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Friends,

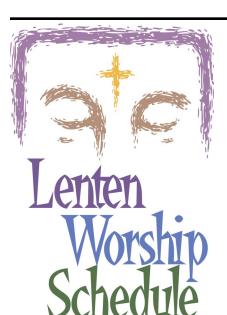
As we journey through the Lenten season, I hope you have been able to set aside time to examine your faith and draw closer to God. If you are still looking for ideas, the sheets I handed out in worship can be found on our website on the Pastor's Page. Since we are over half way through Lent, we will soon be entering Holy Week. In my opinion, Holy Week, beginning with Palm (Passion) Sunday, is the pinnacle of the church year. With that in mind, I encourage you to join us in all of the services we will be offering that week.

Beginning Palm Sunday, and going throughout the week, I will be sending out Scriptures daily (and posting them online) to keep you attuned to what was going on for Jesus that week. In worship, beginning on Palm Sunday, we will explore Jesus entering Jerusalem for the last time, and the crowd's reaction, which will change drastically over the course of the week. On Maundy Thursday we will experience Jesus' last night and meal with his friends when he gives them a "new commandment." At the end of the service we will strip the sanctuary as we head into Good Friday.

On Good Friday, I encourage you to come to the church and stop in the sanctuary where we will have materials to read and consider, as well as some "physical" ways to think about Jesus on the cross. The building will be open from Noon to 3pm (the traditional time that Jesus was on the cross), but I will leave the materials in the sanctuary until Saturday night if you cannot get here during the open time. Then on Easter morning, we will celebrate together at 10am. There is also a "SonRise" service on the canal at 7am, which I will be participating in if you wish to join us then as well.

Then we arrive at Easter Sunday. Resurrection Sunday is a significant celebration. Jesus will be raised from the dead!! That deserves celebration!! But, I firmly believe that if you want to fully realize the joy and celebration of Easter morning, you need to have journeyed the path of Palm Sunday: from adoration on Sunday, to terror on Thursday, to painful humiliation and death on Friday. So, let me urge you to join us

Peace,
Pastor Tedd



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday, April 9th at 10am — Palm Sunday Service Come ride into Jerusalem with your King.

Thursday, April 13th at 7pm — Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae Come sit with Jesus and the disciples and hear the new commandment.

Friday, April 14th from Noon to 3pm — Good Friday
Come to a time of quiet contemplation in the sanctuary; follow Jesus' final
walk, read about his death, and sit with the cross.

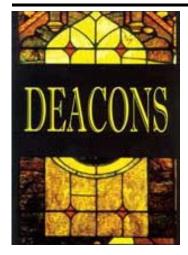
Sunday, April 16th at 7am — Easter SonRise Spencerport Ecumenical Easter SonRise Service, Spencerport Gazebo

Sunday, April 16th at 10am — Resurrection Service Easter Sunday Celebration of the Resurrection, at OPC. He Is Risen!!

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Welcome to the Committee Corner! Session has elected to highlight the many mission and outreach activities going on at OPC, both to inform congregants and visitors of all that we do, as well as to guide Stewardship communications. Each month, we will focus on the inner workings of one of our many committees. This will help keep the congregation up-to-date on the happenings, both current and future, in OPC, with the hopes that it might help people find a way to utilize their own talents in our church. It also shows why your financial contributions are so important to our overall ministry, and why your support is vital to the overall success of OPC and ensuring its place within our community.



As the Book of Order puts it, "The office of deacon as set forth in the scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. It is a ministry of compassion; and a ministry of prayer, and community service."

The Board of Deacons at OPC consists of 9 people. The church congregation is divided into 9 zones, and each Deacon oversees his/her zone. Along with that, each is responsible for a particular job assignment, as follows:

Dawn Sheffet is Moderator
Dennise Webster is Co-Moderator, and Cards
Cindy Caloritis is Flowers
Diane Dupree is Membership
Ruth Gaskill is in charge of Communion Servers
Sim Mulford is in charge of Communion Prep
Harry Pittman is in charge of Welfare (Clothes Closet), and the Men@Work Group
Marilyn Spilberg is our Secretary
Ron Tucker is our Treasurer

The Deacons also provide meals for congregation members in need, make hospital visits, visit the sick and shut-ins (and serve them communion if wanted). Deacons also provide rides if needed, and also provide and deliver Touch Cards each week.

When a member (or relative of) passes away, the Deacons are responsible to meet with the family and the minister and arrange funeral receptions.

The Deacons also use the zone list to reach out to the congregation when perhaps a member has passed away, or the church needs information to reach the congregation in a timely fashion, or, most recently, after the wind storm to check on people and see if they were okay.

We also have 2 prayer chains. Some people just want requests to go through the Deacons, so we have a Deacons only prayer chain. We have another larger prayer chain which includes people in the congregation.

The Deacons are funded by the Communion offering each month. The envelopes are found in the pews, and we appreciate the donations in order to make our work possible.

Blessings,

Dawn and Dennise



ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Please remember to email your monthly minutes to Brandon at ogdenpresbyterian@gmail.com Thank you! APRIL 2017 PAGE 3



It's easy to get lost in the Interim process, so it is important to make sure everyone stays informed and up to date. Currently we are in Step 2, <u>Discovering a New Identity</u> — also known as completing the Mission Study. This step typically takes the longest to complete. During this step we are working together as a church community to answer 3 overarching questions: 1) Who are we? 2) Who are our neighbors? 3) What is God calling us to do?

The team of Dawn Sheffet, Harry Pittman, Cindy Anderson, Dennis Dupree, and Pastor Tedd has been meeting twice per month to guide Ogden through this process and to help us answer these questions fully.

Currently we are in the "information gathering" phase. You have seen the congregational questions distributed during worship, in emails, and on the website. Thank you for your positive response! We are compiling your answers to the questions and will share that with you soon. The team has also been meeting with people from the town, village, and surrounding area to gather more information about our neighbors and where some needs might be. Once the team has gathered sufficient information from you all and from the neighborhood, we will share this information with everyone. We will do this through mail, email, and the website. We will ask each of you to read through the information we have gathered from you and others, and begin to draw conclusions of your own as to where our strengths, passions, and talents meet the needs around us. Then we will have a congregational meeting and a fun discussion together where we will draw some final conclusions and direction. The discussion needs to involve as many people as possible, so when we set the date (sometime in May?), please make every effort to attend.

After we draw our conclusions together and answer the above questions as a congregation, we will produce a written report and a formal Mission Statement. The Mission Statement will be shared with you and Session and then go to Presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM) to be approved. After it is approved, you will put together a Pastoral Nominating Committee and begin your search. With the updated Mission Statement, you will be able to identify the type of pastoral leadership you are seeking, as well as what qualities, characteristics, and skills should the Pastoral Nominating Committee be looking for in your next pastoral leader.

While the search is going on, we will work through the rest of the Interim steps, including: Empowering New Leaders, Re-strengthening our Denominational Ties, and Commitment to New Leadership, New Direction, and the Future. Please, if you have questions about the future: <u>ASK!</u> Either I will answer, or someone from Session or from the Mission Study team will answer. There is no reason to be unsure or confused. As well, during the process, we will continue to study Scripture, worship, fellowship, do mission, and grow as disciples together. Thank you for your participation and faithfulness.

Pastor Tedd



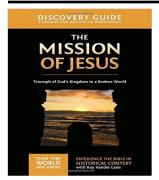
NEW OPC ORGANIST HIRED!

On behalf of Personnel and Worship and Music, we would like to welcome our newest staff member, Ellen Bristol. Ellen has accepted the position of Organist for OPC effective April 30th. Ellen brings extensive training and experience to the Organist position as an organist at several churches, as well as being a Middle School teacher. She will be a great addition, and has many ideas for furthering the music program. She will complement our Choir Director, Jean Weaver, and our Bell Choir Director, Bonnie Bush, creating a solid music staff!

Thank you to the members of the Personnel Committee, our Choir Director, and our Pastor for their help in the search process. Welcome, Ellen!

Roger Howlett, Chair—Worship and Music Dick Malloy, Chair—Personnel

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LENTEN SERIES 2017Featuring Ray Vander Laan's DVD and Books

The last of the five sessions will be Thursday, April 6th, 7pm, at OPC.

"The Mission of Jesus" with Ray Vander Laan is the focus of this year's Lenten Series. This five-session series covers Jesus' ministry, his crucifixion, ascension, and the day of Pentecost. "The Mission of Jesus" is the 14th and most recent volume of Ray Vander Laan's DVD series filmed in the Holy Land.



THANK YOU!

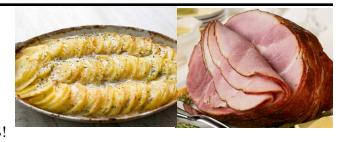
I want to personally thank all those who participated in the 2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner. It was a <u>huge</u> success, not only for the money raised for the ministry of OPC, but also for the outreach to the community. We realized a profit of \$951.88. The money will be used to further the three cornerstones of OPC: building disciples, providing outreach to the community, and congregational care. Speaking of outreach, 2/3 of the attendees were from the community, which is great news!

Thank you to those that worked so hard to make this a success. Thank you to each person that donated goods or money. And lastly, thank you to all those who attended. ~Dick Malloy, for Men's Bible Study

SAVE THE DATE!!! Scalloped Potato & Ham Dinner Saturday, May 6th

Seatings at 4:30 and 6:00pm

Dinners include beverage and dessert. \$9 for adults; Children under 5 are Free FREE FOR ANY EAGLE STAR VETERAN WITH PASS!



Contact Betty at 352-5610 to reserve your tickets!

This fundraiser is sponsored by Women's Bible Study to support the ministry of OPC.



ANNUAL OPC RUMMAGE SALE Thursday through Saturday, April 20-22, 2017

The Annual OPC Rummage Sale will be held the week after Easter. Setup will start on Easter Sunday, and items can be dropped off at the church any time that week (earlier is MUCH better than later).

SALEABLE items **must be clean** and priced no less than 50 cents. Bundle smaller items together to make them worth at least 50 cents for the bundle.

There will be a worker sign-up sheet on the PW Bulletin Board. We need help both for the prep days and during sale hours.

Questions? Call Pat Everett at 352-6848.

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Scatter seeds of kindness wherever you go

Our Shut-ins

Judy Pagel at St. Mary's

Gene Brendel at The Hamlet @ Unity Villages

The Allyns at The Rochester Friendly Home

Our Deacons for 2017

Dawn Sheffet — Moderator

Dennise Webster — Co-Moderator/Cards

Harry Pittman — Charity, Men @ Work

Cindy Caloritis — Flowers

Diane Dupree — Membership

Sim Mulford—Communion Setup

Ruth Gaskill — Communion Servers

Marilyn Spilberg — Secretary

Ron Tucker — Treasurer

Deacon News

- ❖ Don't forget the Deacon Clothes Closet in the Narthex coat room when getting rid of old clothes. We donate the clothes to those in need in the community. Attach a note to your
 - donation if you would like a receipt.
- ❖ The work of the Deacons is supported by your contributions to the Deacon offering, which is taken on Communion Sundays. Offering envelopes can be found in the pews.
- ❖ As always, thank you for all your support!

Please remember our military:

SGT. MULFORD, GARY CMR 414 BOX 129 APO AE 09173





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STITCHIN' FOR MISSION

The Stitchin' for Mission group continues to meet the 2nd Thursday of each month from 10-Noon at OPC. We have a group of very dedicated people who crochet/knit afghans and others who sew squares together to make quilts. We then give them to people who need the love they bring when they are ill or are having a difficult time in their life. If the group is something you might be interested in, please come and join us to see what we do. If you have any questions, call Marilyn Malloy at 723-1731.

DINNERS FOR 8 ARE BACK!!!

Back by popular request, attempting to promote deeper connections among members of the congregation. Attendance will be limited to eight guests plus the hosts. **Sign-up on the Discipleship Board.**

We are also seeking volunteers who would be willing to host future dinners at their homes. Hosts are free to choose the date and time of their dinner, as well as the number of guests. Hosts often provide a main dish with the guests bringing other dishes, but individual dinners may vary. A second sign-up sheet is posted for this.

BON APPETIT!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY PROJECT

Women's Bible Study continues to collect, clean, package and send used pill bottles to Matthew 25 Ministries. So far, we have sent over 2,500 bottles and have more to send soon! Thank you all for your bottles, and continue to drop them off in the box on the Mission Table.

~Sharon Pittman, for Women's Bible Study

WOMEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us this spring at 9:30 in the Oak Room as we journey with Christ to Jerusalem — and the cross as seen through the lens of Matthew's gospel. Matthew's account of Jesus' trial, death, and resurrection has several unique features not found in the other gospels. Jesus' crucifixion was not the end, but only the beginning of a new and glorious chapter in God's dealing with humankind.

All OPC women and their friends are welcome.

See Anne Wallace with any questions.







Hot Drink Mixes (coffee — decaf, regular, and instant, cocoa, cider) are in short supply right now at the Food Shelf. They especially DO NOT need corn or green beans at this time. Any cash donations toward purchase of gift cards can be given to Jean Schult or Andy Resch.

There are over 120 families that regularly depend upon help from our Food Shelf. Your donations help fulfill that need in our community. Thank you for your continued donations. ~Jean Schult and Andy Resch, Food Shelf Representatives



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"ALL YOU CAN EAT" PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 1, 2017 8-11am

Cost: \$5 age 11 and up, \$3 ages 5-10

Help support the Summer 2017 Youth Mission Trip to 'The Pittsburgh Project'

The

This July, a mission team with participants from both Spencerport United Methodist and OPC will head off for an urban service mission trip to Pittsburgh. Crazy cobblestone streets and soaring steel bridges connect neighborhoods dotted with elderly, isolated

residents who need help. Our group will spend a week rebuilding their homes. We'll bear witness to God's great love, and we'll see God in action throughout our visit.

Our days will be spent in service to the city's elderly, poor, shut-in, widowed, and disabled, addressing home repair needs. Projects usually include painting, dry walling, carpentry, and yard work. We'll see the difference we've made by the end of our week. We'll know that God worked through the relationships we've built and the work we've labored to finish.

After each day's work is complete, we gather for reflection, teaching, and worship, so that we are nurtured and encouraged for ongoing ministry back home. Designed with the hope of transforming our hearts and minds toward Christ, service camp will challenge us to take on a worldview that is underpinned by Christ-like service and instruction from the Bible.

Contact Donna Metherell at OPC or Bev Compertore at SUMC if you'd like more information.

MARCH SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The OPC Session met on Tuesday, March 21st. Some highlights from the meeting included:

- ❖ A new sound system was approved for Trustee sourcing.
- Our Personnel Committee is pleased to welcome Ellen Bristol, OPC's new organist.
- ❖ Moment for Mission on Sunday, March 26th, the Mission Committee is hosting a representative from the House of Hope.
- ❖ Phase 2 of OPC's Interim Journey is underway. The team is meeting with members from the local community and is compiling information, and identifying community needs.
- ❖ BLOCK PARTY! We are considering a community-wide event to be held outdoors this summer in our new pavilion. Music Food Fun for all!

OPC is blessed with many gifts. Thanks be to God!

Warmly, OPC Session



The 221st General Assembly (2014) affirmed a bold goal for Special Offerings of \$20 million a year by 2020 and challenged each congregation to begin receiving a new Offering and/or increasing current offering support by 10 percent. The following shows OPC vs. National giving.

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AGENCY	2015	2016	2015	2016	
Christmas Joy Offering	\$280.00	\$701.00	\$3,270,701	\$3,048,083	
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$901.00	\$312.00	\$5,998,872	\$5,333,442	
Pentecost Offering	\$157.20	\$148.05	\$656,886	\$717,021	
Peace & Global Awareness Offering	\$194.25	\$133.50	\$872,573	\$829,578	
Presbyterian Giving Catalog	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$615,714	\$771,903	

Thank you for your continued support of Presbyterian Missions!



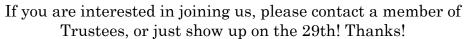
ATTENTION CHOIR MEMBERS!

Choir rehearsals will be moving back to Wednesday evenings at 7pm beginning on April 5th!

See you then!

TRUSTEE WORK DAY

Our spring Trustee work day is scheduled for Saturday, April 29th. In addition to the Trustees, the Boy Scouts from our OPC sponsored Troop 92 join us to tackle a list of activities.





Come and Join Usl



CROP Walk 2017

Spencerport residents will be gearing up to join this year's CROP Walk, which will be held on **Sunday, May 7th.** Registration begins at 12:30, and the walk begins at 1pm. Walkers begin at the Methodist Church on Amity Street, and walk along the canal towpath to Adams

Basin and back. Organized and sponsored by Spencerport

Ecumenical Ministries to help stop hunger here in our own community as well as around the country and the world, 25% of the total money raised remains here to benefit our own Food Shelf. OPC members can help in 2 ways: 1) we can walk and get sponsors, or 2) we can sponsor a walker. A shorter Golden Mile Walk is available for seniors or for those not able to walk the full 6 miles.

If you are interested in walking, please see Carol Quinn.

THANK YOU!

Dear OPC members, A warm thank you to all who sent touch cards, called, visited, stitched my beautiful quilt, baked Valentines cookies, and above all said a prayer for a full recovery. With your support, I am on my way to better days. God bless, Janet Fraina





ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four special offerings taken yearly to promote Presbyterian

Mission, and was started in 1949. We partner with communities around the world to ensure that children suffering from disease get treatment, that sanitation problems are corrected, and that tools and training are provided, thereby improving their world. Funds are divided between Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger Programs, and Self-Development Programs. This year's offering will be taken on Easter Sunday (April 16th). There will be special envelopes in the bulletins that Sunday. Thank you for your contributions and generosity!

FACING DARKNESS MOVIE ENCORE SCREENING

If you missed the opportunity to see "Facing Darkness" at Tinseltown, you have a second opportunity. There is an encore screening on **Monday, April 10th**. Produced by Samaritan's Purse, the film documents the recent Ebola crisis, showing how people conquered their fear through their faith in Jesus Christ.





THANK YOU!

My love for my Christian friends at OPC is unbelievable. Your cards and prayers these last eight months have been very successful and appreciated. It seems so good to see one of everything again, especially my wife! Stop by the back pew and say hi! In 1 Corinthians 13:13 it is said that faith, hope, and love remain, and that the greatest of these is love; and this is what I have for my OPC friends. Thank you ALL!

~Ron Tucker

EASTER CRAFT IDEA: MAKE A RESURRECTION GARDEN!

SUPPLIES:

- Mini terra cotta pot (tomb)
- Terra cotta tray
- Small pebbles
- Grass Seed
- Potting Soil
- Small twigs (to make crosses)
- * Rock (to conceal tomb)
- . Glue gun
- Spray water bottle



Place the pot in the tray, and secure by placing potting mix around it. Pack soil in and on top of the pot, forming a small hill. Add pebbles around the opening of the "tomb". Place the larger stone half covering the tomb's entrance. Sprinkle grass seed on the soil. Using a glue gun, form three crosses from your twigs, and then stick them on the "hill" behind the tomb. Lightly spray the soil every day, and watch the grass seed sprout and grow. HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

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Worship and Fellowship Assistants

GREETERS:

April 2 Sim Mulford

9 Bob Schmitt

16 Evelyn Bentley

23 Betty Hogue

30 Ron & Sherry Tucker

USHERS:

April 2 Sandy & Jim Frieday

9 Jean Schult & Carol Quinn

16 Marilyn & Dick Malloy

23 Dottie & Dave Everhart

30 Michelle Rosipayla & Sandi Mandarano

LITURGIST:

April 2 Sandy Frieday

9 Dennis Dupree

16 Sandy Frieday

23 Carol Newman

30 Norma Jones

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:

April 2 Beth Resch

9 Tracy McKinney

16 Sandy Frieday, Sandi Mandarano & Diana Inman

23 Diana Inman & Jean Schult

30 Suzie Ewell (w/ Fellowship & Christian Ed)

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

April 2 Carol Newman

9 Cindy Anderson

16 TBA

23 TBA

30 TBA

NURSERY CARE:

April 2 Stephanie Cassidy

9 Michelle Rosipayla

16 TBA

23 TBA

30 TBA

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Donna Gruendike, Molly & Scott Corey, & Julia Ryhal



Name	Day
Elisabeth Resch	4/2
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Edward Ryhal	4/3
Sherry Tucker	4 / 4
Robert Wallace	4 / 6
John Rynne	4 / 7
Chelsea Ann Metherell	4 / 9
Erika Brothers	4 / 9
Stephanie DeCamp	4 / 10
Erin Fox	4 / 11
Scott Corey	4 / 16
Jacob Gaskill	4 / 16
Heather Jeffery	4 / 20
Brian Anderson	4 / 20
Joyce Wheeler	4 / 21
Joanne French	4 / 24
James Bindert	4 / 25
Wayne Bulan	4 / 27
Randy Nundy	4 / 28

TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH: Wayne Bulan — April 766-1017

One trustee is assigned per month to take care of any building issues that may arise. Please call the designated Trustee if you have something that needs to be addressed.

Thank You!

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April 2017	Wednesday		5 TOPS, 5:30pm Bell Choir, 6pm "Choir, 7pm"	12 TOPS, 5:30pm Bell Choir, 6pm "Choir, 7pm"	19 TOPS, 5:30pm Bell Choir, 6pm "Choir, 7pm"	26 TOPS, 5:30pm Bell Choir, 6pm "Choir, 7pm"	
AF	Tuesday	ose be will	4 Women's Bible, 9:30am Finance, 7pm	11 Women's Bible, 9:30am CE (@Gaskills), 7pm	18 Women's Bible, 9:30am Session, 7pm	25 Women's Bible, 9:30am	
t.net com	Monday	OPC Mission Statement: Our purpose is to equip ourselves and others to be disciples of Christ as we seek God's will for our church and beyond.	3 Fellowship, 6pm Cub Scouts	10 Men's Bible, Noon, Union St. Eatery Cub Scouts	17 Deacons, 6:30pm Trustees, 7pm Cub Scouts	24 Men's Bible, Noon, OPC Cub Scouts	
Phone: 585-352-6802 Email: OgdenPres@frontiernet.net Web site: odgenpresbyterian.com	Sunday	OPC Mission is to equip or disciples of C for our chur	2 Sh Sunday in Lent Youth Group, 6:30	9 Palm Sunday Confirmation, 11:30-1 PW (after worship)	6 Easter Sunday Easter "SonRise" Service, 7am, Sppt. Gazebo	23 VBS Organizing Mtg, (after worship)	30 Confirmation Sunday

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Newsletter Deadline: Articles for the *May 2017* issue of The Oracle are due in the Church Office no later than **Monday, April** 17th by 10:00 a.m. All contributions are subject to editing with regard to the subject matter and space requirements.

The Oracle is the newsletter of the Ogden Presbyterian Church of Spencerport, New York, a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The newsletter is sent to members and friends of the congregation to keep them informed of events, activities, and people in the life of the congregation. Sunday worship is at 10:00a.m. Church school is offered for all ages. Coffee Fellowship immediately follows worship. All guests are welcome!

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