

Twenty- Second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025
8:30 AM

✠ Rise in body or in spirit.
The congregation speaks
/ sings the text in **bold**
type



For information about the
ministries, mission, and
activities of Duluth First
United Methodist Church,
please visit duluthumc.org.



Children are welcome in
worship!

Children's activity sheets
& crayons are available at
the main entrance to help
guide them in active
participation of worship.

Children newborn through
Pre-K are invited to go to
Childcare Corner, near the
Gathering Room.



Listening devices are
available during all worship
services. See an usher or
greeter for assistance.



ENTRANCE

Prelude

Seoyoung Lee, *Pianist*

Welcome & Announcements

Vicki McLemore
Liturgist

✠ Call to Worship

Even though we don't always feel it, God is with us.

The darkness and doubt of the world can threaten to consume us.

Yet God is with us.

All around us, there is fear and hopelessness.

God brings to us hope and peace. We place our trust in God's
abundant love.

**Let us freely and without fear open our hearts to God's healing
words of hope. Amen.**

✠ Hymn 451 | *Be Thou My Vision* – SLANE

WORD & RESPONSE

✠ Scripture | Haggai 2:1-9

Randy Yokeley

Common
English Bible

On the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the Lord's word came through Haggai the prophet: ²Say to Judah's governor Zerubbabel, Shealtiel's son, and to the chief priest Joshua, Jehozadak's son, and to the rest of the people: ³Who among you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Doesn't it appear as nothing to you? ⁴So now, be strong, Zerubbabel, says the Lord. Be strong, High Priest Joshua, Jehozadak's son, and be strong, all you people of the land, says the Lord. Work, for I am with you, says the Lord of heavenly forces. ⁵As with our agreement when you came out of Egypt, my spirit stands in your midst. Don't fear. ⁶This is what the Lord of heavenly forces says: In just a little while, I will make the heavens, the earth, the sea, and the dry land quake. ⁷I will make all the nations quake. The wealth of all the nations will come. I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of heavenly forces. ⁸The silver and the gold belong to me, says the Lord of heavenly forces. ⁹This house will be more glorious than its predecessor, says the Lord of heavenly forces. I will provide prosperity in this place, says the Lord of heavenly forces.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon | *The Coming Days: Latter Splendor*

Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino
Associate Pastor

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Hymnal, p.12



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✠ Sharing the Peace of Christ

Ministry Moment | *Grow One Step (see yellow chart)*

Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering

Offertory | *Good Shepherd* – Gwyneth Walker

Bel Canto Choir
Sara Burns, *Pianist*

✠ Doxology | *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* – OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.



THANKSGIVING

✠ The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer our ourselves in praise and thanksgiving,
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...

All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread, Receiving the Bread & Cup

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have
given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength
of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

For questions regarding membership, contact
Rev. Dr. Anna Kate Rawles
– arawles@duluthumc.org
or 770.476.3776, x. 128.

Those who wish to join the church today are invited to come forward as we sing the final hymn.

ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Audio/Visual Team:

Tabitha Lee
Johnathan Ancell
Ian Toole

Usher Captains:

David Burleson
Charlie Doerlich

Flower Team:

Pam Logan

SENDING

✠ Hymn 571 | *Go Make of All Disciples* – LANCASHIRE

Reception of New Members (as applicable)

Hymnal, pgs. 34, 38

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

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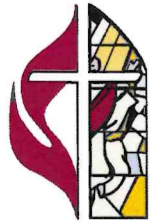
Chancel Flowers

are given today by Al Karnitz in celebration of
Al & Barbara Karnitz's 18th Wedding Anniversary.

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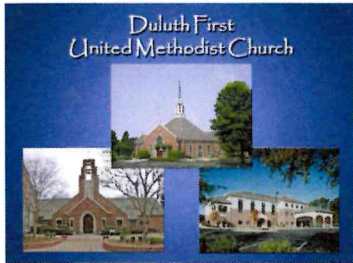
The Sunday Supplement



NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Welcome to Duluth First United Methodist Church!

We are glad that you came to worship with us today. The mission of Duluth First United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. If you are looking for more information about Duluth First United Methodist Church and its ministries, Bible studies, and other programs and events, please be sure to visit our church's website at www.duluthumc.org.

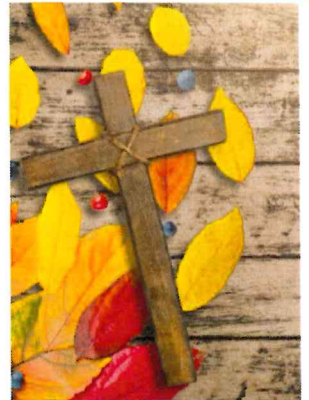


To join Duluth First United Methodist Church, please come forward as we sing the song that follows the Invitation to Church Membership.

If you have any questions regarding membership or you are visiting and would like additional information, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.

Prayer Concerns

- Charlie Anderson • Tracy Balkcom • Donna Bowman
- Dale Braynard • Gen Butterworth • Bill Evans • Diane Gilbreath
- Rosemary Hall • Shamain Hallett • Carol Hitchcock
- Linton Jones • Charlie Pierce • Ann Reifert • Ethel Sales
- Clara Truesdell • Dale VanPelt • Easton Wall
- Lorraine Day & family in the death of her sister.
- Michael Hopkins & family in the death of his stepmother.
- Jan Jones & family in the death of her aunt.
- Federal workers and others affected by the government shutdown.
- People affected by Hurricane Melissa.



STEPHEN MINISTRY



WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION.

Duluth First UMC Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one emotional care and support to those in our church and community who are hurting.

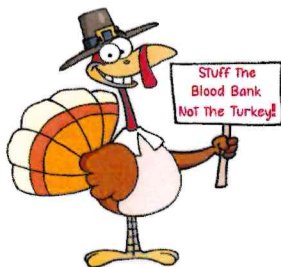
Contact Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail at ckfuino@duluthumc.org or call Stephen Leader Ann Fleming at 678-644-9108 for more information.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 12th:

Give Thanks—Give Blood—Give Life



An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Duluth First UMC on Wednesday, November 12th, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. To schedule an appointment to make a blood donation:

- Visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code **dufumc**;
- Call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767);
- Contact Tracy Brinker by e-mail at tbrinker@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 112.
- Last, but not least, be a "walk-in" on Blood Drive Day.

Free A1C testing, a test commonly used to screen for diabetes and pre-diabetes, will be offered to those who donate blood. Each donor will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice and will automatically be entered for a chance to win one of three \$5,000 gift cards. Please go to RedCrossBlood.org/Harvest for more details.

Grow One Step Chart

Many folks have found the **Grow One Step** chart helpful for their giving. Most of us know it's best for us to put God first and to move toward tithing (giving God the first 10% of our income). But we find it hard to get started. That's where the chart comes in.

Over a decade ago, a young couple I know with two school-aged daughters wanted to tithe. They were giving, but they didn't know what percentage of their income they were giving.

The grid side of the enclosed chart showed them that they were giving 2%. They decided to grow one step by giving 3% the next year. That worked, and they kept going – the following year – 4%, then 5%, etc. After eight years they were tithing, giving God 10%. They are happy to be continuing that practice today as their daughters graduate from college.



Rev. Terry Tippens,
Senior Pastor

Consecration Sunday is November 16th

In all worship services on next Sunday, November 16th, we will consecrate our estimates of giving for 2026. Please fill out an **Estimate of Giving** card, available in the pews/seats, and bring it with you on November 16th. You can make your estimate of giving online at the church's website - duluthumc.org - on the **STEWARDSHIP 2026** page. You can turn your **Estimate of Giving** card in early if you'd like. Acknowledgement cards, as well as **Estimate of Giving** cards, will be available on November 16th as we bring our estimates to the altar.

Please see the **Grow One Step** chart included with this edition of *The Sunday Supplement* and consider growing one step, as many of us are doing. On November 16th we will celebrate together as we grow one step each year toward the tithe.

Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: November 12th

Our **Food Ministry** staff, along with our amazing **Dinner Belles and Beaus** volunteers, prepare excellent meals at very reasonable prices. Enjoy fellowship around the table with family and friends. **The menu for Wednesday, November 12th, is hamburgers on buns, French fries, baked beans, cole slaw, and dessert. For the kids – the same.** Dinner service hours are 5 to 6:30 p.m., with to-go boxes available from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

The prices for Wednesday Night Dinners are:

- \$10.00 for adults (including seniors and from 11 years up);
- \$7.00 for children 10 years and younger;
- \$30.00 for family meals (nuclear family members only – husband, wife, their children under 18 years);
- \$7.00 for salad bar only, which includes the salad bar, a choice of baked potato or sweet potato, dessert and a drink.



Credit/debit card payments, as well as cash and checks, are accepted.

Wednesday Night Food Drive: November 12th

The **Wednesday Night Food Drive** at Duluth First UMC for the **Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op** is our weekly mission project, combined with the many Wednesday evening activities offered at the church. **On November 12th we ask you to bring boxes of macaroni and chesse.** A table for donated items will be located outside of the main entrance to Hinton Hall.

Join us for a delicious dinner and fellowship in Hinton Hall, pick up a to-go dinner for your family, join us for any of our Wednesday evening activities, and drop off food items to help other families in need. We thank you for your support.

"Surviving the Holidays" – A GriefShare Program: Wednesday, November 19th

Holiday celebrations take on a different meaning when you are grieving. Are you in need of finding a way to survive the holidays? Do you wonder how to celebrate when your loved one is gone?

Join the **GriefShare Support Group** on Wednesday, November 19th, for a special **"Surviving the Holidays"** class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in rooms F154/155, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. This class may be beneficial in helping you plan a holiday schedule that is best for you during the holiday season.

For additional information, please contact Brenda Bridges at 770-313-6002, Sue French at 404-434-8001, or call the church office at 770-476-3776.

"Bundle Up for Buffalo" Annual Fundraiser:
Saturday, November 15th, and Sunday, November 16th

Bundle Up for Buffalo, our annual fundraiser to assist the Seneca Street UMC in Buffalo, NY with their winter heating costs, is on Saturday, November 15th, and Sunday, November 16th. If you like to bake, sew, paint, or craft, this is the chance to offer up your creativity for a very worthy cause. The rest of us get to admire your work and do some Christmas shopping!

Please bring the sale items donations to the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall on Friday, November 14th, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. You will be assigned a spot to display your creations, and please bring a small tablecloth if you like. Expect the sale items be crowded together, as our sale has grown in the past years.

Bundle Up for Buffalo begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 15th, and closes at 2:00 p.m. It will open on Sunday, November 16th, after the 8:15 a.m. service has ended, will be closed during both 11:00 a.m. services, and will re-open at noon and finish by 1:00. We ask you to please take any of your unsold items home with you, as there is no place to store them at the church once the sale is over, or share them with Sherry Ferguson who has a wonderful place for them at the **Holiday Shop** for children at Ferguson Elementary School.



All proceeds from **Bundle Up for Buffalo** go to Seneca Street UMC to assist with their winter heating costs. There is a great need for the heat to be kept on in part of the church where 65+ children arrive after school every day. Heat is on from October to April (and often May) in that part of our country. The after-school program provides children with a healthy snack, warm greetings, and volunteers to help them with their homework until their moms get home from work.

Pastor Dee Finch, Pastor Brian Rotach and Cheryl Bird will be coming from Buffalo. If you would like one of them to speak to your Sunday School class on November 16th, please make your request as soon as possible. You can also join the Forum Sunday School Class that day where one of them will speak. For more information, please contact Beth Intondi at 404-408-1657.

Book Club to Discuss "A Forever Christmas" by Missy Tippens: Monday, November 17th

The **Duluth First UMC Library Book Club** will meet on Monday, November 17th, to discuss **A Forever Christmas** by our own Missy Tippens, wife of Senior Pastor Terry Tippens. Missy will lead the discussion of **A Forever Christmas** beginning at 10 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center.

Missy's novels have been nominated for the Booksellers Best, Holt Medallion, American Christian Fiction Writers Carol Award, Gayle Wilson Award of Excellence, Maggie Award, Beacon Contest, RT Reviewer's Choice Award, and the Romance Writers of America RITA® Award.

In **A Forever Christmas**, a love-inspired romance, Sarah Radcliffe's quiet Christmas back in her hometown will be lost if she agrees to direct the church's Christmas pageant. But when she meets two little boys determined to gain their father's attention, Sarah agrees to help. Then she discovers that the dad in question is Gregory Jones, the man she loved and lost. The single dad is working himself to the bone to give his boys the Christmas of their dreams, when all they want is some family time. Time that includes a new mommy. If Sarah can learn to open her heart, she may receive the most wonderful present of all—a family of her own.

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.

Hope for the Holidays – A Candle Lighting Service of Remembrance: Monday, November 24th

Make plans to join us for **Hope for the Holidays - A Candle Lighting Service of Remembrance**, on Monday, November 24th, with services at noon and 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Join us for a program of reflection followed by candle lighting in memory of your loved one(s). The 7:00 p.m. service will be streamed live on the **Duluth First UMC Worship** page on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com). Childcare in **Childcare Corner** will be available for both services.



We are asking people to send in names of loved ones that they would like to be read aloud during candle lighting. Please send the name(s) by e-mail to Tracy Brinker at tbrinker@duluthumc.org by **Friday, November 22nd**. Please put **"Service of Remembrance Names"** in the subject line of your e-mail.

We understand the holiday season may be a challenge for individuals and families who have lost someone special. Duluth First UMC has established a meaningful time for people to come together...to reflect, to remember and to honor those lives that have meant so much.

Operation Christmas Child: Completed Shoeboxes Are Due Back by Sunday, November 16th

Two weeks are remaining in this year's Operation Christmas Child, our annual participation in Samaritans Purse's mission for God's children around the world. Empty shoeboxes are still available in the Narthex, the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room, outside of Hinton Hall, and outside of room F145, located on the 1st floor of the lower level of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Please return your completed shoeboxes to any of these locations no later than Sunday, November 16th.

You can still fill a shoebox online through the month of December. The cost of the Build Online Shoebox is \$30, and this is a quick and easy way to participate in this mission - no shopping going store to store, no lines, no driving. **The DFUMC Goal Page is active and you can complete an online shoebox by:**

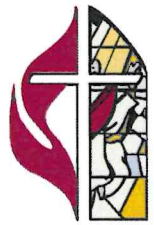
- Using specific instructions, prepared for using the online process, which are available at the shoebox distribution locations around the church.
- Scanning the QR code located to the right with your smartphone or tablet to complete your shoebox online.
- Going to the church's website - duluthumc.org - clicking on the **MINISTRIES** tab and then clicking on the **MISSIONS** tab, where you will find information about **Operation Christmas Child**.



For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Charlie Doerlich by email at chaz3d@gmail.com or call 678-662-2115. Thank you for your support!



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GROW ONE STEP each year until you're giving 10% to God

1. Find where you are on the chart (your income and your giving).
2. Move one block to the right to determine what GROW ONE % would be for you, in order to grow one step each year until you are tithing.

Yearly Giving

Yearly Household Income	Lower Giving Range			Middle Giving Range			Upper Giving Range			Tithe	
	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	
\$15,000	150.00	300.00	450.00	600.00	750.00	900.00	1,050.00	1,200.00	1,350.00	1,500.00	
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\$800,000	8,000.00	16,000.00	24,000.00	32,000.00	40,000.00	48,000.00	56,000.00	64,000.00	72,000.00	80,000.00	
\$1,000,000	10,000.00	20,000.00	30,000.00	40,000.00	50,000.00	60,000.00	70,000.00	80,000.00	90,000.00	100,000.00	

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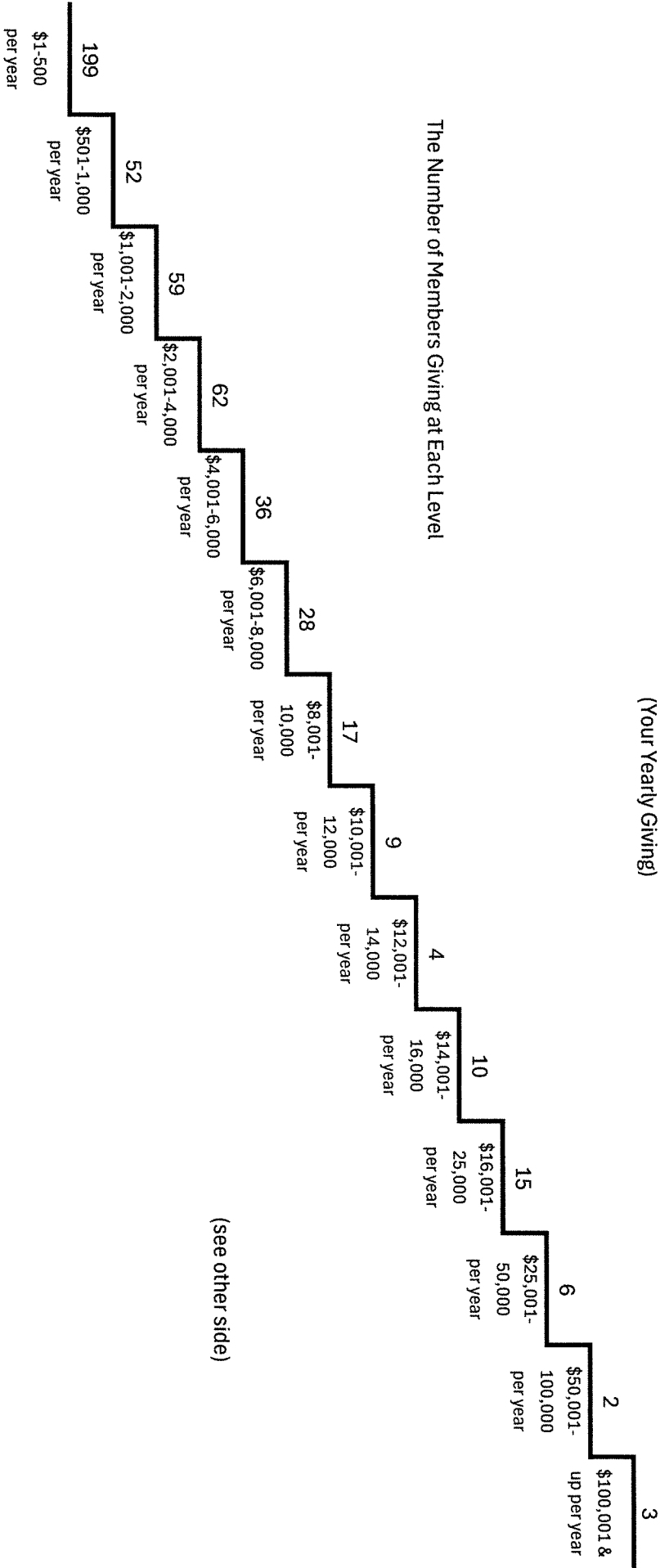
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Fall 2025

Our Congregation's Giving Patterns
(includes ALL giving to the church)

Find where you are on this chart
(Your Yearly Giving)



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