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WEEKLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

is

Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.



MAY *Compass*Deadline is
April 16th
THANKS!

Noisy Mission Offering



In April is going to

Senior Fest

From the Pastor's Desk

What is the Pilgrimage?

This is a brand new ministry which grew out of the request of members of the congregation to offer something for adults like the confirmation experience for our youth. Following in that vein, the Pilgrimage program will consist of five separate focus modules:

Module 1	What is Worship
Module 2	Who is Jesus
Module 3	What is the Bible
Module 4	What is the UMC
Module 5	What are Spiritual Discipl

The first module, *What is Worship*, will be offered in April and May of this year, in five sessions. This module will explore various concepts of worship, such as the history of our worship style, the various elements of worship, and how worship services are planned.

Each module is a standalone unit and most will consist of 5 to 6 sessions on the given topic. Two of the modules, *Who is Jesus* and *What is the UMC*, will also contain a travel experience. The *Who is Jesus* module will include a trip to Eureka Springs, AR to see the Great Passion Play which is an outdoor dramatic performance about the last week of Jesus' life. The *What is the UMC* module will include a trip to Nashville, TN to visit the General Board offices of Discipleship, Higher Education, Communication, and the Upper Room Chapel and Museum.

Sign-up for the first module is currently underway. You can sign up by checking the attendance pad or calling the church office to register. If you have additional questions, you may contact me by email, call the church office or call or text me on my cell phone.

Again let me say each module is a separate experience. I think each of them will be its own unique and rewarding experience.

To God be the Glory,

Larry

The Pilgrimage A Journey on the

A Journey on the Trail of Discipleship

1	8:30 am	Adult Spiritual Formation	12	12:00 pm	Young at Heart	22	7:00 pm	NA
	7:00 pm	NA		6:00 pm	Board of Trustees	23	9:00 am	Handbell Practice
2	9:00 am	Emmaus Formation			Cub Scouts		10:00 am	AA
	9:00 am	Handbell Practice		6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal	24	Noon	Our Neighbor's Table
	10:00 am	AA		7:00 pm	Finance		3:30 pm	Confirmation Class
3	2:30 pm	Precept Study	13	6:00 pm	Boy Scouts		5:00 pm	Youth Groups
	5:00 pm	Fiesta with Jesus es el Senor		6:30 pm	Choir Practice			Pilgrimage Study
					Publicity & Promotions	25	5:30 pm	Girl Scouts Jrs & Cadets
4	7:00 pm	AA Big Book		7:00 pm	AA		7:00 pm	AA Big Book
5	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	14	5:00 pm	Daisies & Brownies	26	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal	15	7:00 pm	NA		6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
6	6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	16	9:00 am	Handbell Practice			Hospitality Team
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice		10:00 am	AA	27	9:00 am	Holy Folders
		Children/Youth Spiritual Formation		10:15 am	Book Club		6:00 pm	Boy Scouts
	7:00 pm	AA	17	3:30 pm	Confirmation Class		6:30 pm	Choir Practice
7	6:00 pm	Scout Roundtable		5:00 pm	Pilgrimage Study			Youth Ministry Team
8	•	Feeder of the Pack	18		Meals on Wheels Week		7:00 pm	AA
•				7:00 pm	AA Big Book	28	5:00 pm	Daisies & Brownies
_	7:00 pm	NA	19	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	29	7:00 pm	NA
9	7:30 am	UMM Breakfast		6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal	30	9:00 am	Handbell Practice
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Fiesta on el Señor Hall!!







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Tiara Bradford

Megan McNitt

Brittany Nolan







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	Janis & Jerry Crews					
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20 Brittni & James Heilig						
	Vanessa & Todd Lirely					
24	Tonia & Bob Purcell					

APRIL 12th Celebrate Spring 12:00 pm NOON Fellowship Hall

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Menu:

Baked Chicken Broccoli w/Cheese

Sunshine Salad

Rolls

Lemon Cake

Meals are \$5 a plate.

The group will take a tour to
John A. Logan Museum.

Please sign up on the attendance pad. If plans change and you cannot attend, please contact the church office by the Monday before. Otherwise YAH members must pay for the meal that was ordered for you. Thanks.

Young at Heart is a group of senior adults, that meet monthly, on the second Tuesday, for food, fellowship and a program.

PrayerBreakfast at Tiffany's

8th Annual MUMC

Women's Prayer Breakfast

Sponsored by Adult Spiritual Formation Ministry

Saturday, May 7, 2015 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Murphysboro UMC Fellowship Hall For women of all ages, 13 and over <u>Day Care</u> provided

Darlings, please join us for a light breakfast, music, and a time of heartwarming fellowship with other women!

Suggested donation is \$7.00 per ticket. Beginning **April 10th**, tickets will be available after Traditional Service and after Praise Service in the Fellowship Hall.

Reservations accepted for a table of eight.

Mark your calendar today!

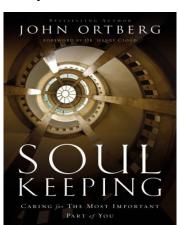


We can either put our lives on hold until we find somewhere like Tiffany's—or we can partner with Jesus and dedicate our lives to the cause of building the Real Life Tiffany's, the Kingdom of Heaven.

If you have questions, please contact Rosie Wece at 618-559-8167 rwece50@gmail.com, Patti Shields at 618-534-1475 deanshield@aol.com or Kathy Bratton at 618-559-3087 kathybratton@yahoo.com Attention **ALL** Ladies: you are invited to A New Study beginning in Faithful Friends Sunday School Class... **Soul Keeping** by John Ortberg

Sunday, April 3rd in Room 204. The health of your soul isn't just a matter of

saved or unsaved. It's the hinge on which the rest of your life hangs. It's the difference between deep, satisfied spirituality and a restless, dispassionate faith.



Use your appetite and help Finish the Fight. Relay for Life is having its annual Taste of Hope. Dine at these local restaurants on the dates listed and 20% of your bill will be donated to



Relay for Life of Jackson County-Murphysboro.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH Cindy B's

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Jack's Meat Market 10 am to 3 pm

Rule of Pie 4 pm to 8 pm TUESDAY, APRIL 19TH Gabby's in Ava 5 pm to Close

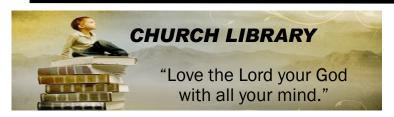
M'boro Dairy Queen

5 pm to Close

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Last Sunday of the Month



The Library Corner: What's New

Libraries, like plants, need to keep growing and changing in order to stay alive! The library team cultivates our "living" library by adding books here and there, moving some books along to another space such as our local public library or Little Free Library, and culling through book donations to choose books that fit the needs of the library.

Here are a few recent book additions in the **Christian Life** section:

The Power of a Whisper: Hearing God. Having the Guts to Respond, by Bill Hybels, senior pastor at the Willow Creek Community Church. Hybels says: "When the circumstances of your life start to shift... at least consider that it might be due to God. When you find yourself in a state of confusion or curiosity about the way things are going go ahead and ask him if there's something he'd like to say to you. Open your hands, open your heart..." (p. 56)

A Love Worth Giving: Living in the Overflow of God's Love, by well-known author and minister Max Lucado. Using Bible stories plus contemporary stories, Lucado discusses "the forgotten first step in relationships"—turning towards God first. And, says Lucado, "his love—if you will let it—can fill you and leave you with a love worth giving." (p.10)

Additions to the **Fiction** section:

The Art of Arranging Flowers, by Lynne Branard. This is a long distance donation from former church member Pat Smart. Yes, it is fiction, not a "how-to" book! It centers on florist Ruby Jewell. You'll have to check it out to see what happens!

Threading the Needle, by Marie Bostwick, the fourth book in the popular Cobbled Court series. Friendships forged at the Cobbled Court Quilt Shop show the power of sisterhood in helping one another through the challenges of life.

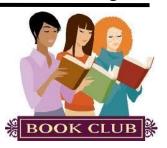
New in the Children's section:

Good read-aloud books for little ones wondering where they came from, or expecting a sibling—God Gave Us You, and God Gave Us Two by Lisa Bergen and Laura Bryant. Veggie Tales provides "I Can Read" books that are fun for the young reader, and with a little moral to the story as well. Try Dial 'M' for Mess Up or Larry Makes a Choice or several other amusing books in the series.



Saturday





Please come and join in the discussion

April 16th at 10:15 in the Church Library

Room 110

as we talk about:

The Presidents Club:

Inside the World's Most Exclusive

Fraternity

By Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy

The New York Times bestselling history of the private relationships among the last thirteen presidents—the partnerships, private deals, rescue missions, and rivalries of those select men who served as commander in chief.

The Presidents Club, established at Dwight Eisenhower's inauguration by Harry Truman and Herbert Hoover, is a complicated place: its members are bound forever by the experience of the Oval Office and yet are eternal rivals for history's favor. Among their secrets: How Jack Kennedy tried to blame Ike for the Bay of Pigs. How Ike quietly helped Reagan win his first race in 1966. How Richard Nixon conspired with Lyndon Johnson to get elected and then betrayed him. How Jerry Ford and Jimmy Carter turned a deep enmity into an alliance. The unspoken pact between a father and son named Bush, and the roots of the rivalry between Clinton and Barack Obama.

Time magazine editors and presidential historians Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy offer a new and revealing lens on the American presidency, exploring the club as a hidden instrument of power that has changed the course of history.

Read Ahead the book for May is: <u>Brooklyn</u> By Colm Tóibín

Ken Cline is slicing the Potato Peel Pie the Saturday Morning Book Club tried out as they discussed the book <u>The</u> <u>Guernsey Literary and Potato</u>

Peel Pie Society
by Mary Ann Shaffer



The *MUMC Mom's* group is a wonderful community for ladies to gather together in worship and fellowship. We hold several book studies at the church each year and are currently reading "Breathe" by Keri Wyant Kent. This book illustrates the importance of keeping the Sabbath, slowing down everyday life and focusing on family.

The **MUMC Mom's** group began six years ago as a Christian book study with four women. Now with over 15 members, the group has begun to break out into other interests. In addition to our book studies, there is a book club which meets monthly, a sewing group which meets on Wednesday mornings and a group of "secret sisters" which surprise each other monthly with small gifts and encouragement.



A Secret Sister Gift

Founding member Scarlett Pierson said,

I wanted to have a community that was about God and growing and supporting each other in this life. It's been cool how God brought together different women from different churches. We truly are a mixture of different traditions but connect because we are doing the mother thing together. What I've learned the most through this is that it doesn't matter where you go to church on Sunday but that you connect in a real way with other believers in honesty, humility and mutual respect for other people's paths.

One of the most unique things about our group is that not all members belong to MUMC. The mom's group is open to everyone and many members attend neighboring churches. We found this group in different ways but we come together with shared values and a desire to grow in our faith.

I would like to thank MUMC for welcoming all of us. I am so grateful to have found these ladies to connect with. They have become so much more than a "mom's group" to me. These are my best friends. This group is one of the greatest blessings of my life. Lindsey Kleinschmidt, a member of St. Andrew in Murphysboro.

The bonds shared between this group of women cannot be summed up in a few paragraphs. We share so much with one another, laugh together, cry together, pray together, guide one another through life's trials and have completely intertwined our lives. This is a group of friends going through life together who are lucky enough to have a church that supports us and opens its doors to us.

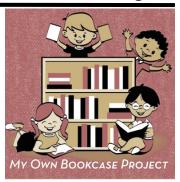
Watch for the next study coming this summer or fall. In the meantime, there are all the other activities we do together. If you or someone you know would like to join us, please contact Amanda Wingerter at 618-559-5948 or Scarlett Pierson at 573-587-9106. New members are always welcome!



My Own Bookcase Project

Several years ago, a few of us became aware of a nationwide program called A Bookcase for Every Child[®]. This program provided Head Start children who were going into kindergarten that fall with their own handmade oak bookcase and a starter set of books. What an awesome ministry! After all, it is a known fact that reading is a fundamental part of a child's ability to learn - and what is more precious to us than our children?

So, after a lot of thought and some "tweaking" to the original project, in 2015 "My Own Bookcase Project "was started. Our theme is "Children learn to read on the laps of their parents."



Children become readers on the laps of their parents.

My Own Bookcase Project is co-sponsored by our church and the Murphysboro Kiwanis, but we have support from many different people, organizations and churches in our community.

So, what does the My Own Bookcase Project actually do? Last year we made 30 handmade oak bookcases (each bookcase has a personalized nameplate), a stuffed animal and a starter set of books. The children receive their books and bookcases at a very special Presentation Ceremony. Last year, Mayor Will Stephens called each child's name and they came up front and were presented their bag of books. The look on the faces of those children as they received their very own books was PRICELESS!!!

This year we will be providing 34 children with a bookcase and starter set of books. We are excited to be able to provide books to children who might not otherwise have the opportunity to have books in their homes.

We would like to thank those who supported My Own Bookcase Project last year and we hope that you will help us again this year to continue to provide reading opportunities to the children of our community.



Yes, I would like to support this project I and make a difference in the life of a child in our community. Enclosed is my donation of \$ ____ Please make checks payable to the Murphysboro United Methodist Church. Note "My Own Bookcase" on the memo line and drop in the offering plate or mail to 1500 Pine St., Murphysboro, IL 62966.

Sunday, April 3rd at 5pm **ALL CHURCH**

Authentic Mexican Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at MUMC. Prepared by members of

Jesus es el Señor United Methodist Church. A Love Offering will be collected for Jesus es el Señor at the meal.

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Substitute Teachers are needed for the Senior High Sunday School Class.

If you think you can help, please contact Emily Hargraves 618-559-0329, or Diane Schingel 618-303-3757.



YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

*Youth Groups Meet, 5:00—6:30 p.m. April 3rd

April 17th Youth Sunday (both services)

April 24th *Youth Groups Meet, 5:00—6:30 p.m. *No Youth Groups May

*CYF: Children's Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade) *JYF: Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade) *SYF: Senior High Youth Fellowship (9th - 12th grade)

*Youth meetings are the 2nd and 4th Sundays September through April with monthly events in the summer months.

BRING A FRIEND!!

MUMC Job Opening: DESOTO MERGER PROJECT COORDINATOR

Successful candidate will provide leadership for the effective merger of the development of ministries at the DeSoto site. This is a 15 hours per week, flexible hours position. A complete listing of duties and responsibilities, along with candidate qualifications can be found on the church website at: www.murphysboroumc.com. Applicants should submit a resume and three letters of reference to: Staff Parish Relations Committee

1500 Pine Street Murphysboro, IL 62966

A background check will be done on successful candidate at time of hire.

An Afternoon SAVE the DATE
Strothmann
Concert Sunday

the Classics May 22nd 2pm Sunday



Mission Trip Prayer Partners:

For several years our congregation has supported a single Sr. High youth mission trip each summer. Our youth have traveled to Missouri, Florida, Tennessee and Central Illinois. It has been eight years since our first crew (nine youth and three adults) loaded up in the white and blue vans to see what this mission stuff was all about. For the past year, our youth program has been diligently working on a new adventure - an international mission opportunity. You may have seen one or two Belize fundraisers... The youth going to Belize would like to thank all who have supported these efforts with their prayers, presence at events and monetary gifts. Unbeknownst to many in the congregation, a second mission trip opportunity has been in the planning stages. The hard work put forth by the Belize team and the great support of the congregation and community have made it possible for a group of youth and adults to also return to Mission Peoria again this year. We are blessed with a great group of kids whose hearts are on fire to spread the love of Jesus Christ to others.

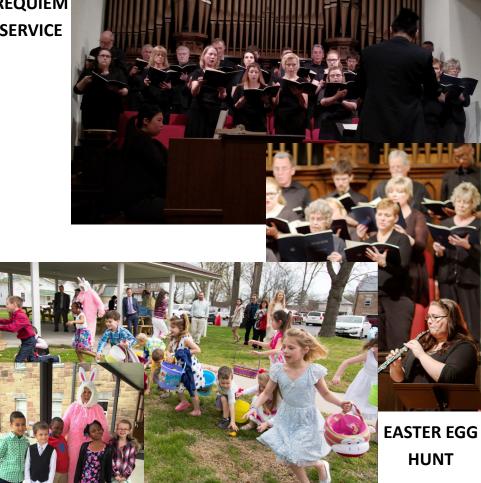
To celebrate the announcement of this second mission trip for Summer 2016, the Youth Ministry Team will have Prayer Partner

Cards on the altar rail on April 17; that Sunday will be led by our Youth and will provide a neat opportunity to celebrate ALL our kids. Members of the congregation are encouraged to take one of the cards and keep that mission team member in prayer until they are safely home. Thank You, The Youth Ministry Team

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	APRIL WORSHIP PA	RTICIPANTS	-30
	TRADITIONAL	PRAISE	
	Worship	Leaders	
	mumcministries	s@gmail.com	
	Mike Dreith	Kristi Miller	
<u>APR</u>	Welcome H	lostesses	
3	Laurie Nehring and Barb Giffin		
10	Laurie Nehring and Barb Giffin		
17	Youth		
24	Arlene Bitner and Susan Patterson		
<u>APR</u>	Acoly	<u>/tes</u>	
3	Tiara Bradford and Caroline Guthman		
10	Wesley Graham and Ethan Finke		
17	Megan McNitt and Conner Twenhafel		
24	Maggie Jenkins and Ali Bradford		DE011150
<u>APR</u>	Prayer Requ	est Reader	REQUIEM
3	Lou Anne Lough	Kristi Miller	SERVICE
10	Stephanie Finke	Kristi Miller	
17	Nancy Fager	Kristi Miller	
24	Gene Schwebel	Kristi Miller	
<u>APR</u>	Children's Chu	urch Leaders	
3	Tonya Walker	Ben & Jennie Snyder	
10	Jennifer O'Donnell	Rick & Scarlett Pierson	
17	Lacey Brown & Rene' Doody	Patty Thrailkill & Theresa Mills	
24 ADD	Diane Schingel	Katie Stewart & Julie Wachtel	
APR	<u>Liturgists</u>	Music Leaders Dennis Coforth	
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What is THE PILGRIMAGE?

THE PILGRIMAGE, in its entirety, is comprised of five modules and two trips; one trip to the Passion Play in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and one trip to the United Methodist boards and agencies in Nashville, Tennessee. This is basically an 'adult version' of the confirmation classes offered to junior high and high school youth. All five modules and both trips will be offered over the next two years. Participants can attend all modules, or only some modules, in any order. Pastor Larry and Angie Baughman are leaders of Module 1, which begins April 17, 2016.

WHAT ARE THE FIVE MODULES?

Module 1: What is Worship? Module 2: Who is Jesus? Module 3: What is the Bible? Module 4: What is the UMC?

Module 5: What are Spiritual Disciplines?

WHAT IS INVOLVED WITH THE TWO TRIPS?

One trip is to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, to view the Passion Play. Participants must attend the module *Who is Jesus?* in order to participate in this trip, as part of the module will be conducted during the trip. The other trip is to Nashville, Tennessee, to visit the General Board of Discipleship, General Board of Communications, and General Board of Higher Education. Participants must attend the module on *What is the United Methodist Church?* in order to participate in this trip.

WHERE DID THE PILGRIMAGE COME FROM?

THE PILGRIMAGE is being written and developed by Pastor Larry and Angie Baughman, in response to adult requests to be able to learn the information that junior high and high schoolers learn during their confirmation process. This will be rich learning for adults, and will also strengthen the church as a whole to become better mentors for young people as they learn these important truths about the church and our faith as a whole.

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE PILGRIMAGE?

Module 1, titled *What is Worship?*, will be held on five Sundays this spring, April 17, 24, May 1, (skip May 8), May 15, and May 22. Module 2 will be titled *Who is Jesus?*, and will be held on three consecutive Thursdays, August 25, Sept 1, and Sept 8, and will conclude during the trip to the Passion Play, which will be September 19-22, 2016. Other modules will be scheduled in 2017.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

A few weeks before each module begins, there will be information announced and you can sign up on the attendance pad during either of the worship services.

WE HOPE YOU MAKE PLANS FOR THE PILGRIMAGE TO BE A NEXT STEP ON YOUR TRAIL OF DISCIPLESHIP!

United Methodist Men's Rally

A United Methodist Men's Rally on March 6th fell short in expected attendance but those who did attend were presented with thoughtful ideas on how and why to have a "mission vision." Jeff Thornton, President of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference United Methodist Men, provided ideas of how men should proceed. His main points for the evening were:

- Be involved in bible studies where observing, interpreting, and applying are important.
- Be "selfish" and build yourself by daily prayer, bible study, involvement in a small group, and becoming a mentor. Older can mentor a younger person but the reverse is also true. Mentoring builds relationships and involvement.
- Build relationships out in the community. 75-80% of any community is un-churched. A community the size of Murphysboro has up to 6,400 of its population of 8,000 not involved in weekly church activities. This is despite the fact there are 26 churches in Murphysboro. Jeff recommends reaching out for the "nontraditional Methodist." Go to them and make them feel comfortable. An example was given of setting up a bible study outside of the church where people congregate.
- Important for men of church to have a planning session that includes a survey of local "Missions Ideas for Men." For 2016, Bishop Keaton is encouraging planning for mission groups... to have a "Visionary Session" by surveying and planning for where missions want to grow. Awareness can change behavior. There are many resources available to the UMM through their charter dues of \$85 per year so the UMM are encouraged to tap into this resource.

Jeff ended the evening by inviting the UMM to form a golf team and enter into the Bishop Golf Tourney on April 22nd. This is a good idea for those MUMC golfers. Jeff will also be sending information out to us regarding a June 18th Cardinal outing at Busch. Cards will play Texas Rangers. Cost of ticket and how to sign up will be forthcoming to us. (Attending baseball games was an idea gaining support by a recent survey of Murphysboro UMM)

The group of men, which included six men from the Du Quoin Methodist Church, were treated with delicious snack items and drinks provided by Hospitality hostesses Theresa Mills and Sharon Graff. Brian Vincent provided entertainment with his guitar and singing.

Perry H. Patterson, UMM Secretary

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SUNDAY	WORSHIP	SCHEDULE
CONDAI		COLLEGE

Traditional Service: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School:10:10 a.m. Praise Service: 11:15 a.m.

Ministers	The Congregation	Custodian	Pat Sullivan
Pastor	Larry A. Gilbert	Child/Youth Ministry Coord	Jennifer O'Donnell
Discipleship Coordinator	Teresa Gilbert	Pianist/Organist	Jenny Choo
Minister of Visitation	Michelle Parker-Clark	Choir Director	Joseph Ryker
Financial Secretary	Christine Nolan	Nursery Attendant	Caitlyn Boyd
Church Secretary	Deb Severa	Nursery Attendant	Megan Gale
Ministry Support Assistant	Lacey Brown		

United Methodist Men



Meet April 9th at 7:30 am
Attending the
Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
Tickets \$7 in Advance, \$8 at the door

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