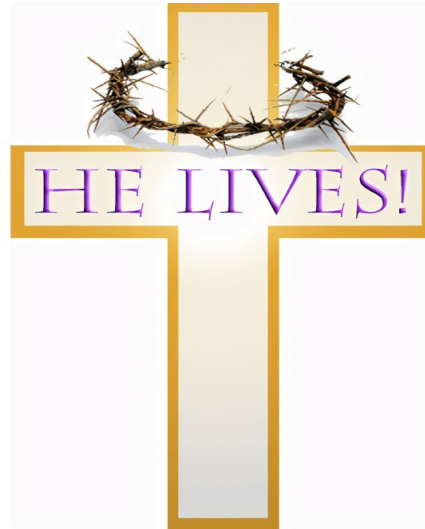


CHRIST CHURCH FOREST HILL
ROCK SPRING PARISH

APRIL 2023



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Vestry Officers: Molly Neal, Senior Warden

Jane O'Leary, Interim Treasurer

Tony Davis, Junior Warden

Lyn Edmunds, Registrar

Cemetery Administrator: Leslie Amtmann

Music Team Leaders:

Robert Hitz—Choir Director

Lyn Edmunds—Song Leader

The Chimes



Priest in Charge

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Sunday, April 2, we enter the octave (eight days) of Holy Week. Our schedule of services looks like this:

- ♦ **Palm Sunday, April 2, Parish Hall 9:45am, in the Church at 10:00am**
- ♦ **Wednesday, April 5 Compline Live Stream at 9:00pm**
- ♦ **Maundy Thursday Service, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church**
- ♦ **Good Friday Service, April 7 at Noon in the Church**
- ♦ **Easter Morning Service, April 9 at 9:45 a.m. in the Church**

From the earliest days of the Jesus Movement, Christians would gather in Jerusalem to remember his final days beginning with Palm Sunday. Liturgies began to appear like walking the Stations of the Cross, observing the Last Supper, washing one another's feet as described in the Gospel of John, a solemn remembrance of the Crucifixion and Burial on Good Friday, an Easter Vigil beginning in the middle of the night and concluding with a celebration of the Feast of the Resurrection, Easter, as dawn would break. Pilgrims would arrive in Jerusalem from all over the ancient world to remember these most holy days of what became the Christian Year as we now know it.

Once Jerusalem and the Temple were razed to the ground in the year 70, however, these celebrations took place in local churches, eventually cathedrals, and the Church, as it is today, became a reality. The Easter Vigil and Easter morning services were a time when converts were baptized after a period of study, prayer and preparation during the time of Lent. Easter is, and has always been, the Primary Feast of the Church. With the evolution of the various services in Holy Week, it is easy to forget that the events beginning with the entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through the Day of Resurrection are all considered to be one, continuous event. This is why for one to feel the full impact of what God in Christ was doing for us all that week long, long ago, it helps to participate in all the services from Palm Sunday through Easter Day.

It is a particular time of rejoicing for us all because this will be the first time since the beginning of Pandemic in March, 2020, that Christ Church Forest Hill Rock Spring Parish is able to offer the full Holy Week schedule of services – in person, and in church. Of course, we will continue to Live Stream for all of those who for whatever reason are not able to be in church. But once we have all celebrated Holy Week together, to sing and shout "Alleluia" once again, not only after the forty days of Lent, but the several years of isolation for some brought upon us by a global Pandemic.

May we all feel renewed and reborn in the life of the Spirit of Christ, as we celebrate Holy Week together as the gathered people of the Jesus Movement sustained by our Lord's life and love!

Yours in Christ,

The Reverend Kirk Kubicek, Priest in Charge

We are those people who Care for the Earth and Everything Therein!

One of the things I look forward to during the annual observance of Lent are the petitions in the Rite I Prayers of the people. In particular is this reminder:

“Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.”

However one interprets the two stories of Creation in the first two chapters of Genesis, the central truth of our being made, female and male, “in the image of God” is that we have been created to be stewards of Creation – stewards, caretakers, of the Earth itself. We need the Earth, and everything therein: The earth is the Lord’s, and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein. (Psalm 24:1) Those who dwell therein includes every creature, every animal, every insect, every earthworm! And perhaps most especially, the bees.

We are only recently becoming aware of the simple fact: no bees, no agriculture; no agriculture, no food. Yet, large colonies of bees have recently been disappearing for a variety of reasons. Central to those reasons, it appears, is our lack of good stewardship when it comes to tending to the land, the soil, itself. Using certain chemicals and petro-chemicals has allowed for greater yields from each acre of land. But it appears that we have been poisoning the very creatures who pollinate the plants we need for food.

The bees are only one example. Creatures have been going extinct at an alarming rate. Fortunately, we are beginning to understand just what it means to be “faithful stewards” of God’s bounty. The most important awareness conveyed by the psalmist would be that “The Earth is the Lord’s,” not ours to do with as we please. We were placed on this “fragile Earth our island home” to be stewards, caretakers, of God’s Earth – and to take care of all creatures great and small, including one another. To be “the image of God,” in the Hebrew, means that we are God’s tokens, God’s ambassadors, God’s servants to tend the Earth for the sake of all creatures.

To remind us of all of this, Earth Day came into existence as an annual time to take seriously what it is we pray for – to be faithful stewards of God’s bounteous plane Earth. So far, we look to be on the most unique planet in the Universe when it comes to being an entire planet of living things! Our Rock Spring Keepers are the vanguard servants for us, and the Forest Hill community we serve, to return us to this most fundamental responsibility as God’s people: to care for the Earth, right here at Christ Church. For what we do with our 12 acres makes an impact on all of the rest of creation.

Sundays April 16 and 23, our Sunday Worship will be focused on what it means to be faithful stewards of God’s creation. The Rock Spring Keepers will have information and activities for us in this coming octave which includes Earth Day. Please plan to be on hand not only for Easter, April 9, but the following two Sundays as we examine just what it means to be the people we have been created to be: faithful stewards of God’s bounty and all of God’s creation!

Stewardship Pledge Form

2023

In prayerful consideration of my/our stewardship of God's resources, responsibility to Christ Church, and the desire to take the next step in my/our journey of faith, I/we pledge the following financial support to Christ Church for the 2023 church year:

Weekly \$ _____

Quarterly \$ _____

Monthly \$ _____

For a total of \$ _____ per year



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

- I would like to receive envelopes (circle one): YES NO
- Envelope # _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return to Christ Church by mail.

Christ Church, Rock Spring Parish
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Thank you and God Bless!

Christ Church Altar Flowers Dedications 2023

Please indicate whether you would like to pick up the flowers after the dedication date or leave for church use.

I would like to **add** the following dedications in 2023:

Date	Preferred Sunday	Dedication (as will appear in bulletin ex: In memory of, In honor of, In thanksgiving for)	Pick Up ☐	Church Use ☐

NAME: _____ (PLEASE PRINT) Envelope #: _____

Method of Payment (**\$30 contribution per Sunday**)

Payment Included _____ Will send _____

☐ **Cash**

☐ **Check** (made payable to Christ Church Rock Spring Parish)



Please mail this form to the office or place in the offertory plate.

Christ Church Vestry Minutes

February 15, 2023

[Virtual Meeting Via Zoom]

Attendance: Fr. Kirk, Molly Neal, Tony Davis, Jane O’Leary, Lyn Edmunds, Leslie Amtmann, Lois Tidey, Janet Clifton

Meeting began at 7:05 pm with opening prayer.

Vestry Minutes from 1/11/2023, meeting approved with correction of next meeting date to 2/15/2023.

Treasurer’s Report: Income and expenses are slightly inflated due to new calendar year, and date of posting. Cash increase is due to higher earnings in Edw. Jones account. Jane is still awaiting statement from T. Rowe Price. Truist account is actually less than shown due to payment of January bills. CC has 20 pledges, just above pledged amount from 2022. Members contributed 17% above expected as of 1/31/23. Electric use is higher due to improved HVAC, hopefully to be offset by lower fuel oil use.

Action Item: Repayment of Cemetery Loan for HVAC: A recent gift of \$500 has been repaid to Cemetery, with remaining loan balance of \$11,000. Vestry considered use of other listed gifts to repay cemetery, but these funds have been used for operating expenses, and hence are not available.

Rector’s Report: Kudos to the Spaghetti Dinner Team! Parochial Report completed in record time. Noting diocesan changes in reporting, Fr. Kirk explained his inclusion of attendance from live-stream offices such as noonday prayers, for accuracy and consistency in weekly figures. Numbers reflect gradual taper in attendance and live-stream offices due to lifting of COVID-19 restrictions. Compline will be offered during Lent and also perhaps through Easter season.

Rector’s Book List: Toward the Kingdom of Heaven: 40 Daily Readings on the Sermon on the Mount, by Amy-Jill Levine; Experiences of God, by Jurgen Moltmann (promotes “theology of hope”).

Senior Warden: Welcome to new Vestry, Janet Clifton and Peggy Reel.

Officers for 2023 formally installed: Senior Warden: Molly Neal; Junior Warden: Tony Davis; Registrar: Lyn Edmunds; Treasurer: Jane O’Leary.

Parochial Report: One correction: Change registrar name to Lyn Edmunds. One addition: Ecumenical Mission of Lois and Richard Tidey who participated in a project for re-settlement of Afghani refugee family. With these changes, parochial report unanimously accepted. Other items: thanks to dedicated group of volunteers, Piecemakers Quilting Group will move on 2/20 to beautifully refurbished space in the annex.

ECW: Successful spaghetti dinner on Feb. 4th! 92 tickets sold for \$1300, with \$800 netted after expenses. Our “sister church,” Holy Trinity publicized and sold tickets, as did Centre Methodist. Molly reached out to Holy Trinity to help them organize a rummage sale. A new family attended the dinner and have come to church as well. ECW has full calendar: Hope for the Homeless Dinner in March. Royal-Tea on April 30th. Rummage sale on June 17th .

Junior Warden: Tony reports locks moved to new quilting rooms to secure their equipment. Met with contractor Steven Taylor re: Basement waterproofing and mold. Radon testing slightly elevated on self-test. Mr. Taylor will offer recommendations for basement and radon mitigation.

Cemetery: Two families have inquired about their family plots for burials within the year (in spring, August). One family (Hays) has historic graves at CC in Section 1. Also a reminder that the cemetery loan of \$11,000 for CC HVAC needs to be repaid ASAP.

Rock Spring Keepers: Movie Matinee of “Hometown Habitat” on January 21 held with 13 attendees, a lively discussion, snacks and door prizes Planning for follow-up movie TBA. Adopt-a Road has volunteers signed-up through July. Still awaiting County signage. March 12th , tickets go on sale to win Keeper’s spectacular Raffle Basket! Earth Day to be observed Sunday April 23rd, with special service and music, eco-themed coffee hour activity when winner of Raffle Basket announced.

RSK plans: Remove trash, non CC signs, and invasives around utility pole near Rt. 24 (in progress). Address dying weeping cherry in cemetery; involves vine eradication, tree removal and replacement with native tree. Invasives to be removed from courtyard bed for Melinda’s WSA Capstone project. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm, with closing prayer from John Philip Newell, Praying with the Earth.

Next Vestry Meeting will be March 15, 2023 at 7 pm via Zoom.

Blessings,
Lyn Edmunds, Registrar

The logo for Vestry features the word "Vestry" in a serif font. The "Vest" portion is in a dark red color, and the "ry" portion is in a dark blue color. A stylized, light gray cross symbol is positioned below the "ry" part of the text.



Episcopal Church Women

ECW MEETINGS: are held on the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of the month.

APRIL 12— ECW 7 PM in the Annex

MAY 10— ECW 7 PM in the Annex



Let us treat you like ROYALTEA!

The Ladies Tea is scheduled for April 30 from 2-4 PM and our theme will offer opportunities to reminisce and celebrate the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

Please see the information page for more details.

Invitations to share with your guests are available in the Parish Hall.

RUMMAGE SALE—June 17

Do you have gently used household and outdoor items you wish to donate? **No clothing please.** We will be accepting donations according to this schedule:

- **Sundays** after church—**May 21-June 10**
- **Saturdays**
 - **May 27** 11 AM—1 PM
 - **June 3** 11 AM—1 PM
 - **June 10** 11 AM—3 PM
- **Tuesdays**
 - **May 23** 10 AM—2 PM
 - **May 30** 10 AM—2 PM
 - **June 6** 10 AM—2 PM
 - **June 13** 10 AM—2 PM

Need to drop off donations at a different time? Please call:
Kate 443-910-3671
MaryJane 410-456-7931
 to schedule an appointment.

Household Goods - ~~Books~~ - Craft Supplies - Tools - Sports Equipment

PLEASE NOTE: Our SHARING LIBRARY is full to overflowing! We are NOT accepting books at this time. We suggest you contact your local branch of the Harford County Public Library and inquire whether their Friends group is accepting donations for upcoming book sales.

The Rummage Sale is always a big fundraising event with plenty of volunteer opportunities! Please let us know if you can help:

Sorting & Pricing June 11-16

Sales Help June 17

Sorting & Boxing leftovers June 18-24



ECW Officers 2022-2023

President
 Colleen Murphy 410-925-5875
Corresponding Secretary
 Janet Clifton 410-838-5072
Recording Secretary
 MaryJane Parrish 410-456-7931
Treasurer
 Melinda Chase 443-866-1134

To All the Women of the Parish:
Let us treat you like Royal-Tea!



SUNDAY APRIL 30, 2023 2-4 PM

HOSTED BY: THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

WHERE: PARISH HALL, CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**WHAT: AFTERNOON TEA TO REMINISCE & CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF
HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

Who is invited? All women from Christ Episcopal Church along with their family, friends and/or neighbors are welcome to come. Children & grandchildren are welcome to attend too, if you think they would enjoy this event.

What is the theme this year? This year's theme is "Royal-Tea".

What is the Tea? Our church has had an annual ECW Tea for over 20 years! The themes change every year, but the basics remain the same. The main focus of the Tea is for the women at Christ Church to have a fun afternoon of fellowship & a chance to visit with friends. It's also a chance to get to know the newer members of our congregation. There will be a few door prizes & a 50/50 raffle this year. Also, the tea itself is free ~ JUST COME AND ENJOY!

How do I sign up? There will be a large sign posted in the Narthex of the church & in the Parish Hall. You can also call Colleen Murphy for more information. Please include all the requested information when signing up to assist us in organizing this fun event.

How does it work? People bring their own card tables (or borrow a table that has been lent to the church for the day.) You sign up to either host a table or to attend the Tea and sit at someone else's table. If you are a hostess, you will be the main contact person for that table. You are in charge of organizing your table and who at your table will be bringing what. If you want to be a guest at someone else's table, please note that when you sign up. If you are new to the church or the ECW Tea and are not sure who to sit with or have any other questions, please call **Colleen Murphy**, or make a note of it on the chart. We will make sure you are sitting with a nice group of new or current friends at the Tea.

What do I need to bring? Each table of 4 or more people should bring their own tablecloth, napkins, place settings including silverware and a tea service (teapot, creamer & sugar bowl) to use. This is a chance to show off your favorite china set or linens that you rarely get to use! At least one person from each table of 4 should bring either an appetizer or a dessert to be shared (enough for about 6-8 people). If you have a favorite type of tea, feel free to bring it with you for your table or to share with others. However, there will be various types provided.

If you have memorabilia of Queen Elizabeth II, we would love to create a display! Please reach out to an ECW member so we can prepare a space.

What should I wear? The dress is casual. Some people like to use the ECW Tea as a fun excuse to dress up a bit or show off a special hat they have. Please wear whatever is most comfortable for you.

WANTED ~ CARD TABLES - If anyone has a card table that the ECW can borrow for Sunday, 4/30/23 for the ECW Tea, please notify Colleen.

**For more information, please call or text: Colleen Murphy 410-925-5875
email: cmurphy803@aol.com**

KEEPER'S CORNER

April finds the Rock Spring Keepers buzzing around the Christ Church property and getting ready for Earth Day, to be celebrated at church on Sunday, April 23rd. **This year's Earth Day Theme is "Invest in the Earth."**

The cemetery has been spruced up for May 9, 2023, when the Harford County Sheriffs' Department will hold their annual Fallen Heroes Memorial Event here at Christ Church, which, by the way, is where the first fallen hero in Harford County is buried.

In preparation for May 9th, invasive vines and weeds have been removed from the graveyard, and shrubbery trimmed. Thanks to Ed Neal and Richard Tidey, a dying cherry tree overtaken by three types of invasive ivy vines, has also been removed.

On Earth Sunday (April 23), the service will focus on caring for the earth. at coffee hour, there will be a directed activity to grow herbs that support pollinators. The winner of the Keeper's raffle basket (chock full of nifty eco-themed must-haves) will be announced. Don't forget to buy your tickets in the Parish Hall next to the Coffee Hour Table. Proceeds benefit the activities of the Rock Spring Keepers.

Check out the Bel Air Farmer's Market to find native plants which thrive locally. Try to replace a bit of green grass with native plants to retain water in the watershed.

FOR FLOWERS THAT BLOOM



For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!
For blue of stream and blue of sky;
For pleasant shade of branches high;
For fragrant air and cooling breeze;
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

The newly formed Adopt-A-Garden program has officially kicked off for the Spring season.

The courtyard and the parking lot entry (gardens #1, 3 & 4) look fabulous thanks to **David Martell**. David is looking for a volunteer to help him keep the weeds down throughout the summer. **Could that be you?**

The meditation area of the cemetery (garden #14) has been adopted by **Lyn Edmunds and Joy Mayfield**. The first order of business was to remove the ivy-choaked tree.

Lyn knew just who to ask for the job. Here **Ed Neal** makes quick work of taking it down. He and **Richard Tidey** cleaned up the area as well. Love that teamwork.

Have you started tending your adopted garden? Please send in your pictures to show your progress.

Happy Gardening 🌻🌷🌿🌳

Molly Neal

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**Our wonderful ECW group
preparing meals for delivery to
some struggling families in
Harford County.**



RAFFLE!



RAFFLE!



RAFFLE!

The **ROCK SPRING KEEPERS OF CHRIST CHURCH** are **GOING GREEN** and offering a Fundraiser Raffle Basket to support environmental awareness and creation care activities in the community and on our Rock Spring Parish grounds.



DRAWING TO BE HELD APRIL 23 AT OUR EARTH DAY CELEBRATION!

**JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SERVICE IN CHRIST CHURCH, THEN
FUN ACTIVITIES IN THE PARISH HALL!**



GOING GREEN RAFFLE BASKET

\$25 Gift Card to The Mill
Glass Hummingbird Feeder
Countertop Compost Bin
Site One Landscape Supply Bucket & Gloves
Pruning Shears
Folding Saw
Multipurpose Trowel
Foam Kneeling Pad
Flower Power for Nature's Pollinators Annual Seed Mix
Two Pair Garden Gloves
Birds On a Wire Lumbar Pillow
Butterfly Educational Spinner
Gardens Coloring Book
Butterfly Wall Stickers
Garden Tote Bag
Large Capacity Green Multipurpose Tub

Ticket Prices:

\$2/ea



3 for \$5



10 for \$15

Purchase your tickets and take a chance!

Drawing to be held at the Earth Day Celebration on April 23, 2023

Questions? Please contact Molly: phone 410-652-4502 email: rosie4us2@yahoo.com





*Friday Night A.A. Group says ... "We offer our appreciation and gratitude for keeping the doors of your church open to us". (*Molly Neal*)

*Thanks to those who contributed to the 2022 Bishop's Appeal. As promised, 15% of those donations were contributed back to Christ Church. (*Jane O'Leary*)

*Thanking all for the wonderful messages, beautiful cards and gifts of get well. I love and miss all of you! The prayers, especially helped me to get thru a grueling 6 plus hour surgery with no complications, no transfusions needed, and no breathing problems. Now I need continued prayer for all future interventions for my cancer. God bless each of you.

Thank you, Susan Sampson

*My thanks to everyone for the cards, good wishes, and prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. I was surrounded by love!

Melinda Chase

Announcements



Rummage Sale Donations:

Beginning Sunday, May 21st, those who want to donate household goods for the sale can begin dropping off to either the parish hall or annex. A donation schedule will be available soon. (reminder: no books or clothes please)

The sale is Saturday, June 17th!



The Harford County Sheriff Department will be holding a Community Commemoration Ceremony for Fallen Officers on May 9th in the loop of Christ Church Historic Cemetery.

Tuesday, May 9th—10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

All are Welcome!

Interesting Fact: The 1st Harford County Sheriff who died in the line of duty is laid to rest in our Cemetery.

Open House

The Piecemakers

March 19, 2023



WEEKLY ENVELOPES

BLESSINGS REPORT

March total - \$6,595

We need \$2,000 **each week**
to meet our expenses.



**Please remember to
mail your offering to:**

**Christ Church
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Marianne Kidd
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**Infant to Teen sizes available.
Send a request for yourself
or another.**

PLEASE REMEMBER

INCLUDE YOUR PARISHIONER NUMBER ON THE
ENVELOPE. IT HELPS ENSURE ACCURACY OF OUR RECORDS.

If you need envelopes or have questions regarding your giving statement, please contact the office.



Mark the Evangelist

Psalm: 2 or 2:7-10
1st Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10
2nd Lesson: Ephesians 4:7-8,11-16
Gospel: Mark 1:1-15 or Mark 16:15-20

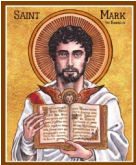
4-Melinda & Stephen Chase
6-Lyn Edmunds & Dave Fender
21-Robert & Christine Lane
30-Hank & Sharon Selke

For these parishioners who are unable to be with us every Sunday:
Glassell & Betty Parker; Beth Hauser; Pat Rohrman, Lynn Klein, Libby Ohl

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Jazzercise 5:30— 7:00pm AA—Mon Night Raw 7:30— 8:30 p.m.	Jazzercise 9:45— 11:15 a.m. 10 am Quilters (annex) Jacki's Aerobics 6:50—8:00 p.m.	Jazzercise 6:15—7:30 p.m.	Jazzercise 9:45—11:15 a.m. Jacki's Aerobics 6:50—8:00 p.m.	AA—Fri Night Group 6:30— 8:00 p.m. (chairs stay up)	AA—New Beginnings 9:00—11:00 a.m.
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2  9:45— Sunday of the Passion A.G.— M.J. & Molly	3	4	5 Compline 9:00 p.m. Facebook	6  Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. A.G.—MJ	7  Good Friday Noon A.G.—Molly	8  Holy Saturday
9  9:45—Sunday of The Resurrection A.G.— Kate & et al	10	11	12 Episcopal Church Women ECW Meeting 7:00 p.m.	13	14	15
16 9:45—2nd Sunday of Easter A.G.— Debbie	17	18	19  Vestry Meeting 7:00 p.m.	20	21	22
23 9:45— 3rd Sunday of Easter A.G.— Melinda *	24	25 St. Mark the Evangelist 	26	27	28	29
30 9:45—4th Sunday of Easter A.G.—Janet						

Harford 250 Celebration—Begins March 2023; Ends March 2024

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