



The Parish Visitor

First Reformed Church of Fishkill

1153 Main Street, Fishkill, NY 12524

November 2022

From Pastor Amy

We are people who like to be independent and take care of ourselves. We like to believe our perspectives are the correct and valid ones. We don't like to ask for help or admit we need it. That is the culture we live in, but it is not the culture Christ intended for the church. We are to be different from the world. We are to be interdependent—we need one another. We are meant to care for one another, not from a position of offering charity, but from a position of family, knowing that one day we will need help too. We are meant to share what we have and make decisions for the good of the whole community, not just ourselves. It goes against the culture we live in, and that is the point; we are supposed to look different. We are supposed to live in love together, and that takes effort. It can be hard work, especially for those of us who like our independence and don't want to feel like we "owe" anyone anything.

The church is meant to be a place of mutual interdependence where each member is incomplete without the other, where the suffering of one is the suffering of all, and where rejoicing for one is rejoicing for the community. This also means that conflict between members affects not only those individuals; it affects the whole community. Even for those who may not be aware of the conflict, its presence in the community impacts the whole community. We experience it in different ways. In tense rooms, in sudden disappearances, in lost relationships. Because we are bound together in Christ, the disunity of a few is the disunity of all. What makes us different as Christians is not that we don't argue or disagree or hurt one another—we all know that happens. What makes us different is HOW we address and resolve the issues when they arise. We aren't supposed to have conflict like the world does by yelling, slandering, gossiping about, ignoring, or shaming one another, but neither are we to sweep our problems under the rug as if they don't exist; instead, Jesus calls us to the harder thing—reconciliation - and provides us with a way to carry that out when disagreements inevitably arise.

We are called to a ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation, but sometimes we forget a step. We may ask one another for forgiveness, but we don't expect repentance from ourselves or others. By asking the injured person to forgive without asking the one who has caused harm to repent, we put the responsibility for the situation on the one who has been hurt and don't acknowledge the source of that pain. Even if forgiveness is expressed, it is not genuine if the wound is not acknowledged, and the injured person will not be able to trust the community to keep him or her safe in the future.

Disagreement will always be part of community life. We can choose to see it as negative and refuse to engage or engage in hurtful ways, or we can see it as an opportunity to learn and grow stronger in our faith and our community.

This Thanksgiving, may we give thanks for the people in our lives, for the church community we have, and for a God who offers us grace, love, and mercy every day. May we all know the love we have in Christ and share that love with everyone we meet.

Blessings,
Pastor Amy



OUR CHURCH IN NOVEMBER 2022



<u>1st</u>	<u>Worship & Music 11 am</u>	<u>16th</u>	
<u>2nd</u>		<u>17th</u>	Richard Bobb's Birthday Choir rehearsal 2 pm
<u>3rd</u>	<u>Choir rehearsal 2 pm</u>	<u>18th</u>	
<u>4th</u>		<u>19th</u>	
<u>5th</u>		<u>20th</u>	<u>Worship & Coffee Hour</u> Preparing for the hanging of the greens
<u>6th</u>	<u>Worship & Coffee Hour</u> Daylight savings time ends / Turn Clocks Back Private Prayer offered with Pia Price	<u>21th</u>	
<u>7th</u>		<u>22nd</u>	
<u>8th</u>	Ron Jone's Birthday <u>Election Day Vote!</u>	<u>23rd</u>	<u>Church Office Closed</u>
<u>9th</u>		<u>24th</u>	<u>Thanksgiving Day</u> <u>Church Office Closed</u> Rick Roberts Birthday
<u>10th</u>	<u>Choir rehearsal 2 pm</u>	<u>25th</u>	<u>Church Office Closed</u>
<u>11th</u>	<u>Veterans Day</u>	<u>26th</u>	
<u>12th</u>		<u>27th</u>	<u>Worship & Coffee Hour</u> Hanging of the Greens
<u>13th</u>	<u>Worship & Coffee Hour</u>	<u>28th</u>	
<u>14th</u>		<u>29th</u>	
<u>15th</u>		<u>30th</u>	

Gold Boxes are Sundays

Parish Visitor articles for December are due by the 18th Articles received after will go in the January Parish Visitor. Please email your information to the church office: office@fishkillreformed.org. thank you

You can reach Pastor Amy via email: nylandal@gmail.com or Church Office (Carolyn Cordoni): office@fishkillreformed.org. Phone: 845 896-9836.

Office Hours are Monday thru Friday. 9 am – 3 pm: in-person. Please call before visiting. **Church Calendar** – When scheduling a church meeting or event, please contact the **Church Office** so That it can be listed on the church calendar.

Prayer Chain – To be added to the church prayer chain contact list or to submit prayer requests for yourself or others, please email prayerchain@fishkillreformed.org.

Worship services in the sanctuary beginning at 10 am Sundays. Please arrive and be seated by 9:45 am. To watch live online service, go to the website, click “Worship with us,” then “live stream online service.” [://us02web.zoom.us/j/85301499038?pwd=QzRXL3Z1QmpUNkFnMUxUeTNRMXQwZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85301499038?pwd=QzRXL3Z1QmpUNkFnMUxUeTNRMXQwZz09)

Remote broadcasts can also be seen live on our Facebook page or website. **Recorded services** can be seen on Cablevision Channel 21 at 3:00 pm, Sundays (*broadcast of the previous week’s service*); on Comcast Channel 5 in Eastern Dutchess Co. and Putnam Co., Wednesdays, 7 pm and Sunday, 3 pm; as well as on our website under “Sunday Worship Videos.”

Our Church website includes our newsletters, worship service links, church history, and Facebook page. Go to: www.fishkillreformed.org.

Remote Giving – offerings can be mailed to the church office: at 1153 Main St., Fishkill, NY 12524, or dropped through the DuBois House doors’ mail slots. You may also use PayPal. Go to the church website, click on “Online Services,” and scroll down to/ click on the “Donate Now” button to select an option.

Private Prayer Will be offered on the first Sundays of each month with an Elder after service.

November 6th Pia Price

THANKSGIVING OFFERING



Hurricane Fiona devastated Puerto Rico with heavy rain and wind, knocking out the fragile power system and flooding neighborhoods. Damage to Florida from Hurricane Ian is receiving a lot of attention while the suffering in Puerto Rico is again being forgotten. The Deacons have designated this year’s Thanksgiving Offering to Puerto Rico hurricane relief. Write Thanksgiving on your check or use the special Thanksgiving envelopes. Please help share our blessings with those whose lives were devastated again so soon after Hurricane Maria five years ago.





Our Consistory at Work

Meeting Notes from October 11th, 2022

Consistory Notes from October 11, 2022, for November Parish Visitor

- **Greg Totino led devotions based on Matthew 16:26. An important aspect of our calling as Christians and leaders is to be careful that our debates and arguments are meant to solve problems, not to create drama or gain power or a sense of importance. Addressing problems and meeting the needs of others is how, instead of finding joy in the argument, we can find joy in the solution. Anything that we're trying to achieve is possible through God.
Let us pray: As we hear arguments without solutions, let us be the ones who find solutions through Christ, who gives us strength.**
- **Pastor Amy's first (Zoom) Bible Study of the Acts of the Apostles was well-attended and will continue on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.**
- **The income from the Everything Sale was \$1,415.98. Thank you to everyone whose hard work and donations made the return of this endeavor a success!**
- **The final profit from the Golf Outing to support the Building and Grounds projects was over \$9,200...a wonderful bonus for an afternoon of good company, fresh air, and fun! Thank you for the organization and participation that always make this outing a huge success!**
- **Our congregation's additional donation of \$855 for the Outpour Center in Jackson, MI, towards the distribution of bottled water to local flood victims was acknowledged by Pastor Thompson... "Your kindness and compassion have ministered to us in unspeakable ways, and we are eternally grateful for your partnership in the gospel."**
- **Receipt of our letter to the Mid-Hudson Classis, requesting approval to have the additional assessment waived to allow us to pursue dual affiliation with the UCC, has been acknowledged, but we have not yet received a response.**
- **The numbers in our choir are growing, and the sanctuary is filled with beautiful voices guided by our new director, Janie Koopmans, and the lovely music provided by Christine Johannsen. Our thanks for the joy they all add to our worship!**
- **Treasurer's September report: Total YTD revenue: \$161,407.36; Total YTD expenses: \$247,838.84**
- **Property Committee updates: Taggart Lake's work on repairing 6 to 8 headstones has already made a difference in the appearance of our church cemetery. In reviewing the names on the cemetery stones, Toni Houston has found quite a few more veterans who will be receiving flag markers in the future. The Ed building will receive two new Exit sign/emergency light fixtures and minor electrical work on some light fixtures and outlets.**
- **We thank Rich and B.J. Lanni for faithfully leading the church's mission to provide hundreds of meals for Webster house, and we now welcome Helene Wright and Ginny Stiles to take over supervision of this much-appreciated service.**



John Houston
Finance Chairman

*First Reformed Church
of Fishkill*

FINANCE \$101

In God, we trust

No cash, no checks, no problem! There are multiple options for paying your pledge or making another donation. Consider signing up for automatic withdrawal. Once per month, our treasurer initiates a transaction that collects funds directly from individual accounts. The person giving in this manner just has to make sure there is cash available in the account

or

1. Make the check payable to First Reformed Church, Fishkill Reformed, or similar. We cannot deposit checks made out to Southern Dutchess Coalition for the Homeless, our missionaries, Church World Service, etc. Please make the checks out to our church and use the Memo line to tell us if it is for a special purpose. We will get the money to the correct place
2. Make sure you write the correct date on the check.
3. Make sure the same amount is written in both locations on the check.
4. Make sure you have signed your check.

Thank you!



Save the dates

Preparing for Hanging of the Greens

On November 20th we will need help getting all the boxes and materials pulled from their storage places and moved to the right buildings to be ready for Hanging of the Greens. There are three trees, roping, decorations, etc. that are stored in the DuBois basement and attic. Moving them now will make Decorating Nov. 27th is much easier. Please meet me at the DuBois house right after church. With your help, we are usually done in about 20 minutes.

Hanging of the Greens

On Sunday, November 27. We will be decorating the church property Everyone is invited to help. Some of the tasks are done outside and others are done in the church, Fellowship Hall and DuBois House. Please pick one or two tasks and help decorate our church. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall. Please take a look and see if there is something you can help with to make our church extra beautiful for the Advent season. We will begin right after church.

November 27th - Decorating the Education Building Tree During Coffee Hour.

Support from Elders and Deacons

If you need pastoral care please contact an elder:

Heather Hansen, Fishkill Celeste Rudberg, Wappingers

Pia Price, Poughkeepsie Larry Sansone, Beacon

John Twohig, Beacon

If you need a meal, medication delivered, or a phone call, please get in touch with a deacon:

Linda Baron, Wappingers Victor Chao, Hopewell

Brenda Smith-Cliffe, Wappingers Jeanne Devine, Fishkill

Greg Totino, Fishkill



8 – Ron Jones*

17 – Richard Bobb

24 – Rick Roberts



The names of those assigned will be listed in each month's "Parish Visitor" newsletter. We will assign only people we have seen attending, as some have not yet returned in person. This method has worked well in the past and ensures that everyone has an opportunity to share in receiving and providing fellowship, refreshments, and clean-up. Dorrie Hansen has most graciously agreed to set up the coffee. And there is a new cabinet in the library with needed supplies.

Thank you for taking your turn. Please check the newsletter to see if you are scheduled. If you see only two names, it means that someone unable to manage the set-up work will still be able to contribute goodies. If you are not available on the assigned Sunday, please try to switch with someone. If that fails, please call Jean Winkler.

NOVEMBER 2022

Coffee Hour Hosts and Hostesses



- Nov. 6th Jan Lane & Buscemi/Sansone
Nov. 13th Heather & John Hansen & Linda Baron
Nov. 20th Dot Keller & Pia Price & Greg Totino
Nov. 27th Falcones & Jan Utter

Worship Greeters



- Nov. 6th Diane & Gordon Flayter
Nov. 13th Alice Binder
Nov. 20th Steve & Ava Falcone
Nov. 27th Dana Cramer

Liturgist



- Nov. 6th Bill Resling
Nov. 13th Jan Lane
Nov. 20th Bonnie Chao
Nov. 27th Paul Smith

Flowers Donated this month by



- Nov. 13th Paul Smith in memory of Terri Smith
Jean Teske in memory of Emil W. Teske (Elder & Sunday school teacher).
June Crawford in loving memory of Harold Crawford &
In loving memory of my parents Leon & Ina Maciorowski.
John & Brenda Cliff in memory of their parents James & Mary Cliff and
George & Mary Harris.

DECEMBER 2022

Coffee Hour Hosts and Hostesses



- DEC. 4th Ray & Joan VanVoorhis & Paul Smith
DEC. 11th Houstons & E. Bobb
DEC. 18th Winklers & Alice Binder
DEC. 25th NO COFFEE HOUR

Worship Greeters



- DEC. 4th Dorrie Hansen
DEC. 11th Julie Sanders
DEC. 18th John & Karen Twohig
DEC. 25th



Liturgist

- DEC. 4th John Twohig
DEC. 11th Pia Price
DEC. 18th Bill Reisling
DEC. 24th (eve) Bill Reisling
Dec 25th Jan Lane



Flowers Donated



Remembering Family and Friends
And Loved Ones

During this holiday season.



BULLETIN BOARD



Girl Scout Troop 10398

The girls earned their Democracy badge leading up to Election Day and were able to take behind-the-scenes tours of both the Village and Town of Fishkill government buildings. They were surprised to see some of the complexity that has come up recently due to redistricting of parts of Dutchess County for both the State and Federal governments and they are ready and eager to exercise their own rights to vote when they turn 18 (which is closer than some of their parents want to admit). This month they'll be diving into the Science of Style and talking to some experts in cosmetics and textiles with a field trip to see the operations at Unshattered a local nonprofit whose mission is to end the addiction relapse cycle through green, sustainable fashion. For fun, we are planning a trip to the corn maze at Fishkill Farms as well as an afternoon of axe throwing. As you can see Girl Scouts does a whole lot more than sell cookies!

Keep up Your Vigilance – Covid cases are once again on the rise in some of the areas where our members live. Please continue to wear masks, social distancing, and wash your hands.

Mental Health Issues? (You are not alone)

Social isolation can often lead to depression and/or anxiety. Often, those hurting turn to self-medication through alcohol and/or drugs. This can lead to substance addictions. Drug and alcohol problems have increased since COVID isolations began. If you or someone you care about needs help in dealing with depression, anxiety, or substance issues, contact MHA Dutchess at 845 473-2500 for help.

You can visit their website at infor@mhadutchess.com to learn more. There is hope with help!

When we think about the holiday season, many of us connect to traditions that ground us in our histories, our feelings toward one another, and our hope for a new year. This year, due to the pandemic, the holiday season will be different for many of us. For many of us, there will be loved ones missing, along with accompanying sadness. Many are also experiencing financial stressors or other hardships. Some are feeling sheer exhaustion from the many changes we have had to navigate just to “get through.” You may even wish to ignore that there is a holiday season this year.

There's no right or wrong way to spend the holidays.

Have a self-care plan for the holidays that prioritizes your mental health

Set healthy boundaries to protect your mental well-being.

It's okay to not be okay this holiday season.

If you find you need extra support this holiday season, 1-800-985-5990

Hudson River Housing, Inc.

You're invited to join Hudson River Housing on **Friday, November 11th, 2022 from 2 pm - 5 pm** as we commemorate Homelessness Awareness Month with our 16th Annual Wind Chill Fundraiser. **All ages are welcome, and there is no cost to attend!** This year's event will take place in the Main Building at Vassar College, located at 124 Raymond Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY.

December 10th is the LAST DAY for shoe drop-off. It gives our volunteers time to package Up all donations for this shoe drive.



Thank You to all who donated and helped!!! Linda B.



Poinsettias for the Sanctuary

Message: in memory of or in honor of

Please reach out to Jan Utter After Dec 1st

Or

Sign up in the education building

Prices include delivery and pot covers

The price is \$ 10.00



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Poinsettias for the sanctuary are \$10.00 each. Sign up in the Education Building. Make checks Payable to “First Reformed Church” and in the memo Please put Poinsetta.

Name _____ wish to give to:

_____ Poinsettias in honor of / in memory of (please circle one)

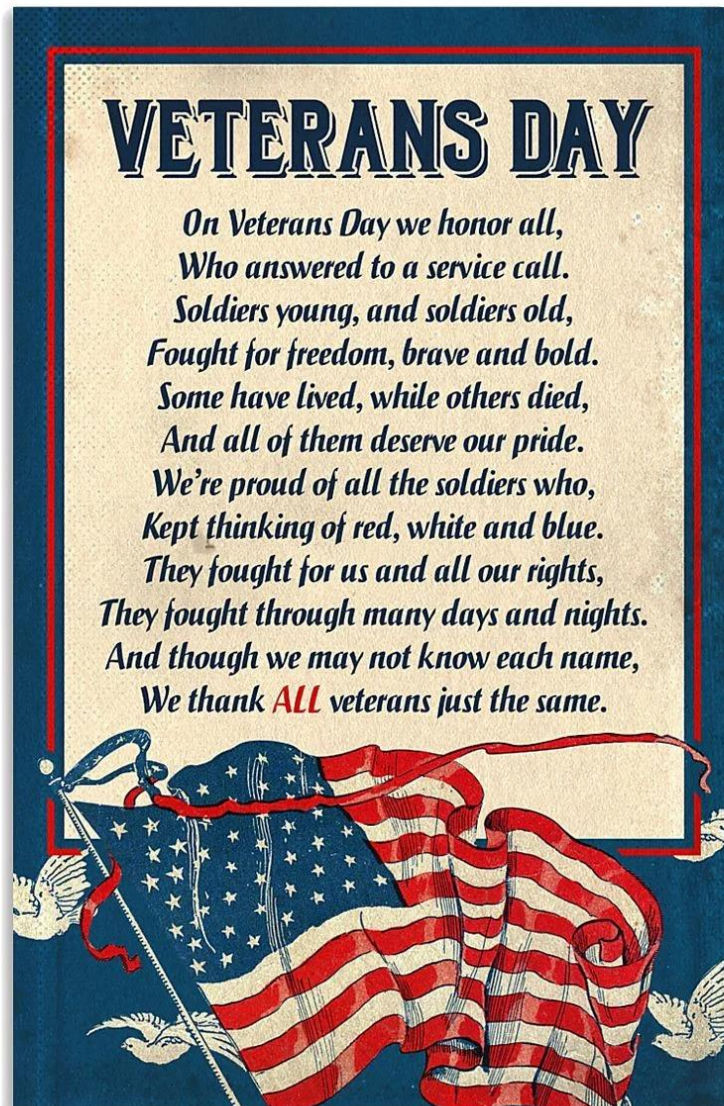


To All our Soldiers and Vet

“This is the prayer I say tonight, it is for my loved one who must fight. This prayer is not for this one alone, But for all the military far from home. Lord, please keep them safe and sound on their way to where there are bound. We love those that are asked to fight, so keep them safe for us tonight.” John E. Blue

ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL! Keep in mind our friends and Family that are in harm's way this holiday season. Light a candle for them.

11-11-2022



F.Y.I.

For children during worship: Books, coloring sheets, crayons, and other quiet activities are available in a wicker basket at the entrance to the sanctuary. Ask a greeter. Please return items to the basket after worship.

Lost and Found Are you missing a pair of grey garden gloves or grey winter gloves? Both pairs are by the DuBois House mailboxes.

Are you missing a hearing aid? It was found after service a little over a month ago. If you believe it is yours' please stop by the main office.

Memorial Flowers are placed at our altar on the second Sunday of each month. You can sign up to remember loved ones or to celebrate milestones happening each month. The memorials will be listed in the Sunday bulletin when the fresh seasonal flowers are displayed in our worship service. These flowers will then be distributed to those in need or home-bound members at the elders' discretion. The cost per memorial is

\$20.00. Sign up using the Flower form below. Please mail your donation to the church office.

We do not have requests for flowers for July, August, October, and November. We need at least three or more requests per month. ***Please consider signing up for flowers.***

FLOWER DONATION FORM

I _____ wish to donate flowers in the month of _____. I have enclosed my check for \$20 with "Flower Donation in the Memo" and would like the following to appear in the bulletin:

*Mail to: First Reformed Church of Fishkill, 1153 Main Street, Fishkill, NY 12524,
Attn: Flower Comm.*



IN MEMORANDUM



SUSAN C. BRETSCH



Just A Note For You:



Dear church family,

With a grateful heart, we would like to thank you for all your prayers, cards, meals, and phone calls during our time of heartbreak. We feel Clem all around us and know that he is now without physical limitations.

I am making progress as well. Although the doctors keep telling me it will be a long road to fully recover. I will need to be patient.

A special thank you to all who worked so hard for Clem's reception.

Closing with the following sentiment:

I share with you my love and the strength of caring,
so that you may not walk alone

- Howard Thurman -

Antje and family



Do you love pie?



Hate to bake?

I will bake a 7-inch pie for you.

Cost: \$12.00 Goes to the treasury of the First Reformed Church of Fishkill.

What kind would you like?

Apple

Pumpkin

Lemon Meringue

Custard

Call Phyllis Lake at 845-765-0126 or 607-591-4455

Children's Community Services



October has come and gone so quickly! Before and After School decorated the Ed. Building lobby for Halloween and are busy working on Thanksgiving decorations.

Parents and Tots and DeKinder 3's and 4's had a great time at Meadowbrook Farms apple picking and enjoyed making some spooky crafts for Halloween. November we will be all about being thankful and being a good friend! On our last day before Thanksgiving break, we will be acting out the story "Stone Soup" and then sharing what they make.

Have a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!
Barbara VanVoorhis



CCS Wish List

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| Elmer's Glue (preferably <i>not</i> school glue) | Dry erase markers |
| Elmer's Glue Sticks | Crayola magic markers - thin and thick |
| Tacky Glue | Crayola crayons |
| Tissues | Copy machine paper |
| White paper plates, thin | small paper cups (<i>not</i> bathroom size) |
| Gallon size Ziploc baggies | Spray bottles |
| Corn starch | bleach |
| Apple juice | Playdough makings: flour, salt, cream of tartar, & food coloring |

November School Days

- 8th No School Election Day
- 11th Veterans Day Closed
- 16th P & T Thanksgiving Party
- 22nd 3's & 4's Thanksgiving Party
- 23rd-25th Thanksgiving Recess



Choir Rehearsal: will begin at 2 pm. Every Thursday Please meet in the sanctuary.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!! 

Or do you play an instrument?

Guitar? Drums? Chimes? Flute? Cello? penny whistle? maracas?
Join us for choir practice!!

Then, join us for Worship on Sundays at 10:00 am.
Play an Instruments!

Show God your talent! Say Yes!



SDCH

The committee putting together personal care bags for our homeless friends, they are in need of several items. We provide food bags and personal care bags separately, so unneeded items do not get repeated.

We need:

- Deodorant
- Socks
- Small packs of wipes/tissues
- Soap
- Lotion
- Warm gloves
- Protein bars

If you can help, please bring them to church or leave them at the church office.

Phyllis Lake, SDCH

November 2022



**FIGHT HUNGER
IN OUR COMMUNITY!**

We will receive a \$1 donation for every \$10.99 bouquet in the sleeve marked "Bloomin' 4 Good" sold at our local Stop & Shop this month.

PICK ONE UP TODAY!

 **STOP&SHOP**

Learn more at stopandshop.2givelocal.com

At Our Newburgh Location, 1429 Route 300, Newburgh NY



Fight Hunger Bag Program

Time to celebrate!

\$143

was raised for Fishkill Food Pantry
by shoppers and supporters!
During the month of September 2022.



And from our June 2022 Stop & Shop Bloomin 4 Good program, we received \$ 124.00

Keep up the good work!!!!

The Gift of Knowing That Beautiful Tomorrows Begin Today

Tomorrow is a beautiful road
That will take you right where
you want to go ...

If you spend today walking away
From worry and moving towards
Serenity; leaving behind conflict
And traveling towards solutions;
And parting with emptiness and
Never giving up on your search
For fulfillment. If you can do
What works for you, your present
Will be happier and your path will
Be smoother. And best of all?
You'll be taking a step into a
Beautiful future.



By Douglas Pagels (A sourcebook of Joy & encouragement /2000)

If anyone would like to submit one of their favorite poems etc... for next month (December) please email me with it. Include name, author, published in, and year.



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