

# First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock

*A fellowship of people in all stages of life who gather together, praising and worshipping God with gratitude for our many blessings, accepting and caring for all God's children, and serving the community and the world with love and joy.*

## Blooming Anyway

One of our 2020 Earth Care goals was to wave eco-friendly palms on Palm Sunday. (Eco-palms are produced and sold in a way that protects valuable forests and improves living conditions for those who harvest.) These plans, with so many others since COVID hit, had to be canceled. Caring for the earth wasn't canceled though. Instead, the lilies donated for Easter will not be thrown into the trash. They will be planted on the church grounds to remember the author of re-birth. (Please see the information in this newsletter and come help plant.)

For a while longer, congregational singing will be sacrificed for safety. Oh, how we miss the hymns sung together as one body and the choir! And yet, since March 2020 over 30 people have contributed their musical gifts—many multiple times—in diverse and wonderful ways.

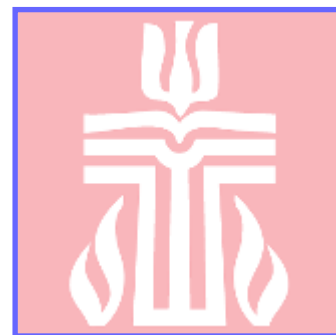
These are just two examples of how this congregation has not just endured these past 13 months—you have turned challenges into opportunities to produce new fruit.

This has been a time of unique challenge and frustration. We are all weary of the restrictions. Those who have filled leadership roles in the church through this time are weary of difficult decisions. Since March of 2020, the Session has met 31 times. It was especially hard in the beginning when suddenly, in addition to all the regular work of the church, we had to figure out how to worship, fellowship, education, clean, collect offerings, and serve the community wisely, safely, and faithfully during a pandemic.

As things improve and new decisions are required, it is hard again. There is no one correct answer in balancing the competing needs of safety and community. On the Illinois Department of Health website, there is a small section entitled "How Do We Move to the Next Phase." The criteria for moving to Phase 5 struck me: "Post-pandemic: Vaccine, effective and widely available treatment, or the elimination of new cases over a sustained period of time through herd immunity or other factors." We will be at this task for a while still. So, stay patient; stay kind, stay prayerful, and stay creative!

Gratefully,  
Pastor Cindy

May 2021



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### Sunday Worship Services

**Outdoor worship now will be held on the North Lawn/Patio when weather allows.**

In case of bad weather, services will be available on Facebook and YouTube .



### Next All Church Fellowship

Sunday, May 23

10:15 am - 11:00 am

#### **Newsletter Editor**

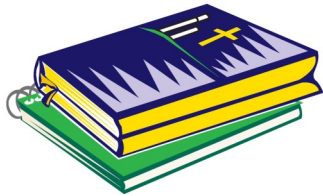
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# TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN

## BIBLE STUDY



### Men's Bible Study — Saturdays at 7:00 a.m.

Join us via Zoom for Bible study on Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m. where we continue in the series "Some Biblical Bases of A 'Brief Statement of Faith'". "A Brief Statement" expresses the faith of American Presbyterians in contemporary language, and it deals with contemporary challenges. Of course, "A Brief Statement" is not entirely new. Its ideas are as old as the gospel it seeks to summarize. There is probably not a line in it with which the framers of the earlier creed would now disagree. It is based on the

same Bible they loved, and it honors the same Lord. An appendix allows cross-references to the earlier confessions. And "A Brief Statement" has some special values as we face the third millennium.

The study curriculum is from our series A Seven-Session Bible Study for Men. Contact Dave Davis at [ddavis@ameritech.net](mailto:ddavis@ameritech.net) to get connected through Zoom and to obtain a copy of the material. All are welcome to join with us during this time of learning, understanding, and fellowship, as in faith that God is in charge and by the grace of God, we will experience His love in right relationship with Him through His son Jesus.

## Firepit Fun Report



We had a confirmation gathering around the fire pit on April 25. We will meeting again to start work on our battery collection box, and to continue our discussions. Watch your email for further details.

**Confirmation Youth:** Jacob Dunker, Collin Greenlee, Evan Kaye, Lydia Johanson, Alex Rewaiko, Addie Sobczak, and Ben Walters

Contact **Pastor Cindy** if you know of other youth, grades 6-8, who would like to join in the adventure!

## COMING SOON



An intergenerational VBS. Plans are under way for an intergeneration "Vacation Bible School." We will be gathering for fun games and education for all ages with an earth care theme. If you would like to be part of the VBS team please contact Ray Thuma [RPTHuma@sbcglobal.net](mailto:RPTHuma@sbcglobal.net) or 815-355-2927.

## Next Firepit Gathering



On May 2nd from 3 to 5 p.m., weather permitting, we will be having a gathering around the fire pit for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Please join us for games, chatting, and s'mores. Friends are welcome. RSVP Angela Thuma; 815-355-0747 or [ACThuma@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ACThuma@sbcglobal.net)

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## Lectionary Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m.

The group is meeting virtually using Zoom. We select a single reading from the Common Lectionary and take turns leading the discussion. Join us for lively discussion, thoughtful readings and good fellowship. Contact Velma Downes to be added to the mailing list or for more information at [ymdownes@gmail.com](mailto:ymdownes@gmail.com)

# TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN

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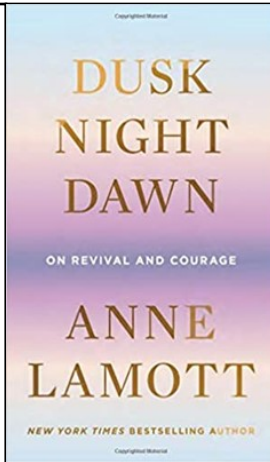
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## Current Book Discussion - Tuesday at 7:00 PM



The most recent book discussion group is reading Anne Lamott's *Dusk Night Dawn*, *On Revival and Courage*. There is still plenty of time to join the discussion on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. The book is available on Amazon [https://www.amazon.com/Dusk-Night-Dawn-Revival-Courage/dp/0593189698/ref=nodl\\_](https://www.amazon.com/Dusk-Night-Dawn-Revival-Courage/dp/0593189698/ref=nodl_), or through our local bookstore, Read Between the Lines 111 E. Van Buren Street, Woodstock, IL 60098 (815) 206-5967 If you would like assistance obtaining a copy, please contact the church office.

TO join via zoom, click here <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82912531922>

In *Dusk, Night, Dawn*, Anne Lamott explores the tough questions that many of us grapple with. How can we recapture the confidence we once had as we stumble through the dark times that seem increasingly bleak? As bad news piles up—from climate crises to daily assaults on civility—how can we cope? Where, she asks, “do we start to get our world and joy and hope and our faith in life itself back . . . with our sore feet, hearing loss, stiff fingers, poor digestion, stunned minds, broken hearts?” We begin, Lamott says, by accepting our flaws and embracing our humanity. Our discussion of this book should be enlightening, please consider joining us.

## Congregational Life News—N.O.W. Dinners are BACK!

That's right! With the spring arriving, the N.O.W. team is swinging back into action with two dinners planned, Wednesday, May 12 and Wednesday, May 26.

The May 12 menu will feature burgers, hot dogs, a choice of homemade potato salad or cole slaw, chips, toppings (lettuce, tomato slices, pickles, mustard and ketchup), cookies and a drink. All yours for a \$3 donation for adults or \$1 for kids.

May 26 will bring back Tony Spaldon's world famous smoked pork, baked beans, Lee's cornbread casserole, and fruit salad.

Can't make it to the church or hang around? No problem, says the N.O.W. team! You can request carryout or delivery! Just make a note when you register that you will pick up or would like delivery!

**A sign-up email will be showing up in your email inbox soon.** Be sure to click on the link for signup right away. If at the last minute you decide you'd like to come, do. There's always plenty of food.

The N.O.W. team can't wait to see everyone back outside chowing down on some good eats!

Our ice cream social is on Wednesday, July 28 on the Square. In conjunction with the ice cream social, we will be having a display of the history of First Presbyterian at the Woodstock Public Library running from July 19 through August 7th.



## Compassion, Peace, and Justice Committee

In support of the “Earth Care Congregation” initiative, a few members of the CPJ committee will be planting the bulbs that have been saved from the lily plants that members donated after Easter. The hope is they will bloom again next spring in our church gardens, and help us celebrate the Easter season 2022. If anyone has a leftover lily plant at home that they’d like to donate, please drop it off at church by May 16 (they can be left outside next to the main doors). Weather permitting, we are meeting at church on May 18 at 1:30 to plant the bulbs. We invite all who are interested to come and help. Thank you!



team.

## Thank You, Highway Clean-Up Volunteers!

Last month we introduced you to “Rusty” the can. We are pleased to report that Rusty and many of his friends have found new homes. The Compassion Peace and Justice committee sponsored a clean up along Route 47 on April 17th. Many thanks to Lynne Sobczak, Jim Wormley, Karen Thennes, Joyce Maynard, and Ray Thuma for participating in clean up. Our next highway clean up is scheduled for July 17. Please consider joining this small but dedicated

## PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

During 2021, our church will collect four special offerings as part of our Compassion, Peace and Justice initiatives. We have set a goal of \$1360 to be collected for each of these offerings. The second of these, the Pentecost Special Offering, is collected between Easter and Pentecost which this year falls on May 23. Donations may be made by check or through bank direct payments or the church website payment option. Please mark your payment as being for Pentecost Offering.

**YOUR IMPACT**—Nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come: A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

This year, CPJ committee chose the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) for McHenry County to be the recipient of 40% of our collection. The Center serves children who are the victims of sexual abuse and extreme physical abuse. Representatives from the CAC will be with us at worship on May 2 to give a brief presentation on the services provided.

We broke the thermometer for OGHS – let’s do it again!



## Red Wagon Items Requested for May

**Macaroni & Cheese, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti, Ravioli, Spaghetti O’s**

You can leave your donations outside the church in the box provided by the front door.



## May Update from the Deacons

Deacons have put together and mailed out "Care Packages" of gift cards to our 12 college aged students. Studying in person or online, they are Chloe and Chris Bellmore, Sarah and Christopher Carr, Ryan Diss, Lydia Dunker, Emma Mathison, Ben Thuma, Alexandra Norgard, Calvin, Cameron and JT Wormley. Our hope is to let our students know how much we care about them and have thought about them during this stressful year of studies. Thanks to some of our members for so graciously donating the cards or money for this effort.

We will be distributing May baskets 4/29-5/1 to some of our elderly members or others who need a boost of support.

The deacon brunch will not be held this year in June. Plans are to schedule it next year, possibly before the beginning of Lent and be used as an event to introduce new deacons to the congregation. This will be a good way to introduce new deacons to their flocks.

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## In Memory



Our brother in Christ, Marty Sobczak, went home to his Savior Saturday, April 24. We give thanks for his wonderful life and dedicated service to Christ and his church. We rejoice that he is now at peace in God's perfect kingdom. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers. *"If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to God." Romans 14:8*

## Visitation

Saturday, May 15, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the church.

A private service will follow.

## From the Sobczak Family

Thank you to all who prayed for Marty and his family these past days, weeks and months. It has been difficult but your care and strength have been felt. And to those who sent cards, emails, Facebook notes and food, your love has been greatly appreciated. We expect to thank you all in person at the visitation on Saturday, May 15th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**WACM Notes:** The WACM Board voted in April to limit funds through the Direct Assistance Program to individuals living in recovery homes in Woodstock. Help with clothing, shoes, or transportation needs may be offered when requested, but rent assistance will not be provided. If an individual moves out of a recovery home and is living independently within the D-200 boundaries, then rent assistance may be given. Our congregation is a member of WACM and provides financial support toward its programs. Thank you for your support!

**In Memory**—For those of you who remember Jim Maggio and his contributions to our church, there will be a Celebration of his life on Sunday, May 23 at 1:00 pm. The service will be held outdoors at 4323 Lathrop Dr, Woodstock (Village of Greenwood- on Heidi and Jason Schnulle's property)





## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Kayden Petrik—05/01  
 Paul Thuma—05/01  
 Ben Thuma—05/03  
 Renee Simes—05/05  
 Luisa Lauf—05/09  
 Jackie Lawler—05/10  
 Amanda Landrey—05/13  
 Barb Arnold—05/16  
 Dawn Cook—05/19  
 Bev Boyne—05/20  
 Lydia Johanson—05/20  
 Addison Sobczak—05/20  
 Chris Carr, Jr.—05/21  
 Sandra Landrey—05/23  
 Dave Johanson—05/24  
 Sue Krause—05/25  
 Katie Spaldon—05/25  
 Jack Darby—05/27



## **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

Matt & Sherry Thuma—05/04  
 Hank & Linda Olesen—05/10  
 Mark & Barb Bundick—05/11  
 Matt and Jalina Petrik—05/29

## **Happy 175th Birthday to Us!**

### **Our Mission and Service**

The First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock is 175 years old! This month's article is Part 1 for our history of mission and service.

If "a church is measured by what it does for others," as is stated in the 1980 "Brief History of First Presbyterian Church," then FPC has measured up well. The 1946 Centennial program states, "In the past years, men and women have gone out from this church into active missionary work in this country and across the seas." In the early years, the women's groups led the way in mission and service. "Second-mile giving" was directed to missions nationally and internationally.

FPC women also were instrumental in establishing the Woodstock Food Pantry and the Clothing Closet. FPC took actions in 1988 that helped establish Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) in Woodstock/McHenry County. While FPC was on Calhoun Street, homeless were our guests every Thursday for lunch and to hunker down during the day. FPC also helped start WACM (Woodstock Area Community Ministries) to help people in financial crisis. Our support of the Food Pantry continues through donations and staffing, and members serve on the WACM board and as volunteers.

Beginning in the 1990s and continuing for about 15 years, multigenerational groups from the church repaired houses and apartments for Rockford Urban Ministries. Mission service trips also were made to Kentucky and Chicago. The desire to serve others resulted in multiple trips by church members and families to the Gulf Coast, D'Iberville, Mississippi, and Houston to aid hurricane victims and to towns in Illinois hit by tornadoes.

Join us next month for Part 2 of Mission and Service

### **Save the Date!**



**Rummage Sale Coming August 26—28!**  
**Watch for donation goals beginning June 27!**

Anyone interested in organizing a bake sale concurrently with the rummage sale can call Joyce Maynard at 815-338-7265



### **Our Thoughts and Prayers are with...**

Pat Davenport, Scott Snider, Tom Thennes, Nick Botian, Tom Schwarz, Sally Wilyat, Jayne Reicher, Addie Jo Wedoff, Jim Higgins, Tim Arnold, Velma Downes, Rev. John March, Pat Morozink, George Witczak, Gayle Abrams, Ron Parrish, Paul Thuma, and Matt Thuma.

Please keep the family and friends of Marty Sobczak in your prayers as they grieve his death.

Hold the Pastor Nominating Committee in your prayers. Pray for your next pastor whom God has already chosen to walk with this congregation into the future.



## April Session Highlights

The Health Department inspected our property on April 11, 2021. The building was fine. Repairs were made to the septic line.

A solicitation from a law firm advising that IDOT may be seeking to acquire part of our

property for road widening was referred to Ministry Support committee.

Session received a report from the COVID Taskforce and asked them to collaborate with Ministry Support Committee to develop a thorough and complete plan for reopening to be considered at May Session meeting.

Education and Spiritual Growth request to study the book *Dusk, Night, Dawn* by Anne Lamott was approved

Ministry Support reported that the sound system has been upgraded to improve live streaming and virtual worship experiences. The new sound board, and PCs have been installed in the A/V booth. Session also the use of undesignated memorial funds to pay for sound booth improvements if contributions do not cover the cost.

After a discussion about church communication systems, tools and responsibilities, Congregational Life will begin to develop a plan to document our systems and tools and consider how they may be enhanced.

The Finance Team asked Session begin to think about options for capital expenditures as a target for approximately \$145,000 unused MCCullough distribution funds.

Session approved continuing education expenses for Pastor Cindy along with a \$200 donation to Luther Seminary for sponsoring the Festival of Homiletics that Cindy will be attending.

Session will be watching Dr. Kathryn Threadgill's video presentation "The Seven Marks of a Vital Congregation" for discussion at the May meeting.

**Next Meeting: (via ZOOM): 05/16/2021 11:00 am Regular Session meeting**

### Session / Committee Chairs

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## Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Update

### PNC to select a candidate

The Pastor Nominating Committee's journey began in September, and now in May, with God's help, we will decide who we will bring before you. All three top candidates visited Woodstock and First Pres, They expressed joy with what they saw and felt.

Please continue praying that all we do be done to glorify God. Pray, too, for the pastor God is calling to FPC.

We developed the following concise statement – some might call it our church's elevator speech – back in October. It is included in all of our correspondence with candidates.

*We are a Presbyterian congregation with a rich history in search of a new pastor.  
We seek a pastor who feels called to intergenerational ministry and  
is gifted with deep knowledge of scripture and in sharing the word  
through inspirational messages and teaching –  
one who values education, music, fellowship, and mission.  
Together with our new pastor we will continue to witness and minister as God calls.*

God Bless,

Dave Davis, Erin Kaye, Christy Johanson, Rob McMahon, Justin Thuma, and Cheryl Wormley

Say good-bye to Pastor Paul	✓
Interim Pastor search process	✓
Interim Pastor joins congregation	✓
Mission Vision Study Team selected	✓
Information gathered and studied	✓
Feedback to congregation and Session	✓
Report completed/present to Session for approval	✓
Report approved by Presbytery Committee on Ministry	✓
Congregation elects Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)	✓
PNC creates Church Information Form and Presbytery puts on-line	✓
PNC reviews and interviews candidates	🕒
Candidate selected; terms of call agreed upon	
Candidate and Terms of call approved by Presbytery	
Candidate Sermon/Congregational vote on call	
Candidate installed as Minister of Word and Sacrament	



## GIVING TOGETHER: REPORT FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

March 2021 Operating Budget				
<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>	<u>Variance vs Budget</u>	<u>Annual 2021 Budget</u>
Contributions Income	\$85,887	\$85,620	\$267	\$187,605
All Other Income	<u>\$2,428</u>	<u>\$830</u>	<u>\$1,598</u>	<u>\$32,589</u>
Total Income	\$88,314	\$86,450	\$1,864	\$220,194
<u>Expenses</u>				
Staff	\$32,866	\$35,259	(\$2,393)	\$142,626
All Other Expenses	<u>\$12,737</u>	<u>\$19,261</u>	<u>(\$6,524)</u>	<u>\$103,087</u>
Total Expense	\$45,603	\$54,520	(\$8,917)	\$245,713
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$42,711</b>	<b>\$31,930</b>	<b>\$10,781</b>	<b>(\$25,519)</b>

### Balance Sheet

Our McCullough Endowment Fund value ended the First Quarter at \$1,020,022.70 vs. December 2020 ending balance of \$999,675.20 as impacted by both the 4% distribution of \$10,262.73 from the fund and the market valuation increase of \$30,610.32 in the quarter.

### Per Capita

The 2021 Per Capita amount is \$38.50. We will appreciate receiving your support for this expense FPC pays each year to Blackhawk Presbytery. You can pay this online via our website at <https://www.fpcwoodstock.org/> and then select **Giving** in the upper right-hand corner of the Home page. You may choose the Per Capita to complete your donation. If you are writing a check, simply write Per Capita on the memo line.

Feel free to reach out to me with any questions or comments – [robtmclark@aol.com](mailto:robtmclark@aol.com) or 815-527-5109.

Bob Clark – Co-Chair Ministry Support & Finance Team Lead

## **A/V System Upgrade Project—Donate Today!**

We are upgrading our audio-visual technology so that you will have a more pleasant experience when we meet in-person again. Our Sound Board must be replaced as it is worn out. Some additional enhancements are being installed to help the A/V Team in their ability to operate the technology more efficiently. We are accepting donations specific to this project.

You may donate online via our website at <https://www.fpcwoodstock.org/> and then select **Giving** in the upper right-hand corner of the Home page. On the Donate Online page, scroll down to Special Projects and insert A/V Upgrades in the box (see below). Or simply write A/V Upgrade in the memo line of your check.

Thank you in advance for your generous donations!

## **Leave a Legacy**

“I’ve pledged and titled my entire life to my church, but I’ve never felt like I could give as much as I wanted to. By leaving a gift to the church in my will, I can give them what I wasn’t able to during my lifetime. And that’s really important to me.”

Caroline Davis Rourk , First Presbyterian Church, Durham, N. C.



## May 2021 News from the Worship Arts Committee

Spring is here!! The flowers peeping up through the earth, longer days, and birds chirping remind us that better weather is on the way. Unfortunately, Mother Nature didn't co-operate, and the outdoor service had to be moved indoors and made virtual this past Sunday. Hopefully we can begin May with a service enjoying the outdoors.

In the case of inclement weather, in-person worship will be cancelled. We are working on improving live-streaming, but worship may be recorded for better quality. Please be patient if the service posting is delayed.

There will be a "Brainstorming" session following the service on **May 2nd**. Stay for a bit after church and bring your creative ideas as we discuss future plans for worship services.



Mother's Day will be here soon! To celebrate our mothers in the congregation, we will be presenting our mothers by presenting them with a carnation at the worship service on **May 9th**.

On **May 16th**, Pastor Cindy will be on Education Leave attending the Festival of Homiletics virtually. Jim Wormley will be filling the "pulpit."

**May 23rd** is Pentecost Sunday. In appreciation for all their hard work and endurance during Covid, we will honor all of our teachers and students for their hard work during the past year. Also, Sunday School students who are eligible this year will be presented with a new Bibles from the church.

### Honoring our Musicians—May 30th

Join us in honoring the more than 30 people who have offered their gift of music to God and God's people this year. Many thanks for enriching our worship and fellowship.

## Worship Leader Schedule

**Thanks to the April liturgists:** Evan Kay, Mark Bundick, Matt Petrik, Sue Krause.

**May Liturgists:** - May 2; Lydia Johanson; May 9; Kristen Matter; May 16; Mark Bundick; May 23; Dawn Cook; May 30: John Moorhouse.

The Hospitality Team and Deacons will be greeting this month. Please contact Cheryl Wormley or John Moorhouse if you would like to assist with this important ministry.

Please make a point of thanking our Sound Team members. They are working hard to improve our sound system and in-person worship experience every Sunday.



# May 2021

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May 2021 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>25</div> <div>9:30am - Worship</div> <div>7pm - Confirm</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Newsletter Articles</div>	<div>27</div> <div>7pm - Dusk, Night,</div>	<div>28</div> <div>7:30am - Lection</div>	<div>29</div> <div>6pm - Worship Arts</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>1</div> <div>7am - Men's Study</div>
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