



# *First United Methodist Church*

*We invite people into Christian community where they can become  
deeply committed disciples of Jesus Christ*

## *Beacon*

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### **“Oh, the Places We’ve Seen”**

We are excited to be in ministry with you, the people of God who call Plymouth First your church home. Here is some of our story. Jan and I have been married for 23 short and adventurous years now. We met in kindergarten...but that is another story. While we dated we attended Fruitport U.M. Fellowship south of Muskegon, where Jan worked at Mercy Hospital. I had just served two years in the U.S. Army in Germany and ended my tour of duty in Military Police. We were married in 1983 at Pigeon First UMC in Pigeon, Michigan, where I worked as Village Marshall. Christina was born in 1984. In 1985 I worked for the DNR Parks division at the Rochester Utica State Recreation Area, and we attended church at Washington UMC. Joshua was born in 1986 and I was hired by the DNR law division as a State of Michigan Conservation Officer. By late fall we started work in Champion, MI, in the Upper Peninsula. Our church home now became Woodland UMC near Camp Michigamme. In 1987, Joel was born in Ishpeming—a true Yooper! I was involved with the translocation of the Michigan moose herd from Canada and frequently had to trap and move nuisance bears. In 1990 we moved “south” to Gladstone where I was promoted to Sergeant and Commercial Fish Specialist. In 1995 I attended Annual Conference as lay delegate to annual conference and lay leader for Gladstone Memorial UMC. It was there I clearly heard God’s call to full time ordained ministry. By the summer of 1997 we had sold our home and 20 acres and moved to Milton, Indiana. We served a 2-point student charge while I attended Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. In 2002, I graduated from United Theological Seminary. We moved back to Michigan where we were appointed to the Fairgrove, Gilford charge in Saginaw Bay District. This spring, Christina graduated from DePauw University in Green Castle, Indiana. She is now in New York City receiving training for the US-2 missionary program. She will be serving two years as a community worker in Dallas, Texas. Joshua, now a college junior at Central Michigan University, has a summer job at Sleeper State Park near Caseville. Joel graduated from Akron Fairgrove H.S., where he was named to the conference baseball team, and is living with Jan and me in the parsonage until he begins attending Northwoods University in August. Jan is a registered dietician at Saginaw St Mary’s Hospital; she hopes to transfer to a hospital near Plymouth. We look forward to being in ministry with you, to being God’s people together as we become better acquainted. May God bless our journey of faith together. Pastor Dave

## Membership Concerns

### **“Pray for one another” James 5:16**

*If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.”*

I Corinthians 12:26

### **Members**

Lyda Miehleke, Mary Steel, Betty Austin, Charlotte Kime, Jean Fried, Erma Collins, Marilyn Stevens, Fran Goud, Tony Simpson, Bill Neff, Fran Schwartz, Mitch Madis

### **Extended Family**

Sandy Wilson, *daughter of Cecile Wilson*  
Yvonne Severance, *friend of Ethel Culver*  
Lynda McIntosh, *daughter of Bonnie & Don Iler*  
Jeff Quinn, *son-in-law of Don & Bonnie Iler*  
John Duke, *husband of Virginia Duke*  
Ruth Rumbold, *mother of Jan Groat*  
Dave Little, *stepfather of Tammy Todd*  
Robert Sorensen, *husband of Helen Sorensen*  
Sally Busha, *mother of Sue Hoy*  
Barbara Quarles, *aunt of Natalie McLaughlin*  
Sandy Bida, *friend of Caren Stiver*  
David Engelman, *uncle of Chris Beaudoin*  
Doug Smith, *friend of David Daley*  
Earl Downing, *friend of PFUMC*  
David Slazinski, *brother of Peter Slazinski*  
Lauren Erickson, *friend of PFUMC*  
Bill Strobridge, Sr., *father of Bill Strobridge*  
Robert Usitalo, *father of Karen Strobridge*



### **Missionary Family** **and** **Military Family**



Josh Nelson, Brandon Saleh,  
Kevin Bowen, Ernie Krajewski,  
Jeremy Belanger, Justin Skelly,  
Jessica Skelly, Miles Simpson,  
Russel McCallister,  
Jeremy Thomas Jones, Ken Whittington,  
David Bruch, Jeff Klein, Kevin Clifton

### **Missionary Families**

Kim & Paul McVety, Barbara Brooks,  
Sarah & Kris Kappler, Heather Berlin

The **60 + Club**  
does not meet  
in  
July or August.

Questions?  
Call Alice Fisher  
(734) 451-1023.

*We rejoice with. . .*

...Kristin and Mike Felsburg on the birth of their son, Charles William,  
on June 24. Proud grandmother is Elaine Honecker.

# *Thank You!*

How wonderful to know that all of you are praying for Dave. We do trust in the power of prayer. Our own church circle has been so supportive. Dave is a Deacon and everyone has been above and beyond the call! We have rides to New York for chemo, food, prayers and more love than we could ever have imagined. We shall never be able to repay the debt. Dave has been receiving chemo and we are hopeful the cancer can be shrunken so it will be operable. We've had a few bumps in the road but today is a good day. (Maybe thanks to your prayers!) We thank you for your grace.  
Luanne & Dave Engelman (aunt and uncle of Chris Beaudoin)

To my many friends in the congregation, I am grateful for the many cards, prayers, and phone calls which elevated my spirit to expedite my recovery. Thank you all.  
Sincerely, Mitch Madis

Thank you, dear church members and prayer groups, for your support of my son, Ralph Collins. He has been home about a week and a half and yesterday got an O.K. on his lungs—all clear. He is progressing rapidly at home. Our prayers have brought him through. God bless you all.  
Erma Collins

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS



### **Please change in your records:**

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# COMMUNITY

OR  
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## WHY A COMMUNITY LIFE GROUP?

If you are not in a Community Life Group, then you are probably asking, "What is all the fuss?" Or you might have said, "I don't want someone to make me talk or pray out loud." Community Life takes on all shapes and sizes. Essentially community is doing life together. We all benefit from friendship, encouragement and someone to help us through the difficult times. In community we live out Christ's call to love our neighbor as ourselves. We learn to serve Him and one another as we together reach out to those who need the love of our Savior. The amazing thing is, we can never out-give God. The more we give of ourselves to healthy Christian Community the more we comprehend what Christ has given for us. By being a blessing to others, we open the flow gates to receive "abundantly more than we can ask or imagine." Life sharing in community makes the burdens of life lighter and the joys of life more fulfilling.

Now...why aren't you in a Community Life group?

To view opportunities where YOU can connect in Christian community:

Go to [pfumc.org](http://pfumc.org)

Click on Small Groups and the red "click here"

### Leadership Summit

There is still room to join the group attending  
The Leadership Summit  
Kensington Community Church  
Troy  
August 10, 11, and 12

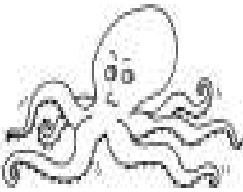
Cost: \$165

Call Cathy Montgomery or Linda Bynum in the church office to register.



# SonTreasure Island VBS

Grab your tropical clothes, and get ready to set out on a treasure hunting adventure in the beautiful Caribbean island where we will discover the greatest treasure of all! Each day will be filled with island fun, games, crafts, skits, music, exciting Bible stories and more! Join us July 17-21, from 9:00 a.m.-Noon each day, for this incredible week.



All kids 2 years old through completed 4th grade are invited. Don't forget to invite a neighbor or a friend to experience the week. Registration forms are available online ([www.pfumc.org](http://www.pfumc.org)), in the church office, and in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings. The cost is only \$7 per child or \$20 maximum per family. If you are interested in signing up or helping, please contact Abby Kammann at 453-5280 or [abby@pfumc.org](mailto:abby@pfumc.org).



# UMW NEWS



## **READING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS**

It's time to finish up your 2006 reading and complete the participation form, which is due by August 30. Please turn in your forms to Marnie Holdefer. Simply place your form in an envelope and leave in the UMW mailbox in the church office or send it by mail to 7710 Chichester Road, Canton, 48187. If you have questions, please contact Marnie at 453-8395 or email at [mhold@comcast.net](mailto:mhold@comcast.net).

Continue your reading for next year by just keeping track of the books you complete by noting the title, author and category. New program booklets will be available this fall in the church library, so look for those to see what's new in our UMW world of reading. Blessings to each of you as you continue your participation in God's mission around the world!



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## **MUSIC IN MINISTRY**

Singers and instrumentalists are invited to share their musical gifts in worship during July and August while the choirs are on vacation for the summer. For questions or assistance, contact Marcia Van Oyen at the church office or at [marcia@pfumc.org](mailto:marcia@pfumc.org).

# PrimeTimer News



LUNCH AT  
**RIFFLES AMERICAN CAFÉ**  
&  
APPLE PICKING AT  
**ERWIN ORCHARD**  
IN SOUTH LYON, MI



**SEPTEMBER 21ST**  
WE WILL BE LEAVING THE CHURCH  
AT 11:00 AM



**Das Dutchman  
Essenhaus**

Wednesday, August  
30

9 am ~ 7 pm

\$38.00 for Charter Bus & Meal

There are two spots left on the bus if anyone is still interested.

**Barbecue & Pot  
Luck**

Sunday, July 23rd  
11:15 pm

Bring a Dish to Pass  
Bynum's will cook the  
meat



Sign up for all activities in  
the Fellowship Hall between  
services on Sunday morning  
or by calling the church office  
at 734-453-5280.



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Contact us: Linda Bynum at [linda@pfumc.org](mailto:linda@pfumc.org) Cathy Montgomery at [cathym@pfumc.org](mailto:cathym@pfumc.org)  
Check out the web site at [www.pfumc.org](http://www.pfumc.org) under tab for Adults, PrimeTimers

## Service SCHEDULE

<b><u>SERVING SUNDAY, July 16</u></b>	<b><u>SERVING SUNDAY, July 23</u></b>	<b><u>SERVING SUNDAY, July 30</u></b>
<b><u>Liturgist:</u></b> Rich Hoy	<b><u>Liturgist:</u></b> Martha Daigneau	<b><u>Liturgist:</u></b> Rich Hoy
<b><u>Acolytes:</u></b> Sally Hoy & Kirsten Moore	<b><u>Acolytes:</u></b> Gertrude Daly & Abby Dalton	<b><u>Acolytes:</u></b> Austin Beaudoin & Mary Elizabeth Winther
<b><u>Greeter:</u></b> Nancy Nelson	<b><u>Greeters:</u></b> Jamie & Joe Walker; Vincent & Aaron	<b><u>Greeters:</u></b> Dave & Sandy Rummel
<b><u>Hosts:</u></b> Kelly & Mona Moore	<b><u>Hosts:</u></b> Chuck & Jan Migyanka	<b><u>Host:</u></b> Kristi Rymph
<b><u>Ushers:</u></b> Jim Bynum, Bill Pickering, Ed Wittenberg, Eileen Wittenberg, Jim Hutchings, William Maxwell, Joy Coyle, Brad Coyle, Eric Madsen, Wes Kappler, Art Ruhl, Keith Cox, Duane King, Bill Schlabach, Barbara Werner	<b><u>Ushers:</u></b> Dave Barrett, Jim Hutchings, Jeff McLaughlin, Greg Sears, Jon Veurink, Toni Hartke, Mike Hartke, Don Richter, Wayne Wheelock, Clark McKelvey, Jim Walk, Sharon Walk, Vince Maiorana, Lois Maiorana, Steve Crecelius, Kerry Montgomery	<b><u>Ushers:</u></b> Tom Williams, Mel Litke, Ryan Williams, Terry Ryan, Linda Piggott, Ron Lowe, Gary Krueger, Zach Holmes, Brenda Thomason, John Thomason, Tim Andrews, Sandra Andrews, Carl Robertson, Corinne Robertson, Carl Marsee, Dennis Piggott
<b><u>Counters:</u></b> Tim Trinka, Don Richter, Pat Richter, Kristi Rymph	<b><u>Counters:</u></b> Dennis Piggott, Greg Giles, Jeannette Murdza, Pat Carne	<b><u>Counters:</u></b> Don Blunden, Mark Caudill, Wayne Fercho, Dave Rummel
<b><u>Fellowship Hour</u></b> Sunday School Support Staff	<b><u>Fellowship Hour</u></b> T.B.D.	<b><u>Fellowship Hour</u></b> Women's Prayer Group

## ATTENTION CONFIRMANDS

Please pick up your pictures and DVD of the confirmation service in the church office.

# *Charity Dinner Cruise*

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Methodist Children's Home Society  
invites you to  
a charity dinner cruise on the Detroit River  
to benefit the children in our care.

Detroit Princess Dock  
Civic Center & Atwater Drives  
Behind Cobo Arena on the Detroit Riverfront

**Saturday, August 26, 2006**  
**Boarding time: 6:00 pm—7:00 pm**  
**Cruise: 7:00 pm—9:30 pm**

**Tickets: \$100 per person**

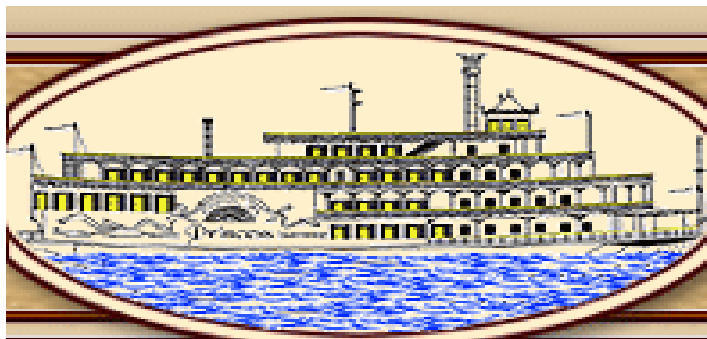
Purchase in advance only. Names of all passengers must be provided for manifest.  
All passengers must have ID to board.

Directions and parking information will follow with payment confirmation.

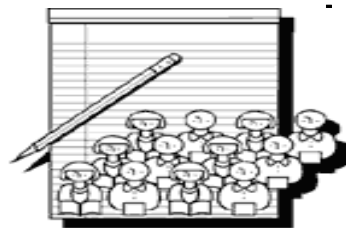
Please see **Rosemary Jones** in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings during the  
month of July for **ticket sales**.

Thank you so much! Rosemary Jones, 734-455-1323

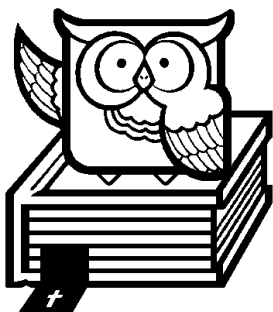
*The Detroit Princess Riverboat*



If you are interested in becoming a member of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, we invite you to attend the Membership Exploration Classes being offered on two Sundays, July 23 and 30. The one-hour classes meet at 11:00 a.m. in the church parlor. You would then join the church during the worship service on Sunday, August 6. Please call Patti Smith in the church office (734-453-5280) to enroll in the membership classes.



**Membership  
Class**



## **BOOKBYTES**

Young Readers, do you like stories a bit over the edge into the supernatural? No, not the ones that give you nightmares; but ones seemingly told by angels. Your FUMC Library has a new series by Sigmund Brouwer that will tickle your funny bone as well as tingle the spine. First in the series is *The Angel and the Ring* in which a particular ring owned by a young gypsy orphan is the subject of intertwined plots. Another book is *The Angel and the Cross*.

In each book the story-telling angel presents their own blog with angelic observations of earthly life. They do not like TV, so be prepared for scoldings (and what do shaved legs and armpits have to do with anything?) They also give an interpretation to questions we often ask (How? Why?) that make one ponder how they will ask questions in the future. One outstanding angelic thought: “Understanding does not give a person faith...faith gives understanding.”

Look for these new books purchased from the Cookie Walk proceeds in your FUMC Library’s feature shelf...dead ahead from the door! Look for the chartreuse tag on the book spine. Browse the shelves by the window behind the desk for more fascinating summer reading. Also look at the Young Readers’ Feature shelf for other new books and video cassettes.

**ALL READERS!** To check out a library item, just write your name and the date on the check-out card and leave it on the desk. Please don’t take the card. Reminder date-due slips are available on the desk and make good bookmarks. Prop up under a shade tree, pop open a can of pop, open a good book, enjoy summer!

**Historic fact: Jonah preached in Nineveh—which is in Iraq.**

# The Incredible Race



Start your engines, fasten your race through the exciting stories to name a few, while playing fun games, learning new songs, and much more. Join us as we race through the Bible and learn about running the race as Christians!

seat belt. This summer, all ages will of Moses, David, Daniel, and Jonah,

## Children's Worship

All kids who have completed kindergarten-5th grades will gather in room 307-309 and race off to learn more about God, having a thrilling time along the way. Activities start at 10:00, (almost) every Sunday morning!

## Preschool Sunday School

Two year olds -- five year olds will also go racing and have their own-sized fun! 2's and 3's will meet in room 313 and 4's and 5's will meet in 311 to find out more about running the race for God!

## We need your help...

...to teach our kids this summer. If you are interested in teaching Preschool or Elementary for a week, or throughout the summer, please contact Abby Kammann at the church office, or sign up outside the preschool classrooms (311 and 313). Please consider how you might serve God in our church this summer!



## Arctic Edge Camps Coming in August

These camps are where adventure meets courage! Every day there will be stories about courageous people, exciting games, cool crafts, and tons of fun in the Arctic Edge!!!

### Elementary Day Camps (Completed K-6th grade) 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

-August 9, 16, 18, 23, and 25

-Cost is \$5 per day, come for one day or for all five!

### Preschool Day Camps (3—5 years old) 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

-August 3 and 5

-Cost is \$5 for both days.



## PARENT'S NIGHT OUT



Hey Parents: Are you looking for a nice relaxing Friday night??? Then Friday, August 11, is your night. P.N.O. runs from 5:30-9:30 p.m. at the church and is open for all **kids 12 and under**. The nursery staff, director of children's ministry, as well as other volunteers will take care of your kids during this time. Contact Shelly Kopcak (734- 397-7274), Abby Kammann (734-453-5280) or sign up by e-mail [nursery@pfumc.org](mailto:nursery@pfumc.org).

# Help is Needed for Summer!

We are looking for all willing persons to help with Day Camps, 5 Day Slam, Vacation Bible School, and Summer Sunday School. If you are willing to help with crafts, Bible lessons, games, food, etc., please contact Abby Kammann in the church office at 453-5280 or [abby@pfumc.org](mailto:abby@pfumc.org) and we will find a place for you to volunteer this summer. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to work with our kids this summer!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED!

We need the following items for craft projects during VBS. Please save them and drop them off to Abby Kammann in the church office.

Items needed:

- baby food jars (please remove labels)
- canning rings (any size)
- tropical or ocean fabric
- gold or any color rickrack
- 16 or 20-oz empty water bottles, label removed
- seashells
- baby wipe containers
- Paper towel tubes
- Empty 2-liter bottles, label removed
- Empty 20-oz Dr. Pepper plastic bottles, label removed
- Light colored bed sheets

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Sunday, July 16, 2006

9:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer
10:00 am	Summer Sunday School
10:00 am	Summer Worship
12:00 pm	Vacation Bible School Set-Up

## Monday, July 17, 2006

8:00 am	VBS
12:00 pm	Youth VBS Bowling

## Tuesday, July 18, 2006

8:00 am	VBS
12:00 pm	Youth VBS Swimming

## Wednesday, July 19, 2006

6:00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
6:00 am	Women's Prayer Group
8:00 am	VBS
12:00 pm	Youth VBS Laser Tag
1:00 pm	Library Committee
6:00 pm	Edwards Wedding Rehearsal

## Thursday, July 20, 2006

8:00 am	VBS
12:00 pm	Youth VBS Miniature Golf
12:30 pm	Prayer Fellowship
6:00 pm	VBS Open House
7:00 pm	Finance Committee
7:00 pm	N.E.W. Small Group

## Friday, July 21, 2006

8:00 am	VBS, Luncheon, and Clean-up
12:00 pm	Youth VBS Slip-n-slide

## Saturday, July 22, 2006

3:30 pm	Edwards Wedding
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**BEACON  
DEADLINE :  
NOON ON THE  
FIRST & THIRD  
WEDNESDAY  
OF EVERY  
MONTH.**

**BULLETIN  
DEADLINE:  
NOON EVERY  
WEDNESDAY**

If articles are received after noon of the deadline date, they may not appear until the next publication.



## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

If you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child, please call the church office to make arrangements. Prior to the baptism, you will be asked to attend a one-hour Baptism Seminar on a Saturday morning. The dates for baptisms and seminars for the remainder of 2006 are:

Seminar: July 29, September 9, November 4

Baptism: July 30, September 17, November 12

## Sunday, July 23, 2006

9:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer
10:00 am	Summer Sunday School
10:00 am	Summer Worship
11:00 am	New Member Exploration Class
11:15 am	Primetimers Potluck Barbecue

## Monday, July 24, 2006

No Activities Scheduled

## Tuesday, July 25, 2006

12:30 pm	Beacon Belles
6:30 pm	Tuesday Evening Men's Study

## Wednesday, July 26, 2006

6:00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
6:00 am	Women's Prayer Group
10:00 am	Knee High Fellowship
1:00 pm	Library Committee

## Thursday, July 27, 2006

2:00 pm	Knit & Crochet Group
7:00 pm	Reinhart Small Group
7:00 pm	N.E.W. Small Group

## Friday, July 28, 2006

No Activities Scheduled

## Saturday, July 29, 2006

11:00 am	Baptism Seminar
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## PRAYER TIME FOR ALL

Through the prompting of the Holy Spirit, Dr. Klump has called us to gather on Sunday morning for prayer. All are invited to be part of pre-service prayer time for our pastors, congregation and morning worship. Meet in the Parlor at 8:30 a.m. and feel free to come every time you are available. Join in the "new thing" God is doing in our midst.



## ALTAR PRAYER MINISTRY

Why come forward for altar prayer ministry?

Some come forward to thank and praise God for His many blessings and answers to prayer. Others come to stand in the gap and pray for another's need - family members, friends, youth, neighbors and fellow workers. Perhaps you are facing some trials, health issues or decisions and desire God's wisdom, healing touch and discernment. Prayer teams are available at the end of each service to stand in agreement with you, to thank God for His many blessings, to draw near to God and seek Him... to seek His will for your life. Won't you come and meet with your God at the altar?

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Throughout July and August:

One service of worship

10:00 a.m.

# July Youth News

Will Fusion  
re-  
sume in the fall.

## WAKE UP CALL

Sunday mornings 9 am in **THE CORE**

## Zap Zone

Wednesday,  
July 19  
12 pm ~ 2 pm



The van will be leaving from the church at the times listed. Permission slips are in **THE CORE**. You must have a medical waiver on file at the church to participate.

SuperBowl Monday,  
July 17 12 pm ~ 3 pm  
2 Games  
Cost \$2 per game



Pirates  
Cove  
Thursday,  
July 20



## Swimming



The  
Anderson's  
8452 May  
Apple Ct,  
Canton  
Tuesday, July 18  
12 pm ~ 3 pm  
Bring Swim Suit



## PFUMC

Friday,  
July 21  
12 pm ~  
2 pm Bring Swim Suit



Check out Youth info  
on the Web



[www.pfumc.org](http://www.pfumc.org)

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## PERIODICALS

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