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## Sidewalk Witness

Join us Thursday, July 2 from 5pm-6pm on the sidewalk in front of the church to bear witness to God's redeeming love as we stand against racism and violence. Please wear a mask, stand 6 feet apart from others, invite friends, and bring a sign (if you need sign ideas check out the event on FB). The goal is to cover as much of Darnestown Road as possible. Please stay out of the roads and do not block intersections. This is a non-violent witness. It will take place rain or shine. There is no program (i.e. marching or speaking). Questions? Contact [Pastor Christine](#)

## National Problems – Local Solutions

On July 8th at 7PM we are hosting a [Zoom discussion entitled: National Problems - Local Solutions](#). The discussion will be hosted by Tami Bulla, who works in the Office of Strategic Planning and Legislation for the Chief of Police in Howard County, Maryland. She will frame the discussion around racism and address systemic challenges including how to learn more about your local police department and how to make your voice heard; how to support both racial justice and police reform; what does 'defunding the police' mean; and the "8 Can't Wait" campaign to address force/policing, and how area departments rate in the 8 areas. She will also answer questions.

## A Way to Help



Gaithersburg HELP is stressed and suffering from this shut down. They are in desperate need of donations and help. Go to page 7 to see how you can help and for more information.

## GRACE NOTES WANTS YOU!!

Grace Notes is looking for male and female vocalists and a guitar player. If you like "contemporary" Christian music and would like to be part of a band, we would like to have you join us.

If you are interested or desire additional information. Please contact Jon Conary ([drjon2018@gmail.com](mailto:drjon2018@gmail.com))

## Prince of Peace Vacation Bible School is Going Virtual

Although we are sad that we cannot gather due to COVID-19, we are excited to implement a virtual VBS to share with your children this summer.



July 20<sup>th</sup> - July 24<sup>th</sup>

10am - 11am daily

Zoom ID:

Zoom PW:

Join us for a noble adventure to the **Knights of North Castle** as we explore the quest for the King's Armor. During our adventure, your children will explore bible stories, learn new fun songs and dances, and participate in amazing crafts and science experiments. They will be able to do all of this from the safety of their own homes!

*Our virtual VBS is recommended for children 4 years old through just completing 5<sup>th</sup> grade.*

To join us register online. As a part of registration, each child will receive a student pack of materials. The fee for a student pack of materials is \$15 for the first child in the family and \$10 for each additional child. Packets can be picked up at the church on the following dates.

- Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 3pm
- Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 3pm

*If you are unable to pick up the packet of materials please contact the church at 301-869-3666 and arrangements can be made to have them delivered.*

See pages 5 and 6 to find out [How Virtual VBS works](#). Zoom information will be provided after you register.

## From Pastor Christine...

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301-869-3666)



Years ago when I was seeing a therapist to help me wade through some challenges I was facing, I said to her, “If I just knew the answers, then I know I could manage the situation.” I’ll never forget her response: “For a person of faith, you sure need a lot of proof.” Honestly, her statement was a bit jarring, but it was/is also true. Intellectually, I know life isn’t clear cut. But, the fuzziness of life is much more difficult to manage from an emotional standpoint. At least for me.

What does all this have to do with you? Or church? Or anything?

Since the dawn of time, humanity has gravitated towards binary thinking, because it makes things clear cut. We like to sift things down in terms of two options that are usually mutually exclusive. Meaning - all the possibilities are either option A or option B and not both. Sometimes this is valid, but more often than not it causes divisions, misunderstandings, and over-simplification.

We see this over and over again in our society: One is either Pro-Life or Pro-Choice, Conservative or Liberal, Pro-mask or Anti-mask, Right or Wrong, Gay or Straight. The list could go on. Binary thinking allows us to identify where we fit, where we believe another fits, and then form a judgment. Forming a judgment allows us to feel better about ourselves, and it allows us to clarify a messy world.

I present all this to you during a time when things are messy. It’s much easier to put people into the camps we believe they fall into, so we can then make judgments about their intentions. Many assumptions have been made about people’s intentions, especially in regards to the Black Lives Matter Movement, policing, and also in regards to the best ways forward in managing the virus.

The problem is most of life isn’t binary. Most of life is lived on the spectrum. We’ve heard these words used a lot in relation to sexuality and gender identification, however I believe that if we are

more willing to consider the majority of life as on a spectrum, it allows us to consider alternatives, find common ground, and honor other’s experiences.

From a Lutheran theological perspective, we often refer to this as “both/and” thinking. Lutheran theology embraces paradox. We speak of the Scriptures as Christ’s living word proclaimed to us as Law and Gospel, we find God revealed in scientific fact and through faith, we are simultaneously saint and sinner.

Anyway - we are spectrum church. Not a binary church.

I wonder if as a congregation we committed to being more curious about a person’s actions and beliefs if it might help us to find more common ground. One of the things that often strikes me about Jesus is he asks so many questions. This can be frustrating, because I just want answers (again, my propensity towards binary thinking comes to the forefront). But he asks questions to understand the person’s perspective or needs. Many times he doesn’t agree with them, but I think he genuinely seeks to understand, so that together they can move forward.

Jesus asked things like:

Who do you say I am? (He didn’t tell them what to think.)

Do you believe? (He didn’t tell them they better believe or else.)

Do you want to get well? (He didn’t tell them to get their butts in to see a doctor - although, at times, this is likely the right response.)

Why are you so afraid? (He didn’t tell them they were silly for being scared.)

All of these questions are ways Jesus stayed curious.

And they are ways he helped people step out of their binary bubbles and reflect on what’s important to them and where others are coming from.

In these confusing times, when everything in the world is trying to pit us against one another, I invite you to be curious. Ask questions. Listen. Ask more questions. Reflect on your own beliefs. Listen.

## July/August Highlights

### Every Sunday

10:00 am Worship streamed on our Facebook Page

### Every Monday

8:30 pm Night Prayer - Pastor Steve will lead us in Compline (10-15 minute prayer at the close of the day). This will be streamed on our Facebook page.

### Every Tuesday

12:30 pm Women's Bible Study (pg 7)

### Every Wednesday

7:30 pm Jazz, Spirituals and Gospel piano arrangements on our Facebook page  
Danielle Drobny is taking a break and will resume "Jazz, Spirituals and Gospel piano arrangements" in a few weeks!

### Every Friday

7:00 pm Story Time for Children - Pastor Christine will lead story time for children. This will be streamed on our Facebook page. (pg 4)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2020 Yard Sale



We regret to announce that 2020 Yard Sale has been delayed (not canceled!) until Fall due to social distancing rules still in effect for Montgomery County. Please hold onto your valuable items until our rescheduled event. We are tentatively planning to hold Yard Sale on Saturday, Aug 29, 2020, and in any event we will try to avoid Labor Day weekend, since it seems likely that many more people than usual will go away due to Memorial Day plans being changed. We can't wait to see you all, and to continue this great community tradition. If you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out to [Christian Michel](#) and/or [Bill Harral](#).

## SPECIAL PRAYERS

. . . My need was met because someone came and communicated . . . in words I could not express. . .



Pastor John B. McGarvey

### PoP Members

Elizabeth Langum Chung, Brittany (DeGeorge) Daniel, Kevin Ely, Annie Hampe, Zena Huen, Roy Johnson, Mike & Remi Langum, Kaitlyn McGurgan & her family, Dick and Sandy Moore, Heather Robinson, Martha Rogers, Sherry Schiebel, Laura Wilson, Angelo Witten & family

### Sympathy

Family of Helena Lee (cousin of Zena Huen)  
Family of William McGurgan (father of Sean McGurgan)  
Family of Patricia Smith (neighbor of Zena Huen)

### Ongoing Worldwide

For Racial justice and equality  
All those struggling with Covid-19 and their Caregivers

The complete Prayer List is available in the Weekly Email sent on Thursdays and at the following website:

[https://poplutheran.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/PoP\\_Prayer\\_List.pdf](https://poplutheran.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/PoP_Prayer_List.pdf)

[https://poplutheran.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/PoP\\_Prayer\\_List.pdf](https://poplutheran.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/PoP_Prayer_List.pdf)

## CONTINUING. . .

Please remember that although the office is closed, you may still:

- Call or email the office (or the Pastors directly) - we will be monitoring email and voicemail from home, so it's always possible to contact us;
- Drop off food for Gaithersburg HELP at the church - the bins are outside each door under the covered walkways. Gaithersburg HELP volunteers will come by periodically to take that food to the pantry (it is also possible to order food online to ship to volunteers, and to [donate directly to Gaithersburg HELP on their website](#)); (For more ways to help Gaithersburg HELP, [please click here.](#))
- Send offering checks to the church (although [we're encouraging online donations](#) if you can do that.) But, mail will still be checked and your offerings deposited. We appreciate your continued support of our congregation during this time!

As we move forward, we will continue to monitor the situation and adjust as necessary!

### Ways We Are Getting Help

Many stores that supply groceries have special hours for seniors and those at risk. The link below is a list of the stores with their location, phone number, special hours information.

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS/Resources/Files/COVID19GroceryStores.pdf>

Many stores, including grocery and retail, are offering curb side pick-up. Order online, drive to the store, and pick up your order when you present your ID.

Don't forget to contact Pastor Steve or Pastor Christine if you need help.



### Story Time

Pastor Christine leads story time for children every Friday at 7:00 pm.



## SPOTLIGHT

This month we are looking at our sanctuary.

Lauren Gibson had an idea for a way Sunday School learners and their families could show a little love to Pastor Christine, Pastor Steve, and Danielle. They drew portraits of themselves (and in some cases, their pets) and sent them to Lauren who went to PoP three times to put up the pictures as they arrived at her house. Lauren then added stuffed animals and Star Wars figurines to complete the look. We hope this display reminds our pastors and Danielle of the love our Sunday School learners and their families have for them.





EDITOR'S NOTE: I saw in the KidsPost section of the Washington Post an article entitled "Kids Paint Corona' with compassion." I am inviting everyone to submit pictures for a special Spotlight. Anyone who is interested please draw, paint, or color a picture of what this pandemic means to you or what you believe your memories of it will be. Take a picture of your drawing and send it to [GladTidingsEditor@gmail.com](mailto:GladTidingsEditor@gmail.com). Then check out future issues of Glad Tidings to find your picture.

## STEWARDSHIP

### Online Giving

It's easy and will make your life easier. Just go to the church [webpage \(poplutheran.org\)](http://poplutheran.org) and click the green Donate Online button. Giving online can help all of us easily provide consistent support for the church. Signup today! Online giving is a win for the church and for the congregation. Please contact Chris Michel ([michel\\_christian@yahoo.com](mailto:michel_christian@yahoo.com)) or Kwame Mensah ([mensahkn@gmail.com](mailto:mensahkn@gmail.com)) with any questions.

## Electronic Giving

To donate right now or become an E-Giver, go to [poplutheran.org](http://poplutheran.org) or scan this QR code with your smart phone or tablet. Thanks for supporting the ministries of Prince of Peace!



## AmazonSmile

You can support Prince of Peace with each Amazon purchase! Use our AmazonSmile link (<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1283295>) and PoP receives .5% of your purchases. Use AmazonSmile every time you shop! AmazonSmile is completely integrated with Amazon.com; you use the same account and have the same shopping cart, Wish List, Registry, and account info. It's easy to set up and use. First click on the following link to tell Amazon that you want donations to be made to Prince of Peace:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1283295>; then whenever you want to make a purchase at Amazon, go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) instead of [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). (AmazonSmile will remember the nonprofit previously selected.) It's easy!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Vacation Bible School



Join us for a noble adventure to the **Knights of North Castle** as we explore the quest for the King's Armor. During our adventure, your children will explore bible stories, learn new fun songs and dances, and participate

in amazing crafts and science experiments. They will be able to do all of this from the safety of their own homes!

#### How Virtual VBS works:

Registered families are given access to five theme-related Bible lessons on our website. During the week of Vacation Bible School one lesson will be made available daily starting on Monday so that children can do one lesson a day. Following Vacation Bible School week, the lessons remain available to do at a later time or to do again.

Lessons will include an Opening, Storytelling, Crafts and Science Projects, and Singing and Dancing along with other digital content.

Each student will receive a packet of materials that will include the following:

- A Lanyard which includes a Sparky token and Armor stickers with the daily Castle Callouts
- 5 Theme-related Crafts
- 5 Theme-related Science experiments

Each family will receive:

- CD of Vacation Bible School songs

Packets will be distributed curbside at the church on the specified dates. Packets will be assembled using safety procedures that will include wearing gloves and masks and working on sanitized surfaces.

Not Provided:

- Snack Ingredients. Recipe cards are provided.
- Common supplies that may be used for crafts such as crayons, colored pencils, or tape.

We pray that you and your families stay healthy and we look forward to sharing the love of Christ with your children this summer!

## Sunday School

Our new season of Christian education kicks off on **September 13**, with weekly classes from high school to preschool. We don't yet know what Sunday School will look like, but our priority will, of course, be safety. **When we are in-person, Sunday School meets 9:45-10:45 am.** Whether we are in-person or meeting remotely, everyone is welcome any week they are able to attend!

### High School

Using books such as *God's Power to Change Your Life* and *God's Answers to Life's Difficult Questions*, both by Rick Warren, along with videos, and films like "Remember the Titans," "Courageous," and "Miracles from Heaven," we will explore what the Bible tells us about themes like stress, discouragement, loneliness, failure, leadership, equality, faith, and honor.

- High School Leader - Jon Conary

### Middle School

The Middle School learners will use the Sparkhouse Connect curriculum to take a journey through the New Testament, exploring the connections between several Bible passages each week and relating biblical themes to their own lives. Quirky

videos introduce topics and fun activities get the conversations going!

- Middle School Leaders - Samuel Bornhorst and Sarah Kuykendall

### Preschool - Elementary School

When we are able to meet in person, each week Elementary and Preschool students normally meet for fellowship and singing in the sanctuary at 9:45 am before heading to their classrooms at 10 am. Elementary age groups participate in one workshop each week, such as cooking, art, and Bible study and games. Preschool/Kindergarten has several in-class workshops each week, including Bible story time, craft, and snack. We use the Spark Rotation Sunday School curriculum and usually spend three weeks on a Bible story, exploring from multiple perspectives.

This spring we finished up the year meeting remotely as one group, PreK through Elementary, using the Spark Lectionary Sunday School curriculum. If we need to continue meeting remotely this fall, we anticipate meeting by age group and incorporating more of the hands-on elements used in the Rotation curriculum.

●Leaders:

- Opening - Danielle Drobny, Chris Michel, and Jason Mills (Tech Support)
- Elementary Workshop Leaders - Lisa Conary, Janet Levine, and Anne Witten
- Lower Elementary Shepherd - Trish Taylor
- Upper Elementary Shepherd - Jacqui Bardill
- Preschool-Kindergarten - Jamie Pflasterer
- Pre-K /K Shepherd - TBA

Contact

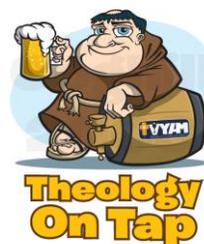
Sunday School Superintendent, Janet Levine ([Lyle1Janet@msn.com](mailto:Lyle1Janet@msn.com)), with any questions or comments.

Hope to see you on September 13!

## ADULT EDUCATION

### Theology on Tap

Join us for our next Theology on Tap session to talk about issues of faith. Pastor Steve leads one of these events each month. Check Weekly Email and the online worship notice for the next date. We are currently meeting on Zoom. Logon and join us!



## PoP Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday from 12:30-2pm. We are currently meeting on Zoom, studying various verses using lectio divina procedure and looking at participating in a different study soon. For more information or questions, see [Pastor Christine \(pastorchristine@poplutheran.org\)](mailto:pastorchristine@poplutheran.org).



## SOCIAL MINISTRIES

### Gaithersburg HELP

Thanks again to Prince of Peace for the ongoing generous donations. Starting with the good news, (1) donations have been excellent, so finances are available to pay for the increased amount of food needed now, and (2) the "curve has flattened", with client need no higher in May than in April. The level of need, as you would expect, is huge, but at least not increasing last month. The supply chain is still somewhat unpredictable with shortages of various things popping up each week. The best guess of the moment is that vegetables, cereal and rice are needed, and of course all nonperishables are appreciated.

#### How to Donate to Gaithersburg HELP

[Gaithersburg HELP](#) is in serious need of food as well as financial donations due to the huge increase in community need. Because many people have asked how they can help, we are offering the following three options - drop food off to either of two locations, ship food, or donate money. Details are provided below. Please note that if you already have an organization or friend collecting food for HELP, you may continue using that approach. Thank you for your concern.

**Drop-off:** If you want to drop off food at the **Pantry**, please adhere to the specified time frame. Deliveries can be safely dropped outside only during the time period shown. If you want to drop off donations at the church, please leave them outside:

- Gaithersburg HELP Pantry, 301 Muddy Branch Rd, only between 1:00 and 3:00 PM, Mon- Fri when volunteers are in the pantry and can move deliveries inside. Do not leave things at other hours as they will likely disappear.

- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 11900 Darnestown Rd. (Leave food under the covered area by either the front or back doors.)

**Online:** If you would like to order online and have food shipped, here are four home addresses of volunteers who have covered porches to receive deliveries. **Specify Gaithersburg HELP as the addressee** on the order form:

- 157 Bralan Lane, Gaithersburg MD 20877
- 12829 Doe Lane, Gaithersburg MD 20878
- 211 E. Deer Park Dr, Gaithersburg MD 20877
- 18430 Cape Jasmine Way, Gaithersburg MD 20879

All types of nonperishable, healthy foods are needed, including cereal, canned fruit, vegetables, beans, tuna, peanut butter, rice, spaghetti. We also need diapers in all sizes.

**Donate Money:** Financial donations can be mailed to Gaithersburg HELP at the above address or through the donate link on the Gaithersburg HELP website [by clicking here](#).

## FELLOWSHIP

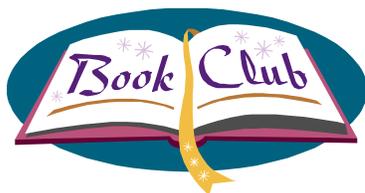
### Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group selection for July is *The Housekeeper and The Professor* by Yoko Ogawa. We will meet **on Thursday, July 9, 7:30 pm**. The link will be sent a few days prior to the 11th to everyone on the Group's email distribution list. If any other Prince of Peace member would like to join in, contact Kathy Mellott at [ufda\\_gal@yahoo.com](mailto:ufda_gal@yahoo.com).

From GoodReads: "He is a brilliant math Professor with a peculiar problem--ever since a traumatic head injury, he has lived with only eighty minutes of short-term memory. She is an astute young Housekeeper, with a ten-year-old son, who is hired to care for him. And every morning, as the Professor and the Housekeeper are introduced to each other anew, a strange and beautiful relationship blossoms between them. *The Housekeeper and the Professor* is an enchanting story about what it means to live in the present, and about the curious equations that can create a family."

The August selection is *Edward Adrift* by Craig Lancaster. It is assumed that this gathering will be on Zoom also, Thursday, August 13, 7:30 pm.

From GoodReads: "It's been a year of upheaval for Edward Stanton, a forty-two-year-old with Asperger's syndrome. He's lost his job. His trusted therapist has retired. His best friends have moved away. And even his nightly ritual of watching *Dragnet* reruns has been disrupted. All of this change has left Edward, who lives his life on a rigid schedule, completely flummoxed. But when his friend Donna calls with news that her son Kyle is in trouble, Edward leaves his comfort zone." His adventures and misadventures are life changing.



## THANK YOU



### ***Gifts of Hope—Making a Difference, Locally and Globally***

Thank you for supporting Gifts of Hope during our 2019 Advent campaign in which we raised \$111,000 from online giving and from congregation members across the Synod, including \$3,330 from members of Prince of Peace. Thanks to the volunteers who present this alternative gift-giving option to the congregation.

Your donations and those from hundreds of other people have been distributed to the 19 Gifts of Hope organizations. Each organization has adapted to COVID-19 related closures and changes in how they help their clients. Your support helps the elderly, adults, and children served by our ten social-service organizations, four ministries, three international synods, and two church camps. Your support helps those who want to improve their lives with dignity, wellness, job-readiness and education. Your support provides for daily necessities, including food, housing, and

medications. Your support helps children who are adjusting to social distancing and reduced access to activities. Your support helps people outside of our borders. Your support makes a difference today and gives hope for a better tomorrow. Our gifts are available year-round at our website: [giftsofhopedc.org](http://giftsofhopedc.org).

During Advent 2020 Gifts of Hope will have a different model, as we honor the health of our donors and our volunteers. There will be more information this fall as to how we will connect those who want to help others with the organizations that have the staff and programming to do so. It has been my honor to serve Gifts of Hope for nine years and to know that our donors, our volunteers, our congregations, our organizations and our Synod work to help our community in a variety of ways. Thank you for bringing hope to others.

Carolyn Sowinski, Director

## **CINNAMON AND MYRRH**

This poem is from Susan Weiner's recent book *Before the Foundation of the World*. It is a love poem that is an allegory for the love of God, specifically Jesus. Many of us have also experienced Susan's wonderful writing through her work with the PoP Card Ministry.

Oh precious spice of my heart,  
What spark of augury or art

Made salient the spell of your soul on me  
And traced in golden filigree

The imprint of your name  
Through every vein and byway flesh can frame?

Let kings to holy wars raise their name  
And sacred sybils speak of fame,

Let temples fall to desert sands  
And trade routes clear of caravans,

Your love, the center stone of my heart,  
Of blood and breath upholds each part.

Sorcerers make shadows of all things unsure.  
All the days of my life, you bring me cinnamon and myrrh.

## ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. With wildfires, hurricanes, flooding, and earthquakes, there are many immediate needs here and around the world. Most current for many of us is the Covid-19 pandemic. Visit the [ELCA Disaster Response webpage \(https://elca.org/disaster\)](https://elca.org/disaster) to donate or learn more about how you can help.

## THINK ABOUT IT

John Howard Griffin was a white man who believed he could never understand the plight of African-Americans unless he became like one. In 1959, he darkened his skin with medication, sun lamps, and stains, then traveled throughout the South. His book, *Black Like Me*, helped whites better understand the humiliation and discrimination faced daily by people of color.

Jesus Christ became like us; the Incarnation is evidence that God understands our plight. "He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering" (Isa. 53:3).

--Tom Morehouse

In 1963, George C. Wallace, governor of Alabama, literally stood in the door of the University of Alabama, preventing Vivian Malone Jones, a young African-American woman, from enrolling as a student. Thirty-three years later, Wallace awarded Jones the first Lurleen B. Wallace Award of Courage. (The award, named in honor of Wallace's wife, recognizes women who have made outstanding contributions to the state of Alabama.) Wallace publicly apologized to Jones for the 1963 controversy; Jones in turn forgave Wallace.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. on hand for the event, said, "This event really is a moment of reconciliation and redemption."

--Edward J. Robinson

You can close your eyes to reality but not to memories.

--Stanislaw J. Lee

An Arab chief tells the story of a spy captured and sentenced to death by a general in the Persian army. This general had the strange custom of giving condemned criminals a choice between the firing squad and "the big, black door."

The moment for execution drew near, and guards brought the spy to the Persian general. "What will it be," asked the general, "the firing squad or 'the big, black door'?"

The spy hesitated a long time. Finally he chose the firing squad.

A few minutes later, hearing the shots ring out confirming the spy's execution, the general turned to his aide and said, "They always prefer the known to the unknown. People fear what they don't know. Yet, we gave him a choice."

"What lies beyond the big door?" asked the aide.

"Freedom," replied the general. "I've known only a few brave enough to take that door."

The best opportunities in our lives stand behind the forbidding door of the great unknown.

--Don McCullough

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