



The Shepherd's Voice

January
2026

Services:

Sunday

9:00am Holy Eucharist
Rite I
11:00am Holy Eucharist
Rite II

11am service is live
streamed to Facebook at:
[facebook.com/
goodshepherdhayesvillenc/](https://facebook.com/goodshepherdhayesvillenc/)

Coffee Hour in the Parish
Hall following 11am Sunday
service

Tuesday

7:00pm Soaking Prayer

Wednesday

12:00pm Holy Eucharist w/
Healing Prayer

1:00 pm Lectionary
Bible Study

The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove,
Rector

February

chapter 2 of 12



The Celtic Way

It goes by several names: the Emerging Church, Emergence Christianity, the New Monasticism. Take your pick, they all are used to describe a modern and growing form of Christianity community that looks to the future largely by looking to the past. Recovering what they believe to have been true of the earliest faith communities, these contemporary faith communities adapt and adopt ancient principles and practices to life in the modern world. What they have recovered is the church that exited before dogma and doctrine, the church before creeds. What they have recovered is the church grounded in practice - a way of life - more so than one resting upon correct doctrine. This is a church of relationships, a church about the business of caring for others, and a church that was passionate about sharing what it had with others. Luke describes it this way in the Book of Acts:



“All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

Meeting people in community, sharing with and caring for the needs people, and praising God for that privilege and all else they were given - these were the hallmarks of the first Christian communities, and people joined them in large numbers. More a movement than an institution, the earliest Christian communities were communities in the world, responding to the love of God and sharing the love of God. They were communities that fully embraced what we mean when we say “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” To go was to go out from the church into the community and to minister the grace of God to those in need.

In their ministry to and conversion of the pre-Christian people of Ireland, St Patrick and the Celtic monks who followed him, employed a model of evangelism (there is that scary word) that brought them into close relationship with the Irish people. They lived on the land with the Irish. They listen to their stories and came to see the world through the eyes of the Irish. They took care of the basic needs of the Irish and explained the Gospel to them in a way that made sense to the Irish world view. They gained credibility among the Irish because they knew the Irish and the Irish knew them. And they did not seek to turn the Irish into non-Irish people. They did not seek to make them follow the Roman way, learn Latin, follow Roman church practice, and so forth. Rather, they entered into the Celtic world and developed an indigenous Celtic Christianity. Like the Celtic monks, new monastics are a people who are sent out in peace to love and serve the Lord.

For a long time, the church has been trying to figure out how to get people into the church. The church has developed programs and advertising and a number of other tools for drawing people in, but it seems to take more and bigger attractions to grab attention and pull new people into community. There is another model and it helped turn Ireland and Scotland toward Christianity. It is a model of going out to where the people are living and working. It is a model of coming alongside others, getting to know them and helping them with their needs, and sharing with them in terms they understand the good news of God in Christ. My hope in the coming year for our Good Shepherd family is that we can begin to find our future in something that looks very old. That we can talk about going out and being a faith community in the community, and then do it. May it be for us as we pray on Sundays, "And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen."

Fr. Bill+





motto of
the month:

February
self-care

M O R E

- + inward focus
- + compliments: nice internal comments
- + gifts: treat yourself
- + solitude: hobby/meditate/exercise ect.
- + journaling: highlight successes & strengths

L E S S

- judgment
- social media
- caffeine
- unhealthy foods

practice:

compassion,
forgiveness, &
unconditional love
for oneself



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growth

NOUN Merriam-Webster

1 a (1): a stage in the process of growing : SIZE

(2): full growth

b: the process of growing

c: progressive development : EVOLUTION

d: INCREASE, EXPANSION

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February

Practicing Self-Control

- Day 1:** Proverbs 25:28
- Day 2:** Ephesians 6:12
- Day 3:** 1 Corinthians 9:25
- Day 4:** Titus 2:11-12
- Day 5:** Romans 12:2
- Day 6:** James 1:19-21
- Day 7:** Galatians 5:22-23
- Day 8:** 2 Peter 1:5-7
- Day 9:** 1 Thessalonians 5:6
- Day 10:** 1 Corinthians 9:27
- Day 11:** Job 31:1
- Day 12:** Proverbs 18:21
- Day 13:** 1 Corinthians 10:13
- Day 14:** 2 John 1:8
- Day 15:** Philippians 4:8-9
- Day 16:** James 3:5-6
- Day 17:** Proverbs 12:16
- Day 18:** Isaiah 53:7
- Day 19:** 1 Peter 4:7
- Day 20:** 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

- Day 21:** Proverbs 4:27
- Day 22:** Proverbs 29:11
- Day 23:** Matthew 5:29-30
- Day 24:** Romans 8:13
- Day 25:** Proverbs 13:3
- Day 26:** Titus 1:8
- Day 27:** Proverbs 16:32
- Day 28:** 2 Timothy 1:7



Episcopal 101

This course is an introduction and refresher course on the Episcopal Church. If you are new to the Episcopal Church- its history, worship, theology, and way of life. If you are new to the Episcopal tradition, returning after some time away, seeking Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal church, or have questions like “What is the origin of the Episcopal tradition?”, “How is the Episcopal church related to other traditions?”, “Why do Episcopalians do that?”, or “What do Episcopalians believe?”, then this course is for YOU! Sign-up in the Information Hallway if interested.

Feb 8	The Ancient Church
Feb 22	The Church in England
March 1	The Episcopal Church
March 8	Anglican Beliefs
March 15	Anglican Worship
March 22	Anglican Mission



Welcomes You



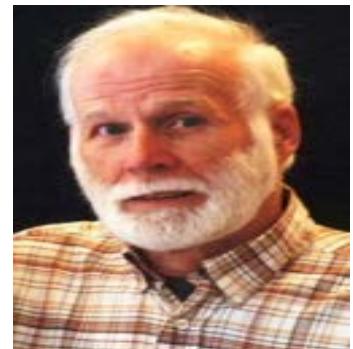
Welcome, to our Class of 2028 Vestry

Members: Bary Benson, Jane Boritz, !!!

Prayer for a spirit of service

Dear loving Lord,
You sent your Son,
To serve.
You sent him,
To give his life,
For me.
Let your Spirit,
Awaken in me,
The same spirit,
Of service.
Let me not look,
For position or gain,
Instead show me,
How to let others,
Go before me.
Make me meek,
Make me humble,
So I too can,
Give my life,
Willfully,
Obediently,
And faithfully,
Even when it hurts.
In love,
With Christ,
And like Christ.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.

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Vestry Liaisons 2026

Sr. Warden: Betsi Wilson

Sub Sr. Warden: Aline Conley

Jr. Warden: Tawanna Dutton

Sub Jr. Wardens: Jeff King (Grounds Maint.), Barry Benson (Indoor Maint.)

Community Life Team: Jose Arias, Jane Boritz, David Cady, Phil Cox

In-Reach – Jose and Jane

Jose - Parish Life, Ushers and Greeters, Cancer Support Group, Birthday Cards, Men's Association, Exercise Groups, Newcomers, Meal Ministry

Jane -Arts and Spirituality, Grazers, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Library, Stamping Group, Communications, DOK, Boat Ramp Ministry

Outreach – Phil and David

Phil - Ingles Cards, Order of St. George Breakfast, Pancake Supper, Youth Groups, Brotherhood of the Fire, Outreach Community, Monitoring and Reporting Outreach Spending

David - Meals for Friends, Christmas Care, Golf Tournament, Shelter Security, Fundraising, Blueberry Festival, Dental Fund, DeSoto Square, Fundraising Calendar

Class of 2026: Phil Cox, Tawanna Dutton, Betsi Wilson

Class of 2027: Jose Arias, Aline Conley, Jeff King

Class of 2028: Barry Benson, Jane Boritz, David Cady

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Come and Find the Quiet Center

Lyrics by Shirley Erena Murray

Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

(Can be sung to the tune of 'O Sacred Heart Now Wounded')



Stamping Class

Save the Date / Mark your calendar and come join us!!!
Classes are 12:30p to 4p in the Parish Hall.

The dates for the Stamping Class this year are:

Thurs. March 19th
Thurs. June 11th
Thurs. September 10th
Thurs. November 12th



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A Story About Love and A Love Story

By Kathy Wright

Communications Ministry

The Cursillo Ministry at Good Shepherd is thriving. The third Sunday of each month Cursillo hosts the Coffee Hour. They set aside a table or two for their own meeting, to which everyone is invited, and supply goodies for the entire Coffee Hour.

So, you wonder, why is their table separate and what are they doing anyway? The table is separate because the conversation is directed, not random. The conversation may include some music. The direction is to witness, or share, the love of God and how they have been responding to God's love in their prayer life, their Christian study and the actions that their study inspires for them. This group is energized by tales of love and action that brings joy and peace. The conversation supports and encourages Christian living and evangelism. The Love of God is a powerful message that needs to be shared. Meeting as a group recharges enthusiasm, shores up flagging efforts, and celebrates the joy found in doing God's work.

How did this come to be? Well, to borrow a phrase, "Long ago and far, far away..." in Spain there was a small movement of men who saw the participation of men in church services and events shrink almost to non-existence. They gathered together and formed a program of weekend rejuvenation that involved witness and small group discussion. They called this Cursillo. It worked in getting more men involved in church and living a more Christian life. Women's weekends were offered later.

Weekends became problematic in the late 20 th century. While there was not a shortage of people willing to serve on team for Cursillo weekends, the effort to recruit participants suffered and many weekends were canceled or postponed. In our Diocese, Bishop Jose asked Cursillo leadership to discontinue hosting weekends until a clear direction for the ministry could be discovered via a year of listening. Sadly, that process did not bring new life to the movement and weekends are no longer hosted in the diocese. An important part of the Cursillo Movement in the Episcopal Church in America has been the follow up Ultreya meetings. This is a reunion meeting of people who have attended a Cursillo (or a

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similar) Weekend. There is singing, laughter, witness, story telling, and of course prayer; all this to support a better, fuller life in Christ.

The monthly event is essentially a cross between the Group reunion and the Ultreya, with the hope being that parishioners will be encouraged to participate in the sharing and possibly join an existing group reunion. The meetings at Good Shepherd do not require that participants have experienced a weekend Cursillo. They welcome everyone. They are set aside not to exclude but serve as an enhancement to their Coffee Hour experience. They want to focus on the stories about the love of God in their lives, and how to lead more Christian lives. They want to sing. They invite all to join them. They would love to need to set up a third table.

So far this article has been a story about love. I also promised you a love story. Tom Griffiths and Carolyn Cline-Griffiths are very involved in Cursillo at Good Shepherd. They first met at a Cursillo event in 1994 and kept bumping into each other at events in Georgia. They started dating and fell in love. Tom and Carolyn got married and moved to Morganton, Georgia. Shortly after moving to Morganton, they began their search for a new church home and God led them to Good Shepherd where Carolyn's parents, Ben and Barbara Holt, were active members for many, many years.



From the Theologian in Residence

ON BEING THE CHURCH

About twenty years ago I was pastor of Friedens Lutheran Church near Greensboro NC. The chair of the “Search Committee” who had recommended me to the congregation was an ex-Baptist. She and her husband were very active in the congregation in a variety of roles. One day she knocked on my office door and asked if I had a few minutes to “chat.” I waved her in and after we had settled in chairs around my coffee table she got right to it.

I like your sermons, I really do. But I've been aware that there is something about them that I've not been used to – either in the Baptist Church I grew up in or here at Friedens, where Gary and I have been members for fifteen years. During your sermon this past Sunday I realized what the difference is. Most pastors preach to the individuals in the church, talking about how the scripture of the day speaks to us personally and about how we each are called to respond. You don't do that – at least not often. You preach to the congregation, to the church as a whole, about the impact the Word has on us as a community of faith, and how we, as a congregation, are invited to respond.

I don't remember exactly what I said to her, other than to acknowledge that she was right. I have pondered her words over the years. It's true, I have never been an advocate of a “me and Jesus,” Christianity. I have always believed that to be a Christian is to be a part of His church, an active participant in the community of people called together to follow Jesus. I believe that it is well-established in Scripture and Tradition that being a part of the folk who gather weekly around “Word and Sacrament” is a vital part of what it means to be a Christian.

I will attempt to explore this truth in this year's “**Wednesday Evenings in Lent.**”

Wednesday, Feb. 25 through Wednesday, March 25, we will gather in the Parish Hall for a light supper and some “Light Middleweight” theological sparring. We will look at four Statements:

We are the Church - Weeks 1 and 2

We are the Episcopal Church – Week 3

We are Church Together - Week 4

We are Church for the Sake of the World – Week 5

Thanks to former ELCA Lutheran Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton for this basic outline.

In preparation for your participation, you might do a little reading for extra credit.

Scripture - Acts 2:37-47, Hebrews 10:24-25.

Tradition – Book of Common Prayer p. 871, Article XIX “Of the Church”.

BCP, p. 359, Nicene Creed, Third paragraph on Holy Spirit and the Church.

Reason – BCP, p. 854, Catechism, “The Church.”

(We'll talk more about Anglicanism's “Three-legged Stool” approach to religion in Week 3)

I look forward to thinking, talking, and praying with you about what it means to be the Church in this time, and this place.

Peace,
DELMER



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- 1. IN GENESIS He fashions you with His hands.
- 2. IN EXODUS He delivers you from slavery.
- 3. IN LEVITICUS He gives you access to Himself.
- 4. IN NUMBERS He shelters you in cities of refuge.
- 5. IN DEUTERONOMY He guides you with His hand.
- 6. IN JOSHUA He gives you divine purpose.
- 7. IN JUDGES He shows mercy in spite of repeated failures.
- 8. IN RUTH He grafts you into His family.
- 9-10. IN SAMUEL He makes the insignificant significant.
- 11-12. IN KINGS He esteems you by His faithfulness.
- 13-14. IN CHRONICLES He makes your prayer powerful.
- 15-16. IN EZRA & NEHEMIAH He restores you & equips you.
- 17. IN ESTHER He makes you royalty.
- 18. IN JOB He sustains you in suffering.
- 19. IN PSALM He draws you close & listens for your voice.
- 20. IN PROVERBS He reveals His wisdom to you.
- 21. IN ECCLESIASTES He gives meaning.
- 22. IN SONG OF SOLOMON He draws you to chase Him.
- 23. IN ISAIAH He reveals the Savior to you.
- 24-25. IN JEREMIAH & LAMENTATIONS He gives you hope.
- 26-27. IN EZEKIEL & DANIEL the Lord joins you in the fire.
- 28. IN HOSEA God pursues you to buy you back.
- 29. IN JOEL He blesses you when you repent.
- 30. IN AMOS He bears your burdens.
- 31. IN OBADIAH He keeps His covenant to you.
- 32. IN JONAH He uses an imperfect man for His perfect plan.
- 33. IN MICAH He invites you to walk humbly with Him.
- 34. IN NAHUM He comforts you.
- 35. IN HABAKKUK He places your lowliness in high places.
- 36. IN ZEPHANIAH He sings over you with great joy.
- 37. IN HAGGAI God makes His dwelling among you.
- 38. IN ZECHARIAH He assures you of His coming.
- 39. IN MALACHI God pours out His blessing on you.
- 40-43. IN THE GOSPELS God puts on human flesh to save you.
- 44. IN ACTS He gives you His Spirit.
- 45. IN ROMANS He works all things together for your good.
- 46-47. IN CORINTHIANS He corrects, teaches, & loves you.
- 48. IN GALATIANS He sets you free.
- 49. IN EPHESIANS He calls you His workmanship.
- 50. IN PHILIPPIANS He gives you joy.
- 51. IN COLOSSIANS He completes you.
- 52-53. IN THESSALONIANS He presents you with future hope.
- 54-55. IN TIMOTHY He offers you counsel & encouragement.
- 56. IN TITUS He equips you for good works.
- 57. IN PHILEMON He turns your slavery into brotherhood.
- 58. IN HEBREWS He invites you to come before His throne.
- 59. IN JAMES He teaches you practical religion.
- 60-61. IN PETER He gives you victory over suffering.
- 62-64. IN THE THREE EPISTLES OF JOHN He assures you of eternity & invites you to walk in His light, life & love.
- 65. IN JUDE your God tenderly keeps you from falling & presents you faultless before His throne.
- 66. IN REVELATION He bestows the ultimate honor upon you, as He receives you as His beloved & treasured bride.

Parish Life and Church Community

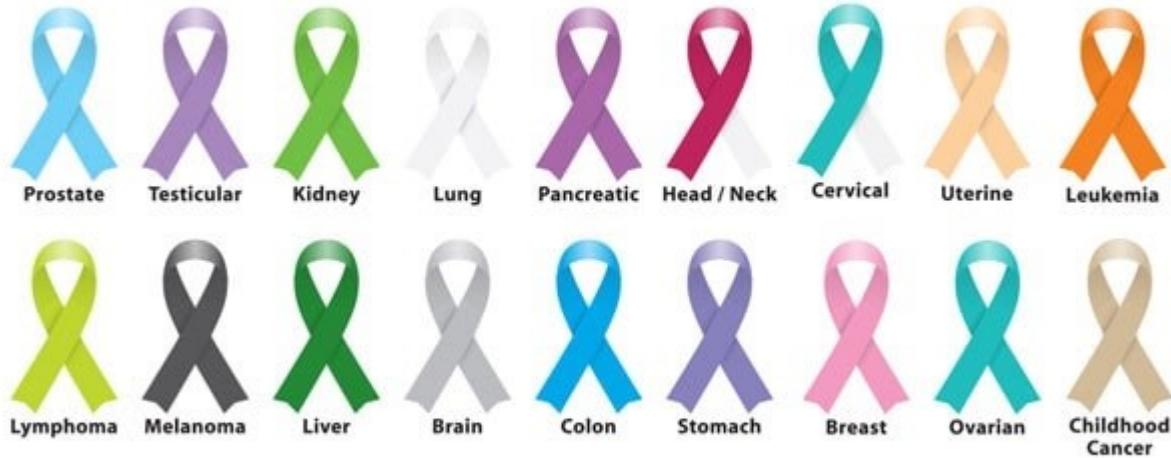
*Please, take note of our scheduled
Office closures for February:*

2/16 – Presidents' Day



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Cancer Support Group



Our regularly scheduled **Cancer Support Meeting** has been **cancelled** for the month of **February**.

We will meet again on **March 17th at 5:30pm**.



Notes from our Financial Statements for December 2025

End of Year Annual Report

Income Statement (Budget)

Income received for December	\$48,181
<u>Expenses for December</u>	<u>-\$41,597</u>
Net Income/(Loss) for December	\$ 6,584
Total Income for the Year	\$431,016
<u>Total Expenses for the Year</u>	<u>-\$433,921</u>
Net Income/(Loss) for the Year	(\$ 2,905)

Account Balances 12/31/2025

Operating funds Accounts

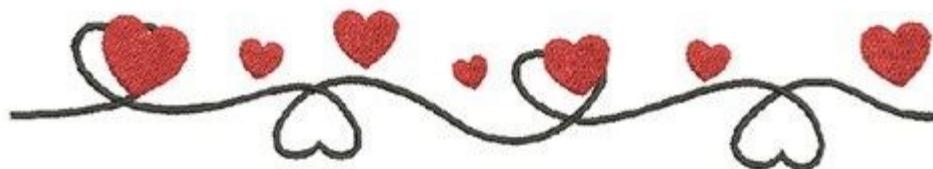
UCBI Operating Account (Checking)	\$ 25,154
UCBI Petty Cash	\$ 947
Operating Funds Money Market (30)	\$126,475

Restricted/Designated funds Accounts

B&G Scholarship Money Market (60)	\$129,705
Camp Henry Tuition Assistance (62)	\$ 4,103
Capital Reserve Money Market (61)	\$ 42,410
Rector Sabbatical Money Market (54)	\$ 5,133
All other Restricted/Designated Accounts Obligations	\$ 19,249

Endowment Accounts

Mountain of Faith Endowment Fund	\$255,324
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Celebrate Good Times!!!

Birthdays in February

- 02/01 Darry Wood
- 02/06 Jeanne Harper
- 02/06 Marjorie Hobkirk
- 02/06 Jack Wright
- 02/07 Bob Kirby
- 02/08 Mike Stringer
- 02/10 David Field
- 02/10 Suzi Herbert
- 02/11 Andy Dickert
- 02/11 Johnathan Notchie
- 02/12 Lois Ann Wentzel
- 02/14 Valla Kolman
- 02/15 John Breazeale
- 02/16 Angelica Patterson
- 02/22 Rex Boswell
- 02/22 Barbara Brewton
- 02/22 Suzy Christensen
- 02/26 Adelaide Fullilove
- 02/26 Mike Gora
- 02/27 Sally Conaway
- 02/28 Robert Schneider
- 02/28 Betsi Wilson



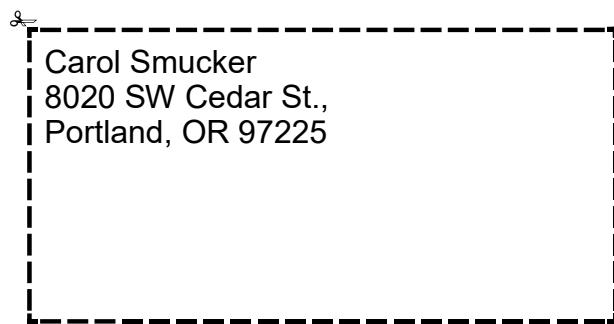
Anniversaries in February

- 02/14 Joy and Pat Fox
- 02/16 Lynn and Bob Kirby
- 02/18 Lucy Oberle and Rick Kirchberg
- 02/27 Jan Chatterton and Cindy Nodine



Directory Updates:

Please note the following changes in your directory.



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Portland, OR 97225



Please email Amanda in the church office with any birthday or anniversary updates:

gsepicsopal@brmemc.net

Lectionary Readings for *February*

February 1-
Fourth Sunday after the
Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12
Psalm 15

February 8-
Fifth Sunday after the
Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]
1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]
Matthew 5:13-20
Psalm 112:1-9, (10)

February 15-
Last Sunday after the
Epiphany

Exodus 24:12-18
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9
Psalm 2
or Psalm 99

February 22-
First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11
Psalm 32

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to FLOURISH

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