





We are an Affirming Congregation Our Mission

"To follow Jesus by sharing God's unconditional love as the Spirit empowers us."

Our Vision

We will follow Jesus...

- By being a local Christian church within the United Church of Canada; a community anchor for spiritual exploration and growth where life, worship, knowledge, service and song all contribute to our larger story.
- By welcoming people of diverse faiths, ethnicities, ages and stages of life, physical and mental abilities, economic situations, sexual orientations and gender identities.
- By caring for all members with compassion, empathy and joy.
- By acts of service we will reach out to engage and support our community, the country and the world.
- By building bridges within our community, as a congregation in the most diverse city in the world.
- By using our facilities for religious, social, cultural, educational or other programs that reflect our values.

Hello? God Calling

Sunday Mornings in January & February will focus on the topic of God's "call" to us. Did you know that when you were baptized, you (and/or those who sponsored your baptism, i.e., your parents) were responding to a spiritual call from God? Choosing to be baptized is one of the ways we formally acknowledge that we have heard something in the story of Jesus' life which makes us want to be a part of His work to make the world a better place and live more loving lives. Formally joining the church can be another way to do that. We'll be welcoming new members to our church on Sunday, January 13. We'll also be thinking about what "hearing God's call" for us might mean in today's terms. You have been given a life to live for a reason! What's God calling for you, what are God's loving purposes for your life? There are always more ways to listen, and imagine how to answer and respond to the wonderful mystery which is God.

Rev. Jennifer Palin

Message from The Chair of Council

As the new year begins, we have an opportunity to look back at our accomplishments as a faith community and I feel we could sum it up as "We may be small, but we are mighty." Thanks to all the dedicated committee members, much was accomplished!

As a congregation in 2018 we made a momentous decision to redevelop our property in an almost unanimous casting of votes. The Redevelopment Committee guided us through the process by means of affinity groups and we also heard from the staff at Options for Homes who expertly clarified any questions from members of the congregation as to their mandate.

Our Fall Sale was, as usual, a huge success! Rev. Jennifer's Life-Story Writing Program continued with two groups starting in November and another in January. From first hand experience, I can confirm that these programs are immensely enjoyable and

under Jennifer's guidance and encouragement, long buried memories emerge as her prompts cause you to cast your mind back through the decades and put your experiences to paper.

In November we had another in our popular Music on the Donway Series and had the pleasure of hearing two of our own choir members who are part of the Choral Expressions group.

Also in November, we had the annual Pet Blessing – always heartwarming. Our Weekly Community Meals were followed by Soup and Movie nights and of course our usual Remembrance Day Service – always so moving to see the names of so many veterans of our congregation.

In December the Ladies Fellowship Group held their very popular Annual Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon for the ladies of the congregation and friends. Our team of well-trained men in their Christmas aprons are always a pleasure to behold and do a great job as they serve, clear and wash up.

We had the pleasure of a visit from the Zimbabwe congregation who treated us to a performance of their lively worship music and it was particularly enjoyable to see two of their tiniest congregation members singing and playing their instruments. The Advent Project under the leadership of the Outreach Committee was a great success, and the Advent cookie gift program is always so generously supported by the bakers in our midst. The Traditional Yorkshire Christmas Eve Dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, and we look forward to more of these elegant feasts in the year to come.

We have more changes ahead in 2019 when Jaren, our very talented and creative Church Administrator/ Property Manager retires. A search is currently underway to fill the position so if you know anyone who may be interested, please refer them to the job posting on our website or bulletin board.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year as we look forward to worshipping and working together!

Andrea Sloan, Chair of Council

Come for

Coffee & Conversation

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Every 1st & 3rd Friday

of the month.

in the living room at The Donway Covenant United Church

Come. Relax. & Enjoy.

January 4, 18, February 1, 15, March 1, 15, April 5, 26*, May 3, 17, June 7, 21, 2019.

* fourth Friday.

230 The Donway West,

Just north of Lawrence Ave East & west of Don Mills Rd.

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Message from The Chair of the Redevelopment Committee

Welcome to 2019 - a year of new beginnings!

After a strong vote by our congregation last September to proceed with the sale and redevelopment of our property, we met with Presbytery in November and were pleased with their unanimous vote of approval of our congregation's plans. Now it's up to our congregation to work out the details. Our Redevelopment Committee and our Trustees are hard at work with Options For Homes, our development partner, to finalize the wording of our contract. With such an important document, there is much to discuss and we are grateful for the expertise and input from our lawyers. We are looking forward to having a final document soon to bring before Council for approval.

At the end of November, we met for lunch and discussion after Worship with our Affinity Groups and had an excellent turnout. We had engaging discussions in each of our groups. Thanks to all who were able to attend! It's a good way to keep informed and share ideas and feelings with others in the congregation.

Looking ahead, a reminder that there are no changes to our worship and programming for the next 2 years, at least. The development process entails many things before a shovel starts to dig!

Through this journey over the last year and a half, the Redevelopment Committee has gotten to know the congregation more deeply, and understand more fully how strong a sense of community and purpose our congregation has. We look forward to continuing to work closely together with everyone in the next step of our redevelopment journey.

Yours in Christ,

Redevelopment Committee: Mark Bell, Maureen Hall, Marie Harvey, Tom Joyce, Rob Paterson, John Sloan and Vivian Yarwood.



Getting to Know You: Carol Fordyce

I was born and grew up in Mimico, which at the time was one of three towns on the shores of Lake Ontario just west of Toronto. Each of these three towns... Mimico, New Toronto, and Long Branch.. had its own mayor and town council. These three towns became the southern part of the Borough of Etobicoke, which later became part of the city of Toronto

Mimico was a lovely place to grow up at the time. I attended John English Public School and Mimico High School, both of which were easy walking distance from our house. Summer afternoons (except Sundays) we spent on the beach, two minutes from our house. After graduating from high school, for four years I travelled by TTC to the U of T every school day.

I had worked through the summers from the age of sixteen ... first at Continental Can in New Toronto and then with the Bell Telephone Company. I still had no idea what I wanted to do for a career. When I had my BA I decided to take secretarial training so I could at least get a job. These skills led me to a temporary job

2019 Family Dinners

Family Meal Family Day Dinner



Broccoli Soup

Lasagne Green Beans Garlic Bread

Caprese Salad

Tiramisu

Dinner at 5:30 pm Family Day Monday, February 18th

in the Living Room
The Donway Covenant United Church

\$15.00

Tickets for sale at coffee time or call the church office (416) 444 - 8444

Family Meal Easter Dinner



Carrot & Ginger Soup

Ham
Scalloped Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables

Spring Salad

Fresh Fruit Fantasy Pie

Dinner at 5:30 pm Easter Monday, April 22nd

in the Living Room
The Donway Covenant United Church

\$15.00

For tickets call the church office (416) 444 - 8444

Sharing a meal in a community of friends

Family Day

Easter Monday

Thanksgiving Monday

Christmas Eve

in a book publishing company... W.J. Gage... which led me to a career as a book editor, and eventually to managing the book editing and production in a small textbook publishing company. I loved that, and eventually ended my work life in the Ministry of Education... and finally as a freelance book editor.

I lived in my parents' home in Mimico until I was almost thirty, and then spent about twelve years in East York and Don Mills apartments, sharing with friends, until I bought my townhouse on Leslie Street in 1972, where I still live.

When I was living in Mimico I went to Mimico Baptist Church with my mother every Sunday. When I moved to the east end my church attendance became just occasional. A few years ago I felt I really wanted to be at church regularly on Sundays. I tried both Baptist Churches in our area but felt I did not belong in either one. I went to the local Anglican church several times... because the organist and choir master is a neighbour... but I was not content there. Then I remember there was a United Church on the Donway West and decided to attend a service there. When I did so in June 2016 I immediately felt at home. The people in the congregation are so friendly as is the minister. I joined the church on Easter Sunday in 2017, and The Donway Covenant United Church is now an important part of my life. I belong here!

Note: Carol is looking forward to meeting and learning more about members of our congregation.

Don Messaros

Faith in Action

The United Church Observer, an award-winning magazine, is celebrating its 190th anniversary this year. It is the oldest continuously published magazine in North America. Its roots go back to 1829, when it was called "The Christian Guardian" and the editor was Egerton Ryerson. When the United Church of Canada was formed in 1925, the name became "The New Outlook". In 1939 the name was changed to "The United Church Observer".

The staff is now developing a new look for the magazine and website, to broaden its appeal to Canadians who share our progressive Christian

values. They have switched the mailing wrap from plastic to paper, have embraced inclusivity by hiring people of diverse backgrounds and affirmed our faith by inspiring progressive Christian content.

The Donway Covenant United Church has supported The Observer by encouraging members to subscribe. There is a special rate reserved for churches which have a significant number of subscribers who submit their subscriptions together. It is hoped that members will continue to subscribe and that many who have not done so will consider doing so. More information will be forthcoming in February.

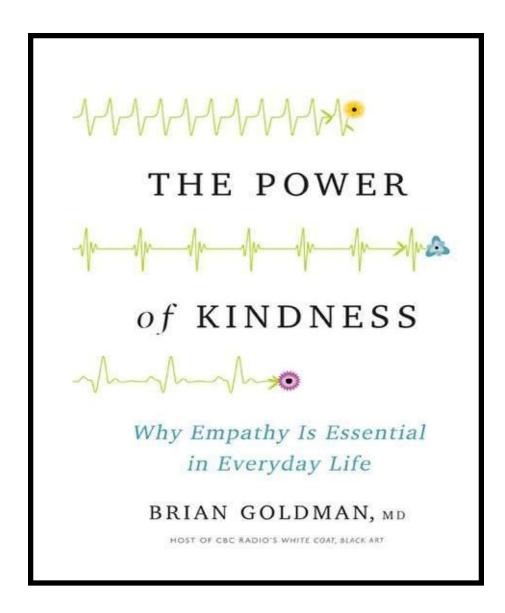
Another way that members can support the magazine is by donating to the "Friends of the Observer Fund" which allows the church to produce an innovative and exciting magazine with articles written by well-known writers.

Information is gleaned from the January 2019, issue of The United Church Observer and e-mails to subscribers.

Marie Harvey







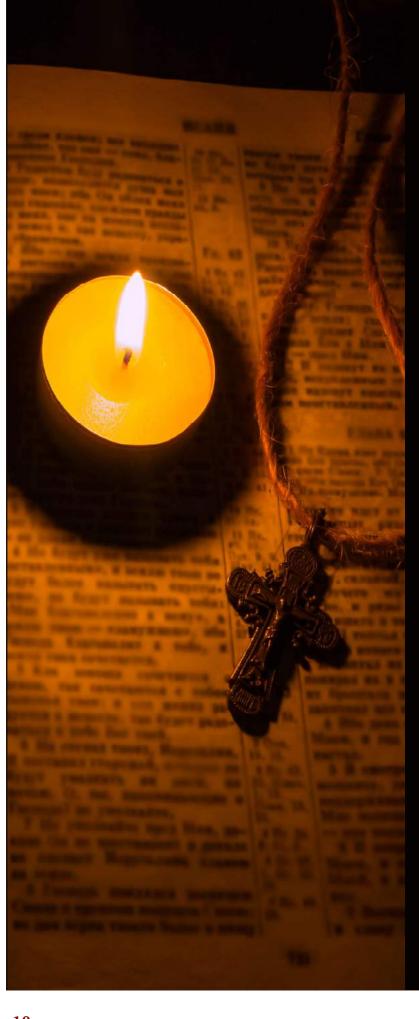
Message from the Leader of the Tuesday Study Group

Tuesday Study Group begins the new year with a new book, entitled "The Power of Kindness" subtitled "Why Empathy is essential in Everyday Life"

Author is Brian Goldman MD. He is also the host of CBC radio's "White Coat, Black Art." This topic is a good antidote for our chaotic world right now. I'm sure we will have a great time discussing this topic as we meet each week to read and put forth our ideas using our our own lives as background information.

Now would be a good time to visit our friendly group to see if you would like to become a new member. You would be very welcome. We meet in the church library every Tuesday at 9:30 am to 11:30am.

Eileen Russell



Ash Wednesday Supper & Service

Wednesday, March 6
Supper at 6pm,
Service at 7pm

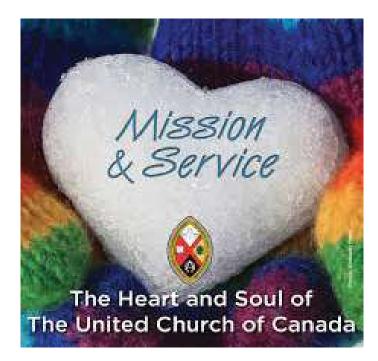
Please join us for a FREE bowl of hearty vegetable bean stew at 6 pm and service at 7pm.

Come begin Lent with quiet spiritual reflection and prayer.

Please RSVP: 416-444-8444

In the Living Room of The Donway Covenant U. C. 230 The Donway West, Toronto

www.donwaycovenant.com



Message from The Chair of the Outreach Committee

I would like to congratulate our congregation for the response to the Advent Project 2018 in support of the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church. Together we raised \$5,710 which will support community organizations that work to improve the lives of people in Canada and abroad. This amount is in addition to the regular givings you make to the Mission and Service through your regular Sunday envelope. Well done!

This leads me to reflect on the word MISSION.

Mission is defined as an important assignment given to a person or group of people, the vocation or calling of a religious organization. At DCUC, we have a mission statement and we try to live out our mission to serve others and share God's love. Our generosity reflects that we have an understanding of our calling to be engaged in mission.....the church's mission which is God's mission.

Perhaps we are moving toward being a **Missional Church**.....which is a church

• where mission is at the core of what we do and every decision that is made

- where mission is about serving the needs of our community
- where ministry outside of our walls is supported and celebrated
- where 'reaching out' is at the core of who we are and what we do.

I believe the Spirit is guiding us on this exciting journey in our becoming a Missional Church!

Vivian Yarwood, Chair of the Outreach Committee



Badminton Players Reunion

Young, old and in between. Badminton reunion party was held at Don and Barb Messaros' condo a year after the group ended meeting together. For many years this group helped decorate the sanctuary at Christmas time, and volunteered at the Fall Sale and Footprints Summer Day Camp.

Don Messaros

Q: What's the difference between a guitar and a fish?

A: You can tune a guitar, but you can't tuna fish.



Weekly \$5 Community Meal

Every **Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.**in the Living Room at **The Donway Covenant** United Church

March 13 - 27th

For \$5 anyone who wants to share a simple home cooked meal is welcome.

We'll ALL share in cleaning up after the meal together.

Please RSVP: 416-444-8444

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Soup & Movie Night

April 3, 10, 17, 2019

Watch the film at 4 p.m.
Stay for a soup supper at 6 p.m.
The film will be shown again at 7 p.m.

Cost: \$5

RSVP: 416-444-8444

In the Living Room of
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Tea, Cookies &

Poetry

April 4 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Come bring your favourite poetry with you so we can read beautiful poetry to each other, drink hot tea with cookies and enjoy the afternoon together in The Living Room of The Donway Covenant U.C.

All Welcome

RSVP: 416-444-8444

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Music on the Donway

The Hand Me Downs



with special guest Sharon Smith

Bluegrass Plus

from traditional bluegrass to the Eagles and Beatles ...harmonies to keep your toes a tappin!

Saturday, April 27, 2019 7:30 pm ~ 9:30 pm

The Donway Covenant United Church 230 The Donway West, Don Mills (416) 444 - 8444 ~ www.donwaycovenant.com

Tickets \$20.00

Refreshments following the performance



"Yesterday is the past, tomorrow is the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present."







Looking Ahead

Jan. 13 **Worship Service** 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin Jan. 13 **Memoir Writing** 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the Living Room Jan. 15 Tuesday Book Study Group 9:30 a.m. in the Library. New members welcome Jan. 18 **Coffee & Conversation Drop in** 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in the Living Room Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month Jan. 20 Worship Service 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin Memorial Flower Sunday every 3rd Sunday of the month Jan. 20 Memoir Writing 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the Living Room Jan. 22 Tuesday Book Study Group 9:30 a.m. in the Library New members welcome Jan. 24 **Ladies Fellowship Meeting** 10:00 a.m. in the Living Room Ladies' Fellowship meet every 2nd and 4th Thurs. of the month For more info contact Marian Childerhose at 416-449-6993 Jan. 27 Worship Service 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin Jan. 27 **Memoir Writing** 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the Living Room Jan. 29 Tuesday Book Study Group, 9:30 a.m. in the Library. New members welcome. Feb. 1 **Coffee & Conversation Drop in** 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in the Living Room Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month Feb. 3 Worship Service 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin Food Bank Sunday please give generously Cake at Coffee Hour after the worship service.

Come celebrate all the special occasions that will take place this month.

Feb. 3	Memoir Writing 1:30 p.m 3:30 p.m. in the Living Room
Feb. 5	Tuesday Book Study Group 9:30 a.m. in the Library New members welcome
Feb. 10	Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
Feb. 12	Tuesday Book Study Group, 9:30 a.m. in the Library New members welcome.
Feb. 12	Stewardship Committee and Council meeting, 7 p.m. & 8 p.m. in the Library
Feb. 14	Ladies' Fellowship Meeting Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month Starting at 10 a.m. in the Living Room
Feb. 15	Coffee & Conversation Drop in 2 p.m 4 p.m. in the Living Room Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month
Feb. 17	Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
	Memorial Flower Sunday, every 3rd Sunday of the month.
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March 3 Worship Service 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin

Food Bank Sunday please give generously

Cake at Coffee Hour after the worship service

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Deadline for submissions for the Annual Report

Please send your reports via email to donwaycovenant@msn.com

March 5 Tuesday Book Study Group 9:30 a.m. in the Library

New members welcome

March 5 Pancake Tuesday 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

The Girl Guides will be hosting this event. All proceeds will

be donated to The Community Share Food Bank.

March 6 Ash Wednesday Supper and Service

6:00 p.m. supper in the Living Room followed by service at 7:00 p.m.

Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin

March 10 First Sunday of Lent Worship Service 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin

March 12 Tuesday Book Study Group, 9:30 a.m. in the Library

New members welcome.

March 12 Committee and Council meetings, 7 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

March 13 Wednesday Soup Supper

6 p.m. in the Living Room. R.S.V.P. 416-444-8444

March 14 Ladies' Fellowship Meeting

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Starting at 10 a.m. in the Living Room

March 15 Coffee & Conversation Drop in

2p.m. - 4p.m. in the Living Room Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month

March 17 Second Sunday of Lent Worship Service

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin

Memorial Flower Sunday every third Sunday of the month

March 19 Tuesday Book Study Group 9:30 a.m. in the Library

New members welcome

March 20 Wednesday Soup Supper

6 p.m. in the Living Room. R.S.V.P. 416-444-8444

March 24 Third Sunday of Lent Worship Service

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin

Annual General Meeting/Farewell to Jaren, our Church Administrator

after the 10:30 a.m. worship service

Meeting in the Sanctuary, then farewell lunch in the Auditorium.

March 26 Tuesday Book Study Group 9:30 a.m. in the Library

New members welcome

March 27 Wednesday Soup Supper

6 p.m. in the Living Room. R.S.V.P. 416-444-8444

March 28 Ladies' Fellowship Meeting

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Starting at 10 a.m. in the Living Room

March 31 Fourth Sunday of Lent Worship Service

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin

April 2 Tuesday Book Study Group 9:30 a.m. in the library

New members welcome

April 3 Soup & Film Series: TBA

Watch the film at 4 p.m., Stay for soup supper at 6 p.m.,

The film will be shown again at 7 p.m. Call 416-444-8444 to reserve.

April 4 Tea, Cookies & Poetry Reading,

1:30 p.m. - 3:p.m. in rhe Living Room

RSVP: 416-444-8444

April 5 Coffee & Conversation Drop in

2p.m. - 4p.m. in the Living Room Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month

April 7 Fifth Sunday of Lent Worship Service,

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin Food Bank Sunday please give generously

Thank you.

Cake at Coffee Hour, after the worship service.

Come celebrate all the special occasions that will take place this

month.

April 9 Tuesday Book Study Group 9:30 a.m. in the Library

New members welcome

April 9 Council meeting 8:00 p.m. in the Library

April 10 Soup & Film Series, TBA

Watch the film at 4 p.m., Stay for soup supper at 6 p.m.,

The film will be shown again at 7 p.m. Call 416-444-8444 to reserve

April 11 Ladies' Fellowship Meeting

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month Starting at 10 a.m. in the Living Room

April 14 Palm Sunday Worship Service

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin

April 16 Tuesday Book Study Group 9:30 a.m. in the library

New members welcome

April 17 Soup & Film Series, TBA

Watch the film at 4 p.m. Stay for soup supper at 6 p.m.,

The film will be shown again at 7 p.m. Call 416-444-8444 to reserve.

April 19 Good Friday Worship Service,

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin

Hot cross buns will be served in the Auditorium after the service.

April 21 Easter Sunday Worship Service

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin

April 23 Tuesday Book Study Group 9:30 a.m. in the Library

New members welcome

April 25 Ladies' Fellowship Meeting

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Starting at 10 a.m. in the Living Room

April 26 Coffee & Conversation Drop in

2p.m. - 4p.m. in the Living Room Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month

April 27 Music on the Donway presents: "The Hand Me Downs"

With special guest, Sharon Smith. An evening of Bluegrass Plus

For ticket information call: 416-444-8444

April 28 Worship Service

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin

April 30 Tuesday Book Study Group 9:30 a.m. in the Library

New members welcome

Winter Worship Services:

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Ash Wednesday Service March 6

Supper at 6 p.m. & Service at 7 p.m. in the Living Room

Good Friday Service April 19, 10:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday Service April 21, 10:30 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friday: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Associates at the D.C.U.C.

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"The Voice" Layout Artist: Jaren McLeod
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