

CREATING CONNECTIONS

Community United Methodist Church

Pastor's Pen



August 2025

Colossian United Methodist Church

In my weekly sermon preparations, I usually use The United Methodist Music & Worship Planner which is on a three-year cycle. I like it for a couple of reasons. First, it keeps me from preaching on the same thing every Sunday. Second, it really is a good resource tool as it also provides worship suggestions for prayers, greetings, and appropriate hymns. And third, every once in a while, you fall into what we call a "sermon series." By sermon series, I mean that there may be several Sundays in a row from the same book of the Bible with an underlying theme that is developed over the course of a few weeks.

Case in point, this past July I preached three Sundays out of Paul's letter to the Colossians. Colossians is pretty short, only four chapters and probably overlooked by many preachers who focus on the meat and potatoes of the four gospels. You really can't blame them, but one of the advantages to preaching out of any one of the Apostle Paul's letters is the insight that he provides in the application of Jesus' teachings to our daily lives.

What struck me about Paul's letter to the Colossians was how impressed the Apostle was with this little church. They got the gospel like no other church did. They seemed to grasp the Good News of Jesus Christ incorporating it into their daily lives in all they said and did. Paul starts his letter out praising the Colossian church telling them that He gives thanks to God

for them and keeps them in his prayers because of their reputation for being a church that shows its faith in Christ through their love for all of God's people. Paul doesn't specifically mention what it is that they are doing that sets them apart from other churches or warrants such a glowing letter, but apparently, they were walking the talk and people took notice. They weren't sitting around waiting for Jesus to come back. They were doing their part to unselfishly help restore God's creation. He says: "We're praying this so that you can live lives that are worthy of the Lord and pleasing to him in every way, by producing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God, by being strengthened through his glorious might so that you endure everything and have patience; and by giving thanks with joy to the Father."

I'm sure that every other pastor who has read this letter thinks that the Apostle easily could write a similar letter to their church, and I'll be honest, I even admitted it in my sermon, that Paul could have addressed this letter to Community United Methodist church right here in Port Hadlock. I say that because we have a reputation in the community of being "that church," that church that helps the homeless. I may be partial, but I believe that, as a church, we are living lives worthy of the Lord and pleasing to him in every way, that we are producing fruit in every good work, and are growing in our knowledge of God, and that we give thanks to the Father with joy for the privilege of being his children and his church, right here and right now.

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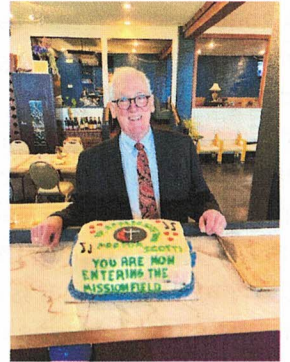
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And we are always looking for opportunities to do more in God's service.

And then Paul reminds the Colossians (and us) that through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we have been reconciled with Him and are now a people who are holy, faultless, and without blame. He then cautions that we need to remain well established and rooted in faith so that we won't stray away from the hope we were given in the good news that we have received. He continues by issuing a warning to be watchful for those who would try and make the gospel mysterious and complicated, removing its simplicity. He says: "See to it that nobody enslaves you with philosophy and foolish deception, which conform to human traditions and the way the world thinks and acts rather than Christ." The gospel of Jesus Christ is not a mystery. It's simple and straightforward for a reason, so anyone who wants to receive it can understand it and live by it, no questions asked, and no strings attached. There is no one higher than Christ which includes those that want to put themselves above Christ.

In Chapter 3 Paul says that if we were raised with Christ then we should look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side. Think about the things above and not things on earth. He's reminding us that foolishly focusing on earthly things get us nowhere. What doesn't turn to rust the moth eats. He says to put to death the parts of your life that belong to the earth and focus upon your new life in Christ because Christ is all things and in all people. The Colossian church got that, and Paul didn't want to see them lose it, which is why he wrote this letter to be shared with other churches over the centuries. It is just as relevant today as it was then and we should heed Paul's words as we strive to be a church that the Apostle prays for and gives thanks to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, a church that truly understands and gets God's grace, bearing fruit and growing in the world.

Scott



It is incredibly fun to have these guys sharing their musical talents with us! Pete Cornett visits from time to time from Portland and happily joins us in Worship. Mark Bauserman is a gifted banjo player who can also play Ukelele and other string instruments. Scott is a self taught guitar player and recently brought out his ukelele. We love it when our friends pop in and are so willing to help make our Worship service, even better! Like Scott often says, "Aren't you glad you came to church, today?"



AUGUST 2026



We are Blessed with so many who help to make the church run well, even with the occasional glitches, we manage to have a lovely service, each Sunday! YOU SHOULD JOIN US!!

Pictured top to bottom are some of those who serve.....

Diane Johnson, Certified Lay Servant. Diane graciously covers all the 5th Sundays of the year. She will be preaching again this August 31.

Wanda Garrett. The Lord has blessed us with her piano talents since our dear Sheila had her stroke! Be sure to get to know Wanda and thank her for the talent she shares each Sunday!

Ray Hatch. Ray and his lovely wife Lodema not only cover the soup kitchen each Saturday during the summer months, but he has become part of our "techy" support as well..Thanks Ray!

Kathi VanCamp. Church administrative assistant and 5th Sundays of the year liturgist. I feel blessed to be able to serve in many areas and look forward to doing more!



Pictured with Kai Charrier is Scott Rosekrans, pastor, and Patrick VanCamp, trustee, and greeter each Sunday.

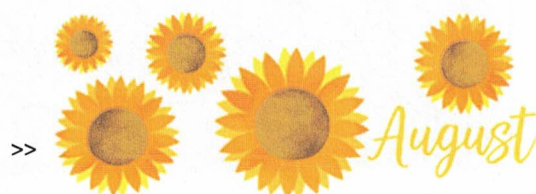
Kai Kares continues to be a fun and worthwhile cause! Our littlest Missionary has, with her small red bucket collected as of this writing \$ 230.00

She is a confident "2" year old and is enjoying her "Mission" within the service, each Sunday!

All money donated goes to purchasing food for the Food Pantry portion of our Store. We are seeing an uptick of neighbors needing our assistance and more families with small children. There has been a request for kids pajamas...fun can be had looking for all those super hero and princess PJ's



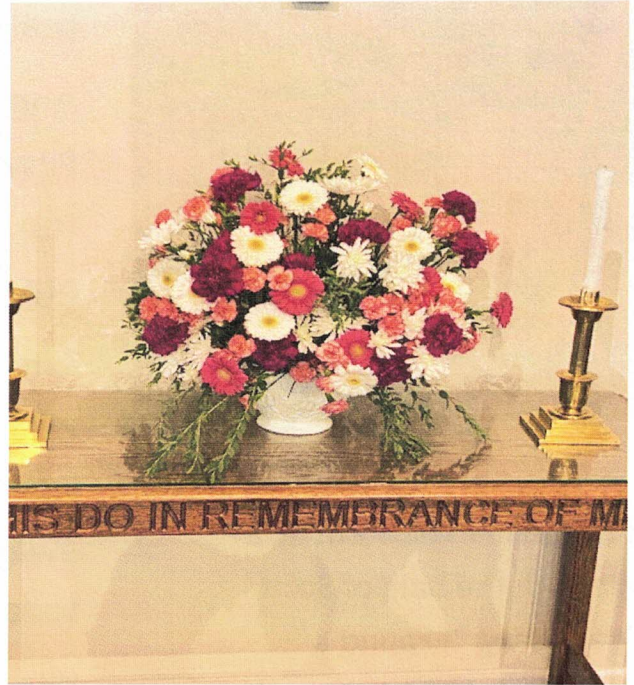
Scott and Mark add so much to our services with their acoustic sounds not to mention great voices!



August

Summer
bouquet
by AJ
Laverty!

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ANOTHER BILLIE FITCH CREATION ~~~

This beautiful arrangement is by Liz Hazen for Gene Prentice's celebration of life on 7/20/2025



Spend time with God this summer





Mark Bauserman performing a prelude with the help of Scott Rosekrans sang "I Found a Church today". Mark has a wonderful voice and the words to the song were how he and his beautiful wife Peggy, felt upon visiting CUMC for the first time. To know that our church had such a nice impact on the Bauserman's doesn't even begin to express the delight our church has enjoyed, by their presence, and the sharing of their enormous talents!

If you haven't gotten to hear them, come to church, you will thank yourself!

I Found a Church Today..

Though I can't recall, what kept me away. Yet
You know my need, I found a church today.

I found a church today, you led me to its doors.
There was love about, it made my spirit soar.

We had worship there, and Jesus name was
praised, and I sang along, I found a church today.

And all the souls inside, welcomed from their
Pews. You were in their eyes, and their voices
too. And my heart was full, when it was time to
pray, I came back to you, I found a church today.

And Your love shone in through the windows
wide, and it brightened the room till I'd nothing
left to hide. Though I can't recall, what kept me
away, Yet, You knew my need, I found a church
today.

I'll come back next week, and bring a friend
along. He needs to hear our word, he needs to
sing your songs,, Keep a fire in me, don't let me
get away, Oh, it feels like home I found a church
today

"I Found a Church Today"

By the Gibson Brothers Band



Spam-Fest 2025



This young man is a gifted musician and participated in the 2024 Spam-fest too! Many thanks to him for sharing his talents and voice to support the mission of our church to help provide for our neighbors in need!

Thanks goes to our very own Spirit Singers who opened the music with some fun spiritual and folk music. Those participating were; Wanda Garrett, Peggy Bauserman, Connie Ross, Marsha Hamacher and Kathi VanCamp.

Mark & Peggy Bauserman were two of the many talented musicians and singers who participated in the 2025 Spam-Fest!

Yummy BBQ hot dogs by Cal White, Patrick VanCamp and Ted Ross along with numerous offerings of cookies and chips. Folks sat under the trees and enjoyed some good ole fashioned blue grass and spiritual music!

A big **Thank You** to all who participated and donated cash and non-perishable goods to the food pantry!





You're Invited



- ♦ To an outdoor summer concert to Benefit Olympic Angels, an organization that supports foster families in multiple ways.
- ♦ Staring the popular local Bluegrass & Country music group: BellaJack!

Good Music, hotdogs, and more!

When: Sunday, August 17, 2025 from 1:00 pm—3:00pm

Where: Community United Methodist church 130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock

What: an outdoor concert featuring local bluegrass/Country Group: BellaJack!



- ♦ Suggested Donation of \$20.00 per person.
- ♦ All proceeds to benefit Olympic Angels.
- ♦ Hotdogs, Chips, and other refreshments!

About Olympic Angels



Bluegrass & Country Music with BellaJack!

OUR MISSION

The Olympic Angels mission is to walk alongside children, youth, and families in the foster care community by offering consistent support through intentional giving, relationship building, and mentorship.





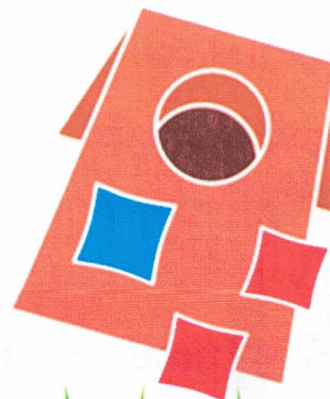
UPCOMING EVENTS

POTLUCK PICNIC SUNDAY, AUG 3, 3-6 PM



Please join us on **Sunday, Aug 3rd, at 3pm at CUMC** for a community potluck picnic! On July 6, 30-some members and friends enjoyed a warm, yet shady, afternoon playing Kubb and Cornhole, grilling, and enjoying each others' company. They even managed to find some shade behind the CUMC buildings. This worked well enough that we are going to do it again on August 3! We will move our regular potluck outdoors, set up some lawn games, and have a grill or two going if you want to do a little barbecuing! Bring some food & drinks, utensils, and any outdoor games!

Also, those of you that are musically minded (you know who you are), we would encourage and ask you to bring your instruments, and invite you to play a little, or just noodle around before or after we eat! Thank you in advance! Music is such an integral and beautiful part of our community.



Sheila Harwood Update. Sheila is now in her new place of residence. Please continue to pray for Sheila and her daughter as they navigate this change in their lives and you can send cards or letters to :

Sheila Harwood

c/o: Avamere at Pacific Ridge

3625 E. B Street, Room 306

Tacoma, WA 98404



Anyone interested in doing a CUMC garage sale?

Here's the plan:

- 1. Gather up your items, price them accordingly.**
- 2. Bring them to the church grassy area (across from the building) on a Saturday in September (TBD). Bring a cover for shade or rain if you have it.**
- 3. You will sell your own things and handle your own money, but I'm suggesting a donation to hold a spot for you to sell for \$20, each spot reserved. All the collected money will go to the food pantry.**

You will move some of your things which will in turn become someone's "Treasure" A WIN/WIN in my book!



If there is enough interest I will organize the date and time. Plus make the signage and set up selling spots for all interested. You can contact Kathi via the church office or email kathivancamp@yahoo.com



Desserts When You Want Them!

Our Baker's Are Ready to Bake!



- Are you craving something sweet?
- Do you have a special birthday or other occasion to celebrate?
- A special cake makes any occasion more festive!
- Do you want to help our missions in a sweet way?
- Do you need a special cake or pie for a dessert auction?

Our bakers can help!

August is wide open and ready for special cake requests. From January through June, we have raised \$1,261.00 between the quarterly auction and baking personalized cakes and other baked goods.

We can make:

Pies, Cakes, Cookies, Cupcakes, Giant Cupcakes, Jumbo Cupcakes and bars. We can also make: Brownies, sweet breads and other items. I recently made a new item that can be added to the list of offerings: a Cookie Cake. It is a 9-inch round cookie cake with frosting and sprinkles.

If you want something to celebrate your special occasion, just call Lori and she will coordinate with the volunteer bakers to fulfill your requests. The minimum fee is \$50.00, but most people are so happy with their cake that they pay more—and it all goes to the church for missions.

I have received feedback from some of the people who have ordered cakes:

- It was delicious
- You went above and beyond
- It is so nice that it is in a box that made it so easy to travel with
- Sold the cake at the auction for over \$250.00.



It's a win, win, win!

You get a sweet treat when you want it, our bakers get to do what we love to do, and the church raises money to help support our missions! Call, text or email Lori at 360 620-0809 or lori@tlobe.com.



Saturday Soup Kitchen: Savior's Soup



Thank you to Ray and Lodema and Linda and Cal for filling in this summer and offering a brief break! Ray and Lodema's last day serving soup this summer will be August 16, 2025, and Linda and Cal have committed to August 23rd. And in September my winter rotation is gearing up to get back to serving soup for people in need of a warm meal and fellowship.

We continue to serve 20-25 bowls of soup with gusts up to 30 bowls of soup per week. Our visitors keep sending a clear message that this service is needed and appreciated. They are grateful for a hot meal and goodies like eggs and bananas to take with them.



I invite everyone to come and check it out and spend time getting to know our volunteers and our participants—and have a bowl of soup. We love the fellowship and relaxed atmosphere

We now have volunteers to serve soup each Saturday of the month including the 5th Saturday.

CUMC is spreading our love one bowl of soup at a time!

Things to Remember:

- Bananas
- Hard Boiled Eggs
- No added Salt



If you any questions, please contact Lori by text, phone call, or email at 360 620-0809 or Lori@tlobe.com

Thank you for your support in this important ministry!

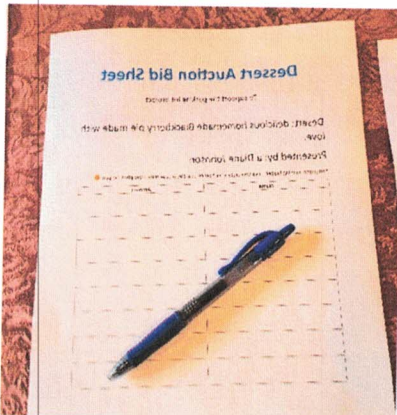
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Silent Dessert Auction

The Dessert Auction is back!

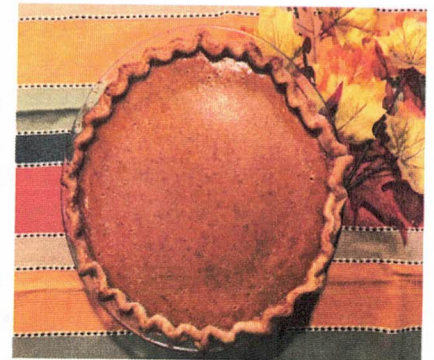
Some of you have asked about the Dessert Auction, now that the parking lot is paid off. The good news is that the parking lot is paid off, however, our annual budget was a little short, so we created a line item called "Fund Raising Income". I chose to recommend this new income line item to offset other options to balance the budget. Mostly, I didn't want to touch our missions of the month budget because that money is greatly needed for the organizations that we support: Tri-Area Food Bank, ECHHO, Bayside, and UMCOR.



The Dessert Auction will be held quarterly on the second Sunday. You can count on sweet treats to bid on in June, September, and December.

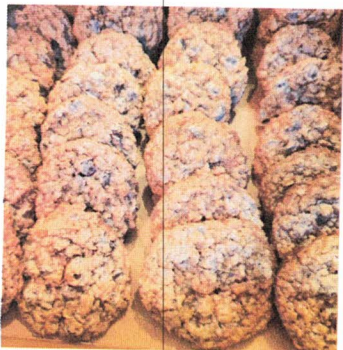
In June we have some sweet breads, a mixed fruit pie and other goodies lined up.

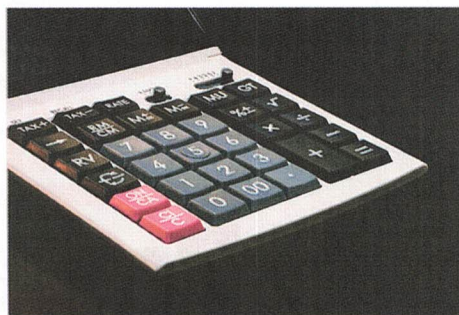
Bring your cash or checks and your appetite for sweet treats to bid on some delicious desserts that you can bring to a party, a family gathering or just take home to enjoy at your leisure.



If you are interested in baking cookies, brownies, or bars for our June auction set for the second Sunday in June, contact Lori Oberlander, know at 360 620-0809 or lori@tlobe.com.

Proceeds will be used to help support our Missions





Treasurer's Report Year to Date

1/1/2025 - 6/30/2025

Income:

Pledges-loose Plate \$60,935.95*

Earned Income \$26,553.55

Fund Raising \$2,261.00

Total Income \$89,750.40

Expenses:

Apportionments \$8,349.60

Mission \$3,600.00**

Operating \$29,263.28

Program Ministry \$6,715.36

Personnel \$34,508.07

Total Expenses \$82,436.31

Total Profit/Loss \$7,314.19

* Your Pledges are Needed! If you haven't made your pledge, it isn't too late.

**This amount does not reflect funds received or spent for the Soup Kitchen or General Store; those funds are accounted for in an Accounts Payable (pass through) Account. All funds given for the Soup Kitchen or General Store goes directly to support those ministries.



Local MISSION of the MONTH

CUMC supports three local organizations: Bayside, Tri-Area Food Bank and ECHHO. We donate a minimum of \$500 each month to one of these three organizations in addition to donations collected from membership. CUMC also donates \$100 each month to UMCOR as well to aid in natural disaster relief efforts. Any donations from church members that are designated to UMCOR are included each month.

Summary of all donations by category June 1,2025– June 30,2025

	Amount	#Donations	#Donor
Fund Raising	\$1,750.00	5	4 YTD
In Kind donation	\$ 694.60	2	2 YTD
Pledges	\$11,817.26	28	15
Clothes/Store	\$100.00	1	1
Food Pantry	\$ 50.00	1	1
Non-pledge gifts	\$ 640.00	12	7
LA Fire Relief	\$2,125.00	12	12
Missions	\$100.00	1	1
Soup Kitchen	\$320.00	4	3 YTD
UMCOR	\$662.00	7	5 YTD
Totals	\$69,299.80	281	
Total distinct donors across all categories			51

YTD: Year to Date



August 2025

BIRTHDAYS

12: Marcy Wootan
18: Bev Rothenborg
19: Pat Chase
25; Teresa Rosekrans
31: Jim Dodd

HOSPITALITY



LITURGISTS

3 John Sweet
10 Billie Fitch
17 Liz Hazen
24 Laurie Engelbeck
31 Kathi VanCamp

OUR PRAYERS

- * For the homeless, the hungry and the unemployed.
- * For Peace on Earth!
- * For wisdom for our leaders.
- * For employment for people struggling to find meaningful work.
- * For Healing and provisions for those who are suffering with COVID-19.
- * For protection of the medical front-line workers who are caring for patients with COVID-19 and variants.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please see sign up sheet to provide flowers for the altar each Sunday. They add so much to the service!

COUNTERS

3: Lori & Kathi
10: Debbie & Connie
17: Marsha & Diane
24/31: Lynn & Betty

GREETERS

Ted Ross
Patrick VanCamp



July 2025 LECTIONARY READINGS

August 3
Hos 11:1-11
PS 107:1-9,43
Col 3:1-11
Luk 12:13-21

August 10
Isa 1:1, 10-20
Ps. 50:1-8,22-23
Heb 11:1-3,8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 17
Isa 5:1-7
Ps. 80:1-2,8-19
Heb 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 24
Jer 1:4-10
Ps. 71:1-6
Heb 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

August 31
Jer 2:4-13
Ps. 81:1,10-16
Heb 13:1-8,15-16
Luke 14:1,7-14

	MON	Tues	Wed	THUR	Fri 1	Sat 2
10:00am Worship 3 11:15am Fellowship SSF Community Potluck 3-6 pm. See invite page 9	4 Alz Support 10:30-noon	5 Designated Drivers 4:30p	6 Spirit Singers 10:30	7 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library) Rogue Yoga 10am-11	8	9 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
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10:00am Worship 17 11:15am Fellowship SSF Service 3-7 pm	18 Spinners Group 1:30-3:30	19 Designated Drivers 4:30pm	20 Spirit Singers 10:30 Deadline for Newsletter articles	21 Rogue Yoga 10am-11 7-8pm Al Anon meeting Library Ad Council meeting 6:30p Via ZOOM	22	23 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:00p
10:00am Worship 24 11:15 Fellowship CUMC Movie Or Class right after church service	25 Spinners Group 1:30-3:30	26 Designated Drivers 4:30pm	27 Spirit Singers 10:30	28 Rogue Yoga 10am-11 7-8pm Al Anon meeting Library	29	30
10:00am Worship 31 11:15am Fellowship		SSF: Salish Sea Fellowship				

GOD WALKS WITH US

AUGUST 2025

While driving home one day, I stopped at a pedestrian crosswalk to let a young girl and her father cross the road. They held hands as she happily skipped along. She was care-free, eagerly looking up at her dad and talking to him. She never looked where she was stepping or paid any attention to the cars on either side of the crosswalk.

At home, I considered how my walk with the Lord is meant to reflect what I had witnessed. Did I trust my heavenly father to hold my hand and get me safely through life's challenges? I could think of several times in my life where I had taken matters into my own hands, impatient and refusing to trust the process to God.

When we try to work things out on our own, the "what ifs" and "maybes" keep us in a place of anxiety and stress. But as we read in scripture, "I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear Not; I will help thee".

Just as the little girl trusted her father, we can trust our heavenly Father to walk beside us and keep us safe.

Sohani Faria BC, Canada



Community United Methodist Church

HOPE HAPPENS HERE

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8-10 Thursday

Web Site: www.HadlockChurch.com

Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

Fellowship Time: 11:15 am

Scott Rosekrans, Pastor

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Pastor's Office Hours:

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Monday- Thursday