at 5pm; we will be meeting outside at New Hope.

Please watch for emails for any updates.

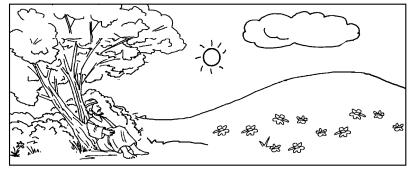
I hope you all are enjoying our travel through Psalm 23! We will continue to look into Psalm 23 and learning our sign language lessons for our song.

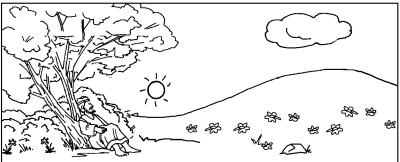
November 25th, we will not be meeting due to Thanksgiving.

The Lord Is My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want for anything.

Find and circle 5 differences in the 2nd picture.





BLAST - Believing, Learning, Assisting, Serving, Teens

Jr. BLAST (6th-8th grade) Leaders: Jackie Johnson & Jenn Higdon JrBLAST@NewHopeDSM.org

Our Jr. BLAST youth group has been enjoying the fall weather and meeting outdoors over the last several weeks! We are very thankful that the weather cooperated and allowed us at least a few face-to-face meetings to kick off our year.

During those first meetings, we learned a little about each other. We enjoyed a few socially distanced games, talked about acceptance and God's love and carved/decorated pumpkins!

As the weather changes, we will be moving to Zoom meetings every Wednesday from 6-7pm. That change, whenever it occurs, will be communicated to families via our email weekly distribution.

Just a reminder that any time the temperature is below 45 degrees at our scheduled time, our meetings will be moved to Zoom.



Sr. BLAST (8th-12th grade) Leaders: Chris Higdon, Mady Johnson, Chris Spring, Brianna Johnson, and Pam Frey. BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org

It is hard to believe that we are already heading into November and soon winter will be here. As the temperature drops; meeting outside will not be possible or comfortable. Because of this; Senior BLAST will be moving our Wednesday gatherings to Zoom meetings starting November 4th. We will be meeting from 7pm to 8pm on Wednesday nights.

If you are not receiving our weekly email updates; please let Chris Higdon (*Chris@Higdon-Family.net*) know; so you can be added to the email distribution list. We are emailing the group each week as a reminder that we are meeting and how we will be meeting this week.

Our plans are to continue our focus on Veggietales and learning about the Old Testament stories during this time. So far we have explored the story of Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and Gideon; by watching the Veggietales' interpretation of the Bible stories. Who knew that a cucumber that played a tuba would be able to defect an army of over 30,000 excessively hairy pickles, called the Midianites? Does the story sound familiar? If not; you might want to re-read Judges chapter 6 and 7, to learn more about how Gideon asked for two signs that God would lead him and how Gideon led an army of 300 against an army of 32,000. And they did all of this with trumpets and jars holding torches.



More information about the above events will be sent out in email and posted on Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/SeniorHighBlast).



NOVEMBER MISSION NEWS Co chairs: Cheryl Moore & Marilyn Osborn

CONTINUING SUPPORT OF OUR PARTNERSHIP AGENCIES: Each month checks are issued from the Mission Fund to the following: Missionary, Dr. Emmanual Mefor, Women at the Well, Bidwell Riverside, Johnston Partnership, Urbandale Food Pantry, and DMARC.

Hand of Luke, November 14th: This is our monthly ministry of a meal for the Central Iowa Shelter and Services.

Since the pandemic started, we have been able to continue our Hand of Luke program thanks to the congregation's monetary donations. We have used these donations to purchase the food needed to provide a meal. We will continue to do this for the foreseeable future instead of asking the congregation to purchase and drop off food items at the church as in the past. You can either include your donation in the Sunday offering with it designated for HOL or go to the church's website and do an online donation. Click on Gifts and then fill in the amount on the Hand of Luke line.

Have you been longing for a way to serve others during this Pandemic? The Hand of Luke team is looking for one or two people to help Patrice Webber and Jolene Harlow coordinate the monthly meals. Responsibilities are to determine the menu using past menus and recipes as a guide, purchase the groceries, either assist in preparing the meal or ask for volunteer help, and arrange for drivers to deliver the meal. Please contact Jolene Harlow at rdharlow@earthlink.net or 515-490-8813, if you are interested or have questions. Thank you!



Each November, Suzie Martz coordinates the opportunity for you to pick up a paper angel with incarcerated parents' children's wishes for a Christmas gift.

Due to the pandemic, the Angel Tree program has gone virtual this year.

Watch the weekly Friday emails for a LINK and ACCESS CODE to go online and see virtual tags with the names of children assigned to our church.

You can browse through the tags, select the child(ren) you want to sponsor, and click **checkout!** With just a few clicks, you can show a prisoner's child the love of Jesus—the greatest Gift of all.

November 2020

Sunday Worship 9am & 10:30am **Indoor and Parking Lot**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9a & 10:30a Parking Lot Worship 10:30a Indoor Worship Communion Sunday Daylight Saving Time Ends 10:30a-2:30p, Confirmation Class	2 7p, Trustees Mtg., F.Hall	6:00p-8:00p, Cub Scouts, downstairs classrooms	4 6-7p, SWAG 6-7p, Jr. BLAST 7-8p, Sr. BLAST	5 6pm, Charge Conference via Zoom	6	7 Mission Ingathering
8 9a & 10:30a Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Veterans honored	9	10 6:00p, SPRC Zoom Meeting	11 Veterans' Day 6 - 7p, SWAG 6 - 7p, Jr. BLAST 7 - 8p, Sr. BLAST	12 10a. Care Team, F.Hall 6:30p, Worship Design Mtg, via Zoom	13 1p, Friday Bible Study, via Zoom	14 3:30p, Hand of Luke
15 9a & 10:30a Indoor & Parking Lot Worship	16	17 6:00p-8:00p, Cub Scouts, downstairs classrooms 6:30p, Finance Zoom Meeting	18 6 - 7p, SWAG 6 - 7p, Jr. BLAST 7 - 8p, Sr. BLAST	19 6:30p, Administrative Council Zoom Meeting	20	21
22 9a & 10:30a Indoor & Parking Lot Worship Hanging of the Greens After the 9am and 10:30am services	23 Deadline for December LINK	24	25	26 Church Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving	27 Church Office Closed	28
29 1st Sunday of Advent 9a & 10:30a Indoor & Parking Lot Worship	30					



"May God's many blessings, be yours the year through."

- Brayla Johnson
- DeVonne Douglas, Jo Renee Hartung
- John Dickerson, Joe Fairchild
- Denice Sutton, Kelly Mohrman, Michael Collet, Barbara Williamson
- Zachary McClain, Bryce Rowland
- Audrey Keza
- Barb Agan, Wayne Johnson
- Karen Skovgard
- 10 Norma Sutton
- Craig Thompson
- 12 Jameson O'Brien
- Cheryl Cross 13
- 14 Jason Evans
- Larry Forbes

- Nathan Zoss, Lily Larsen, Noelle Beasley
- Luke Bogue
- Jim Wells, Danielle Clemmens 18
- 19 Mark Wise
- Carol Harter, Julie Sahlin
- Amanda Soards, Brynna Johnson
- 23 Don Doxon, Tamara Evans
- Jared Robertson
- 24 25 Kay Gier, Julie Craighton, Sarah Jacobson
- Evelyn Kruse, Maysie Johnson
- John Rains, Lee Ross, Steve Cate
- Lynn Clary, Jason Homard, Marilyn Monroe
- Damon DeBates, Jaela Wills, Jax Thomsen



- James & Suzanne Neu
- David & Karen Davis
- Brian & Suzie Martz
- Larry & Paulette Wood
- Blake & Nicole Wilson
- Chris & Julie Boyles
- 20 Chris & Jenn Higdon
- Scott & Deanne Rowland
- Ron & Linda Cooley

If you see that your name is not listed, please call the church office at 278-2097, or email at nhfamily@newhopedsm.org, so we can update our files.

Stewardship Beyond 2020

At the beginning of 2020 (in what seems like a different world now) the Stewardship and Finance Committee developed our first year-round Stewardship Plan. The intent was to focus on monthly stewardship moments through testimonies both in the LINK and at our services. This was a change from only hearing testimonies during the pledging month of November. Why wait to hear the good news of how New Hope impacts our members lives when we have eleven other months at our disposal?

Like most, because of Covid-19 we have had to make some adjustments to our Stewardship plan. With one exception we have been able to keep our plan intact. In September, we had planned to talk with the congregation about stewardship in face-to-face groups where ideas or concerns can be explored and discussed. Obviously with Covid-19 we were not able to do this. The Committee then chose to attempt to develop a survey.

As we completed our research on a stewardship survey, it became apparent that it was going to be difficult to do a separate stewardship survey without asking deeper questions about New Hope. There were surveys related to money and why individuals pledge or do not pledge, but when it came to asking how effective a stewardship program is, the questions then spill over into the deeper questions we had hoped to discuss during the small groups.

We then did additional research on a more comprehensive tool or tools that would help not only answer stewardship but give us a better understanding of New Hope. The leadership of New Hope believes that there is value to New Hope to consider this path. Because of Covid we are presented not only with significant short-term challenges, but also with new future opportunities. The survey will help New Hope to identify these new opportunities and take a more holistic approach to New Hope's mission.

Granted a more comprehensive survey will be much larger than a short stewardship survey. We feel that it is important that we use this moment to capture our member's hopes and concerns as we move forward beyond Covid-19. For the results to be meaningful, we will need to have as many members participate in the survey as possible. We are planning for the survey to have the ability to be completed in the format (paper, online, etc.) that best suits the member's preference.

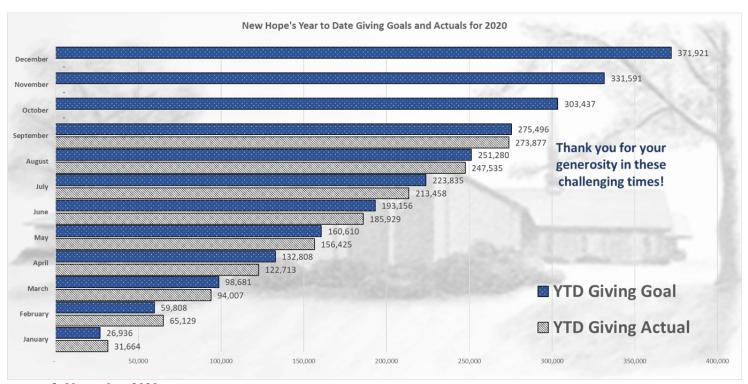
After reviewing various surveys and options, we will be engaging the Iowa Conference Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT) program (https://www.iaumc.org/CAT). This program will allow New Hope to use our members as the drivers of the process and use the free services of the conference to assist in the data gathering.

We are still in the planning stages, so we will be spending the next two months communicating and developing a frequently asked question sheet to keep everyone informed. The current goal will be to start the survey in late January/early February.

Our intent is that everyone will have the opportunity to express their desires, hopes and aspirations for our blessed New Hope Community. With our members support we can use the survey results to guide our planning, missions, and activities as we move into the new world of post-Covid.

Many blessings, Robin Harlow

Stewardship and Finance Chair



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New Hope's Endowment Fund

How can I give a gift to the New Hope UMC Endowment Fund?

There are several ways to designate gifts to the New Hope UMC Endowment fund, including, but not limited to:

- Bequests through a will of a fixed amount or percentage;
- Stocks and bonds:
- IRA or retirement account designation (all or a portion);
- Gift annuities;
- Payable-on-death account (bank or brokerage account);
- Trusts:
- Retirement plan.

Can I give a gift to the New Hope UMC Endowment Fund for a specific interest or purpose?

All gifts – in any amount – are generously accepted. Specialized gifts given to the Endowment Fund for a specific stated purpose require a minimum of \$5,000 since only the interest will be used to support the gift's intended purpose.

Planning your Christian legacy

Please consider including the New Hope UMC Endowment Fund in your will or estate plans. The blessing will be yours in knowing the important legacy you are leaving for future generations touched by the ministries and mission of New Hope United Methodist Church...

Following Christ, inspiring minds, loving hearts, serving hands and transforming communities.

For more information on the endowment, please contact the New Hope UMC office. Nancy Monthei can answer basic questions or put you in contact with the appropriate Endowment Committee member for additional information



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Consider a sustaining gift to support the ministries and mission of New Hope United Methodist Church.

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

— John Wesley

New Hope United Methodist Church (UMC) offers an opportunity for legacy giving through its endowment. By including the New Hope UMC Endowment Fund in your will or estate, you make a significant contribution in strengthening our church's vital mission, both locally and around the world.

An endowment is the time-honored method of allocating certain gifts to an investment fund. When you leave assets to the New Hope UMC Endowment Fund, your gift will become a legacy of annual giving to New Hope UMC in perpetuity. This gift provides the assurance you are helping secure the church's wellbeing, ministries and mission for generations to come.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is an endowment fund?

An endowment is different from other types of funds – such as operating or capital funds – in that accumulated assets are invested in perpetuity. An endowment provides the church with access to resources to grow its mission beyond our lifetimes. Part of the satisfaction is knowing you can make a lasting impact, a generational legacy.

How would my gift to the New Hope UMC Endowment Fund be used?

Your gift and those of others will be collected into a fund that is intended to exist in perpetuity. Distributions from interest, or returns from the total invested fund will be made to support five key areas: Worship, work programs, local outreach, education and facilities.

How will the New Hope UMC Endowment Fund be invested?

The New Hope UMC Endowment Fund is invested with the Iowa United Methodist Foundation (IUMF). The Endowment Fund is intended to be invested prudently, according to the IUMF Social Principles, which dictate no investments are made in companies involved in alcohol, tobacco, for-profit prisons or gambling.



Who makes investment and distribution decisions for the New Hope UMC Endowment Fund?

Investment and distribution of the New Hope UMC Endowment Fund and the earnings will be determined by the Endowment Committee. Because the fund is intended to exist in perpetuity, more secure, fixed-income assets – such as bonds – will serve as the foundation that will eventually be augmented with non-bond investment vehicles that include both U.S. and international equities.



2020 Fall Harvest Music Jamboree and Auction

What a glorious afternoon at New Hope UMC on Sunday, October 11th!! Jesus' light was shining on us as we celebrated the Fall Harvest Music Jamboree and Auction among the fall colors.

We were blessed with amazing, talented performers and fabulous auction items. We also were blessed with generous bids (and fun bidding wars) by the many friends that attended. Donations were given not only for the auction items but also for the performances, and in memory of Pastor Neil Cross, Barbara Conrad, Ray Pugh, and Darlene Caldwell, and in honor of veterans.

It was a splendid fall event thanks to the planning committee, all that participated and all of the kind donations which raised approximately \$8,400.

More pictures can be found on the church Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/NewHopeDSM



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