



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Annual Report 2019

Mission Statement

With grateful recognition that Jesus Christ is Lord of the church and of our lives, the mission of the people of Wallingford Presbyterian Church is to witness to Christ's presence and power.

We recognize that we have been transformed, yet are always being transformed into the likeness of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We witness through meaningful worship, Christian nurture, spiritual growth, caring service, fellowship, music, and mission in the broader community.

In faithful response to God's call, we remain open to the work of the Holy Spirit so that we continually are shaped as individuals and as the body of Christ.

.... God's growing people serving Christ in a changing world

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Wallingford, Pennsylvania
January 26, 2020

Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation

AGENDA

Call to Order

Call for New Business

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the minutes of January 27, 2019 Annual Meeting

Review of our work, mission and ministry

Pastor's Remarks

Review Reports from Councils, Committees and Organizations

Nominating Committee Report

Members at Large: Jeni Albany, Frank Noyes, Ver Picher, Mina Varney,
Gail Weaver

Alternates: Joyce Jefferis, Pat Tillson

Kirk Soxman - Class of 2022 Deacon (Filling unexpired term)

Sally Clyde - Class of 2021 Trustee (Filling unexpired term)

Jim Oetinger – Class of 2020 Auditor

Ed Mattote - Class of 2021 Auditor

George Jones - Class of 2022 Auditor

Call for the Meeting of the Corporation

Call for New Business

Board of Trustees Report

Reconvene the Meeting of the Congregation

New Business

Church Center Presentation

Treasurer's Report for 2019

2019 Financial Review

Review of the 2020 Budget Approved by the Session

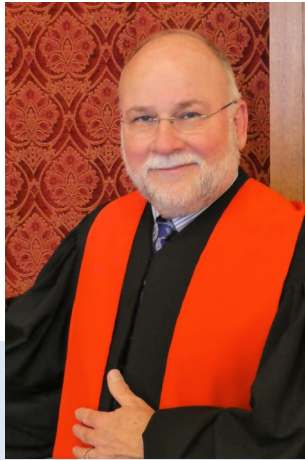
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Closing Prayer, Grace and Benediction

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STAFF



Rev. François Lacroix
Pastor



Rev. Taylor Cornelius
Associate Pastor



Lee Hagon-Kerr
Director of Music



Kate Callahan
Church Administrator



Jodi Dawes
WCNS Director



Leslie Krowchenko
Communications
Coordinator



Michelle Hall
Financial Secretary



Zoe Andrews
Youth Ministry
Assistant

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Class of 2020

Teresa Ahern Sawyer
Chris Dearnaley
Mary Payne
David Shipman

Class of 2021

Christine Darr
Lin Floyd
Leslie Krowchenko
Mike Meloy

Class of 2022

Rick Miller
Jenny Montague
Jim Oetinger
Shirley Rudd

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2020

Joanne Callahan
Barbara Demos
Polly Sacco Ezzell
Kai Yokoyama

Class of 2021

Mary Lou Day
Mimi Haggerty
Rosanna Denney
June Tolomeo
Carol Dotts

Class of 2022

Tom Erickson
Carol Freidinger
Bob Kenworthy
Sue Tiedeck

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Class of 2020

Katherine Switala
Dan Glenn
Tom Halley
David McCullough

Class of 2021

Ken Ezzell
Walt Kaminski
Kevin Montague

Class of 2022

Sallie Anderson
Stephen Gibson
Lise Meloy
John Tiedeck

Clerk of Session

Judy Kenworthy

Treasurer

Andy Yost

President of Trustees

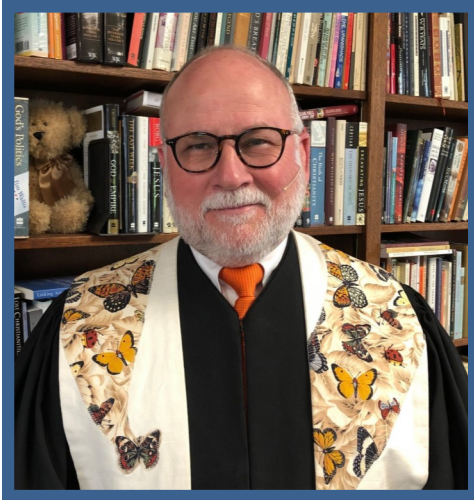
Tom Halley

Moderator of Deacons

Barb Demos



From the Pastor



Annual Report 2019 From the Pastor

Rachel Held Evans in, *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church* writes, "They reminded me that Christianity isn't meant to simply be believed; it's meant to be lived, shared, eaten, spoken, and enacted in the presence of other people. They reminded me that, try as I may, I can't be a Christian on my own. I need a community. I need the church."

This annual report is our yearly testament that Wallingford Presbyterian Church is a community of faith, imperfect brothers and sisters though we are, willing to admit that we are forgiven Christians in need of further forgiveness, and that we can't be Christians on our own. We need each other on life's faith-informed journey. In the words and the pictures and the thoughts and even the numbers, facts, figures and dollars that follow is the confession that we need each other. Our joys and our love for and with one another come along with our doubts and our fears. From the baptism of our children and grandchildren to the memorial services of our friends, parents and grandparents, all along the journey, we need the grace and love of God fleshed out in the context of this community of faith.

I hope the pictures and brief narratives remind you of the mission and ministry that takes place here on a daily basis. Additionally, that they remind you of the need for community. I give thanks to God for you and your presence here as together we become the Body of Christ in this place and for our community.

One further thought as we begin the New Year together (you might remember this quote, I have used it a number of times in my sermons). The quote is by J. Clif Christopher, pastor, author, consultant and founder of Horizons Stewardship Company.

He writes, "I am firmly convinced that the only institution on the face of the planet that can possibly change the world is the church. No army, no government, and no nonprofit has the power to change the hearts of people like the body of Jesus Christ, and as those hearts change then so does practice, and so does the world."



I think and believe that Clif is right. The world we live in will only change through the power of God's Grace and Love and we, as God's children, are the ones called to help make that change happen. The work of the church and this congregation is to 'flesh out' the love and the grace of God we have received by sharing it with the world, at home, at school, at work, and at church. We are God's ambassadors, agents of the possible. We are the body of Christ, the community of believers, best equipped and empowered by the Holy Spirit to help Jesus bring about God's new creation grounded in Love, Hope, Peace and Joy. I look forward to the year ahead together as we continue in mission and ministry together.

Blessings,
Pastor François

FRANÇOIS' HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

- Creating educational opportunities with Pastor Taylor, staff, and Frank Noyes.
- Developed Wednesdays at Wallingford with Pastor Taylor and staff.
- 'Ladies tea' was a hit (*Just heard good reports, I wasn't invited* 😊)
- Added Zoe Andrews to the staff as Youth Ministry Assistant.
- Kudos to Leslie for really getting into messaging for the church!
- Kate Callahan going to Seminary 😊
- BSA Scout Girl Troop formed at WPC (Thank you Teresa for continued presence and supervision on behalf of WPC)
- Great PMSJ program with Paul Stromberg!
- Blood drive and Rise Against Hunger, great success.
- Progressive Dinner a great function, some new faces 😊.



- Palm/Passion Sunday, Holy Week and Easter services meaningful.
- My thanks to Pastor Taylor and all of you for your leadership during my vacation!
- Attended meetings of Presbytery. (Yes it's a highlight. I'm a church nerd!)
- Saying goodbye to Liz after her 20 year music ministry with WPC... not a highlight.
- But, GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME, and we welcome Lee as our new Minister of Music 😊
- Strawberry Festival: beautiful day. Thank you to all!!!
- YG to Montreat trip. Thank you to Pastor Taylor for her leadership.
- Hosted Mission Coworkers Charles and Melissa Johnson.
- Continue to serve on Presbytery of Philadelphia Commission on Ministry.
- Asked to be a faculty presenter at Presbytery of Philadelphia's second annual "Fall Fest – Ministry on the Edges."
- Continue work with the Interfaith Council of Southern Delaware County.
- Continue participation in FUSE.
- The many baptisms. 😊
- Receiving our new members. 😊
- Our church picnic and lamb roast, courtesy of Roger Demos.
- Blessings of the Animals .
- Attending Outfest for the first time and being a loving presence there.
- Trunk or Treat.
- Halloween Quizzo, in costume 😊.
- Advent Festival, happy and excited children.
- WONDERFUL children's pageant! Thanks to all our volunteers!
- Christmas Eve services together. Singing Silent Night by candle light. The church was beautiful!!!
- Lay-lead service on the 29th. Thanks to Barb and Walt 😊.
- Celebrating the births of our newest church family members, Rosalyn and Annabelle.



From the Associate Pastor

The year 2019 was a blessed and fruitful year in the ministry of Wallingford Presbyterian Church. I am continually amazed at how the Spirit works in and among our congregants, leaders, ministries, and outreach programs as we seek first the Kingdom of God together. I am so thankful for the opportunity to walk the journey of faith with a church family that is brimming with life, love, and enthusiasm as we use our gifts to be vessels of God's grace. Some of my most cherished memories from 2019 are:



Leading the high school youth on a trip to Montreat North Carolina.

Watching the smiles of the children at Vacation Bible Camp as they had a blast on the last day in the giant sprinkler.

Singing Country Roads Take Me Home around a fire with our youth and adults.

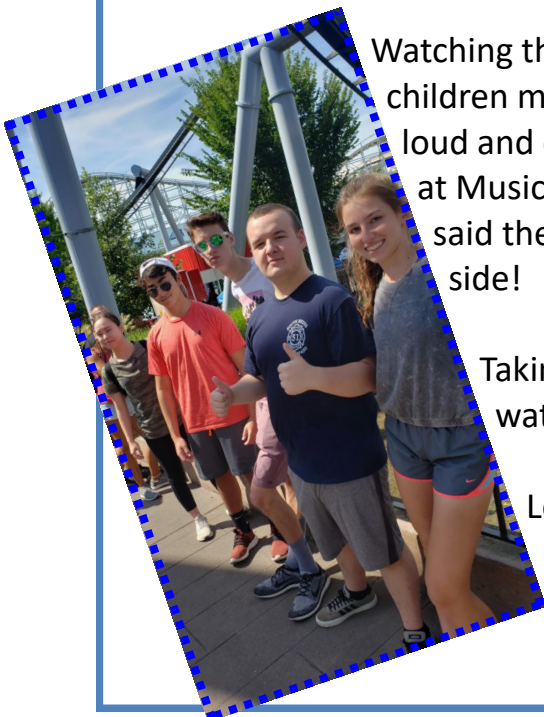
Going to dining under the stars with the young adults and enjoying some good Greek food and gelato!



Watching the Sprouts children make such loud and excitable music at Music Night that people said they could be heard from outside!

Taking our youth group to Hershey Park and watching them become closer friends.

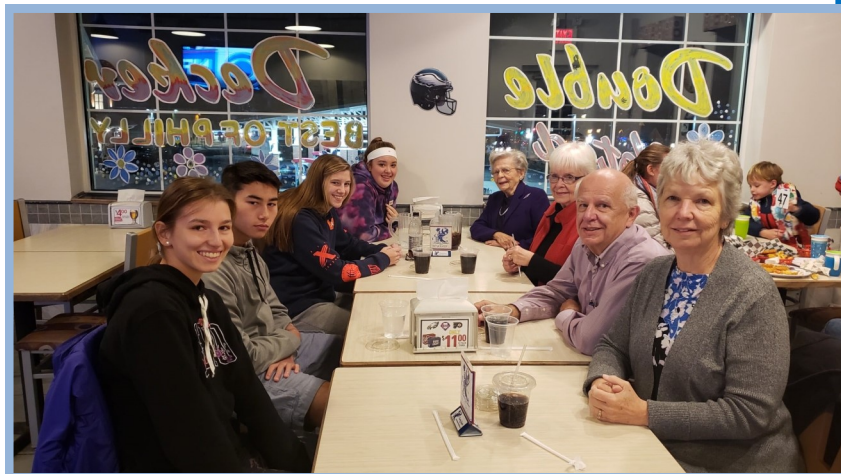
Leading the Easter Sunrise Service and singing hymns as the sun rose amidst the morning dew.





Listening to the most adorable and yet profound comments and questions from the children during time with young disciples. They truly keep me on my toes!

Watching the whole church come together in such a powerful way during Rise Against hunger, and seeing people of all ages, young and old, work together with smiles on their faces and sometimes even a dance in their steps!



Watching the confirmands bond with, laugh with, and share their stories with their mentors over a shared meal.



Celebrating Rosalyn and Annabelle at the baby shower coffee hour! It was such a blessing to be surrounded by such support and love as Lee and I anticipated the arrival of our daughters!



2019 Report of the Clerk of Session



It is the Clerk's responsibility to maintain records of the church: minutes of Session (made up of elders) and Congregational meetings, new members, transfers to other churches, deaths, baptisms and marriages. In addition, there are statistical reports required by Presbytery and General Assembly of our denomination. During 2018, our records were reviewed and approved by the Presbytery.

Our church is permitted to send four elders (commissioners) to Presbytery meetings. Those four are the only people who can vote representing our church, in addition to the Pastor and Associate Pastor.

Anyone is welcome to attend a Session or Presbytery meeting!

Annual Statistical Report for Wallingford Presbyterian Church for the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Members on January 1, 2019 398

Gains:

Profession of Faith by 17 and under	0
Profession of Faith by 18 and older	0
Reaffirmation of Faith	11
Certificate Transfer	1
Other gains	0
<u>Total gains</u>	<u>12</u>

Losses:

Certificate losses	2
Deaths	6
Other	2
<u>Total losses</u>	<u>10</u>

Members on December 31, 2019 400

Infant baptisms	7
Adult baptisms	0
<u>Total baptisms</u>	<u>7</u>



Music Ministry

In 2019 I was blessed to be called to the Music Ministry at Wallingford Presbyterian Church. Starting in mid-August, we jumped right in with plans for Rally Day, getting the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir started after the summer break, and preparing for my parental leave.

It became immediately clear that this congregation has many wonderful musicians who are generous with their time and talents: the volunteer members of the Bell Choir and the Chancel Choir, who dedicate themselves to making music at a high standard, to the glory of God; the group of instrumentalists who played a summer anthem and have gathered to play for meditative Taizé services in November and December, while also jumping in on several anthems to accompany the Chancel Choir; our staff singer Kara Mulder who makes such a difference for all the singers in our Chancel Choir; all our adult volunteers who helped produce the Christmas Pageant while both Pastor Taylor and I were out on

leave, not to mention the wonderful children who sang their very own anthem! We were fortunate to have John Conahan as the long-term sub who covered playing services and guiding the choir in my absence. Looking forward, I hope to continue our collaborative work with Swarthmore Presbyterian, challenge the choirs with repertoire in a wide variety of styles, and get members of all ages and abilities involved in the Music Ministry.



I am so grateful for the opportunity to join the ministry team at WPC, and for the warm welcome everyone has given me, my family and baby Rosalyn! I am especially grateful to all the musicians who work so hard to create meaningful, worshipful music to honor God.

Lee Hagon-Kerr
Director of Music Ministry



Communications Coordinator

There's a reason I always have my iPhone camera at the ready. As WPC's part-time communications coordinator, I am charged with increasing the church's exposure across multiple platforms, such as social media, the church website, WPC Happenings, the quarterly newsletter and local papers.

Whether on your phone, tablet, laptop, desktop, bulletin board or in printed form, hopefully you are hearing about (and are involved in) our many activities. WPC is a busy community of wonderful people and we want others to know and join us.

The post was originally approved by Session for a six-month trial and funded by the 2018 Legacy expenditure. It has been included in the 2020 budget.

Help me share our message by stopping me on Sunday morning (or any other time during the week) or contacting me at (610) 357-6712, leslie.krowchenko@comcast.net or communications@wallingfordpres.org. Like and follow us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram (@WallingfordPresInsta).

Leslie Krowchenko



Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee works to identify those individuals whom God is calling to serve the church as members of Session, Deacons, Trustees, and Auditors. The committee's goal is to develop a diverse slate of committed and faithful members who are elected to three-year terms. The new slate of church officers is presented to the congregation on Rally Day so that the officers begin their terms in September at the start of the program year. We wish

to express our gratitude to the 2019 Nominating Committee and thank them for their service:

Roger Demos
Sandi Fleischer
Joyce Jefferies
Frank Noyes

June Tolomeo
Earl Varney
Colleen Zeszut

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Darr and Pat Tillson
Committee Co-Chairs

Education Council



The Education Council is tasked with overseeing Faith Formation, formerly known as Sunday School, for children from nursery care age through high school. Adult Sunday School is known as Faith Exploration. This year children had several opportunities to rejoin adult worship as communion was celebrated, with the purpose of becoming more familiar with our worship and sacraments.

In addition to these Sunday classes, Pastor Taylor leads Sprouts for elementary age children and a mixed middle school/high school youth group. This year, parents started some middle school only activities to allow them to connect more with their peers. Pastor Taylor is engaging with several young people through confirmation classes as they prepare to become members, assisted by older member mentors. New this past year was a young adults group, which Pastor Taylor created to maintain contact with former youth group participants who wanted to continue their fellowship.

In the summer, WPC hosted around 30 children for Vacation Bible Camp and their parents and families enjoyed the last evening together as kids sang and acted out Bible stories they had learned. Also in the summer, Pastors François and Taylor accompanied about 10

youth group participants to the Montreat Conference Center in North Carolina. Powerful speakers spiritually moved them, as did the beauty of the surrounding wilderness preserve.



In the fall, the Education Council, along with Mission and Services, ran a sock drive that Faith Formation teachers connected to their lessons about giving. We collected over 400 pairs of socks, which were taken to City-Team Chester. On the first Sunday of December, the Council hosted an Advent Festival with crafts for children and adults, a pasta dinner, and a carol sing-a-long.

In the coming year, the Council hopes to expand youth attendance at our various offerings, and to update curricula as needed to best express and share God's love. The Faith Formation teachers are starting to explore ways to best reach students with different learning styles and needs.



Youth Group

Youth Group meets every Wednesday night from 6pm-8pm for a fun time with friends, learning, and great conversations! We meet with students in grades 6-12 to share a meal, discuss how are weeks went, and have a chance to reconnect, play games, and talk about faith related topics.

Some highlights:

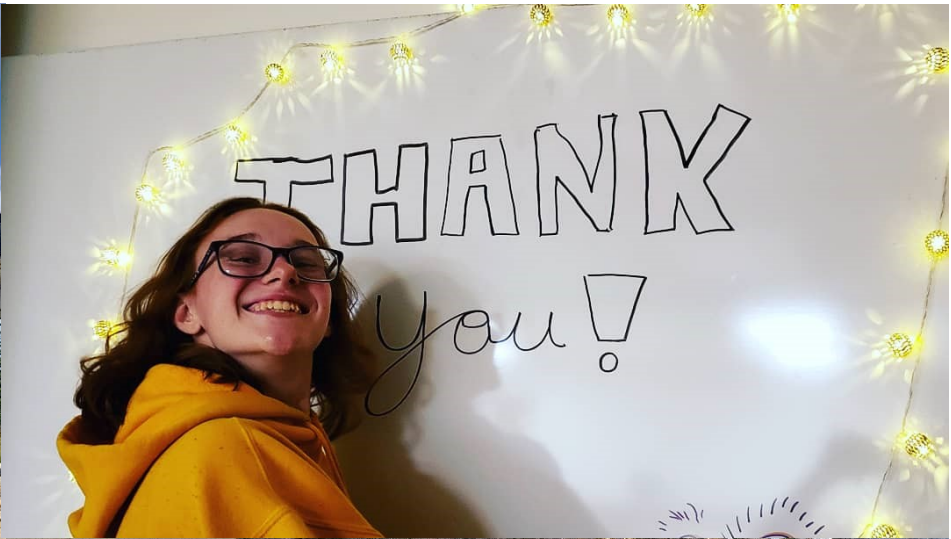
- Over the summer, 10 of us went to a youth conference in North Carolina called Montreat! It was held at Montreat College and we were there for a whole week. Everyone enjoyed it so much, and hope to go back in the future!
- We had a very elaborate Halloween party, with a costume contest, other fun games and great food.
- Having the youth participate in Rise Against Hunger.
- The young women of the youth group joined WOW for the annual Christmas party at Cyndi Lacroix's house which is one of our favorite activities to engage in with the congregation in celebrating Christmas together
- With Pastor Taylor on maternity leave, Youth Ministry assistant Zoe Andrews, has been running the youth group with the help of Jeff Draine and Pastor François.



YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM

The young adult program was started by Pastor Taylor to bring back and connect the people who graduated from high school and the youth group program. We have done activities such as baking cookies, watching movies together, going out to lunch and ice cream. We plan on doing events like Ice skating, going to the movie theater together, Mini Golfing and more in 2020!







Sprouts is a fellowship and educational group for K- 5th graders which meets on the first Friday night of the month for two hours. Each meeting focuses on a different educational, fun, or service-related activity. After dinner together, kids engage with the evening's lesson through listening and playing. The Sprouts team, lead by Pastor Taylor and Meghan Hawkins includes Youth Assistant Zoe Andrews, Sally Flemer, Noel Petherbridge, and Julia Anderson. Many thanks also to the parents who volunteer to provide dinner each week!

This year, during Spend, Save, Share (a favorite event) kids donated \$103 of their Sprouts Dollars to various Christmarket charities, with 4 Paws 4 Ability leading the contributions. "It's so much more meaningful, because it's real," commented one of the participants.

While Pastor Taylor has been on maternity leave, the Sprouts enjoyed a movie night (complete with pjs, stuffed animals, dinner, snacks, and a giant pillow fort.)

We have missed Pastor Taylor during her maternity leave and look forward to her rejoining us this spring.

What are the Sprouts doing this year?

September 13th – Sprouts Kick-off: Bowling Night at Sproul Lanes with Pizza + Ice Cream Party

October 4th - Music Night

November 1st - Spend, Save, Share- Learning about Faith and Financial Stewardship

December 1st - Advent Festival

January 3rd - Movie Night "Brother Bear"



February 7th - Showing God's Love - Valentines

March 6th - Communion Night

April 3rd - Prayer Stations

May 1st - End of Year BBQ



Wallingford Presbyterian Church Deacons 2019 Annual Report



As Deacons, we are called to help with the mostly-behind-the-scenes caring work of our congregation. One of our most visible activities is the weekly visitation to shut-ins and those in need of a caring visit when a team of two usually shares the flowers from the sanctuary. At this

time we offer or are often able to determine if the Deacon Helpers can assist these folks with possible meal deliveries, a pastoral visit or other assistance. This year we have also taken our turn at the coffee table during Fellowship time.

In January the Deacons provided lunch after the congregation's annual meeting and then brunch after the Sunrise Service at Easter. Twice a year, near Thanksgiving and again in the spring, we seek to reach out and help the most needy in our area by providing gift cards for groceries or household items. This year at those two times we sent cards to over 45 families identified by the school district and others in our community. In March and October we called more than 150 donors and coordinated the Red Cross Blood Drive. Our church has been doing this for over 65 years, usually collecting 50-55 pints. This past autumn we collected a record 67 pints!

At Christmas the Deacons were busy coordinating the congregation's participation

in the Giving Tree. Through this drive, we delivered gifts and gift cards to over 120 people. Not visible to most folks are the many hours our General Missions team spend fielding requests for assistance from the community. More obviously the Red Wagons at the doors of the church are there to receive non-perishable items that we then take to local Food Pantries or Chester Eastside. If there is a specific need, it is most amazingly answered by the exact contents of the wagons! When we get a call through the office, the mission team tries to counsel these folks to seek agencies or services that empower them to help themselves. Usually we help with grocery deliveries or food cards or calls to the utilities or landlords.



We are blessed through the generosity of the congregation to share what we have with those in need. Even more regularly, through our Care-Networks, the Deacons connect with each member of our church family and check in on us periodically in person, or through cards, calls or emails. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Demos, Moderator



Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

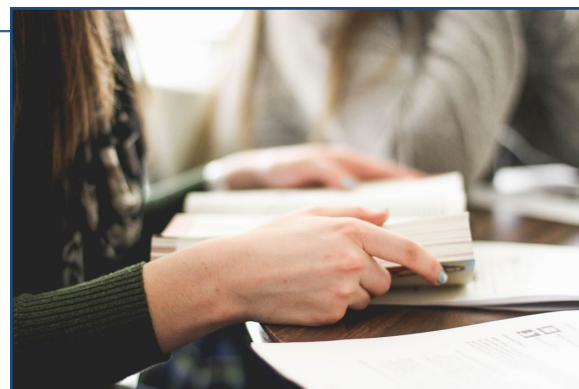
Stephen Ministry is a complete system of training and organizing lay persons for caring ministry in and around their congregations. Stephen Ministers provide distinctively Christian care to those

among us who are experiencing a time in their lives when they need to have a committed Christian friend journey with them for awhile. The WPC has been enrolled as a Stephen Series congregation since 1997. In 2019 the combined Stephen Ministry programs of WPC, Swarthmore Presbyterian Church (SPC) and Trinity Episcopal Church (TEC), continued to provide this care to all in our congregations and community who requested it. In 2019, five new Stephen Ministers were trained and commissioned for this work.

While the confidential nature of what we do prevents us from sharing the details of any of our relationships and makes providing photo images difficult, this ministry is deeply fulfilling to those providing care as well as to the care receivers. Over the 20+ years that WPC has been enrolled in Stephen Ministry, scores of care receivers have been helped and over 35 WPC members have been involved in providing care. The currently serving Stephen Leaders from WPC are Roger Demos, Russ Kinder, and Bob Kenworthy; from SPC are Rev. Sarah Cooper Searight and Jennifer Conway; and from TEC are Dorrie Rawley and Bill Lawson.

Book Look

The BookLook is an informal group that meets on the third Wednesday of odd numbered months (January, March, etc) to discuss books selected by the group at a previous meeting. The books chosen represent a significant cross section of writing, including biographies, historical novels, science fiction, novels and even teen books. Anyone can join in, even if they have not read the book. For more information, or to order books, please contact Chris Darr or Walt Kaminski.



Fellowship of Friends

The Fellowship of Friends is a men's organization that meets on Wednesday mornings from 10 – 11AM for fellowship and to discuss current events, especially political events. One of the highlights of the year is the annual luncheon with the spouses of departed FoFers.

Strawberry Festival

The 2019 Strawberry Festival was held on June 3, 2019. The net proceeds from the Festival support mission work that is approved each year by Session based on recommendations by The Mission and Service Committee.

2019 Opening Balance.	\$1,214.39
Gross Proceeds	\$12,353.26



Expenses	\$7,046.42
Net Proceeds	\$6,521.23



Prior to June 3, Session approved using the 2019 SF net proceeds to support the following missions.

70% The Chester Eastside Ministries	\$4,565.00
20% The WPC Youth	\$1304.23
10% The Strawberry Festival Fund	\$652.00

Congregational Wellness Ministry

The Congregation Wellness nurse continues to be available to all the members of WPC checking out wounds, removing splinters from little fingers, advocating for patients at doctors offices, checking in with families who live at a distance, checking weight, blood pressure, and medications, and doing a lot of listening. The Congregation Wellness nurse went through the required thirty hours of continuing education in order to be a licensed professional nurse in the state of Pennsylvania. She continues to work behind the scenes and in concert with the Pastors, Deacons and Stephen Ministers. She is available whenever needed.



It is with a full and grateful heart that I submit this; thanking God for all of you every single day.
Cyndi Lacroix, RN, Congregational Wellness Ministry.

If you have come to help me, you are wasting your time.
If you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine,
then let us work together.

*Lila Watson,
Aboriginal activist group
Queensland, Australia*

Peacemaking and Social Justice

The quote above from Lila Watson requires a shift in thinking for many people. The typical thought process is to see what can be done for a people/for a cause. Part of what is behind the quote is the thought that we are all affected by the same root causes. During 2019, we added prison reform issues to the discussions we had been holding on racism, gun violence and immigration. All are, at some level, based on common causes that affect us all. If we try to focus on one cause, the problem shifts to another.

During the fall, we held a panel discussion followed by a meet and greet to allow church and community members to interact with representatives of various groups to



find out ways to become involved in ameliorating existing situations. Future efforts will be more focused on things that can be done to change the basic causes.

Walt Kaminski

Adult Bible Study

The Adult Bible Study consists of approximately 15 people who meet from 9:30 – 11AM on Monday mornings to read and discuss various books of the Bible. Early in 2019, we studied the book of Job. Beginning in the fall, we began studying the book of Romans and have found many challenges to what we had been taught about the Bible when we were young. Along the way we have had many laughs. The sessions are always fun, entertaining and enlightening. Anyone is welcome to participate. No special Bible knowledge is needed.



The Mission and Service Committee continues to be able to provide ongoing support for the amazing work of local and worldwide missions because of your generosity. Our church leadership faithfully includes our work in the budget and your additional gifts of money and time have made it possible for us to reach out in times of great need.

Mission and Service Committee

- WPC members and friends over 25,704 meals in two Rise Against Hunger events.
- The 2019 Christ Market raised \$4,012, in support of 15 local and foreign projects. This is doubled with a matching gift from Mission and Service funds.
- The Breaking Bread program at Broad Street Ministry is staffed by volunteers from WPC and others who have the opportunity for face-to-face interaction with the individuals who gather there for a meal. A small but growing contingent of WPC volunteers lend their hands every other month. Further we support Broad Street Ministries financially.
- In the Fall, M&S partnered with the Sunday School and the congregation and collected over 300 pairs of socks that were delivered to CityTeam.
- Pastor Taylor uses a lesson with the Sprouts that is designed to teach them the value of money and money management. Each child is given \$20.00 worth of “Sprouts Dollars” to spend, save and share. They must use all their money. In the “share” part they selected six charities from our “Christ Market” program that they wanted to support. Each child could assign their “share” money to one charity or divide it up among the charities. They shared a total of \$103.00. The Mission & Service committee decided to use funds to make their donations real and sent a letter of explanation and a check to each of the charities.
- Your contributions to WPC continue to support our missionaries in their varied and much-needed ministries around the world: John Stauffer and The America Team for Displaced Eritreans, Jeni Pedzinski and New Life Center Foundation in Asia, and Presbyterian Mission workers Charles and Melissa Johnson in Africa.



Committee Members during 2019: Jeni Albany, Roger Demos, Richard Logan, Lise Meloy, David Rudd, Gail Weaver and Francois Lacroix

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Demos

WPC Connections



In keeping with the church's strategic plan,

getting people to stay in a church. A list of 2019 activities includes the following: Easter Egg-stravaganza, Trunk or Treat (fundraiser for UNICEF), Mid-winter dinner (fundraiser for Pres-

byterian disaster assistance), lamb roast picnic, PrimeTime luncheons, Kids Play Group, Adult Social outings, Welcome Bags for visitors and small groups. Currently, there are two small groups active, but there is always room for more to get involved. One group likes to tour local sites and one is made up of people who normally eat alone. If interested in joining one of these activities or starting your own interest group, please contact Walt Kaminski.



Women of Wallingford encourages all the women of our church to join in friendship and faith so that all may share in the joys, sorrows and emotions that are common to women of all ages.

On January 19, 2019 we enjoyed our annual retreat at the IHM Retreat Center in Bryn Mawr. The “Downton-Abby-ish” home on the hill was a perfect setting for us to share in fellowship as we enjoyed a *SPA day (Spirits Playing Among us)* and we acted out Bible stories to the great amusement of all.



We had a busy spring. We held our annual Palm Cross breakfast led by Dolores Thomas who once again taught us how to make the crosses –by the end of the day we turned out more than 400 crosses that were distributed to our congregation and area nursing homes for Palm Sunday celebrations. In May we held our now annual W.O.W. pot-luck supper at the home of Cyndi Lacroix and it was finally warm enough to sit outside and enjoy the beautiful azaleas and rhododendrons.

Every month has brought new members to our W.O.W Circle meetings which are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month. This year Cyndi has blessed us with her spirit and sense of fun as she has presented *The Seasons of the Liturgical Year*. Although this sound like a serous topic –

Women of Wallingford

her wonderful story telling skill has brought joy and abundant laughter to our meetings.

Our Mission Projects included “Ditty Bags” for the residents of a care home in Upper Darby who are most grateful for our generosity and caring gifts. We “blanketed the world in love” with our annual blanket drive in February and will do so again this year. Since we have had many blanket donations from the congregation – we have handed this mission over to the Outreach Council.

In December Cyndi welcomed 50 of us to her home as we celebrated Christmas with a Pot-Luck Supper. It was truly a magical night as we read the Christmas story and sang Christmas carols in the soft light of the fireplace and the glow in our hearts. We were over-joyed that several of the youth joined in our celebration. Cyndi’s beautifully decorated home exuded Comfort and Joy as did the beautiful mugs she gave us.



We will hold our 2020 WOW Retreat the IHM Retreat Center on January 25, 2020. This year Maggie Wellert, Liz Braden's mother, a retired Moravian minister, will teach us that in addition to our brain we have two additional intelligence centers which are the heart center and the movement center (the body). In *Awakened Hearts: A Wisdom Way of Knowing Prayer* we will learn how to get in touch with all of these centers to expand our experience of prayer.

We feel so blessed to be a part of this group of women of faith. With prayer we will continue God's work and we hope to add programs that will attract and nurture all the women of the church.

Submitted with blessings,
Christine Dearnaley



As stewards of the church, Stewardship Council oversees its financial resources and the application of church funds towards purposes approved by the Session. The council has two subcommittees, Annual Giving and Capital Campaign. It also works closely with the Legacy Committee and the Financial Oversight Committee.

2019 was an active year for Stewardship. Major areas of work included:

Successful realization of the 2019 budget. 2019 came to a successful conclusion, largely due to an outpouring of congregational giving in December. While church expenses continue to increase, careful expense management, increased congregational support and additional revenue generated through use of our facilities provided a small surplus for 2020 needs. Thanks should be given to the many individuals, committees and boards that made this possible.

Review of our recent history of benevolence activity. The Council reviewed our church's benevolence giving over the most recent three years.

STEWARDSHIP

While our church has consistently demonstrated a generous commitment to mission, the Council noted that significant congregational giving occurs each year beyond the activities identified by our Mission and Service committee. Events such as Christ Market, the Strawberry Festival and our many offerings dedicated to specific causes have nearly doubled the amount spent on mission activities over and above the traditional benevolence budget. With this in mind, the Council has recommended a slightly reduced benevolence budget and shifting instead to a greater emphasis on dedicated mission efforts in 2020.

Successful Annual Giving campaign. The Council conducted a successful pledge campaign. Recognition of our church's budget history combined with a desire to fulfill congregational requests led council to ask the congregation for a 10% increase in giving over the next two years. Campaign results are reflected in the 2020 budget, which invests in several critical church activities.

Recommendation from the Financial Oversight Committee. The committee reviewed the church's financial reserves and management throughout 2019. It was determined that long-term investment returns for these funds could support a 4% allocation from each reserve fund. \$6,300 was approved to be distributed from Legacy for 2020, along with \$10,300 from MEND, \$1,380 from Hayes (music) and \$475 from Landscaping.

Completion of the Vision 250 Capital Campaign. Vision 250 concluded its two year campaign at the end of 2018. As of December 31, pledges (\$275,775) exceeded the campaign goal of \$250,000 by 10% and monies collected totaled \$276,351. The Trustees have overseen the completion of all of the campaign's projects, al-

lowing a further contribution of \$25,000 to the Legacy Fund in 2019. Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, the campaign has been a great success.

Stewardship accomplished a good deal in 2019 due to the efforts of many people. Special thanks are owed to our Treasurer, Andy Yost, our counters and bookkeeping staff. Without their effort and dedication, council's work would not be possible.

Dave Shipman, Helen Picher, Leslie Krowchenko, Pat Tillson, Chris Dearnaley, Jim Oetinger

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Memorial committee recommends to Session ways to use moneys in the Memorial Fund to better the worship experience at WPC. Funds are from donations to the church in memory of loved ones. Money from the Memorial Fund was used to complete the renovation of the Reception Room that started in the Fall of 2018. These renovations included new window blinds, a Smart TV, carpet, closets, cabinets and counter, and chairs with storage racks. Thanks to Sallie Anderson, Jenny Miller and Judy Kenworthy who planned the renovations and implemented them with the help of the Trustees.



The committee includes: Marty Ashenfelter, Roger Demos, Alva Hayes, Judy Kenworthy, Jenny Miller, and Pastor Francois Lacroix.

Respectfully submitted, Roger Demos, Chair

WPC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees is charged with the care, maintenance and improvement of the Church buildings, equipment and grounds, including both manses. This includes building repairs, maintenance and upgrades, utilities, electronics, inside maintenance, grounds maintenance and oversight of building-related contracts and property and liability insurance policies.

Annually, the Trustees develop a proposed budget for operation and maintenance expenses and monitor actual expenses against budget throughout the year.

In addition to ongoing maintenance and repair of our properties, noteworthy accomplishments in 2019 include:

- Tree removal and clearing of brush
- Manse A sidewalk replacement work
- Manse A water and sewer line replacement
- Roof and door repairs
- Parking lot repairs
- Manse B HVAC system replacement
- Office Computer Switch/Electrical Upgrades
- Copier Replacement



Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Halley, President



The Wallingford Cooperative Nursery School: 2018-2019

Average days at the nursery school in the basement include, glue, scissors, crayons, creativity, laughter and learning. It is a happy place.



Our staff for this year stayed mostly the same. The one change was Autumn Mansor, left as our Kindergarten Complement teacher. Sue Colonna, who had previously retired as the a PreK 4's teacher but returned part time as an aide, moved into the role of the morning kindergarten complement class. Jeannie Wynn was hired as an aide to fill her position.



The other teachers were the same as the previous year. There was not enough enrollment to run an afternoon kindergarten complement class.

MMO Teacher: Betsy Schilero Aides: Alison Schilero, Theresa Burch
Play School Teacher: Emma Clausser-Schwartz Aide: Abby Finney
Pre K 3's Teachers:
Stephanie Dykes
and Jodi Dawes
Aides: Sam Mirante
and Kami Rose
Pre K 4's Teachers:
Julie Feinberg and
Allison MacCallum.
Aides: Shelley Pellegrini and Jeannie Wynn



Financially, the 2018/2019 year the year was right on budget with a small profit. In a year when the Kindergarten enrollment was low, we were happy to meet our budget.

The Wallingford Cooperative Nursery School is thankful for its positive supporting relationship with Wallingford Presbyterian Church.

Submitted by Jodi Dawes, Director 2019-2020
For Georgie Perullo Director 2018-2019
Wallingford Cooperative Nursery School

Wallingford After School Club TCDN

Trinity Cooperative Day Nursery (TCDN) has been operating the After School Club at Wallingford Presbyterian Church (WASC) for over 20 years! TCDN serves children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade. The after school program operates from 3:00 p.m.-6:00p.m. daily. Our program also operates on schools ½ day and some school closing days. On



school closing days children enrolled in our Nether Providence After School Club and Older After School Club may also attend WASC.

This year WASC enrollment is approximately 45 children. Our staff includes Pat DeHaven as the Director for all of TCDN's After School Programs, Sue Gaul the Site Coordinator and teachers Carolyn Lippincott, and Lisa Wallace. They are a group of dedicated individuals who are excited to provide not only a warm and caring environment for the children but also to provide engaging and interactive activities to enhance the children's learning experiences.

One of the biggest changes this year was the installation of a new security system in the building that houses the child care centers. TCDN along with Wallingford Co-Op and with the guidance of Wallingford Presbyterian Church worked together to make every effort to make sure that the children, teachers and families are safe and secure.



The Wallingford After School club is nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation which acknowledges that the program meets the highest standards for out of school time programs. WASC also maintains a STAR 4 rating from the PA Keystone Stars state's quality initiative. TCDN would like to thank the members of Wallingford Presbyterian Church for all of their kindness and support during the year and we are looking forward to another 20 years!



TROOP 277 : REVIEW OF 2019

2019 was an excellent year for Troop 277 with continued growth in support & outreach to our community, to the church, to our broader scouting community, and of course to the Scouts and their families. We welcomed six new Troop members with their families, and started to bring on new Adult Leadership to the Troop to prepare for the future.

The highlights of the year include:

Camping Trips

- Eight 2-Night Weekend Camping Trips
- 6-Night Summer Camp at Resica Falls Summer Camp
- 52nd Scope Olympics & World Jamboree participation

Church Events and Contributions

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- Spaghetti Dinner
- Trunk or Treat
- Spring & Fall Leaf/Clean Up Day
- Strawberry Festival

Community Service & Outreach

- Souper Bowl of Caring
- Rise Against Hunger
- Scouting for Food
- Treasure Island – helping to cleanup and rebuild the island facilities
- 6 ABC Thanksgiving Day Parade & Food Drive



Eagle Scout Project

- Gabriel Lehman's Eagle Project made picnic tables for the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology

Troop Meetings & Events

- We joined Pack 320 at St. Edmond's, Home for Children with Disabilities, for a swim.
- Snow Tubing in the Pocono's
- Philadelphia Freedom Trail Hike
- Valley Forge Encampment & Pilgrimage
- Family Fishing at John Heinz
- Sky Zone
- First Aid training with Cub Pack 228

Awards

- Won 2019 Journey To Excellence Gold Award (Highest Level)

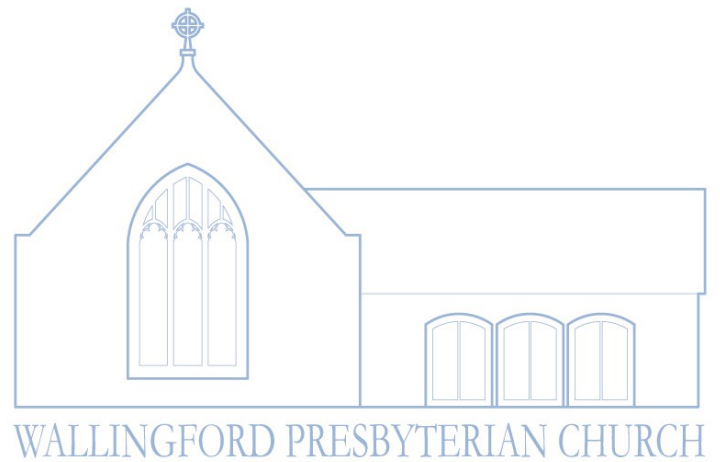


- Heroism Awards for Brian Tipping, David Johnston, and Curtis Lehman in response to a scout medical emergency
- Silent Strength Award for Brian Tipping
- Unit Leader Award of Merit for Curtis Lehman
- First Place in 2019 Tri-county Camporee
- Second Place in 2019 Klondike Derby

Helped Out Pack 228 with their Pinewood Derby and Rocket Launch

Partnered with Troop 2019 in selling Pumpkin to raise funds for Troops

**Annual Meeting of the
Congregation and Corporation
Wallingford Presbyterian Church
Wallingford, Pennsylvania
January 27, 2019**



Moderator the Reverend François Lacroix called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. He welcomed those attending and reminded everyone that only members have the right and responsibility to vote. The clerk certified that a quorum was present. Members voted to approve the agenda, to approve the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation and to dispense with their reading.

Pastor François reviewed his work and talked about the mission and ministry of this church. He thanked Church Administrator Kate Callahan for creating the annual report and all of those who submitted their individual organization reports.

Associate Pastor Taylor, in her verbal report, said that it is a pleasure working with everyone, including our new Youth Ministry Assistant Zoe Andrews and the youth. Pastor Taylor noted that she tries to be creative in her work in order to keep everything fresh.

Pastor François noted that the reports from councils, committees and organizations are included in the annual report and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Elders Helen Picher and Pat Tillson presented the report of the 2018 Nominating Committee and thanked the members finishing their term: Helen Picher, Pat Tillson (Session), Barbara Demos (Board of Deacons), Sallie Anderson (Board of Trustees), and members at large Jenny Albany, Dottie Celebre, Rick Miller, Jerry Rafter and Jenny Montague. The slate of the members-at-large of the 2019 committee was presented: Sandi Fleischer, Joyce Jefferis, Frank Noyes, Earl Varney, Colleen Zeszut and alternate Roger Demos. There were no nominations from the floor; the slate was approved as presented.

The meeting of the Congregation was suspended so that the meeting of the Corporation could be held. The clerk certified that a quorum was present. President of the Board of Trustees Bob Gerlach asked if there was any new business; there was none. He referred church members to the Board of Trustees report on page 27 of the annual report and to the Record of Financial Review on page 35. The reports were approved.

The Meeting of the Congregation reconvened. There was no new business. Elder Dave Shipman presented the financial report of 2018, noting that expenses were under budget and that additional income (e.g., rental, investment) kept the budget in the black. There were no questions about the 2018 budget. Dave then presented the 2019 budget which had been approved by Session and noted that the congregation is being asked to increase giving by 5%. He also said that the congregation will be kept informed of our progress as the year progresses.

Pastors Lacroix and Taylor left the room as Elder Frank Noyes presented the 2019 Terms of Call for both pastors and referred the congregation to page 11 in the annual report. Both pastors received 2% increases. For Pastor François, there was an increase in the manse fair rental value which created a tax increase. He will receive an additional week of vacation (for a total of five weeks). His study leave allowance is accruing for future study leave and sabbatical. Pastor Taylor also received a housing allowance. There were no questions regarding the Terms of Call and they were both approved.

Frank noted that a special committee will search for a replacement for Director of Music Liz Braden who will be leaving at the end of June.

In closing Pastor François said that he is looking forward to this coming year of continued mission and ministry together and asked for a motion to receive the reports from the councils, board and organizations. The motion was approved.

A motion to adjourn was approved.

Associate Pastor Taylor closed the meeting with prayer and grace for the luncheon to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith K. Kenworthy, Clerk

2019 Treasurer's Report

Income Statement

2019 had a breakeven budget, with a call to the congregation to increase giving by 5%. Thanks to a generous outpouring from the congregation in December, Total Giving exceeded budget by \$5,146, "Other Income" received from community rent of our facilities, investment income from reserves and a special music offering provided more than \$63,000 for the year. These additional funds increased total income by almost \$12,000 over budget. 2019 expenses were roughly \$3,000 over budget, largely due to emergency repairs to the water line connecting the A Manse with the church building and the need to replace the copier in the office. Nearly all other expense categories came in under budget. The combination of higher income and budgeted total expenses provided a surplus of roughly \$4,350.

Balance Sheet

Assets at the end of 2019 were \$884,547, nearly unchanged from 2018. Total equity was up \$6,147. Restricted Fund investment balances increased \$157,472, due to a \$25,000 transfer to the Legacy Fund from the Vision 250 campaign and an increase in the value of investments due to the solid performance of the equity market in 2019. General Funds decreased \$116,778 primarily due to expenditures for the Vision 250 campaign projects.

2020 Budget

The 2020 budget adopted by Session continues the significant investment in our church from prior years. First, our Personnel Committee has again recommended a staff compensation increase of 2%, matching that of 2019. Second, with the Youth Ministry Assis-

tant now hired, there is both additional salary expense as well as the anticipated costs of a full youth ministry budget. Third, our Music and Worship activities are expected to continue at last year's level. Fourth, administrative costs to support the congregation are expected to increase in 2019, especially with the full cost of the Communications Coordinator position previously funded by the Legacy Fund. Continued reductions in operating expenses are planned for the coming year. Finally, allocated Benevolence costs are budgeted to decline slightly as we look for more dedicated mission appeals for 2020.

Expenses are expected to increase by 2.5% in 2020. To cover these increased investments, Session is calling for the congregation to continue the generous financial support seen in the past year. This commitment could yield a small budget surplus of \$4,350, assuming expenses can be kept in line. Having a small cushion in the budget will provide financial support to take advantage of unexpected new opportunities for our church during the year as well as assist with unforeseen expenses. The 2020 budget supports our faith vision as described in our strategic plan and fulfills the requests of our boards, councils and committees.

There are many members of our church who deserve thanks for their support. Special thanks belong to our Financial Secretary Michelle Hall, Kate Callahan, members of the Stewardship Council, the counters and the auditors for their dedication and support.



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