



## *A Journey to Higher Ground*

**The sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer.  
He enables me to go on to the heights. ~ Habakkuk 3:19**

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

My Dear Trinity Family,

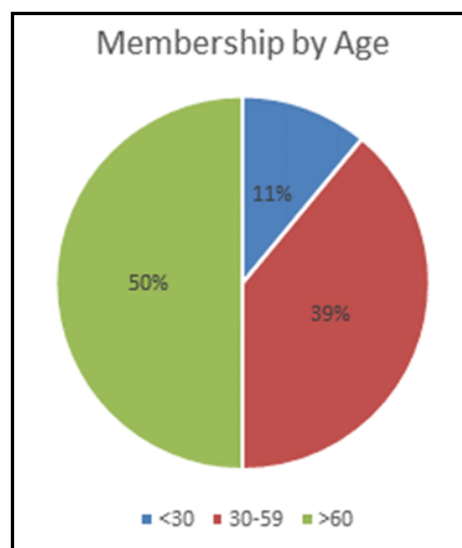
Greetings in the sweet and precious name of Jesus our Lord and Savior! I am sure each of you have been enjoying the beautiful days that we have been gifted with here in Pennsylvania. As you think about the weather and seasons, you realize that everything external changes - and often beyond your control. I am sure many of you will remember the line which says, "Happiness depends on happenings, but joy comes from Jesus."

We were indeed blessed to have Rhonda Sider Edgington and Tim Botts combine their talents in a truly wonderful evening of organ and calligraphy orchestration. It was amazing to see how the depth of words sounded in musical notes could find such beautiful and enchanting expressions. We thank Rhonda and Tim for taking time to be with us at our very special Organ Restoration Concert. As I write this letter, I have become aware of Tim's father and we pray for peace and strength to the family.

During the month of June, we witnessed much joy, in the expressions of children and youth at our Vacation Bible School. It was a great time of singing, crafts, games and classes. But what was the real focus of VBS 2017? I believe it was to help every child understand God's love and to lovingly usher them to a place of trusting Jesus. Yes, as a local church we are committed to know, grow and show the love of Jesus while being a loving community to people of all ages. As the United Methodist Church, we are engaged in "making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." I wish to thank everyone of you in the congregation for your faithful prayers and support to this ministry. I would like to particularly acknowledge the leadership of Donna Ratulowski and our entire team of volunteers who served at VBS 2017.

Some weeks ago, I spoke with Carol Wilson, who is an amazing resource for all things number and finance-related as far as Trinity goes. I asked Carol if she could help me obtain a pie chart that would highlight the age profile of our congregation. I am happy to share the same with you.

It was the Chinese philosopher Confucius who is attributed to have said, "If your plan is for one year, plant rice. If your plan is for ten years, plant trees. If your plan is for 100 years, educate children." I would add that among all the education one can receive, it would be Christian education that will make a difference for eternity. What do you think of when it comes to the word 'education'? A journey in learning? Discovering the world? An academic pursuit with an eye on that job at the end of the road? In the Biblical sense, education is not about merely disseminating or imbibing information but about seeking transformation. I believe it was the famed preacher D. L. Moody who once said, "If a man is steal-



ing nuts and bolts from a railway track, and, in order to change him, you send him to college, at the end of his education, he will steal the whole railway track.” I guess underlying Moody’s words and sense of humor was the firm conviction that there is a critical difference between knowledge and wisdom. The mere accumulation

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of information (knowledge) is not a guarantee that we will understand how to live a better life. Moody’s point can be well understood if we accept the fact that true change happens when it happens within us. No wonder the Scripture declares, ‘People look at the outward appearance but the Lord looks at the heart’ 1 Samuel 16:7. As we invest in the lives of our chil-

dren and young people, let us pray that they see an authentic desire in us to become a little more like Jesus each day. Let us pray that we as a church will see the blessings of the promise, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” Proverbs 9:10

I want to invite you to share in a dream: A 40/40 dream. You may ask, “Now, what would that look like?” It would simply mean coming to a day when at least 40% of our congregation will be below the age of 40. But what would that mean? It would mean a greater number of younger families being drawn into our congregation and more youth/ children being brought in. This will only be possible as those who are older will continue to shine the light of their witness for Christ and pray for the younger generation. Your witness and love truly matter, dear saints! A special mention of gratitude for our “Grandparents in Prayer” group led by Beth Sider. What a blessing you are to us as a congregation and to every young life that you pray for and invest in! I would also appeal to every man and woman to consider the call to being witnesses to our younger generations. Parents and grandparents, much is entrusted to you! I will never forget the words of a ministerial colleague in Bangalore, India. He said, “Sometimes, sadly, the church is unable to resurrect what the home puts to death in a child.” Time is running out on us. We must stay focused. As E. M. Bounds once observed, “The Church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men (and women)”

As we continue in our commitment to invest in young lives, I invite you to pray for Summer in the Sonshine, which will be taking place on June 28, July 12, July 26, with a celebration breakfast on July 30. Please pray for Kathy Karnes and our team of volunteers as they lead this exciting time for children. Please consider inviting children not only from our church circle but from beyond. I would also request you to pray for our young people, who I believe would have returned from their time of mission at McColl, South Carolina by the time this letter reaches you. May what God places in each of their hearts during the mission trip bear fruit for his Kingdom multiple times over! Please pray for Tyler Schouppe and our team of volunteers who carry this precious ministry forward. I would suggest that each of you would make a commitment to write down one child or young person’s name and make it your mission of prayer, through to the end of 2017. Let us also pray for the Camping ministries of the Susquehanna Conference and for our volunteers who serve there to make a difference in young lives.

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God is looking for better men (and women)”  
~ E. M. Bounds*

As we continue to study Paul’s letter to the Philippians at our worship services, we remain fascinated that a man in prison would inspire believers who were free in the city of Philippi to choose joy. It appears Paul uses the word “joy” about 16 times in this brief letter. As Nehemiah said in his experience of God in Nehemiah 8:10, “The joy of the Lord is your strength.” I pray that everyone of us would choose joy by choosing to follow Christ and by allowing the Great Holy Spirit to do his work of grace in our hearts.

Keep smiling! Keep climbing! To higher ground! Amen.  
Arun

## ***PRAYER REQUEST CARDS AND BOX***

Blue prayer request cards are found in the pew racks. If you have a specific request for the Pastor, please write down the request and place it in the prayer request box on the table across from the mail boxes. Unless notated, the request will also be given to the prayer chain at Trinity. We are honored to help you intercede for a concern.

## ***JULY 30 UNIFIED SERVICE***

We welcome Rev. Barry Robison, Superintendent, Harrisburg District to our pulpit on July 30. We look forward to our fellowship with Pastor Barry and his wife Joni.



## ***JULY 2017 THEME: CHOOSING TO BE JOYFUL***

### ***Studies from the letter to the Philippians***

- July 2**     **Finding joy in your true identity**  
Scripture 1: Genesis 1:26-31  
Scripture 2: Philippians 3:1-6
- July 9**     **Finding joy in your true inheritance**  
Scripture 1: 1 Peter 1:3-9  
Scripture 2: Philippians 3:7-11
- July 16**    **Finding joy in your life-goal**  
Scripture 1: Luke 9:57-62  
Scripture 2: Philippians 3:12-14
- July 23**    **Finding joy in living in the future tense**  
Scripture 1: Hebrews 11:8-12  
Scripture 2: Philippians 3:15-21
- July 30**    **Finding joy in your unity**  
Scripture 1: 1 Corinthians 12:12-20  
Scripture 2: Philippians 4:1-3

Pastor Arun will be glad to hear how this series from the letter to the Philippians has blessed you.

Do feel free to write a letter or note or e-mail him at [pastor@trinityumnc.com](mailto:pastor@trinityumnc.com)

***We express our pride and  
congratulations to the following  
Trinity Graduates:***

### **Cedar Cliff High School**

Nihal Andrews  
Yuri Hollinger  
Alexis Kiehl

### **East Pennsboro High School**

Jackie Kolanda

### **Cumberland Valley High School**

Taylor Krasevic

### **Red Land High School**

Evan Lyter

### **University of Alabama**

Deborah Strausbaugh  
(Master's Degree)



# THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

**Dear Trinity,**

I really want to take the time to thank you for your generous support allowing me to return to Guatemala to continue serving the Lord. In addition, I would also like to share with you a bible verse from a sermon that I heard recently, Matthew 6:21. "Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be". I think this is tremendously applicable here as you have chosen to invest your treasure in me and in spreading the kingdom of God. This is where your hearts are and if I am allowed to ask anything more of you beyond what you've already given me, it is that you please never lose that desire in your hearts to serve God and that you continue to invest your treasure in youth and spreading the kingdom. I am so grateful for everything you all have done for me, whether that be offering financial support, offering prayers, or simply helping raise me in the church to become the man I am today. I may be the one in Guatemala, but it is all of us working together that make this expansion of His kingdom possible.

Sincerely,

Seth Wilson

**We would like to thank our Trinity Church family** for answered prayers. We received good news from four of our six doctors this week. At this point we are waiting for the blood clot in Grover's leg to dissolve, and the docs are sure he is infection free. At that point we can talk about getting him his much needed new knee.

We are thankful for the visits from Pastors Arun & Carl, and Barbara Z., for the get well cards, for the phone calls of concern, the meals provided, the chores done by Team L Triple H, and most of all for the love and support from a truly wonderful church family.

Our love & gratitude,

Grover & Mary

**Blanket Sunday Follow-up**

You pinned \$830 to our Church World Service Blanket on May 21<sup>st</sup>. In the next few weeks, you added to that amount so that we reached a total of \$1,054. The Church World Service Blankets and Tools Program is one of the avenues used by UMCOR to aid people in crisis - first with blankets to offer comfort and shelter, then with tools to rebuild and move on. Thank you for your support.

**The Organ Committee** expresses gratitude to everyone who participated in marvelous evening of celebration for the new console for Trinity's 1947 organ on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. 204 members and guests gathered to enjoy the music of renowned organist, Rhonda Sider Edgington and the artistry of Tim Botts, master calligrapher. The glow of the concert continued as guests and friends lingered at the marvelous reception provided by Carol Everetts and her team. A silent auction of Tim Botts work brought \$375 to Trinity's ongoing organ fund in addition to the evening offering of \$1529.50.

The list of thanks includes Jocelyn MacMinn for her work with publicity, Daryl Potteiger who provided the frame for the creation of art throughout the evening, not to mention his constant care for our building. Particular thanks to Dr. Ronald and Beth Sider whose leadership, creativity, dedication and generosity made the evening possible as well as to those who provided for Tim Botts' travel expenses.

**Thank you** to those who remembered me on my 75th birthday with cards and/or visits. It was much appreciated! ~ Nancy Best

**An Apology**

Mary Lou Twigg and Jean Ruth made two SETS of banners, amounting to four banners. We thank them for giving of their time to make these banners.

## MUSIC NOTES FROM DAN

### *But wait, there's more !*

Do any of you remember the crazy K-Tel TV commercials of the 1980's selling Ginsu Knives and Veg-a-matic slicers with the iconic tag line, "But wait, there's more!" ?

As our choirs have shared the ministry of music beyond the walls of 415 Bridge St. in recent months there have been moments when we caught a glimpse of a bigger picture, a greater purpose which awaits as we heed the movement of God's Spirit in our midst. . .

Several neighborhood families were visiting on porches and playing ball in the alleyway as Sing and Celebrate sang a favorite song of faith to a senior member of Trinity. As our singing came to a close a curious conversation began....."Who are you?" " Why were you singing to that lady?" Those moments opened the door to words of witness of our faith in Christ.

On May 25, Chancel Choir shared a concert at Bethesda mission which concluded with 52 men of Bethesda and our choir in a circle singing together. Here are words from a choir member about that experience.

***"When my new friend, Dave, sang with us "I'm going up yonder to be with my Lord" tears rolled down his cheeks and at that moment, it was worship for me just watching him. God was there tonight. No doubt in my mind and heart."***

I'm grateful for the willingness of our choirs to go to neighborhoods where dogs bark and the crime rate is high to bear witness to the Gospel. It seems that these recent experiences are steps to obedience as we seek to obey Jesus' words in Matthew 28 to go into the world.

***I'm convinced that there's more...much more...as we continue on this journey !***

As the combined choirs sang on Music Sunday...

***"We'll build a world where the cries of praises  
resound from spirits once faint and once weak.  
Where the oil of gladness dissolves all our mourning."***

*from the anthem, "Creation of Peace"  
text by Barbara Hope and Mark Miller*



# YOUTH GROUP

**July 2**

6-8 PM Youth Group  
Creation Room

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**July 9**

6-8 PM Youth Group  
Creation Room

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**July 16**

6-8 PM Youth Group  
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**July 23**

6-8 PM Youth Group  
Creation Room

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**July 26-30**

IMPACT  
Camp Green Hills



## TRINITY YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS...

At the end of this month, Trinity Youth Ministry has the opportunity to plug in to one of our most exciting summer events – IMPACT! We will be spending five days camping at Camp Green Hills as we listen to speakers, bands, and view incredible creative arts pieces that communicate the Gospel message. This year's theme is Kingdom Rising, which will bring us face to face with the reality that God's Kingdom is now, and that we are called to use our gifts and talents for the glory of God. This trip will contain moments of laughter, joy, Christ centered worship, as well as moments of vulnerability and love for one another. We can't wait to go!

If you are asking the question "how can I get involved", I have the answers! We are looking for people who would be willing to donate camping equipment. Tents, stoves, grills, canopies, and other odds and ends. We are also looking for Safe Sanctuary approved leaders who would be willing to come with us! Whether you can only stay for a day, two days, or the entire event, we would love to have you there. Also, we would appreciate your partnership in prayer as we bring students into an environment that is saturated with God's presence. Feel free to contact Tyler Schoupppe with any questions, comments, or camping gear.

## Sunday Duties for July 2017

<i>DUTY</i>	<i>July 2</i>	<i>July 9</i>	<i>July 16</i>	<i>July 23</i>	<i>July 30</i>
Altar Guild	Cindy Ickler Intinction Communion	Kathy Brosius	Kathy Brosius	Carol Evertts	Carol Evertts
Liturgist: 8:15  10:45	Rev. Richard Creamer (both services)	Doug Tobias  Sandi Tobias	Youth Sunday	Jody Blacksmith  Kathy Miller	(Unified Svc, 10:45)  Betsy Miller
Lamb's Talk	No Lamb's Talk Communion	Tanya Hollinger	Tyler Schouppe	Donna Ratulowski	Kara Sweger
Nursery: 8:15  10:45	Millie Walters Jody Blacksmith  Sue Butler, Betsy Miller	Sue Bishop, Sue Grubb  Jodi Walters, Lisa Leen	Kathy Karnes, Sandi Tobias  Cathy Baum, Doug Eakin	Jady Conroy, Michelle Loomis	Unified Svc, 10:45
Ushers: 8:15  10:45	Harry Minskey*, Dianne Schofield, Jo Lower, Irv Kiehl, Judi Meyer Arv Krick*, Bev Krick, Steve Frommell, Randy Evertts, Carol Evertts <div style="text-align: right;">* denotes Head Usher</div>				
Coffee Fellowship	Adult Sunday School Class	Tuesday Morning Group	Chancel Choir	Adult Sunday School Class	
Adult SS Teacher	Marcia Haller	Raymond Brooks	John Mickle	Bob Rosenthal	Pastor Andrews
Elective SS Teacher	Jady Conroy	Sharon Sheffer	George Karnes	Jan Ocamb	Combined Classes
Counting Team	Mary Herr and Kathy Karnes				

### **TEAM L TRIPLE H TO THE RESCUE "Loving Hearts & Helping Hands"**



**Bringing practical help to your doorstep - for free!** This is a group of people from our faith community at Trinity who are willing to volunteer time, skill, and energy to help you with some of your practical needs. This is a gift to those of you who find such tasks challenging by virtue of your age or circumstance. That's right! From fixing a wall, painting, mowing your lawn, sorting out a practical household issue, to cleaning, vacuuming, etc. you can count on TEAM L TRIPLE H. Ready with love, enthusiasm, reasonable equipment, and a helpful spirit, this team of volunteers are here to help - for real!! All you need to do is provide the materials for the job(s) and whatever is within our reach to do shall be done - with a smile and for FREE. Contact Mike Schofield at 938-3548 or the church office at 774-7146 to get TEAM L TRIPLE H on your job!

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FEEDBACK

The 66<sup>th</sup> National Day of Prayer has come and gone. We pray that the affects of the day linger on indefinitely. Your reaction to the National Day of Prayer:



*"It far exceeded my expectations. I felt very close to God"*

*"We were blessed by praying together at 4:00 AM using the guide.  
We prayed much longer than the ½ hour."*

*"The spiritual high I got started at Community United Methodist.  
That continued throughout all services. My heart soared glorifying God."*

*"The pages of preparation and direction were extremely helpful to me  
as I prayed at home from 1:30 to 2:30 AM."*

*"The Healing Service was especially meaningful to us.  
It was so special to have one of the pastors pray for us individually."*

*"The time to pray individually in the sanctuary was extremely meaningful."*

Praise God that hearts were touched.

The National Day of Prayer is the first Thursday on May. It is a day designated by the United States Congress when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation."

Mark your calendar for Thursday, May 3, 2018.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THANK YOU!

Thank you to ALL who supported this year's VBS program. We were blessed with a total of 99 children registered and an attendance in the 70s each day. We planted marigolds on the parking lot side of the church; had delicious meals; enjoyed singing praises to the Lord with a live band; made crafts that supported the theme for each night; played fun games; and best of all learned that **"God is wild about us!"** Our mission this year was Because International, The Shoe that Grows. We pitted the girls against the boys with the promise that Miss Miriam or Dan the Music Man would get a pie in the face. We raised \$763.50 which will purchase 51 pairs of shoes. God is an awesome God!!

p.s. Dan got the pie. :)





Reflections on Creation  
July 2017

*"For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you." ~Psalm 26:3*

If only we knew then what we know now.... If only, as I was striving to protect a hydrangea bush from freezing this past winter, I could have seen the abundance of buds now ready to bloom! If only, when I was a struggling young wife and mother, overwhelmed with the tasks of helping to run a business while raising two children, I could have felt my husband's hand in mine today, sitting companionably by our favorite lake, content in our enjoyment of a hot summer day.... If only we could have left our every anxiety about performance behind, knowing that God would equip us for that which he has called us... God is good, all the time. We just forget to trust God and instead try to figure it all out ourselves!

So many times, we worry about things which never come to pass or which are not nearly as bad as we imagine them to be. I am a slow learner at times... but I think I am finally realizing steadfast love is the answer to so many fears.

Recently my husband and I were out hiking and he led me across a creek, hopping from rock to rock. I followed him without trepidation because, for one, we've been hiking together for about 43 years, and I know he expects that I will be right behind him, but also because I trust him. Just like when we have a longstanding relationship with Jesus, it is not that our faith is perfect or that we cannot learn new things about Jesus, but we are comfortable in our patterns of following him and trusting him to lead us in ways that are good for us. Having the relationship is the key to trusting and obeying. We can't see the outcome of every decision. We can't be certain that things will look rosy. But what we can count on is the steadfast love of God, holding us and sustaining us no matter what. That Bible passage from John 15:4 - "Abide in me...", has been speaking to me lately. It tells me that there is still much to learn but I can only learn it by sticking with it. Even on days where doubts crowd in, I am still called to abide. His love for us is steadfast. We are far from perfect and do not deserve the grace we are given, but as in any relationship, we have to put something into it in order to get something out of it! The fruit only comes with commitment.

That's what I am striving for now- the no-matter-what commitment to loving God and loving others, as we have been commanded to do. His steadfast love is a beacon to me and I want to reflect that in my life as I walk in faithfulness.

*Lord, help me to keep it simple. Help me not to waste time worrying over things which I cannot control. Keep my focus on being grateful for the love and blessings you shower in my life, knowing that they are not for me to hoard but to spend with passion for those who have yet to know and follow you.*

*~Jady Conroy*



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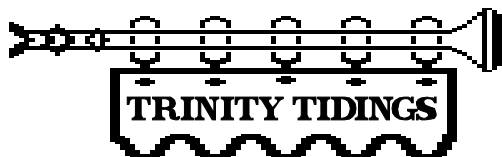
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## Sundays

8:15 AM Worship Service - S  
 9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship - FH  
 10:45 AM Worship Service - S

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Jun 25</b>  FH=Fellowship Hall MO=Mt. Olivet Room O=Otterbein Conf. Rm S=Sanctuary SJ=St. Johns Room	<b>26</b>  CR=Creation Room PS=Preschool Room YD=Young Disciple Rm WR=Wellness Room L&L=Lion & Lamb Rm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Jul 1</b>
<b>2</b> 6:00pm Youth Group (CR & FH) 6:30pm Pray Shawl (Karnes)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Office Closed 9:30am N C Town Band (Rain Location) (FH)	<b>5</b> 10:00am Staff Mtg (OC) 6:00pm VBS Dinner (FH)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00am Prayer Breakfast (Ickler's)	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 6:00pm Youth Group (CR & FH)	<b>10</b> 6:30pm Leadership Team Mtg. (SJ) 6:30pm SIS Meeting (FH)	<b>11</b> 7:00pm N C Town Band (FH)	<b>12</b> 9:00am Summer in the SONshine	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Tidings' Deadline
<b>16</b> Youth Sunday (S) 9:30am Blood Pressures 6:00pm Youth Group (CR & FH) 6:30pm Pray Shawl (Karnes)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:00pm N C Town Band (FH)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10:00am Sewing (YD)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 6:00pm Youth Group (CR & FH)	<b>24</b> 6:30pm SIS Meeting (FH)	<b>25</b> 8:30am Assemble Tidings (OC) 7:00pm N C Town Band (FH)	<b>26</b> 9:00am 9:00am Summer in the SONshine	<b>27</b> 6:00pm Backpack Bonanza (FH)	<b>28</b> Youth: IMPACT	
<b>30</b> Youth: IMPACT 9:30am SIS Breakfast (FH) 10:45am Unified Service (S)	<b>31</b>	<b>Aug 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

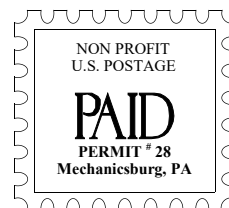


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**Dated Material**

FORWARDING SERVICE  
REQUESTED



## ***JOIN US FOR WORSHIP***

Worship Services ~ Sundays at 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM  
Sunday School Classes for all ages ~ Sundays at 9:30 AM

TAKE 5  
TO PRAY  
DAILY  
@ 8:30 PM

Please submit  
articles for the  
**AUGUST 2017**  
**TIDINGS**  
by July 15th

### **Church Office Hours:**

Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

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