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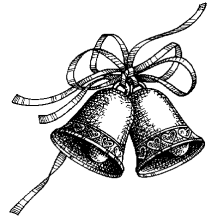
Birthday Greetings to the following who will celebrate during the month of November:

- 1 James Margolies, Shirley Wells
- 2 Kira Adler, Bob Moseley
- 3 Linda Sember, Nathan Salvio
- 4 Tim Hongo
- 7 Jill Chase
- 9 Justine Patchkofsky, Barry Skinner
- 10 Ed Brighindi, Jr.
- 12 Jim Connery
- 14 Marge Brighindi, Cherylynn Lee
- 16 Greg Oppel
- 17 Amanda Wannagot, Thelma Bauer
- 18 Leon Leung
- 19 Lois Ricker
- 20 Art Markarian
- 21 Heather Grisgraber, Michael Glynn
- 22 Meredith Margolies
- 23 Jenna Melanson
- 24 Tom Mingrone, Shirleyanne Viadella
- 27 Jason Ricker, Mario Parrelli,  
Pat Keegan, Mykala Heiden
- 28 Gertrude Wilson, Wendy Brighindi
- 29 Fran DeLand



Congratulations to the following couples who will celebrate wedding anniversaries in November:

- 5 Kristen & Jeffrey Stone,  
Ellen & John Kozlowski
- 6 Debra & Donald Russell,  
Lupe & Bill Nicholas
- 17 Deborah & Robert Reeves
- 20 Mary Ann & Harry Roscoe
- 24 Ruth & John Pesavento,
- 25 Pat & Ken Tober



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**The December Belfry articles are due in the office by  
Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Your next issue will be available Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

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LET US NOT FORGET....

Before retiring on **Saturday,**  
**November 5<sup>th</sup>**, turn your clocks back  
one hour. Daylight Savings Time will  
end as you sleep.



There will be a brief budget presentation meeting  
for all members of the  
Huntington Congregational Church, UCC  
immediately following the worship service on  
Sunday, November 20, 2011.

Prayer List

**CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS  
OCTOBER 2011**

*Office Hours*  
Monday-Thursday  
8 am – 3 pm  
Friday  
8 am – 12:30 pm

**Minister**  
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*Office Manager*  
Karen S. Boroski

*C. E. Associate*  
Kirsten E. Keith

*Moderator*  
Sheri Hatfield

*Deacon Co-Chairs*  
Ray Oppel/  
Gail Schoennagel

*Business Chair*  
Rob Reeves

*Sunday School  
Superintendent*  
Christie Bailey

*Women's Fellowship  
President*  
Linda Sember

*Sr. High Group Advisors*  
Kim Adler/Sheri Hatfield

9:30 am  
*Sunday Worship/  
Sunday School  
& Child Care*

|                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Tim Tritt                            | Barbara Supernaw    |
| Ines Queiros                         | Jean Dalaker        |
| Tim Kiernan                          | John Crum           |
| Ann Hatkoff                          | Robert Olsson       |
| Gina Raucci                          | Rev. James Adam     |
| Brianna                              | Jeff Boniface       |
| Margaret Holcomb                     | Mary Glynn          |
| John Corsano                         | Barbara Ann Walls   |
| Jacque Mari                          | Barbara Grisgraber  |
| Monsignor Gilmartin                  | Connor Shaw         |
| Grace MacDonald                      | David Zelanin       |
| Kaden Mills                          | Bruce Hartel        |
| Robert Nicodemus                     | Shirley Brisch      |
| Gary                                 | Tom Marrison        |
| Harry Minot                          | Tara Simantel       |
| Joe Caputo                           | Ralph Gainer        |
| Sal Tuttlolmundo                     | Doris Roscoe        |
| Bob & Ruth Johnston                  | Al Waters           |
| Jim & Nancy Dunker                   | Jack Alessi         |
| Kate D'Alessio                       | Tim Leonard         |
| Michael Scoopo                       | Jan Eucalitto       |
| Dorothy LaCour                       | Debra               |
| Rose Carcova                         | Suzanne Bracchi     |
| John Pesavento                       | Kim Adler           |
| Annette Bashar                       | Alec Wildhaber      |
| Patrick Raymond & family             |                     |
| Betty Lucas                          | Jennifer Pazereckis |
| Marilyn Lamy                         | Craig Vincent       |
| Bill Stewart                         | Lydia Hoyt          |
| Juli Lindsay                         | Debbie Kandro       |
| Fran Wadeka                          | Philip Jones        |
| Clarke Reeves                        | Fran DeLand         |
| Dick Dormer                          | Colleen Hogue       |
| Betty Frymus & family                |                     |
| Lt. Dymitri A. Dutkanicz-Afghanistan |                     |

**Missions:** Mum sale made \$176.50. Coffee for sale during worship to benefit Simply Smiles \$10. UCC Mission Project 11/1-11/11. Collecting canned goods and personal hygiene items for Spooner House; items to be sorted and serve lunch 10/30.

**Diaconate:** Donuts being donated by Donut Center. Budget complete.

**Christian Education:** 57 attended picnic. JR PF Harvest Festival during Sunday School 10/30. Advent workshop will feature Christian Symbols. Pageant will be puppet show.

**Business:** Handicap bathroom approved . 20 Ripton Rd empty. bids for repair being obtained. Need to replace oil tank

**Stewardship:** Pledges happening over three Sundays. We now have the capabilities of credit card pledges via the internet.

**Endowment:** Market was down in September effecting our monies.

**Nursery:** Waiting till spring to get new mulch. Barry painted trim around window.

**Moderator:** Submitted her resignation as Moderator to take over SHYG with Kim Adler effective January.

**Minister:** Travel Log 10/16 at 6pm. Confirmation class has 4 students. New members class 10/23. 10/30 SHYG presentation of mission trip. 10/29 SHYG trip to Haunted Graveyard. 10/21 and 10/22 Ct Conference. 11/13 Advent Workshop. 11/20 Congregational Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Adler, Clerk

## ***FROM OUR MINISTER...***

Dear Folks,

O.K., I admit it, I'm a Facebook fiend. When it's time to relax or time to clear my mind for a few minutes, I work my farm on "Farmville", play "Scrabble", and check out what's going on with my cyber friends. It's really interesting what's happening in people's lives and what stuff pops up.

Recently, folks were sharing this "saying":

*"What if you woke up tomorrow morning with only the things you thanked God for today?"*

How many of us read that and said "Yikes!?" I know it gave me a moment of pause.

With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, our minds turn to ponder about all the things we have for which to be thankful. But, I hope that Thanksgiving isn't the only time we think about giving thanks.

Everyday, everyone, everything there is, and everything we have and are is a gift. May our hearts always be thankful and our lips show forth gratitude every day.

*For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food,  
For love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends.*

--Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

Peace,  
Rev. Lucille

## **REV. LUCILLE'S PRAYER DAYS**

Rev. Lucille's prayer days will be Thursdays, November 10<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please let her know if you have any joys or concerns you would like her to lift up.



**ATTENTION SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP:**  
**MEETINGS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> and NOVEMBER**  
**20th, 6:30 IN THE "LOUNGE"**



## **ADULT STUDY GROUP: November 3**

With all the activity in November, the Adult Study Group will only meet on Thursday, November 3 at 7:30 P.M. in the church's Library. We will decide at that time whether we are continuing through Advent/Christmas, or taking a break until January. Watch "The Belfry" and the Sunday bulletin for updates.



**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**  
**NEWS**

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**STEWARDSHIP 2012**

*“UR” Support Completes our “CH\_\_CH”*

The Stewardship Committee hopes that you all have completed your pledge card and presented your faith promise to God and your Church. If you have, Thank-You very much for generosity and support for your Church for 2012. If you have not turned in your pledge card or EFT form yet, please do so ASAP.

The Church Council needs to prepare and present a proposed church budget to the Congregation by November 20<sup>th</sup> and that is very difficult if all pledges are not turned in during our Stewardship drive.

If God's spirit moves you to increase your pledge further you may submit another pledge card or EFT form at any time.

Thank-You and Thanks be to God.

Your Stewardship Committee

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**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE**  
**MATERIAL AIDS**

Many thanks to everyone who responded to our Church World Service School Bag Kit supplies. Your response and overwhelming generosity is greatly appreciated. Thanks again to all who made donations

Check your February Belfry for more information on CWS. Gifts From the Heart needs. Our church is one of the most generous churches responding to this mission project.

Shirley Bleston,  
Material Aids Chairperson

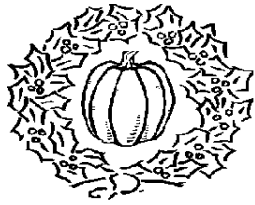
**STILL NEEDED**

Used postage stamps, box tops for education, and UPC codes from Campbell labels are still being collected.

Any of the above may be left in the containers on the Women's Fellowship box in the alcove.

The veterans will thank you; the people who will be able to see again, and the children attending the Elon School for Children all will thank you – your support is greatly appreciated.

The collections are a project of Circle IV of the Women's Fellowship.



**Pumpkin & Holly Fair**  
**Friday, November 18, 2011**  
**5:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**  
**Saturday, November 19, 2011**  
**9:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

The fair committees are very busy these days and...

**THEY NEED YOUR HELP.**

If you enjoy creating and making crafts, please consider helping **Christmas Fantasy** on Thursday evenings in creating Christmas ornaments and home decorations – contact Shirley Bleston at 929-0350; **Potpourri Creations** – contact Gail Schoennagel at 929-7178; **Gourmet Baskets** call Laura Salvio at 925-0756 or Linda Harris at 924-7900 as they could use your help preparing and making their delicious food items. These groups meet regularly and could use some extra hands.

If you like to do needlework or sewing, consider donating your handmade items to **Needlework and Attic Treasures** - call Lois Nagy at 268-0887.

**Gingerbread Houses** (and Cookies) will soon be posting their schedule – call Deb Oppel 929-1770. If you like to make candies or fudge, the **Sweet Shoppe** could use your help or donations. Contact Kim Adler at 929-9030.

There are sign up sheets in the alcove to help in many areas of the fair including set up, clean up, work in the kitchen, serve dinner or lunch, make doughnuts and to sell at **Santa's Attic** (items for Santa's Attic accepted from Oct 30<sup>th</sup> thru Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> only). Also, everyone can contribute to **Mrs. Claus Kitchen**. Bring your tasty treats to church anytime before 5 p.m. on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, or before 9:00a.m. on Saturday morning. **Please label your baked goods** and list any special ingredients, such as nuts, fruits, spices, etc. Please, **do not use colored plastic wrap** as it makes it difficult to see the item.

And finally, you can help by selling **RAFFLE** tickets to co-workers, friends, and family or volunteer to sell to the public for a few hours at the locations of some of our local merchants. The prizes are outstanding: a beautiful hand-crafted quilt, an original framed painting by Bob Boroski, a \$250 American Express gift card, and a delicious gourmet basket.

As you can see, lots of help is needed. If you are already working on a committee, **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!** If not and you have time or a talent you want to share, call one of the co-chairs: Terri Johnston @ 203-929-7919, Pat Tober @ 203-925-1959 or Laura Salvio @ 203-925-0756.



Thank you in advance for your assistance and contributions. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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**Circle I**  
will be meeting on  
Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
in RH at 7:30 p.m.

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*"Just a little late, but a thank you to my church family for the kindness and sympathy extended on my brother's passing and cards and calls after my shoulder surgery.*

*All were much appreciated.*

*Thank you  
Fran DeLand"*



### **POINSETTIA ORDER FORM**

Lovely poinsettias will grace our sanctuary for the Christmas holiday services. If you would like to dedicate one of these plants in honor/memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below and return it as soon as possible; OR you may call Judy & leave an order on her machine. **The final order deadline is Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.** Each plant will cost \$15.00.

**Number of plants: Red** \_\_\_\_ **White** \_\_\_\_ **Pink** \_\_\_\_

I will take my flowers(s) \_\_\_\_ Please bring to a shut-in \_\_\_\_

Paid by cash \_\_\_\_ check # \_\_\_\_ (Check payable to HCC)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

INFO WILL BE PRINTED AS LISTED.

#### **IN MEMORY OF:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### **IN HONOR OF:**

\_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: Judy Tucker  
c/o Huntington Congregational Church  
19 Church Street  
Shelton, CT 06484  
Home phone (203.929.5174)



### **INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT WORKSHOP**

Our annual Advent workshop will be held in Fellowship Hall after worship on November 13<sup>th</sup>. This year participants will be able to make an Advent craft as well as receive Advent devotions to be used by children and adults.

### **PIZZA AND SCENERY NIGHT**

Calling all HCC children...we need your help in creating the scenery for our upcoming Christmas Pageant. Please come Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> to Fellowship Hall from 6 – 7:30 p.m. (approx.) to have dinner and work on the scenery.

Parents, I also need your help. If you could please help with this activity, contact Kirsten Keith at 203-929-4225. This should be a wonderful night full of fellowship and paint!! Sign up in the alcove.

### **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Please join us on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> for our Christmas Pageant during the church service. We promise many cute angels, very wise men, and the best story you'll ever hear.

We also would like to invite you to a reception following the pageant to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus.

### *From Our Parish Nurse...*

By placing an automated external defibrillator AED in our church, we have made a commitment to give help to anyone struck down by sudden cardiac arrest and give them a chance at life.

Sudden cardiac arrest can happen anywhere, anytime, to people of all ages. It is usually caused by an electrical malfunction that makes the heart quiver ineffectively in an abnormal rhythm called ventricular fibrillation. It sometimes is triggered by a heart attack, but can also happen even without any blockage of blood flow to the heart. A life-saving pulse of electricity must be delivered quickly to restore the hearts normal rhythm and pump blood throughout the body.

If your heart feels like its racing or jumping out of your chest, the cause could be arterial fibrillation (A-Fib). This fast and irregular heart rhythm affects about 2 million Americans. Other signs are you may feel dizzy, lightheaded and confused, some weakness and occasional chest pain. It has been found that high blood pressure and a history of heart attacks can also cause the heart racing condition. Often it comes on for no reason. A-Fib can lead to stroke triggering clots, catching and managing the condition can help lead normal, energetic lives. In addition to making healthy diet choices, low sodium, low fat, high fiber; the boost you get from regular coffee can quicken your heart pace—switch to decaf.

If you have A-Fib, it's normal to worry. On the other hand anticipating an episode can cause needless anxiety. When you feel fear creep in, acknowledge it immediately with a tiny physical gesture—tug your ear, snap your fingers, whistle—then think of one positive thing – a TV show that made you laugh, something you love to look forward to. Distracting yourself at the very first sign of worry helps create new neural pathways that train your brain to dodge anxiety. Taking a short stroll can dramatically reduce A-Fib. Get your Dr.'s OK.

Are you at risk? The older you are the more likely you are to have A-Fib. However younger people aren't immune. If you have a personal history of heart disease, heart attack, or heart surgery you are at higher risk. A blood pressure of 140/90 is considered high, thyroid disorders, sleep apnea and if A-Fib runs in your family.

Our AED is highly visible just outside Karen's office. It should be convenient to be used with church activities in the sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, the library or the downstairs rooms.

We have had several members who have been trained. We have three RNs, members who have worked as paramedics and firemen.

It would be great to have Sunday School teachers, ushers, as well as high school students. Therefore, we will be having our next CPR/AED course Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the library. If you are a member of our church it will be paid for by the Parish Nurse Program.

The course will be given by Cathy Kellet who meets the guidelines of the American Heart Association.

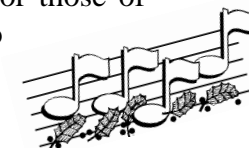
Classes are about 4 hrs. with a break. You will learn the skills and confidence to intervene in a cardiac emergency. It is very important to be recertified every 2 yrs. as procedures change and keep improving. The more members involved the better the program will be.

Barbara Grisgraber, Parish Nurse



### ADULT CHOIR

Some people, because of their schedules, are unable to join choir but would like to sing occasionally. For those of you who fit into this category & would like to sing with the choir just for the Advent & Christmas season, please attend choir rehearsal on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## A Big Thank You!!!!

I would like to thank the people who helped move my office. Doug McEwen for assembling the bookcases, Soren Ibsen, Merle Chase, Gordon Harris and Barry Skinner and for bringing the big desk downstairs, and Dawn Higgins for spending many hours helping me organize!! God has blessed me with a wonderful job and wonderful people who help when needed.

Kirsten Keith

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*“Dear Members of the HCC Congregation,*

*Thank you for the generous scholarship that was awarded to me on Graduate Sunday. It will definitely help me with the cost of books and other expenses at school while I work towards my degree. It is much appreciated!!*

*Thanks,  
Caitlin Boland”*

*“To Our Church Family,*

*Thank you all for you kind expressions of sympathy after the passing of my Aunt. My family very much appreciated your thoughtfulness.*

*The Keegan, Stewart & Wilson Families”*



## UCC MISSION

In 11 days (November 1-11, 2011), the United Church of Christ will collect more than 1 million items of healthy food and other household items for local food banks and outreach services.

The Mission Committee of HCC is helping in this worthwhile effort. Our goal is to collect 1,111 items of nonperishable food and personal hygiene Products to donate to Spooner House.

Please help us reach our goal by bringing to church your donations between November 1-10, 2011.

## MISSION OPPORTUNITY

On Thursday, November 10, 2011, we will deliver and sort all items donated by our church to Spooner House. We have also agreed to serve lunch that day. The food to be served will be there. Preparation for lunch, serving and cleanup will be between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. We need members of the congregation to assist us in this endeavor. Can you give us two hours of your time? If you would like to take part in this mission opportunity, please let one of the members of the Mission Committee (listed below) know.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mission Committee: Edwina Corner(Co-chair), Rev. Lucille Fritz, Debbie Margolies, Debbie Oppel(Co-chair), Lois Ricker, Laurie Ronning, Laura Salvio

## Holiday Bulletins

The holiday season is upon us and the Thanksgiving/Advent/Christmas bulletins are ordered. If you would like to remember or celebrate a loved one(s), please sign up on the bulletin poster located on the office window in the alcove or you can contact Karen in the church office at 203-929-1223.

The cost is \$15 and your dedication will be printed in the bulletin for your specified worship service. This also helps to defray the cost to the church. Thank You!



### The Shelton Clergy Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

The Shelton Clergy Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held on **Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on Long Hill Ave.** The preacher for the evening will be the Rev. Ken Smith of the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church of Shelton.

Please bring a pumpkin dessert to serve at fellowship time.

A donation of non-perishable goods will be collected for the Food Bank. All checks for the monetary offering should be made payable to the Shelton Clergy Association. Monetary donations will benefit Spooner House.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Just a reminder that there will be no Sunday School on November 27<sup>th</sup>, December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Christmas Pageant is scheduled for Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> during our regular 9:30 a.m. worship service so please join us!



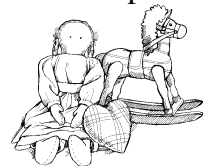
It's time to begin preparing your Annual Reports!

The 288<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Huntington Congregational Church will be held on **January 22, 2012**. If you are the chairperson of a committee, you are responsible for a report from your committee to be included in the Annual Report. Please e-mail your report to Karen in the office at [hcc@snet.net](mailto:hcc@snet.net) or on flashdrive.

**The deadline for reports is Wednesday, December 28, 2011.** Your promptness is greatly appreciated as many extra steps are taken after your report is submitted.

### HUNTINGTON CENTER NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for the **2012 - 2013 school year** for 3 & 4 yr. olds will open now for church members and in December for the public. If you are, or know of someone who is, interested in the Nursery School program please contact our Director Lori Witiak at 203-929-7197 for more information. H.C.N.S. is non-denominational and open to the public.



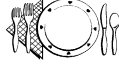





# NOVEMBER 2011



huntingtonuccblog@gmail.com, US Holidays

Nov 2011 (Eastern Time)

| Sun   | Mon                                      | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat           |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|---------------|
| 30<br>9:30am - Worship/S                                      | 31<br><b>Halloween</b><br>7:30pm - Zumba | 1<br>9:30am - Circle III<br>7pm - Committee<br>7:15pm - Business-<br>7:15pm - Diaconate-   | 2<br>7pm - Choir<br>7pm - Troop 101              | 3<br>6:30pm - TOPS<br>7pm - Christmas<br>7:30pm - Karate-FH  | 4   | 5             |
| 6<br><b>Daylight Saving</b><br>9:30am - Worship/S             | 7<br>7pm - CE meeting<br>7:30pm - Zumba  | 8<br><b>Election Day</b><br>9:30am - Circle III<br>7pm - Council   | 9<br>7pm - Choir<br>7pm - Troop 101              | 10<br><b>Lucille's Prayer Day</b><br>6:30pm - TOPS<br>7pm - Christmas<br>7:30pm - Karate-FH  | 11<br><b>Spooner House meal</b><br><b>Veterans Day</b><br> | 12            |
| 13  | 14                                       | 15   | 16   | 17   | 18  | 19            |
| <b>FAIR SET-UP WEEK</b>                                       |  |  |  |  |   | 10am - am-3pm |
| 9:30am - Worship/S  |  | 7:30pm - Pastoral  | 7pm - Choir                                      | <b>Belfry Article</b>  | <b>Pumpkin &amp; Holly Fair</b><br>5:30pm - -8pm<br>       |               |
| 20<br>9:30am - Worship/S<br>10:30am - Cona'l<br>6:30pm - SHYG | 21<br>7:30pm - Zumba                     | 22<br>9:30am - Circle III<br>7pm - Ecumenical<br> | 23<br>6:30pm - TOPS<br>7pm - Choir               | 24<br><b>Office Closed</b><br><b>Thanksgiving</b><br> | 25  | 26            |
| 27<br>9:30am - Worship/S<br>10:30am - Confirmat               | 28<br>7:30pm - Zumba                     | 29<br>9:30am - Circle III  | 30<br>6pm - CE<br>7pm - Choir<br>7pm - Troop 101 | 1<br>6:30pm - TOPS<br>7:30pm - Karate-FH   | 2   | 3             |

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