

From the Heart of the Pastor

Congratulations to all the people who committed to reading through the New Testament this summer! After many weeks of commitment and reading, many of us made it all the way through Revelation. Some people read it together as a couple, others read it while tending to infirmed relatives, and others began their morning or ended their day reading God's word. Remember the words of Paul, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness so that the (person) of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

We not like "rebuking and correcting" because it is not pleasant to be rebuked. I invite you to think of it this way: In our congregation many are trainers, teachers, or professors. What would happen if they did not correct, or at times rebuke, their students? Their students would not be fully equipped to progress, or their be trained for their profession. Scripture equips us for every good work *God* intends. Just as a scuba diver needs to be equipped with an air tank, and a firefighter needs to be equipped with fire-resistant clothing, we need to be equipped with Scripture. Congratulations to all who are equipped for all the good work God intends for you!

What would you do if the President chose you to be an emissary to another country? In the discussion with the President, you discover your personality and experience are distinctive for your mission. You may rightly think it unlikely the President would call you with such a mission. Yet, you are called as an emissary, not for the United States of America, but for a kingdom that existed long before ours. We are called to represent God's kingdom as "Christ's ambassadors, as though God was making His appeal through us" (2 Corinthians 5:20). What kind of appeal are you making with your life?

I give God thanks for the many people at Westwood whose lives make the kind of appeal Paul speaks about in 2 Corinthians carrying "a message of reconciliation" (5:19). In Acts 1:3, Luke tells us Jesus "gave many convincing proofs He was alive." We heard about some of the convincing proofs God is alive last Sunday when Cameron Andrews talked about the engaging teaching in "Kingdom Kids." Last Tuesday many people accepted the invitation to know God better through the Alpha Course. Next Sunday we will hear incredible stories at how God is making his appeal through our support of Resurrection UMC in Russia. What a blessing to be chosen and equipped to be ambassadors of Christ, offering convincing proofs Jesus is alive!

In the 40 days the resurrected Jesus spent with the apostles He instructed them through the Holy Spirit, spoke to them about the kingdom of God (Acts 1:2, 3), and then instructed them to be His witnesses "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). As Todd Hunter points out, we are saved to serve Jesus, one another, and our world. One of the best ways to experience God in your life is to connect with being saved by grace so you can gracefully serve.

Please take some time this week to be equipped by these Scriptures: Seek first God's kingdom (Mt. 6:33). The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it (Mt. 13:45-46). Heal the sick who are there, and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you' (Luke 10:9).

Gratefully serving Jesus with you,
Pastor Wayne

What's Going on in Missions

\$150 was sent to Shepherd's Center from July's loose coins.

\$175 was given to International Child Care from August's loose coins to serve sick and hungry children in Haiti through Grace Children's Hospital and other programs.

\$103 was remitted for Rural Life Sunday; \$25 was remitted for Christian Education Sunday.

Backpacks and school supplies were delivered to Stockbridge Ave. UMC for reachout to the children in Edison neighborhood.

\$300 was given from the children's musical offering to Clean Water for the World, a local non-profit organization providing simple adaptable water purification systems at no charge to communities without access to clean drinking water.

371 pounds of non-perishable food items was gathered during the two weeks of the children's musical and delivered to Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes.

\$2,500 was given to the renovation work at Resurrection UMC in Voronezh, Russia. Vitamins and trail mix were delivered there as requested. A wonderful mission trip in which much work was done on the outside back of the church building, and new connections and re-connections were made with members and friends of the church. A computer projector was purchased and delivered to the Russian Theological Seminary in Moscow for use in the classroom.

Native American Sunday will be observed with a special offering on September 20 that will nurture missions with Native Americans and provide scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians.

Loose coins in September will go to UMCOR via the Great Gospel Sing Out.

Thank you for supporting our covenants with Paul Webster in Zambia and Resurrection UMC in Russia by attending and contributing financially at the Sunday morning breakfasts held monthly held throughout the summer. However, we have quite a ways to go yet to complete these covenants monetarily in 2009 and your financial assistance is much appreciated through support of a fundraiser or a gift earmarked for Paul Webster or the Russia Initiative.

Autumn theme decorated baskets filled with individually wrapped homemade cookies and mini-muffins will be available for order on September 13 and 20 with pick-up on September 27. Three sizes of baskets will be available and proceeds will go to our Russia Initiative covenant.

Early Eves

Early Eves will meet at Marian Burkey's, 471 W. South Street, Kalamazoo, at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15th. The donation for Hospital House is 100% fruit juice drink boxes or individual snacks (fruit cups, crackers, puddings, wrapped candy). All are invited to attend! See you there!

Swing Set Completed for Mama Roxanne Day Care

Paul Webster, our missionary in Zambia, writes: "After delays due to lack of transportation and simply too many other "irons in the fire" we have finally begun to build the promised playground, latrines and other improvements to the Mama Roxanne Day Care Center in Mujila. We recently installed a swing set, tire swing, and dug the pits for the latrines. We will be building the latrines in the coming weeks and adding a see saw, slide and a merry-go-round to the play ground as time permits and materials are found. We are very thankful for the \$1400 sent in by Christ-Greensboro UMC in Greensboro, North Carolina for helping us to upgrade our facilities at Mama Roxanne Day Care which is now celebrating its third year of service to Mujila. We also want to thank the VIM team from Wisconsin who painted and provided educational materials for the Day Care Centre in February of this year. Things look much cleaner and more professional.

It is heartwarming to see children who have never seen a playground in their lives pushing each other on the swings and almost overloading the tire swing with their eager bodies. We see the playground occupied from sun-up to sun-down."

Pasty Sale – Saturday, October 3

Due to increased demand, pasty sales this season will be held three times instead of two. Other sales will be held in mid-January and mid-March. However, in an effort to make the amount of pasties produced more doable, **a maximum of 750 pasties will be made**. Since two more pasty sales are planned, please consider reducing the amount you order on this first sale so that all orders may be filled. Orders will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Contact Nancy VandenBrink at 344-6945 if you have questions.

Please return your order to the church office by Monday, September 28.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Quantity desired:

_____ Baked (\$2.75 each) _____ Unbaked (\$2.25 each)

Please indicate the time you will pick up your order:
(for unbaked orders, morning is best)

_____ 10:30 a.m. _____ 12:30 p.m. _____ 2:00 p.m.

Checks should be made payable to Westwood United Methodist Women.
(orders can be prepaid or pay at time of pick-up)

Native American Sunday

A special offering will be taken on September 20 for Native American Sunday. This offering goes to develop and strengthen Native American ministries within the West Michigan Conference as well as provide scholarships to Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology and seminaries. Envelopes are in your giving envelope packet or will be available in the September 20 worship folder.

The New Adventurers are going to the New Vic Theatre

Saturday, September, 26
Dessert & Theatre

The New Adventurers are going to the “New Vic Theatre” on Saturday, September 26 to the “The Best of Times”. This is a musical odyssey of the popular folk music era of the 60’s and 70’s. We will meet at the church at 7:00 p.m. for dessert before going to the musical. Please call Joyce Branch at 372-7688 for information or reservations. Tickets are \$25.00. Deadline is September 10th.

Kingdom Kids Introduces “Meet And Greet”

Is it occasionally a real challenge to get yourselves *and* your children to church at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings? On those mornings, you can drive your Kingdom Kid to church even if you yourselves are not yet ready. This fall adult volunteers will be waiting at the back door of the church to “meet and greet” your Kingdom Kid and to escort your child safely into the Market Place (room 10). You will pick up your child after Sunday School at 10:30 as usual. Please call Kim Longstroth (375-3723) for more information.



Church Directory

The photos for the pictorial directory will be taken on Sept. 24 – 26 and Oct. 12 – 14.

Please pick up a scheduling form by the church office, fill it out, and turn it in to the Messenger mailbox (outside of the office). If you would like a sitting of extended family in addition to your directory photo, you are more than welcome to do so. If you have any questions about scheduling or your photo sitting, please contact Beth Arbogast at 343-3937.

Faith-Hope Circle

The Faith-Hope Circle will meet September 16 at 1:00 P.M. with refreshments and a program.

Job Board At Westwood UMC

Got a Job? Need a Job?

We thought it would be a good idea if we, the congregation of Westwood, began to network with one another regarding available jobs and the need for jobs within our community. If you, or someone you know, needs a job, be sure to visit the job board – near the elevator entrance next to ALPHA. There are cards to fill out and post on the board. If you know about a job that is available, fill out the same card and post that as well. If you don't need a job and don't know about any right now – please visit the board and find out who does need a job and also become aware of what job postings you see there. Keep your eyes and ears open for jobs around the area, and keep others in mind as you go through your week. Pray for jobs to become available for those who need them, and if you hear about something, contact someone on the board with information, and also post the information on the board. Together, we can change lives and make a difference! Thank you.

Financial Peace University starts Sept. 17th @ 7:00

Previews are offered: Sept. 6th following 2nd service
& Sept. 10th @ 7:00

What is Financial Peace University? It's a 13-week life changing personal finance course that teaches solid principles of common-sense money management. You will be empowered to:

- Establish a plan to take control of your finances
- Eliminate debt using the "Debt Snowball" method
- Start an "Emergency Fund" so you are prepared for unexpected expenses

This 13-week program encourages positive behavior with accountability and support. Personal finance is only 20% head knowledge and 80% behavior. It really helps to have others work along side us who are experiencing some of the same struggles we are. You will feel empowered by establishing a plan to take control of your finances.

The cost is \$100* and includes the following:

Financial Peace University Workbook - 13 life-changing lessons designed to be worth \$2,000-\$3,000 in information and education!

All 13 Lessons on CD - Listen to the lessons anytime, or use them as a refresher once you've completed the program

Dave's best-selling book, *Financial Peace Revisited* - Over a million have benefited from these solid financial principles of common-sense money management

Financial Peace University Envelope System - Easy cash management envelope system

Budgeting Forms - Complete set of monthly budgeting forms and examples

Two Debit Card Holders - Helps you stop busting your budget!

Tip Cards - Easy reference guides for you to use when you go out

To sign up (or ask questions), please contact:
Jo Turner at (269) 207-6151 or by e-mail: fpjturner@aol.com

*There may be some scholarships available.



Fall Adult Classes: Grow Your Faith!

Sunday Morning beginning Sept. 20, 9:30 a.m.

Attentiveness: Being Present

Is life going by so fast that you have difficulty keeping up? This class will help us examine our busy lives and learn how to be present with ourselves, with each other, and with God. The group will use Scripture and video to experience, discuss, and meditate on the Christian model of attentiveness. Teacher: Ken Smith. Location: Wesley Room

Adult Bible Studies Class

“Hope is a good thing; God-centered hope changes everything.” Our class this fall is about God’s people in Bible times and present times struggling to maintain hope for the future God has promised. These lessons are based on Scripture from the books of Joshua, Judges, Ezra, Nehemiah, Mark and I & II Peter. The series’ authors challenge us to live faithfully while reminding us of the constant presence of a faithful, forgiving, gracious, holy, welcoming God. This drop-in class is for all adults and is facilitated by Louise Jameson. Location: Simpson Hall.

Midweek Classes

Praying the Psalms

Pastor Wayne Price will teach how the ancient book of Psalms can be a vital part of our prayer life. Time: Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Location: Wesley Room

The Way of Discernment

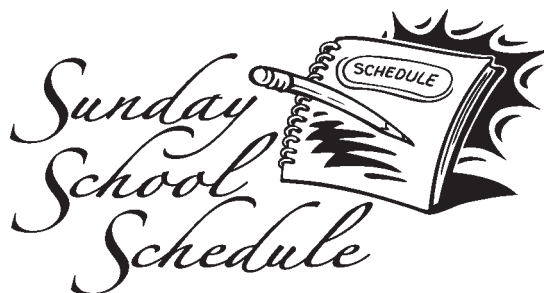
How do we know God’s will for our lives? This class from the popular Companions in Christ series explores the practice of discernment for individuals and congregations through weekly reading, daily exercises and a small group meeting. Previous Companions class NOT required. Time: Wednesdays, September 30 thru Dec. 16, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Location: Wesley Room. Teachers: Eileen Scamehorn and Laurel Andrews

Disciple IV: Under the Tree of Life

This is the second part of the Disciple class that began last fall. We will concentrate on the Gospel of John; 1,2, and 3 John; James; Jude; and Revelation. Worship is a central theme throughout the study. Time: Wednesdays beginning Sept. 2, 6-8 p.m. Location: Lounge. Teacher: Louise Jameson

Coming in January...Disciple II: Into the Word, Into the World

This class will concentrate Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts. This 32-week study will cover half the lessons in winter/spring, break for summer and finish in Fall 2010.



United Methodist Women National Assembly April 30 - May 2, 2010 Faith - Hope - Love In Action

We look forward with great anticipation as we prepare to gather for the 42nd Assembly of United Methodist Women at the America's Center in St. Louis, Missouri. God is at work in the world and United Methodist Women members are a part of that mission work. Assembly celebrates women who work locally and globally in social justice for change. It is a moment where we gather to share our stories, celebrate our passion for mission, and learn new techniques for action and service. We then return to our communities refreshed, recharged and equipped with new tools for mission.

There will be a variety of performances, workshops and panel discussions to choose from at Assembly 2010. We will essentially be able to design our own Assembly experience, choosing from among the options offered in the Dome, the Experience Hall and the Ferrara Theatre. There will be a Cyber Cafe' so we can connect online and Late Night programs are in the works so we can connect for fun. Assembly 2010 is all about making connections and broadening horizons.

Online registration will simplify the process of planning your Assembly 2010 experience. Go to www.umwmission.org, click on Assembly 2010 and follow the prompts. Early online registration began June 1, and will continue through November 30, with a discounted Assembly fee of \$215 per person. Early online pricing is available only for those who choose to register for Assembly online because of the associated added cost of paper mail-in forms. Full price registration begins December 1 with an Assembly fee of \$250 per person. Registration fees include: plenary sessions and worship, full access to the Experience Hall, workshops, panel discussions and performances, a limited edition tote bag with Assembly materials, the Assembly Program book, and an Assembly 2010 commemorative pin.

Plan on joining me and other women from the West Michigan Conference at Assembly 2010.

Beth Mitchell
United Methodist Women
Conference Membership, Nurture & Outreach Coordinator

Autumn Baskets

The Missions team in cooperation with United Methodist Women will be selling Autumn baskets to support our sister congregation, the Resurrection UMC in Voronezh, Russia. Lovingly decorated baskets (3 sizes available) will be filled with a variety of individually wrapped homemade cookies or mini muffins (or a combination of both) will be available for pick-up on Sunday, September 27. These baskets would make a lovely "thank you" or "thinking of you" gift. Orders will be taken on Sunday, September 13 or 20 at the table in the Narthex. Basket decorating will take place at the home of Jeanette Jupp, 4817 Weston, on Thursday mornings, September 17 and 24 with lunch following. You are invited!



News from Worship & Fine Arts



For the heights and depts. That have no reach, God gave us music, the soul's own speech

Musical Offerings In Worship

Date	First Service 8:30	Second Service 10:55
Sept 20	Glory Connection	Glory Connection / Praise Team
Sept 27	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir/Praise Team
Oct 4	WW Handbell Ens & Q	WWHBE/Q/ Instrumentalists

Music Programing Kicks Off In September

Please check below for times. All groups welcome new faces into their ministries. Please feel invited to come. If you have questions, be sure to call the contact listed below for your group of interest. Music ministries are a powerful means by which we connect with God and each other. God will touch hearts through us. Come and be part of this outstanding volunteer ministry area.

Music Ministries exist for the purpose of being used by God for the building of His Kingdom. They are also an avenue by which we offer Christ, grow in Faith, Touch Lives, make a difference. Praise God in His Sanctuary . . . Praise him with the sound of trumpets . . . with tambourine and dancing . . . with resounding cymbals. Psalm 150 Sing to the Lord a New Song, His praise in the assembly of the saints. Psalm 149

Praise Team, rehearsals resume on Sept 13 at 9:45.

Leader: Jane Wright

Westwood Handbell Ensemble (Youth/adult) begins Wed Sept 9, 7PM, Room 13.

Leader – Jane Wright – 344-7165

Handbell Q (invited ringers) meet Wednesdays 6:15 in Room 13.

Leader: Jan Urfer 381-2256

Chancel Choir begins Thur., Sept 10, with a party night and quick rehearsal at Doug and Margo Heystek's home. 6PM-8:30. All other Thursdays - Room 12 of the Education Wing 7-8:45.

Leader – Jane Wright - 344-7165

Westwood Singers (grades 4-8) begin Wed, Sept 9, room 12, 6-7:45,

Leader Karen Bowman 375-9580.

Westwood Ringers (Grades 5-12) will begin Sunday, Sept 20 at 4:45 in room 13 at 4:45-6PM.

Leader Vicki Reed 385-1760

High School Singers: NEW GROUP. Begins Wednesday, Sept 9 at 6 PM, Room 10

Leader: Tina Egan

Junior Chimes (grades 3-5) begin during second service starting Sept 13

Leader Erica Jenkins 552-4993.

Instrumentalists who would like to play in worship on Sept 6 and other Sundays, please talk to

Leader: Jane Wright -344-7165 Ext 205

Glory Connection II Gospel Quartet Meets Thursdays at 6PM.

(Opportunity available for an accompanist) Leader: Beth Mitchell – 343-6806

Great Gospel Singout For UMCOR

If you would like to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief, please make your donation through Westwood by October 11 when the Chancel Choir will take our UMCOR donations to the Great Gospel Sing Out to be counted. The event begins at 3:00. Each music group representing their church sings one song. After the song, a collection is taken for UMCOR. People vote for their favorite choir by putting loose coins and dollars and their church UMCOR donation into the offering. At the end, all the donations are tallied and announced for each church. The entire amount is then donated to UMCOR and the winners receive a trophy for their division. Westwood has won two years running! Save your coins and go to Vicksburg for all the fun. This might be the year the Great Gospel Sing Out brings tops out at over \$400,000 total over the years. Every church however, gets credit toward our ministry shares to the United Methodist Church Conference.

Westwood Singers News

During the next several weeks, your Westwood Singer families will be working hard to raise money for our choir program and activities. We are offering a collection of excellent merchant coupons from local businesses. These **Peel It Cards** will cost only \$10. They represent an incredible value and may be used through the end of 2010. Some are for unlimited use through 2010. Best of all Westwood Singers will retain \$5 from each card sold. The merchants include:

Restaurants

TGIFridays
Ground Round
Buffalo Wild Wings
Big Boy
Old Country Buffet

Entertainment

Celebration Cinema
Rave Motion Pictures
Video Hits
Kalamazoo 10
Airway Lanes Checkers

Ice Cream/Coffee

Dairy Queen
Coldstone Creamery
Biggby Coffee

Subs

Quiznos
Lenny's
Blimpie

Stores

Best Buy
MC Sports
Fast Food
Burger King
Taco Bell
Fazoli's
Taco Bob's
Lee's
Big Apple Bagel
Noodles Co

Pizza

Godfather's Pizza
Hungry Howie's
Cottage Inn Pizza
Domino's Pizza
Papa Johns
Samuel Mancinos

Unlimited use coupons (through 2010) include Arby's, Bennigans, Big Apple Bagel, Dunham's Sports, and Family Video. See any Westwood Singer for yours!

Ongoing Prayers for Westwood Members

Prayers for comfort, healing and strength

Homebound

Viole Essany, 1117 Turwill Lane, Kalamazoo, 49006

Comfort, Healing and Strength

Beth Arbogast, 2639 Hazelnut Lane, Kalamazoo, 49004

Gary Babbitt, 47040 24th Street, Mattawan, 49071

Pat Bailey, 1855 Quail Cove, Kalamazoo, 49009

Don Bertch, Bronson Methodist Hospital, 601 John Street, Kalamazoo, 49007

Thom Carrington, Sojourner House, 1490 E. Beltline SE, Grand Rapids, 49506

Jolie Ann Corda, 617 Flamingo Avenue, Portage, 49024

Gary Cumming, 4867 Sweet Cherry Lane, Kalamazoo, 49004

Judy DeHaan, 612 Jenks Blvd., Kalamazoo, 49006

Lois and Arlo Dunkelberger, 1390 Ewing Way, Kalamazoo, 49004

Irene Dutton, 918 Nichols Road, Kalamazoo, 49006

Lynn (Ethlyn) Graebner, Upjohn Community Care Center, Heritage Community of Kalamazoo,
2400 Portage, Kalamazoo, 49001

Vicki Hale

Dick Harrison, 3908 Iroquios, Kalamazoo, 49006

Samuel Jennings

Sally Krohn

Mabel Hillis, 3014 Winter Wheat, Kalamazoo, MI, 49004

Julie Lancaster, 1629 Turwill Lane, Kalamazoo, 49006

The MacGregor Family (Jim MacGregor died on Sept. 10)

Jim Parker, 5939 N. Westnedge, Kalamazoo, 49004

Mary Penn, 550 Chadd's Ford Way, Oshtemo, 49009

Jean Marie Peters (*Pastor Wayne's sister*)

Betty Pick, Bickford Cottage, Merry Bee, 4704 W. Milham Ave., Portage, 49024

John Reid, 1205 Bunkerhill, Kalamazoo, 49009

Mike Roush, 522 Cherokee #212, Kalamazoo, 49006

Patricia Smith

Norma Stafford, 1400 N. Drake Rd., #408, Kalamazoo, 49006

(Norma is at Friendship Village for rehab.)

Emily Strong, 3504 Iroquois Trail, Kalamazoo, 49006

Betty Thompson, 1400 N. Drake Rd., Apt. 189, Kalamazoo, 49006

Nancy Wallus, 717 Kendall, Kalamazoo, 49006

Protection from Harm in Iraq and Afghanistan

Toby Brown

Anthony Earl

Nicholas Heystek

Neil McKenna

Carl Williams

Christopher Wilson



Calendar of Events




Sunday, September 20, 2009	
8:30 AM	Worship Celebration
9:30 AM	Sunday School
9:45 AM	Praise Team
	Worship Assistant Meeting between services
10:55 AM	Worship Celebration
4:45 PM	Westwood Ringers
6:00 PM	Youth Groups
Monday, September 21, 2009	
12:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive
6:00 PM	Spiritual Formation
7:00 PM	Courters
7:00 PM	Staff Parish
7:00 PM	Missions
7:00 PM	BSA Commissioners
7:00 PM	Board of Trustees
Tuesday, September 22, 2009	
10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
12:30 PM	Lay Ministers/Staff
6:00 PM	Alpha
6:30 PM	Quilters & Crafters
Wednesday, September 23, 2009	
10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study
1:00 PM	Prayer Fellowship
6:00 PM	Westwood Singers
6:00 PM	Disciple IV
6:00 PM	High School Choir
6:15 PM	4th Day Women
6:15 PM	The "Q"
7:00 PM	WHBE
Thursday, September 24, 2009	
12:00 PM	4th Day Men
2:30 PM	Church Directory
6:00 PM	Glory Connection
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
7:00 PM	Financial Peace University
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Friday, September 25, 2009	
2:30 PM	Church Directory
Saturday, September 26, 2009	
	"Do All You Can Do" Mission Day with Cooperative Churches
9:00 AM	Missions
9:00 AM	Boy Scout Training
9:45 AM	Church Directory
7:00 PM	New Adventurer's
Sunday, September 27, 2009	
8:30 AM	Worship Celebration
9:30 AM	Sunday School
9:45 AM	Praise Team
10:55 AM	Worship Celebration
4:45 PM	Westwood Ringers
6:00 PM	Youth Groups



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There really is more to life!

At Westwood United Methodist Church, we seek to connect:

-  with God, seeking a spiritual center for our lives
-  with each other, creating friendships that last
-  with our community, serving the needs of our neighbors

Come and see!

**Worship Celebrations at
8:30 a.m. and 10:55 a.m.**
Nursery care is provided
during both celebrations.

Visit us on the web at:

<http://www.westwood-umc.org/>

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