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May 7, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

UPDATE FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE



We are pleased to announce that our search for a Music Minister has concluded! We interviewed several worthy candidates, but one rose to the very top. We are delighted to introduce Wade Meyers to our Muhlenberg

family. Wade comes to us from the Gaithersburg, MD area. He looks forward to making a home in a smaller community.

Wade earned his Bachelor of Music at Stetson University and received his Master of Music from George Mason University. He has served in many other Music Minister roles and has also been a Teaching Artist, most recently in Georgetown, MD. He has been directing and coordinating 11 ensembles in the DC Metro Area for the past few years as well.

Wade's official start date is July 15, and he is ready to focus on one priority instead of the many hats he's currently wearing. Muhlenberg is so delighted to offer this opportunity to him. In the coming weeks, you will hear more about his arrival and plans for the congregation to meet him.

Here are a few words from Wade:

"Hi everyone! I'm Wade Meyers. My journey has taken me through various roles in music ministry, from working with choirs and handbell ensembles to writing music and performing with renowned musicians. I'm passionate about creating an inclusive and engaging worship experience, and empowering volunteers to share their gifts to praise God and minister to the congregation. The people of Muhlenberg who I've met so far have been a delight to get to know — you all have a very positive, exciting environment at your church, and I cannot wait to get to know you all soon!"

In Your Service,

MLC Music Minister Search Committee

Greta Willis

Malcolm Wilfong

Kevin Stees

Judith Ofcarcik

Liam Wightman

Pastor Lauren Eanes

WHAT'S THE BUZZ? (CONT'D)

NEW EVENING SEXTON

We are extremely pleased to announce that Aracely "Grace" Campbell was selected and has accepted the Part-Time Evening Sexton position previously held by Flo Najarro Bernal. Grace, who will work alongside Jim Doyle, comes to us with lots of energy and enthusiasm. She currently works full time as a Quality Assurance Analyst and lives in Harrisonburg. Grace has excellent skills in attention to detail, and ensures that all tasks are completed to perfection. We welcome Grace to our team!

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

Today at the 11:00 am service, we will have a Farewell and Godspeed blessing for Ray Alderfer and Cynthia Page as they prepare to move to Richmond. Ray and Cynthia have been part of the Muhlenberg community since 2009. Cynthia sings in the choir and often performs as a soloist as well as serving on the Personnel Committee. Ray has served in several worship assistant roles and helped the Property Committee with special projects. We wish many blessings on Ray and Cynthia as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

We also bid Farewell and Godspeed this morning to Margaret Williard who's been a member of Muhlenberg since 2017. Margaret has been a faithful participant in our ministries through our *Wellstream* worship, never missing a Sunday of worshipping with us online! She is moving May 20 to Gettysburg, PA to live with her son. We send her with love and blessing!

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION

Martin Luther reminds us that this Christian life is nothing less than a return to our baptism, when we were saved and delivered from sin through Christ's death and resurrection. **Today at the 11:00 service**, one of our youth will step forward to affirm his baptism with family, friends, mentors, and the Muhlenberg family.

Our confirmands have received instruction and support through their middle school years, and at the conclusion of that journey come to publicly affirm their faith. This marks a milestone in their lives of faith and in our congregation as they become confirmed adult voting members of the congregation. Today one 8th grader is being confirmed and will share his faith statement at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary with a light reception to follow. The Bible verse listed below was chosen by the confirmand and has special meaning as a part of his statement of faith. (*Bible verse is from the NRSV.*)



William Andrew Fletchall

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 7

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.*

PHOTO DIRECTORY

DIRECTORY PHOTO UPDATES!
Today (5/7) and Next Sunday, May 14
Before, in-between, or after
the 8:30 am or 11:00 am services



We're updating photos and information for our Photo Member Directory! Please make sure to take an extra 10 minutes at worship either **TODAY (5/7)** or **NEXT Sunday, May 14** to have your or your whole family's photo taken, and to confirm/update your information for our database. We're trying to get as many photos taken during these two dates as possible!

We'll have staff set up in the Gathering Area ready to take your photos and review your family's information on file (contact info, birth dates, etc.) for accuracy starting at 8:00 am both Sundays, and we're available all morning until after the 11:00 am service.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Communication Minister Christian Perritt (perritt@muhlenberglutheran.org or 540-434-3496).

Please wear a nametag to help others learn your name. Supplies are in the Gathering Area.



FOOD COLLECTION

TODAY (5/7)

We will collect non-perishable food items for Patchwork Pantry in the Gathering Area. No glass jars please. The Pantry is also in need of paper products (paper towels, wraps, food storage bags, toilet tissue, etc.), cleansers (dish, laundry, all-purpose), diapers, and all types of personal hygiene products. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Make checks payable to Muhlenberg, noting "Patchwork Pantry" on the memo line.



LAY COMMUNION

Lay Communion Ministers will be blessed and sent forth this morning. They bring communion to homebound members once a month. If you are interested in receiving home communion, or if you are interested in serving as a Lay Communion Minister, please contact Pastor Lauren or Linda Morrison.



CLARINET RECITAL

Geneva Maldonado, clarinetist, will present a graduate recital at Muhlenberg **TODAY (5/7) at 2:00 pm**. This recital is free and open to all. Geneva will be performing more recently composed music. You will hear pieces for clarinet and piano, flute, as well as clarinet and electronics. Geneva says, "this is a very captivating program, and I am very excited to share music with the community that reflects my progress from my first year of my master's degree at JMU!"



THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

MINISTRIES NIGHT

Monday (5/8), 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Join us via [ZOOM](#) tomorrow evening – all are welcome! You may also join us by phone:

Meeting ID: 833 4118 0538

One tap mobile +13126266799,,83341180538#

WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 10:30 am

We gather each week to look ahead to Sunday's lessons. Led by Pastor Lauren, we meet via [ZOOM](#): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/200491556>

Or by phone ...DIAL IN – **301-715-8592** and enter Meeting ID / Passcode: **200491556#**

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

COFFEE HOUSE EVENT

Friday, May 26, 7:00 pm



Our first meeting last Sunday for our upcoming Coffee House Night led to some great conversations about

what's important to high schoolers these days. It was agreed that one of their biggest concerns is gun violence, particularly in our schools. Thus, our theme for this event will focus on this senseless act of killing and how can we somehow offer hope for a better tomorrow.

The Coffee House Event will happen **Friday, May 26 beginning at 7:00 pm**. There are still spots available if you would like to participate. We will meet again **TODAY (5/7)** following the 11:00 service to finalize plans.

If you are interested but unable to attend today's meeting, please email me (williams@muhlenberglutheran.org). Elizabeth Williams

SAVE THE DATE!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

We have a busy spring planned at Muhlenberg! Every Sunday has something exciting happening. Keep an eye on *The Chimes* for more details. For now, be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join us!



TODAY and next Sunday, May 14 ~ Photo Directory Days

See page 3 for details.

May 21 ~ Commitment Sunday

A special day to wrap up our spring stewardship campaign.

May 28 ~ Pentecost Sunday AND Elizabeth Williams' retirement celebration/Farewell and Godspeed.

Plan to attend a special luncheon in Elizabeth's honor at 12:15 pm.

June 4 ~ High School Senior Recognition

We'll pray for our youth as they prepare for graduation.

WELCOME GUESTS

We are blessed to welcome our guests today. We have a gift waiting for you at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Area (main church entrance) and ask that you complete a blue guest card and/or sign our guest register.

If you prefer, you may scan this QR code or to securely register online visit us at

www.muhlenberglutheran.org



MUHLENBERG NEWS

MUHLENBERG MERCH



Start your summer off right with a new Muhlenberg t-shirt or hat to wear through all the warm months! T-shirts are available in blue and gray, in youth and adult sizes. Hats are one-size-fits-all. **The cost is \$20 per shirt and \$25 per hat.** You can purchase them online [HERE](#) or using the QR code below. **The deadline**

to place your order is May 28. If you don't have internet access, please stop by the table in the Gathering Area **TODAY or next Sunday, May 14** to place your order.



This project is sponsored by the Entrepreneurial Task Force as a fundraiser to help meet our aspirational line item in the budget. Recommendations for other fundraisers can be sent to Emily Carneal, Vicki Curry, Chris Kyle, Russell Presnell or Matt Wade.

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

It was wonderful to welcome 30+ new members to Muhlenberg April 16. We are so fortunate to have each and every one! We invite you to pick up a brochure at the Connection Center to learn a little about our new members, along with a photo to put a face with the name.

FAITHFUL PEOPLE, FAITHFUL QUESTIONS

We offer the opportunity for you to ask faithful questions! In the pews and at the Connection Center, you'll find light purple cards, where you are invited to ask questions whenever one arises. These can be big theological questions, life questions, inquiries about something confusing you read in scripture, or a simple question about why something happens in worship. Any question is welcome!



Place your purple card in the Offering Plate or in the purple lock box at the Connection Center. Please always add your name to the card so we can follow up directly. The Pastors will take time to answer these questions, often sharing the answers in *The Chimes*, or in video format on Facebook, Instagram, or YouTube for the benefit of the wider community. There will also be the opportunity to ask questions confidentially if you wish. Simply check the *Keep Confidential?* box on the card. Only the Pastors have access to this box. Questions can also be asked digitally using [THIS GOOGLE FORM](#). If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to the Pastors.

CREATION CARE

Prayer: Creator God, help us to experience your universal love for all creation by attending to the unique beauty of our particular surroundings. Let that attention lead us to become devoted stewards of creation in concrete ways. Amen.



LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

SPECIAL FOOD COLLECTION

Thank you, Muhlenberg! Because of your generosity, Patchwork Pantry will be able to provide seasonal items that are not readily available from regular sources. Our collection helps us touch the lives of people in our community who are experiencing food insecurity. Our condiment collection totals are as follows:

66 ketchup	63 mayonnaise
60 mustard	62 relish

ENDOWMENT FUND NEWS



Have you always thought that gifts to endowment funds needed to be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars? The Muhlenberg Lutheran Church Endowment

Committee would like you to remember that any gift compiled with others can grow funds that far exceed the individual donations. Muhlenberg's two endowment funds (The Mission Endowment Fund and the Seminary Scholarship Fund) have nearly doubled in size through sound, professional investments. A small amount doubled is no longer small. Please consider giving to this mission outreach resource during your lifetime through your regular designated offerings or designated memorials. Estate planning and insurance beneficiary assignments are ways to support this mission after you're gone. For more information, contact Endowment Committee Chair Doris Stone (dmstone99@gmail.com or 540-289-5520).

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

SUNDAY CLASS LOCATIONS

Pre-K – 5th Grade meet in the Muhlenberg Activities Center [MAC] (behind the church)

These classes meet downstairs in the church:

Grades 6 - 8 ~ Augsburg Room

40-Day Journey ~ Nielsen Room

Faith Lens High School & Adult Class ~ Kairos Room

To attend virtually, use this Zoom Link:

[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/84731416878](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84731416878)

VBS IS JUST ON THE HORIZON

August 7 - 11 (in the evenings)

VBS is a great opportunity to focus on Jesus and community. Our theme is *Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs*. Participants will explore what all living things need to live—*shelter, food, water, air, and community*—and how we can have compassion for the living earth, especially in their local ecosystems. Through awareness, gratitude, wonderment, reciprocity, and kinship, participants will consider how to become co-sustainers and participants in the work of God's creation.



CAROLINE FURNACE NEWS

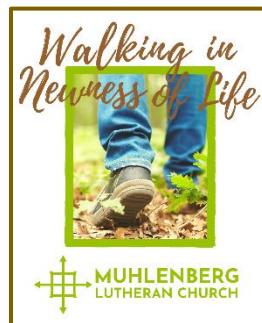
REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP!

Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp is a place to encounter God in God's creation. Week-long summer camp experiences are available for kids and youth, as well as families and adults! Check out the schedule at carolinefurnace.org and register today. If cost is a concern, reach out to one of the pastors to learn how Muhlenberg can help.

Dear people of Muhlenberg,

Everywhere we look, we see signs of new life around us. From the buds on the trees and the flowers in our yards, to the baby bunnies hiding in the bushes and the longer days bringing people outside to walk and enjoy the sunshine—all around us, we are reminded of the abundance of God’s world. Even the stink bug I found in my living room last week reminds me of the new life that comes each spring!

At Muhlenberg Lutheran Church, we also see signs of new life around us! As we baptize babies at the font and taste the bread and wine of holy communion, we see new life being born in us. From the 30+ new members we welcomed last week to the longtime member who exclaimed, “Muhlenberg is alive again!” after a long pandemic season, we are reminded of the abundance of new life we receive in Christ.



Throughout this Easter season, **we invite you to continue “Walking in Newness of Life” as we explore the abundance of resurrection life.** Using the book of Romans as our guide, we’ll see how we are set apart, mutually encouraged, justified by faith, and raised from the dead for newness of life. Together we’ll explore our need to walk together, continue to innovate, share generously, and step up the ways in which we share God’s love to a world that so desperately needs to recognize God’s presence.

We’ll consider how **our grateful response** in generosity empowers us to continue walking in newness of life, and allows others to walk with us. Your financial contributions allow us to reach out beyond our walls through our online *Wellstream* ministry, children’s programs, service projects, small group opportunities, music ministry, and so much more as we continue to be a *Wellspring of God’s grace in Jesus Christ*. We’ll hear stories of new life in our midst through articles in *The Chimes*, mission moments, letters and more, and we’ll share our hopes for an even more robust ministry in the year to come.

Over the next few weeks, please engage in the materials. Pray about how you can live into this new life in Christ, and generously share in the year to come. Then, on Intent Sunday, May 21, please bring your intent card with you to declare the generosity that you intend to share with this congregation.

Thank you for being part of this exciting congregation. Pray for our common work together as we continue to walk in newness of life!

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Lauren Eanes

Meg Wightman, Congregation Council President

P.S. Your intent card will be mailed to your home the week of May 8 for you to return May 21.

And, check out this video from Pastor Lauren: tinyurl.com/mrzvkavs

NOTE FROM THE PASTORS

It is such a privilege to serve as your pastors! We love to hear from you when things are going on in your life, so that we may pray with you, grieve with you, rejoice with you, and provide you with spiritual support. But here's the thing...we cannot read your mind! We need you to be in touch with us when you'd like to connect.

When to Contact the Pastor(s)

Please, please, contact one of us when...

You or a loved one is going into the hospital. With tighter privacy restrictions at RMH, we often cannot be told by the hospital that you are there, even if we call and ask. It's up to you or a member of your family to let us know about a hospitalization.

You have a birth in the family. Pastors love to hear about births in the family and celebrate this special time with you! If you're up for a visit, we'd love to stop by the hospital and say a special blessing for the new baby.

You have a life-threatening illness. We want to walk with you through this difficult time to bring God's strength and hope along the way.

There is a death in the family or funeral in our church. When there is a death, your pastors would like to know immediately—any time, day or night. We are never "too busy" to bring the comfort and assurance of God's love in the darkness of grief. Please also consult one of the pastors before a funeral date is set.

You would like a prayer said for you. We are always happy to do this! We will keep all prayer requests confidential unless you make a specific request that we notify the prayer chain team.

You would like a pastor to visit with you. Whether you'd like a visit at home, at the church, or in a coffee shop, please invite us! Maybe you have a specific spiritual concern, or maybe you just want to get to know the pastor better. We want to get to know you too--invite us over!

You have a question or concern about something at church. Many church-related questions that people have can be cleared up easily. Please talk to the pastors instead of allowing misunderstandings to become rumors!

You are thankful and want to share your joy! What a gift it is to us to be able to celebrate with you!

This is obviously not an exhaustive list. Give a pastor a call if you have a question about faith, your marriage is strained, you're facing a difficult decision, you're struggling with grief, you're approaching a major life transition, or anytime you are in need of spiritual care. We are here for you!

How to Contact the Pastor(s)

Call the church or send us an email. This is the best place to start. Text messages are ok if you need a quick and easy response during normal business hours, but generally calling or emailing is best. The church phone number and pastors' email addresses are on the masthead of *The Chimes* every week. Email addresses for all staff are also available from the staff page of our website. <https://www.muhlenberglutheran.org/staff.html>

If it's urgent, start by calling the church. If no one answers, then you can hear our cell phone numbers in our voice mail greeting. Don't hesitate to call our cell phone at any time if it's an emergency.

Please do not pass a message along through someone else. If they forget to tell us, then everyone feels bad. And sometimes the message gets conveyed in a different way than you'd prefer. Just give us a call or send us an email!

Please do not contact us via Facebook or Instagram. Those messages always seem to get missed! Email and phone are much better.

If you have a non-urgent message, please do not call or text the pastor on their day off. Pastor Lauren is off on Thursdays, and Pastor Alex is off on Fridays. You are very welcome to email them on those days, but understand that you probably won't hear back from them until the next day. However, don't hesitate to call on their day off for a true emergency.

Please give us grace. We do our very best to respond to every message we receive in a timely manner, but we mess up sometimes. If you don't hear back from us within a few hours for a truly urgent matter, or within 48 hours for a non-emergency, then please try again. Sometimes emails don't go through or messages aren't received. You can also feel free to contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy to help ensure your message was received and when you might expect a response.

In summary: If you find yourself at any point thinking, "I sure would like to talk to a pastor," get in touch! We can't read your mind, but we do very much want to connect with you.

--Pastor Lauren and Pastor Alex

YOUTH NEWS

KAIROS REGISTRATION STILL OPEN

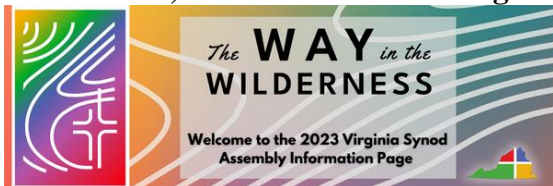
June 25 – 30

Kairos is open to rising 9th – 12th graders. Contact Pastor Alex if you're interested.

VIRGINIA SYNOD NEWS

VIRGINIA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

June 9-11, 2023 at Roanoke College



Many Synod Assembly forms are due this week, on **May 10**. The responses from these forms will help shape the agenda, elections, and celebrations at the Assembly. You can access forms and get more information about the Assembly by clicking [HERE](#).

POWER IN THE SPIRIT:

SEEKING & FINDING ~ July 13 - 15

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This inspirational conference occurs each year for people of all ages who wish to explore God's call to service through joyous worship, Bible studies, keynote addresses, workshops, games, and fellowship. In addition, congregational leaders — teachers, music directors, choir members, council and committee members, family life consultants, deacons, pastors, and others—will find Power in the Spirit nurturing and challenging as they consider their mission and ministry. Registration is now open — click [HERE](#) to register and for more information.

WEAVE US TOGETHER

VIRGINIA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

July 21-22 at Roanoke College

For information about the Virginia Synodical Women's Organization convention or to register, click [HERE](#).

Brochures are also available at the Connection Center.



JOYS, THANKS & CONCERNS

✦ Two of Muhlenberg's eldest members are celebrating birthdays in May! Juanita Propst turned 98 May 1, and Lora Dugard reaches triple digits — 100 years! — on May 24. You are invited to send birthday greetings:

- Juanita Propst, 817 Oakland St., H'burg 22802
- Lora Dugard, 1491 Virginia Avenue Mumaw House in Woodland Park, H'burg 22802

DIGITAL MINISTRY



Pastor Lauren, Jean Helmick, Susan Lawrence and Karen Thomsen enjoy lunch at Our Community Place Friday, April 28.

SECOND HOME NEWS

Second Home goes back to NYC for their 10th musical production! We are proud to present *Annie Jr.*, **May 18 - 21** at Back Home on the Farm. Come see our children tell the story of Annie, the scrappy young orphan who finds her way into the heart and home of the VERY rich Oliver Warbucks, all while trying to hold onto the hope of finding her real parents and avoiding the nasty Ms. Hannigan. There's laughs, there's fun, there's a yellow dog named Sandy. Admission by donation. Come enjoy the outdoors, get an authentic New York style hotdog from our concession stand and watch the talented kids of Second Home!



**Second Home Learning Center
is proud to present...**



MAY 18 @ 7:30PM

MAY 19 @ 7:30PM

MAY 20 @ 7:30PM

MAY 21 @ 4:30PM

Outdoor Performance
Back Home on the Farm

2915 Willow Run Rd, Harrisonburg, VA
22802

WATCH FOR DETAILS ON
FACEBOOK @SECONDHOMEVA
OR SECONDHOMEVA.COM



**ADMISSION BY DONATION
SUGGESTED \$10**

Music by Charles Strouse
Lyrics by Martin Charnin
Book by Thomas Meehan
Annie Jr. is presented through special arrangement with
and all authorized materials are supplied by
Music Theatre International, New York, NY
(212) 541-6684 mtishows.com

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

RECENT ATTENDANCE

Here are some interesting statistics from our recent online viewership:

4/23	8:30 Holy Communion	77
	11:00 Holy Communion	68
	11:00 Wellstream Worshippers.....	32
	Total Views this Week	167
	Hours Viewed this Week	51.8
4/30	8:30 Holy Communion	58
	11:00 Holy Communion	73
	11:00 Wellstream Worshippers.....	39

NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

Through the first quarter, gifts and offerings are comparable to last year. Total income is more than the previous year due to the sale of the church van and liquidating the van replacement fund per the approved spending plan. Expenses are a little less than expected at this time. Thus, you see a current surplus, however, we need your continued financial support to achieve our income goals and sustain God's work in our community.

Sarah A. Sunde, Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through March 2023

	2023YTD Actual	2023YTD Budget	2022YTD Actual
Gifts & Offerings	\$114,289	\$158,500	\$119,307
Total Income	\$208,509	\$192,194	\$146,010
Total Expenses	\$185,500	\$221,123	\$200,565
Excess Income/(Deficit)	\$23,009	\$(28,929)	\$(54,555)

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$ 5,089.00
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$ 939.23
Total Giving	\$ 6,028.23

April Thrivent Choice Dollars - \$86

To give online, scan here →



WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

May 8 - 14, 2023

If viewing electronically, you can click the links below to access meetings and services.

Mon	1:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Ministries Night
Tues	6:30 pm	Celebration Singers
Wed	10:30 am	Bible Study via ZOOM
	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Sun		Sixth Sunday of Easter Pictorial Directory Photos Mother's Day
	8:30 am	Holy Communion in person
	9:45 am	Christian Formation in person & via ZOOM
	11:00 am	Holy Communion in person and Livestreamed via Facebook and YouTube



Each week, we lift up five households from our congregation in prayer. Our prayer families for this week are:

*Matt and Erin Phillippi
Don Pippert
Tom and Tassie Pippert
Agnes Powell
Russell and Ansel Presnell*

Please note: if you notice an unintentional omission in our list or prefer your name not be listed, please contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy (540-434-3496 or depoym@muhlenberglutheran.org).

The weekly deadline for routine articles for *The Chimes* is Thursday at 8:00 am. Requests for a series, inserts or full-column articles should be made two weeks in advance. Submit information to Parish Administrator Linda Depoy: (depoym@muhlenberglutheran.org /540-434-3496)
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