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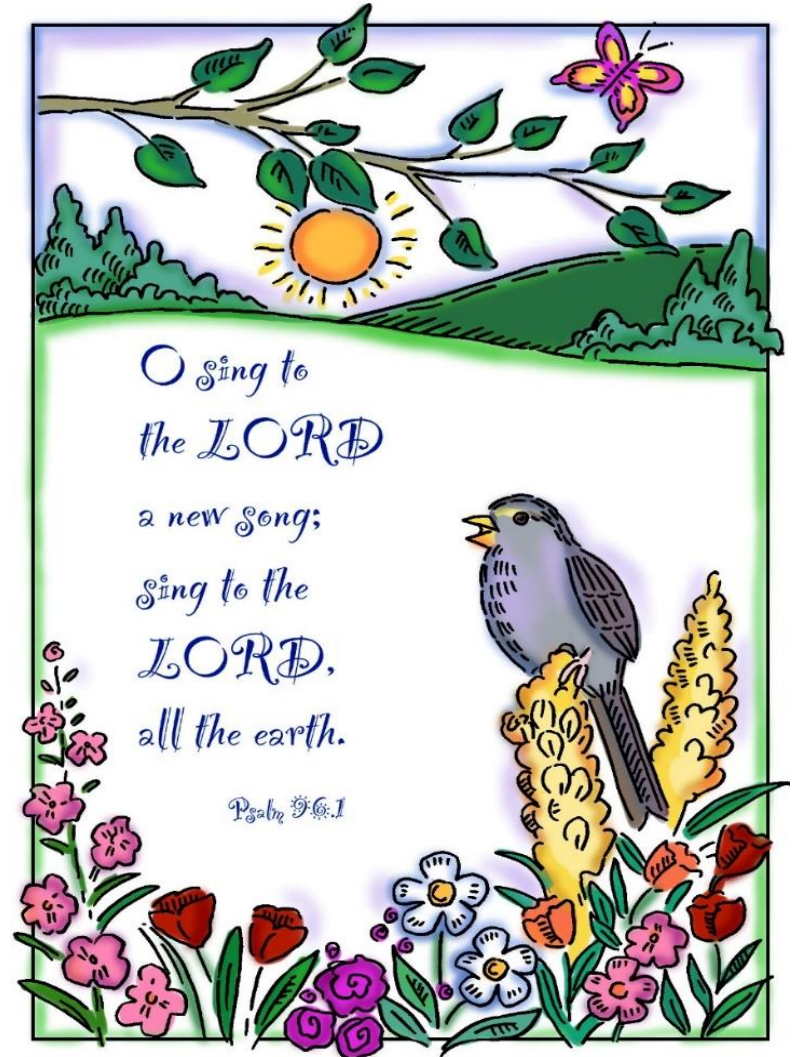
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O sing to  
the LORD  
a new song;  
sing to the  
LORD,  
all the earth.

*Psalm 96:1*

# May Worship Themes

**May 5:** - Guest Speaker

**May 12: "The Replacement"** - Jim Benedict

**Worship Theme:** This little story, tucked in between the Ascension and Pentecost, can teach us a lot about making better decisions.

**Scripture Text:** Acts 1:15-26

**May 19: "Caught in a Downpour"** - Jim Benedict  
*Pentecost*

**Worship Theme:** To outsiders, the disciples on Pentecost looked foolish. Are we willing to look foolish for the sake of getting the will of God done?

**Scripture Text:** Acts 2:1-6: 12-21

**May 26: "Wow! Now That's Worship!"** - Jim Benedict

**Worship Theme:** Worship isn't just about giving voice to our praise, or petitioning God for protection. It is also about listening for a call – and responding when it comes.

**Scripture Text:** Isaiah 12



I remember a college professor of mine, in the spring of 1981, telling me and my classmates that most of what we had learned over the last four years we would forget within five years, and half of what we remembered would turn out to be wrong. The most important thing we had learned, he insisted, was *how* to learn, how to think, and how to change our minds when we encountered new information. He was right about that. In fields as diverse as agriculture, medicine, law, and plumbing, those who refuse to keep learning get left behind. New information, new processes, and new challenges require us to think and act differently in order to be successful.

The same is true when it comes to faith and following Jesus. Being a spiritual person is not a matter of once discovering the "right" answers and thereafter clinging to them. It is instead a matter of lifelong learning from God, others, and one's own experiences. In the psalm above, and many other parts of the Bible, God is pictured as a teacher and the faithful as students. And Jesus' first followers were called "disciples," a synonym for students. They followed and listened in order to learn. Even after they became apostles, they did not cease to be disciples – they kept on learning, being challenged, and sometimes changing their ideas about what it meant to be a faithful Christian.

I recently read an essay by Christian writer Jonathan Merritt, who gave a definition of faithfulness that emphasized the importance of a commitment to keep learning. He wrote:

"Faithfulness means always being humble enough to acknowledge that you haven't figured everything out, curious enough to evaluate new [ideas], and being honest enough to admit it when you realize you've gotten something wrong."

This is the kind of faithfulness Jesus was seeking when he called his disciples. It is the kind of faithfulness the early Brethren embraced when they rejected creeds in order to remain open to "further light." It is the kind of faithfulness I try to practice as I carry out my ministry. I encourage you to practice this kind of faithfulness, too.

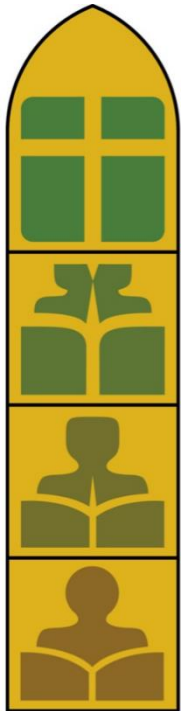
Peace,

Pastor Jim



## Camp Eder Clean Up Day is May 11th

Come and help us get ready for our busy seasons at Camp Eder. We need your help to get camp in tip top shape. This will include splitting wood, cleaning up leaves, and other jobs that will make our grounds look great! There will be lunch provided!



Learn  
&  
Grow

### Lifelong Learning

Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
He leads the humble in what is right  
and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and  
faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.  
Psalm 25:8-10

It is May, the month for Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and college graduations. For some of us, it conjures up memories of pomp and circumstance, caps and gowns, and the start of a new chapter of life. Graduation means different things to different people, of course. For some it is a kind of liberation from a system of learning to which we were not well-suited. For others, it is expulsion from a familiar and comfortable system into the unknown. But for all of us, as we discover sooner or later, it is not the end of learning.



### LESSONS in CHEMISTRY



Bonnie Garmus

The **Church Book Club** will meet on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

This month's selection is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus.

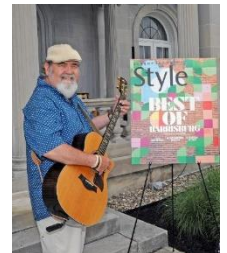
Our discussion Leader is Margie Fultz.

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### Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

Kirk Wise will be performing some musical selections.



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**Thank you** for your generous donations of chocolate. We were able to provide two baskets of chocolates for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Auction benefiting Children's Aid Society which was held on April 30<sup>th</sup>.



## Dive into VBS like Never Before!

At Scuba VBS,  
kids will Dive

into a friendship with God! Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing,

never-ending love of God. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life.

The fun starts at 6:00 PM and will end at 8:00 PM every evening Monday, August 12th, through Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Call this number 766-8880 or fill out a registration form and return it to Sherry Jones' church mailbox to register your children for this life-changing adventure. Please register as soon as possible so that we can begin to gather enough supplies for our adventure. VBS is geared for three-year olds (who are potty trained) through children who are currently in sixth grade.

Thanks,  
Sherry Jones

\*There is no cost for this program. We will be collecting donations of items for New Hope Ministries if you would like to donate.



ROMANS 16:2 (CEB)

# WELCOME+ WORTHY

2024 CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**COB Annual Conference**  
**July 3-7, 2024 in Grand Rapids, Michigan**

*"Witness to the Host City"*

This year we are supporting two local organizations with our Witness to the Host City project: **Kids' Food Basket** and **Sleep in Heavenly Peace**.

**Kids' Food Basket** exists to increase access to healthy food for children and families. Our core belief is that food is a right, not a privilege. Because that is not yet a reality, we mobilize human and financial resources to break down barriers that cause food insecurity.

**Sleep in Heavenly Peace** believes that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs. All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. We're a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need.

Monetary donations for both **Kid's Food Basket** and **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** for Annual Conference should be given to our delegates: Madison Creps and Cheryl Noll.





Brethren  
Housing  
Association



We are excited to see you at the  
Golf Tournament!

May 31, 2024

Fairview Golf Course  
2399 Quentin Road, Lebanon, PA

Registration: 6:30 a.m.

Shotgun start: 7:30 a.m.

You may register online at [www.bha-pa.org](http://www.bha-pa.org)



## Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren

Saturday, August 24, 2024  
7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Please consider donating your CLEAN, USABLE  
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS to the church by placing them **on the stage**  
**beginning May 1st**

Please stack your items as far back as possible.

All furniture donations should be IN GOOD CONDITION, WITHOUT  
TEARS OR STAINS. *Please...*

**NO** items that are broken or have missing pieces.

**NO** Encyclopedias, Text Books, or Computer Tech Books.

**NO** TVs, computers, or electronics. **NO** clothing.

**Gas-powered or oily items** should be held until the day prior to the  
sale. (No storage available and will be placed outside on sale date.)

Questions? Contact the church office or Arlene Justice.



Once again, we will be including a Bake Sale  
as part of the MCOB Yard Sale on August 24,  
2024. SO.....CALLING ALL BAKERS, CANDY  
MAKERS, & SWEETS PROVIDERS...It is time  
to start thinking about what you might  
contribute for the sale. We get requests for  
all sorts of items. Ultimately, you get to

choose as you are the bakers! We have found it helpful if you  
prepackage your goodies in order to limit the number of hands that touch  
the food.

There is a sign-up sheet on a clipboard near the office window. Please  
ponder and let us know what you are considering.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact, Rita Ranck, Jean  
Richwine, or Linda Crook Saylor. If you'd like to volunteer at the stand,  
please see Linda for the open schedule slots. Thanks to  
everyone...without YOU, we could not do this.



# Burgers & Dogs Community Cookouts

Last Saturday of the Month  
(May-September)

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

This summer MCOB will be hosting a  
monthly cookout  
and are inviting members of the congregation  
and our community to attend.

Our first cookout will be

**Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 2 p.m.**

Please consider attending as we reach out to  
our surrounding neighborhood.

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**CAMP EDER**  
*Golf Outing*  
.....★★★.....  
Friday May 10th, 2024

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Carroll Valley Golf  
Course at Liberty  
Mountain  
.....  
78 Country Club Trail  
Fairfield, PA 17320

7:00 am Registration &  
Continental Breakfast  
8:00 am Shotgun Start (Four  
Player Scramble Format)  
1:00 Lunch at Camp Eder

**Registration**  
\$90 per person  
\$360 per four person team  
Hole sponsor and Foursome  
\$460

To register or for more information  
contact Camp Eder  
717-642-8256  
campeder@campeder.org  
914 Mt Hope Rd  
Fairfield, Pa 17320

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Sharing Christ's love by meeting human needs

## Food Pantry Grocery List

- Applesauce
- Boxed meal mixes (chicken helpers; home style bakes)
- Breakfast cereals and pancake mix, instant oatmeal
- Canned chicken, tuna or beef stew**
- Canned fruit and fruit cups**
- Canned milk
- Canned ravioli or other canned pasta
- Canned vegetables
- Cookies or cookie mix
- Dry milk, flour; sugar; brown sugar
- Ground coffee; tea bags; iced tea mix
- Infant formula
- Instant potatoes; rice mixes
- Juice and juice boxes**
- Ketchup and mustard**
- Mayonnaise, Miracle Whip
- Muffin, cake, bread mixes
- Pancake syrup
- Peanut Butter**
- Powdered drink mixes
- Pudding or Jell-O
- Raisins
- Vegetable oil, including spray
- Pasta
- Macaroni and cheese
- Jelly or jam
- Canned gravy
- Saltine crackers; snack crackers
- Salt, pepper
- Popcorn

### *Cleaning and Hygiene items*

- Bar soap
- Deodorant (men's and women's)
- Diapers, wipes, diaper cream
- Dish soap
- Disposable razors (men's and women's)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Laundry detergent
- Shampoo
- Shaving cream
- Toilet paper; paper towels
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes

We also welcome donations of fresh or frozen meats, fresh fruits and vegetables, and milk and dairy products. **Most-needed items are in boldface font.**

Donations typically accepted Monday through Friday between 9:00am and 4:00pm at our centers listed below. See website for details: [www.nhm-pa.org](http://www.nhm-pa.org)



Since the majority of the 2023 summer adult Sunday School surveys indicated an interest in continuing having speakers address matters of interest or concern to us as a congregation, the Christian Education team has the following schedule for June:

June 2: Chelsea Goss Skillen, BVS Volunteer Coordinator

June 9: Joanne Castner, Associate with the Sisters of Mercy, Immigration Crisis at the Border

June 16: Mark Pickens, Field Associate for Anabaptist Disabilities Network

June 23: Chris Elliott, Education in Rwanda, pastoral training college there, nursery schools in Rwanda and Burundi, and the Church of the Brethren in the Great Lakes Region of Africa.

June 30: Walt Wiltschek, Messenger Correspondent

Please also note that on July 7, we will be having a Messenger Sunday using the May 2024 issue, so please plan on retaining your copy or reviewing the one in the library before that date.

**Thank you** for supporting this valuable community service which provided over 833,000 pounds of food/supplies to 953 families and over 2700 individuals last month!

Volunteers are needed to tutor or help with homework on Mondays (Trindle Road) or Tuesdays (Bosler Avenue) after school 4:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.



## DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY NEWS



### Project Share of Carlisle

"Nourishing Our Community...  
Awakening Hope!"

Project Share of Carlisle is in need of new or hardly used books to distribute to the kids during their Summer Feeding 4 Kids 10-week program.

Last summer, the program distributed over 79,000 meals to children and nearly 3,000 books. We are short 1,500 for this season and call upon those able to provide new or hardly used books from Pre-K to High School.

Contact [JKloza@projectSHAREpa.org](mailto:JKloza@projectSHAREpa.org)

**Our mission is to reduce food insecurity for neighbors in the greater Carlisle area by offering access to nutritious food, programs, and a support network that promotes self-sufficiency, fosters dignity, and instills hope.**



## Family Promise Fam Jam!

**June 9th 1-4pm**  
The Englewood  
1219 W. End Ave. Suite B  
Hershey, PA 17036

### Day Center Needs

Printer Paper	Trash Bags (not Good Sense)
Laundry Detergent	Swiffer Mop Pads
Swiffer Wet Jet Solution	Febreze
Women's Razors	Dish Soap
Baby Wipes	Shampoo
Shaving Cream	AA and AAA Batteries
Zip Loc Bags, Foil, Plastic Wrap	
Paper Plates	Queen Inflatable Mattress

**Gift cards to Sheetz, Giant, Walmart** – These help families with gas to go to work, food beyond what we provide here, and medicine. Many items families need can be bought with these cards, allowing families to save their money towards housing while they are here. Another great thing about gift cards...they take up very little space!

Items can be placed in the container located in the gathering area outside fellowship hall, or you may drop off at the address listed below. *Help Share the Promise*

### *Family Promise*

56 Erford Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011

717-737-1100

[www.familypromisehcr.org](http://www.familypromisehcr.org)





**May 19, 2024**  
**3:00 p.m. at**  
**St. Joseph's**  
**Catholic Church**

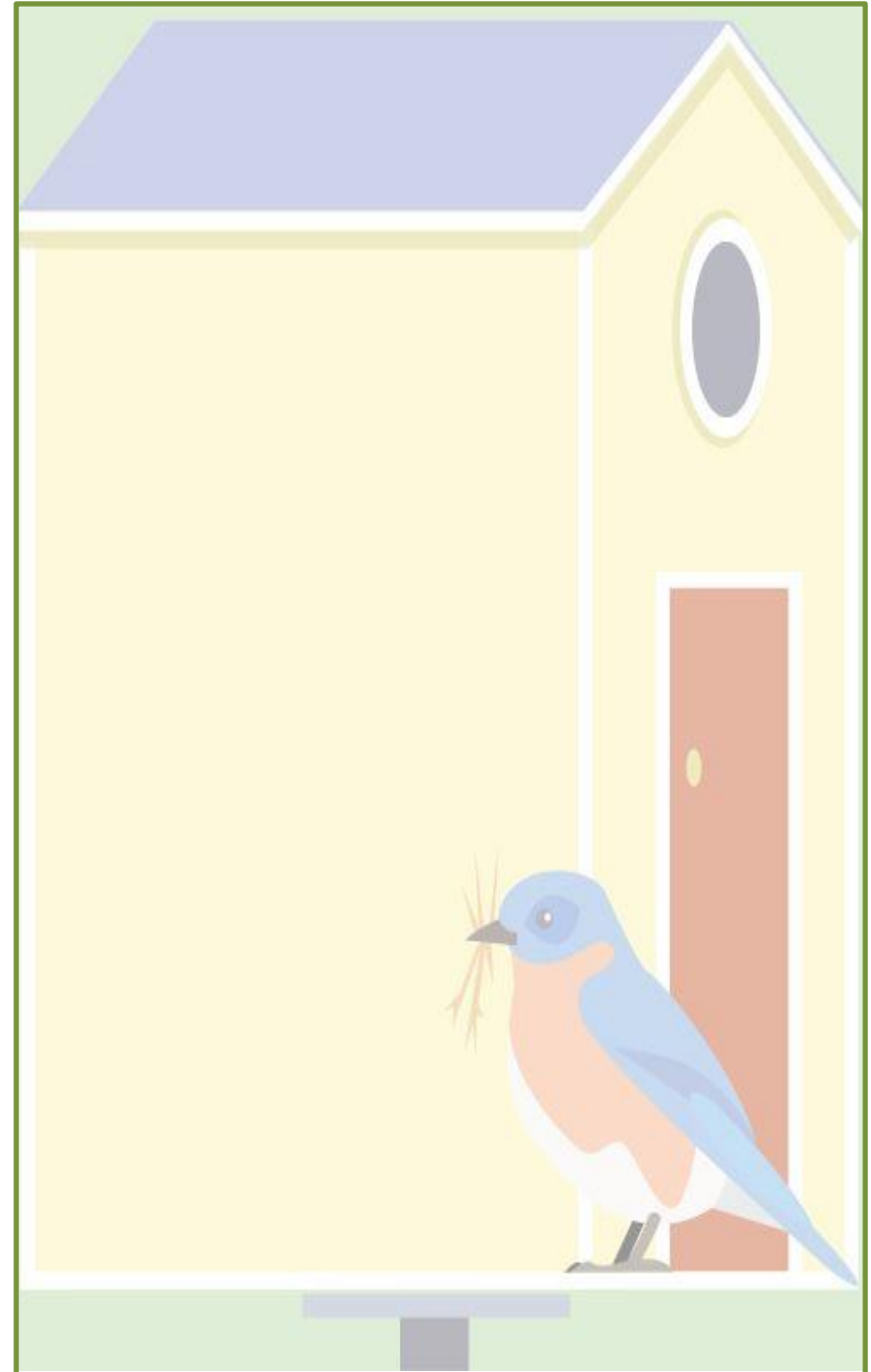
The **Mechanicsburg Ecumenical Choir** is a vibrant community chorus that comes together annually to present a concert. Their harmonious voices resonate in support of **New Hope Ministries**.

Led by **Musical Director Eric Dundore** and accompanied by **Rebekah Henry**, this choir features 103 voices from 33 area churches, including these voices from MCOB:

***Margie Fultz, Arlene Justice, Deb Wakefield,  
Janet Zeiters, Glen Daughtry, and Del Keeney.***

Their shared passion for music unites them as they create beautiful melodies that uplift hearts and souls. The Mechanicsburg Ecumenical Choir is a testament to the power of music and community coming together in harmony.

Free will offering – Proceeds to benefit New Hope Ministries.



# May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b> Quilting 9 a.m. Bible Study 9 a.m. 6/7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved (Mid Penn Motion) 7:30 p.m. Choir	<b>2</b> 1 p.m. Grief Support Group (Library)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5 Food for New Hope</b> 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	<b>6</b>  7 p.m. MCOB Anniversary Committee (Library)	<b>7 Church Office Closed</b>	<b>8 Church Office Closed</b> Quilting 9 a.m. Bible Study 9 a.m. Ladies Luncheon 11:30 a.m. (L.A. Diner) 6/7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved (Mid Penn Motion) 7:30 p.m. Choir	<b>9</b>	<b>10 Camp Eder Golf Outing</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12 Mother's Day</b> 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	<b>13</b> NO Knitting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Quilting 9 a.m. Bible Study 9 a.m. 11:30 a.m. Lunch & Learn 6/7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved (Mid Penn Motion) 7:30 p.m. Choir	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19 Donations for Family Promise</b> 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship <b>3 p.m. Ecumenical Choir concert</b> (St. Joseph Catholic Church)	<b>20</b>  7 p.m. Church Book Club (Zoom)	<b>21</b>  1 p.m. Caregivers Support Group (Library) 7 p.m. Leadership Team	<b>22</b> Quilting 9 a.m. Bible Study 9 a.m. 6/7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved (Mid Penn Motion)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25 Burgers and Dogs Community Cookout 12 – 2 p.m.</b>
<b>26</b> 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	<b>27 Church Office Closed</b>  <b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Quilting 9 a.m. Bible Study 9 a.m. 6/7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved (Mid Penn Motion)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

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