

# *First United Methodist Church*

*Welcome! We are committed to loving the whole city, and loving the city whole!*

*November 3, 2024 - 10:00am - All Saints Sunday*

## **GATHERING AND PRAISE**

**Prelude:** *Variations on "In the Sweet By and By"*

*by Joseph Webster; arr. Matti Pesonen*

**Welcome and Announcements** – *Please sign in on the Attendance pads, or use your phone and the QR Code to the right to sign in electronically or use this link: <https://form.jotform.com/211785166356159>*



*Please fill out your yellow prayer cards*

**\*Opening Hymn UMH #711:** *"For All the Saints"*

- 1) For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee, by faith, before the world confessed.  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2) Thou was their rock, their fortress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their captain in the  
well-fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3) O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4) O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5) And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6) From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in  
the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**The Call to Worship:** *(adapted from Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good.": <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org>)*

**One:** In the beginning of creation, God called the world into being, saying,

**All: Let there be light!**

**One:** In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to humankind, saying,

**All: "I am the light of the world."**

**One:** In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints who came before us.

**All: In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.**

**One:** Like those who came before us, we commit ourselves to loving God and neighbor, that we, too, may make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**All: With gratitude for living saints, and with thankfulness for the purpose of faith, let us worship God!**

*\* Please stand if you are able*

## Living Our Gratitude

♪ Please help support your church family. Enjoy the music as a time to give thanks to God for all with which you have been blessed. Use the QR code to the right or give online here: <https://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/give/>



**The Offertory:** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

*traditional Gaelic; arr. Jeanne Cotter*

**The Doxology:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; **UMH #94**  
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:** Living God, we celebrate your loving presence with us throughout time. May the gifts we offer and lives we live bring glory to you, honor the sacrifices of those who came before us, and advance your love in our community and around our world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Scripture Lesson:** Isaiah 25:6-9

Pew Bible O.T. pg. 613

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and good wine; of rich food filled with marrow of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And God will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet spread over all the nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, “See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

**Children’s Message** – *A special moment with the Pastor just for kids*

**Chorus UMH #191:** “Jesus Loves Me”

*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.*

*Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

**Scripture Lesson:** Revelation 21:1-6a

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 244

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And a loud voice from the throne said: “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and pain will be no more, for the former things have passed away.” <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” He instructed me, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.”

**Response to the Word**

**One:** This is the Word of God for the people of God

**All:** Thanks be to God!

**Choral Anthem:** “*Shall We Gather At The River*”

*traditional spirituals; arr. John Carter*

### **A Time of Silent Meditation**

### **Pastoral Prayer lifting Celebrations and Concerns**

### **Prayer Chorus FWS #2272: “Holy Ground”**

*We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;  
Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

### **The Witness of the Saints**

*The names of the dearly departed are read in the context and spirit of prayer.  
The witness of the lives of our church members who have gone on to eternity is also  
the sermon for today. Short Biographies of Church Members will be read  
following the reading of their names and the toll of the bell.*

*For Family and Friends, we will only be reading names and dates.  
When your loved one’s name is read, please come forward and light a candle before the altar.  
If you’re unable to come forward, we have someone who will light it on your behalf.  
Do not rush or feel prohibited from coming if we continue to read other names as you  
are making your way forward. A bell will be rung after the reading of each name.*

**The Unison Prayer: Almighty God, we give you thanks for all the saints of the church:  
for the early followers of Christ, who spread his message; to the martyrs who died  
to share the good news with others; to the reformers who taught us to think and  
reflect on our faith; to the early members of this congregation who built it and  
helped it grow. We pause in this moment to celebrate the lives of members here  
who have gone to reside in heaven’s light this year:**

### **CHURCH MEMBERS**

Larry Hagerty (12/4/1949 – 11/13/2023)  
Camille Marek (12/14/1926 – 1/23/2024)  
Kenneth Parks (8/3/1948 – 2/22/2024)  
David Marks (8/27/1944 – 8/10/2024)  
James Kurtz (12/27/1940 – 8/18/2024)  
Tim Wiltse (12/30/1941 – 8/29/2024)  
† Christine Horvat (5/14/1924 – 9/29/2024)

*† member of State Street U.M.C.*

### **Musical Interlude UMH #700: “Abide With Me” (vs. 1)**

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

One: We pause also to remember others who have passed on this year who are dear to us:

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Steven Bubin	7/11/2024	<i>father of Tina Castle</i>
Margaret Casinger	10/21/2024	<i>aunt of Pastor Amy</i>
Wesley Clark	5/22/2024	<i>brother of Wayne Clark</i>
Carol Frazer	4/16/2024	<i>sister-in-law of Ron Frazer</i>
Donald Granger	3/18/2024	<i>father of Dean Granger</i>
Michael Gray	10/06/2024	<i>grandson of Kay Mertz</i>
Marilyn Latimer	9/27/2024	<i>mother of Bryan Latimer</i>
Brenda Lemmer	9/30/2024	<i>sister of Marsha Curry</i>
Matthew Miller	7/07/2024	<i>brother of Sheryl Clauss</i>
Wendy Southgate Murphy	4/28/2024	<i>daughter of Ron &amp; Noreen Southgate</i>
Ron Moon	10/22/2024	<i>father of Terry Moon</i>
Rev. Karen Poole	10/22/2024	<i>friend/mentor of Pastor Amy</i>
Joan Prevost	1/27/2024	<i>aunt of Jane MacQueen</i>
James Quiel	3/05/2024	<i>former member of First U.M.C.</i>
Larry Ruple	8/09/2024	<i>brother of Betty Mayer</i>
Dean Santis	8/02/2024	<i>cousin of Dr. Lou Constan</i>
John Wasserstrauss	7/10/2024	<i>long-time friend of Dr. Lou Constan</i>

One: Let us continue in a spirit of prayer...

**All: O God, we give thanks for all who have guided us in this life, for those who have taught us about you, and for those who have served you faithfully. We pause in this moment to name them in our hearts.**

*Time of Silence*

One: May your spirit continue to guide and direct us that we may be good stewards in your name and good witnesses to those yet to be, we pray in the name of Christ, who taught His people to pray together...

**The Lord's Prayer – Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Hymn UMH #700: "Abide With Me"**

- 4) I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
- 5) Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine thru the gloom & point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, & earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Musical Setting A, U.M. Hymnal pg. 17*

One: The Lord be with you,

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere,  
to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses, God of Joshua and Deborah,  
God of Ruth and of David, God of the priests and prophets, God of Mary and Joseph,  
God of the apostles and martyrs, God of our mothers and fathers,  
God of our children to all generations, we give you thanks for life and for life eternal,  
And together with all your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ,  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,  
you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said  
“Take; eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, when the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you,  
gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you drink of this, remember me.

And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Christ Jesus,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

One: Holy God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these, your people. Bless our offering  
of bread and juice, that they may be for us the body & blood of Christ;  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints,  
and give us faith to trust you and those we love to your never-ending care.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other,  
one with those precious saints who came before us,  
and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory,  
and we feast together at his heavenly banquet.

Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

*All are welcome to the table of Christ, including children. You do not need to be a member of this congregation to enjoy the grace of the Sacrament. You may come forward via the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. Stop to light a candle in memory of a loved one if you wish. Then proceed to the pair of communion stewards stationed up front on either side. Take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. Gluten free wafers are available. When you have received the sacrament, return to your seats via the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward, the communion stewards will bring the sacrament to you after others have been served. Music During Communion: "Land of Rest" – arr. Wilbur Held*

### ***WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD***

**\*Closing Hymn FWS #2282: "I'll Fly Away"**

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| 1) Some glad morning when this life is o'er<br>I'll fly away;<br>to a home on God's celestial shore,<br>I'll fly away. | 2) When the shadows of this life have gone<br>I'll fly away;<br>Like a bird from prison bars has flown,<br>I'll fly away. [Chorus] |
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Chorus: I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.  
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,  
I'll fly away.

- 3) Just a few more weary days and then  
I'll fly away;  
to a land where joys shall never end,  
I'll fly away. [Chorus].

**\*Benediction:**

*(adapted from Hebrews 12:1-2)*

One: Beloved, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witness, let us lay aside every burden that holds us back, renounce the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before us, looking to Christ Jesus, pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

**All: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord and all God's creation.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Postlude: "Ain't-a That Good News?"**

*Afro-American Spiritual; arr. Marianne Kim*

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Director of Music & Chancel Choir..... Rod Bieber  
Bell Choir Director..... Catherine McMichael  
Nursery Supervisors .....Katie Moon and Karissa Schultz  
Audio Visual Technicians .....Andy Sharrow, Angie Smith, Izzy Terhune

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:** Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Roger Spann / Greeters: Bill Johnson and Bonnie Dole / Ushers: Bill Cowdry, Bill Johnson Jr, Dave O'Dell, Angie Smith / Communion Servers: Roger Spann, Alexa Sharrow, Stacy Sharrow / Coffee Hour Hosts: Bill, Xenny, & Keeli Johnson / Sound System: Izzy Terhune / Nursery: Karissa Schultz /

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Don Hammond (now in rehab in Midland)

**PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Marilyn Ashmall, Ed Babinski, David Barker, Barry Brown, Tom Brubaker, Myrna Cammin, Judy Dawe, Bonnie & Pat Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Don Hammond, Wayne Henney, Dr. Kirk Herrick, RuthAnn Hilton, Marion Hoffman, Sue Johnson, Sharon Ketcham, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Mark Leffler, Joyce Maltman, Bonnie Markley, Merlyn Mondol, Ron Moon, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Madge Richmond, Eugenia Shek, Ron & Noreen Southgate, Kathy Winkowski, and Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, and for war to end in Ukraine and in Israel/Gaza.

### **UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES:**

For **Ronald Moon**, father of Terry Moon – Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am

For **Camille Marek**, long-time member – Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Camille's service will be followed by a simple dessert/coffee reception. If you can help with the reception or provide a dessert, sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-52860436-memorial>

**TURN IN YOUR PLEDGE CARD** anytime through November 30, if possible. (Of course, we'll take it anytime!) Thank you!

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** given by Tom Brubaker and Marc Cesere in memory of Murray & Lenora Brubaker, Louette Wolfe, and Bob Cesere.

**PUMPKIN FLING AND MOBILE FOOD PANTRY TODAY** – Nov. 3, 12:00-1:00pm. Bring your old jack-o-lanterns to fling with the Trebuchet (catapult) and stay for cider & hot dogs out at the back pavilion. The East Side Soup Kitchen Mobile Food Pantry will also be on sight. Please donate non-perishable food and personal care items. Thank you!

**KID'S CLUB** will meet next Sunday, Nov. 10 from 11:30am-1:00pm

**YOUTH GROUP** for middle and high school students will meet Sunday, Nov. 17 from 6:00-7:30pm

**FREE COMMUNITY MEALS** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, continue Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 5:30-6:30pm. On the menu for November: 4-Way Pasta. Sign up to Donate Food at the Welcome Desk. Volunteer to work here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>

**THE BACKPACK PROGRAM** for children struggling with food insecurity has begun. Sponsor a child for \$150/year. Sign up to pack food and help deliver to area schools at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-44603782-backpack>

**THE INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE** will be held Sunday, November 24 at 3:00pm at the Jesus Christ Church of Latter-Day Saints, located at 1415 N. Center Road, Saginaw, MI. 48638

**HANGING OF THE GREENS** will take place following worship on Sunday, November 24.

### **FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!**

*Be sure to check in on Facebook! The more of us that do, the more people learn about who we are!*

YouTube: **Saginaw First UMC**

Twitter: **FirstUMCofSaginaw**

Facebook: **@firstumcofsaginaw**

Instagram: **saginawfumc**

## FROM THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE ON ALL SAINTS DAY

What you see to the right is  
a picture of First United

Methodist Church's Memorial  
Garden. Where is this peaceful  
place? It is located on the west  
side of our building, just east of  
the entrance driveway between  
the sanctuary and education wings.



It has been updated to include new identification signs and  
benches. Church members and family are welcome to spend  
time in the garden as a quiet place for prayer and meditation.

In the Lobby area, a memorial tree is located on the east wall.  
Each leaf is given in memory of a loved one. Those with  
remains out in the Memorial Garden have a cross on their leaf.  
Leaves may be bought in memory of loved ones even if they  
are not buried in the Memorial Garden.

This year, in addition to the regular upkeep on the garden, the  
Memorial Committee has used Memorial Gifts given in  
memory of loved ones to purchase materials for new green  
banners in the sanctuary as well as new Easter banners, and to  
update the sign in the memorial garden. The Memorial  
Committee is always open to other ways we might honor the  
memory of our loved ones and be in service to our community.

We thank all who have given donations in memory of loved  
ones – these gifts have enabled us to minister to the  
congregation when special needs arise and to honor our loved  
ones in tangible ways in our community.

Creating Peace Through Interfaith  
Dialogue | Cooperation | Understanding

We're coming together to make a difference. This year, the Interfaith Saginaw offering  
will go to support the Partnership Center in Saginaw.

  
*Interfaith Saginaw*

Invites you to our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving

The Jesus Christ Church of Latter-Day Saints  
1415 N. Center Road, Saginaw, MI 48638

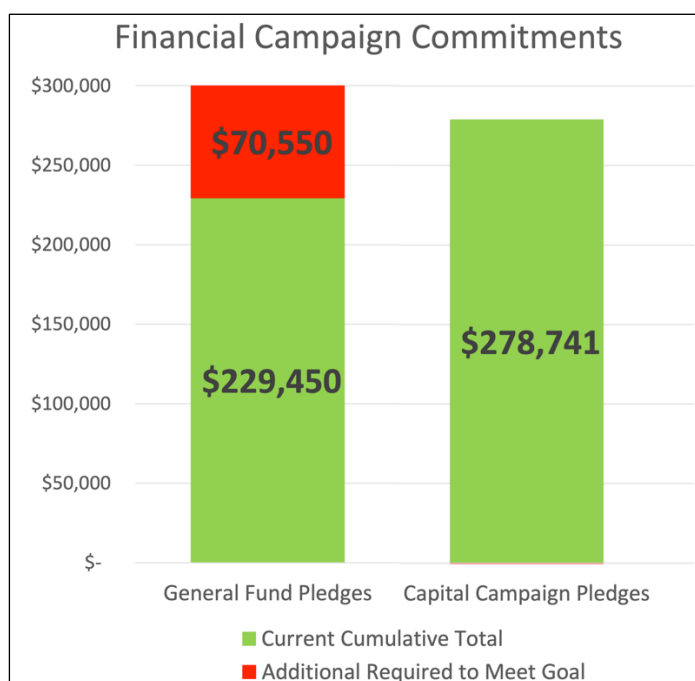
**Sunday, November 24, 2024 – 3:00pm**



## ***2025 Stewardship and 2025-2027 Capital Campaign Grounded in Gratitude. Revealed in Prayer. Lived in Faith.***

**Commitment Celebration.** What a joyful celebration we had last Sunday! Members brought forward their pledge cards for our annual stewardship and capital campaigns, and then we shared fellowship and a lovely brunch. A special thank you to Celebration Team Leader, Carla Piazza Wistehuff, her helpers and bakers for providing such a tasty meal.

**Renovating our ‘vision’ wing.** As you can see by the bar chart, your response to funding the renovation project has been overwhelmingly positive. Campaign leadership thanks you for your support of this important project, and we welcome additional financial commitments toward completing this exciting opportunity for new ministry. Additional pledges will reduce the amount of dollars needed from our reserve fund investments.



### **Our 2025 annual stewardship budget.**

This bar chart shows that we aren't quite there yet in funding the desired goal. However, campaign leadership has faith that our members will pledge to meet our financial obligations for our annual operating needs, including building, talented staff and current ministry efforts. We're counting on you!

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This bar chart shows a shortfall in funding the desired goal. However, campaign leadership has faith in our members' ability to pledge to meet our financial obligations for our building, talented staff and current ministry efforts. We're counting on you!

**Haven't yet made your pledge commitment?** Please continue to prayerfully consider your grateful response to God's gifts to *you*. We encourage you to complete and **return your pledge cards by November 30** so that a 2025 budget can be created and approved before year end.

**Our budget and capital campaigns are both tools to advance ministry** in our community. So, don't give to the budget or the campaign, per se. Give to God in gratitude. Give to mission. Give to the community. Support your faith family. Give to the future. When all of us pool our resources, we can do more than achieve good stewardship.

**A special note: we received one pledge card Sunday with no name on it.** This individual indicated meaningful financial pledges to both the annual stewardship and capital campaigns. We'd like to add your name and pledge information to our growing list of supporters. So, if you think this might be YOU, contact Dina in the church office asap. If you can tell her the dollar amounts pledged, we both win!



PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY / PRAY FOR PEACE

**Route starts and ends at:  
New Birth Missionary Baptist Church**

**2:15pm - Early Arrival/Meet-up**  
New Birth Missionary Baptist Cathedral  
3121 Sheridan Ave, Saginaw, MI 48601

**2:55pm - Stop 1 - Wickes Park**  
412 Wickes park Dr, Saginaw, MI 48601

**3:30pm - Stop 2 - Borchard Park**  
100 N Michigan Ave, Saginaw, MI 48602

**4:10pm - Stop 3 - Unity Park**  
1305 Leon Scott Ct, Saginaw, MI 48601

**4:35pm - Stop 4 - Buena Vista Community Center**  
1940 S Outer Dr, Saginaw, MI 48601

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