

Good Friday and Easter

The **GOOD FRIDAY** Tenebrae ("shadows") service takes place on April 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will incorporate elements of

our Maundy Thursday gathering into our worship on Friday through the celebration of Communion as we remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples before his arrest, trial, and crucifixion. This service follows the Seven Last Words of Christ through scripture and the slow darkening of the worship area. The service concludes with the removal of the Christ candle from the Sanctuary.

Our **EASTER** festival worship service on Sunday, April 20, will be at 11:00 a.m. The Christ candle will return to the Sanctuary to signify the resurrection of Jesus Christ as the light of the world. We look forward to joyful music led by Highland's Chancel Choir, Brass Ensemble, Percussion, and Handbells. All are invited, prior to worship, to our Easter Sunday Potluck Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Sunday, April 6

We are excited to be led in worship by our high school youth as they continue our beloved tradition of Youth Sunday! This year they will guide us through the themes of Exodus 16—manna from heaven, God who hears our cries, our own struggles with doubt, and even a bit of wilderness whining.

With creativity and care, they have crafted liturgy, selected hymns, and written sermons and prayers, offering their voices

and leadership to our congregation. We look forward to this meaningful time of worship, celebrating their gifts and the ways they enrich Highland's life and ministry. What a joy it is to witness their faith in action!





Worship at 11:00 a.m.	Highland Worship Online
April 6	There are several ways to access worship:
Fifth Sunday in Lent Exodus 16:2-30 Clara Bryant-Prosterman	 Click the link in the Sunday morning email; Go to <u>Highland's website</u> and find the "<u>Highland Worship Online</u>" page;
Youth Sunday <u>April 13</u> Palm/Passion Sunday Luke 19:28–40 Luke 23:13–25 Sermon: Randy Harris	 Subscribe to Highland's YouTube channels where the worship videos are posted (Highland PCWS). On our Worship Online page, there are links for the Bulletin, a virtual "Friendshi Pad," as well as a virtual "offering plate."
April 20 Easter Sunday Luke 24:1–12 1 Corinthians 15:19–26 Sermon: Randy Harris April 27 Second Sunday of Easter Earth Care Sunday Psalm 150 John 20 Sermon: Debbie Layman	Wheelchair Assistance on Sundays If you or a loved one need assistance on Sunday mornings to church school and/c worship via wheelchair, please contact Mike Culler, 336-413-8414, <u>remember- church@gmail.com</u> , no later than noon on Saturdays to make arrangements for the next day. The morning of, you would par in the Activity Building parking lot, and someone would meet you with a wheel chair.

Hunger Offering



On **April 6**, don't forget to bring your gifts for our monthly Hunger Offering – pasta sauce for Crisis Control and your 5 Cents a Meal for our Presbytery! Thank you for your generous donations supporting neighbors who hunger in our community and around the world.

Randy Harris, Pastor, Ext. 210,	ours are Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–4 Heather Ferguson, Director of Christian	00 p.m. Joy Hohmann,
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Courtney Stevens, Associate Pastor Ext. 218,	, cgilliam@highlandpres.org	Administrative Coordinator, Ext.
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One Great Hour of Sharing

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PCUSA. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing – Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need around the world providing sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. These programs, needed as much now as ever, offer God's children in need safety, sustenance, and hope.

You can contribute through cash or check (please mark OGHS in the memo), or through an online donation on our website <u>here</u>. Thank you for making a positive difference in the lives of neighbors around our world.

Easter Potluck Breakfast April 20, 9:30–10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

On Easter Sunday everyone is invited to gather for a special celebration and potluck breakfast in the Fellowship Hall during the

education hour. Please bring your favorite breakfast dish to share. What are breakfast potluck dishes? Ideas include fresh fruit, breakfast casseroles, coffee cakes, quiche, yo-gurt, muffins, and more! Please bring enough servings to feed your family and a guest or two. Juice, water, coffee, and tea will be provided.

All Are Invited to the Wedding of Courtney Stevens & David Montoya May 3 at 3:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars and prepare your hearts for a joyful occasion! Our church family is invited to gather in the sanctuary to witness and celebrate the wedding of our Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Courtney Stevens, and David Montoya. All are welcome to share in this time of covenant made in the presence of God and community. Let us join to lift our prayers and praises, giving

thanks for the love that reflects Christ's own love for the Church. Following the service, we will continue the celebration with a cake reception in the Fellowship Hall – a time of sweet fellowship and shared joy. No RSVP needed – just plan to join in the special day.







Joy for Our April Birthdays! 9

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- Ben Dupont
- 1 Walt Laws
- 1 Matt Minford
- 2 Miles Abernethy
- 2 Richard Andrus
- 3 Ashley Byers
- Ruth Banbury 4
- 4 Riley Hoge
- 4 Alex Pitcher
- 5 Cindy Byrd
- 5 Margaret Sehon
- James Bowman 6
- 6 Anna Hayek
- 6 Theo McKinnev
- 6 Margaret Pendrich
- 6 J Don Smith
- 7 Barbara Kunkle
- 7 Mike Rilev
- 7 Aspen Layman

- Fred Conrad Jay Cutchin
- 9 Jeremiah Kamtman
- 9 Sam Kirkman
- 9 Peter Minford 9 Bruce Patterson
- 9 Jim Xu
- 10 Kylie Lambert
- 10 Sarah Pittman 11 Dillon Robertson
- 13 Anna Blair Izzard
- 13 Kathy Morgan
- 14 Connor Andrus
- 15 Gravson Morgan
- 16 Megan Bryant
- 16 Becky Davis
- 17 Corinne Bass
- 17 Hannah Duane
- 19 Luke Archambault

- 19 Jesse Gargis
- 19 Jackson Link
- 21 Charles Doughton
- 22 Frank Sink
- 23 Kim Fontenot
- 23 Allen Pickett
- 23 Rosalie Richey
- 23 Forrest Truitt
- 23 Becki West
- 24 Richard Howerton
- 24 Annie Jenkins
- 24 Sarah Plaisted
- 25 Sarah Beane
- 26 Jean Donnan
- 26 Rose Fischer
- 26 Rob Greene
- 26 Forrest Plaisted
- 26 Patrick Simpson
- 26 Carol West

- 27 Kristen Brown
- 27 Elizabeth Henderson
- 27 Anika Nghiem
- 27 Nancy Payne
- 28 Amy Archambault
- 28 Reece Nelson
- 29 Blake Cannino
- 29 Brittany Cannino
- 29 Morgan Parker
- 29 Henry Thompson
- 30 Bailey Boring
- 30 Judy Noll
- 30 David White



Special Happy Birthday Wishes to Ruth Banbury as she turns 103 on April 4 and to Liz Greene as she turns 90 on April 25.

Coffee & Conversation Tuesdays Moving Back to Camel City Coffee

On Tuesdays, Randy, Debbie, Courtney, or Heather will be hanging out at Camel City Coffee, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. for conversation with

whomever shows up. We hope this will be a fun and varied group and invite all to consider stopping by. We are excited to be supporting our local neighbors again as warmer weather is upon us! We hope you will stop by to check-in with your staff and meet other Highlanders.

Spring Forum, May 4, *Join or Die* Sunday, May 4, 4:00–6:00 p.m., Ardmore Room

The documentary film *Join or Die* explores the decline of civic engagement in the United States, drawing heavily on the work of social scientist Robert

Putnam, whose book *Bowling Alone* examines the decline in community connections. We will discuss the film and hear from Reverend Dr. Jan Edmiston, General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Charlotte, who will lead us in a thought-provoking discussion. All are encouraged to watch the film, available on Netflix, before the Forum. Mark your calendars, and plan to bring a friend to this engaging reflection on community!





News and Notes

In Our Prayers: *Ed Sehon*, Home; *Miriam Preston Davie*, Home; *Carol West*, Home; *Leslie Sizemore*, Home; *Emelda Lawing*, Home with Hospice; *Curtis Patterson*, Home; *Parks Berryhill*, Salemtowne Healthcare; *Esther and Les Preston*, Home; *Jim Womble*, Heritage Woods; *John Anderson*, Salemtowne Memory Care; *Ruth Banbury*, Carriage Club Assisted Living.

Deepest appreciations from my family and me for your expressions of sympathy, thoughtfulness, and understanding. Each card, phone call, text, and flower has provided great comfort and support and has meant so much to us. Thank you for being there for us during this time of reflection and remembering my sister's life. ~ Loyd Elder and Family

Thank you all at Highland for thinking of, and reminding my mom (Fran) to get back to church! She's still Mom, just moving a little slower. Big Summer Hugs! ~ Rick Hawkins

Bless You! ~ Our prayers for one another. Each week we invite you to pray for members of our Highland family. We will pray not because anything is wrong,



FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 6, please pray for Spencer and Megan Ayscue; Randy, Carol Ann and Morgan Harris; Pierce and Nancy Johnson; Michael, Leslie and Jeremiah Kamtman; Pat and Jess Kirkman; Andrew, Lori, Charlotte Grace and Amelia Murray; Skip, London, Allen and Banks Pickett; Leslie Sizemore; Johnnie Taylor.

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 13, please pray for Beth Barksdale, Laura Clay and Kip Barksdale; John and Shari Dallas; Tony, Margo, Ethan and Anna Kummer; Jim and Lucy Lancaster; Bob and Emelda Lawing; John and Lili Loftis; Mary Pace; Sarah, Alex and Wil Pitcher; Margo Searls-Begy.

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 20, please pray for John and Susan Corey; John and Katie Paterson; Nancy and Phil Payne; Mike, Summer, Connor, Hannah, Andrew and Rachel Riley; Sue and Philippe Sevin; Randy and Debbie Shields; Kevin and Robin Spainhour; Alex and Emily Taylor.

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 27, please pray for Leslie Craig; John and Zan Davis; Adam, Lauren, Claire and Cora Eberle; Bill and Libby Graves; Jan Morgan; Jane Sobie; Jeff and Nicole Sodko; Phil and Anne Wilson; Powell and Trudy Winstead. *The Lord bless you and keep you. Numbers 6:24*

but because we care about each other.

New Member Class, Coming Soon

We hope to hold a class for those interested in membership at Highland on a Sunday afternoon in May. If you are interested in being part of a class, contact Debbie Layman, <u>dlayman@highlandpres.org</u>. This is a great way to learn more about Highland and to connect more deeply with God and this church family.

Service Opportunities **Moore School Food Pantry**

Highland, alongside Temple Emmanuel, supports Moore Elementary School by providing a food pantry for students of Moore School and their families. For the month of April, we are asking for donations of canned fruit or little fruit cups.

Join Us for Spring Cleanup Saturday, April 5, 8:30 a.m.-noon

'Tis the season for spring cleaning, and many hands make quick work of it. Please join us Saturday, April 5, from 8:30 a.m.-noon. If you want to help us maintain Highland but April 5 does not work for you, please contact Debbie Cesta, 336-407-2327, to join Highland Property Friends.

Pasta Sauce March Madness

The NCAA Men's Basketball tournament is nearly over, and our collection boxes have room for your pasta sauce votes! Our last collection date is this Sunday, April 6. Our neighbors supported by Crisis Control will be the clear winners!

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Upcoming Collecting Hygiene Kits

Watch for an upcoming email with sign ups for our spring Hygiene Kit collections. These helpful kids will help resupply the warehouses for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Church World Service after the devastating impacts from Hurricane Helene and the California wildfires.

The items needed are: washcloths, nail clippers, bars of soap, wide tooth combs, individual toothbrushes, travel size deodorant, travel size lotion, travel size shampoo, and travel size toothpaste. Please purchase these after you have signed up so we can have the same number of each item! Our collection will run from April 13 through April 27. Sign up <u>here</u> - we appreciate your generosity.













God's Good Neighborhood

On Sunday mornings, Highland's Preschoolers gather for stories from the "God Loves Me" series, including arts, activities and creative play. This is a wonderful time of learning about God's love and how the church is a safe and loving place to be.

Elementary aged children are welcomed into *God's Good Neighborhood*, located on the third floor. Every other Sunday, children will experience a biblical story beginning in Godly Play. The following week the children will move to a different workshop to experience the same story from a different perspective through things like Art, Drama, Cooking, or even Cinema. *God's Good Neighborhood* is the place where children and leaders grow in faith and understanding of what it means to be the people of God.

At 10:15 a.m., all children will go to the Worship Center (third floor, White Door) for Children's Choir. Parents can pick up children there at 10:45 a.m.

Friday Fun Night April 25, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Mark you calendar today for the next Friday Fun Night at Highland when parents can drop children off and enjoy the evening with Highland friends or running errands.

In Highland style we will have tasty food, fun games and activities, surprises around each corner, and friends are always welcome! Reach out to <u>Heather</u> for more information or if you would like to volunteer for a Friday event.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

If you have been longing to share time with and care for some of God's most precious creations, then consider becoming a Nursery volunteer. Serve on a team only four times a year, Sunday mornings, 10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m., alongside other volunteers and Highland's professional childcare provider, Judy Parro. All volunteers must be trained on our Child and Youth Protection Policy. Contact <u>Heather Ferguson</u> if you would like to serve in this special way.









✤Youth Youth Sunday School

9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Each Week

Youth Sunday School meets each week with breakfast to share. We continue to walk through the stories of the New Testament.

Youth and Parents Sexuality Retreat April 13

Our second session will deepen the connection among faith, our bodies, and our relationships. Separate sessions for parents, middlers, and senior highs will be led by an outside facilitator. Parents will gain tools to support their youth, while youth will grow in understanding of how faith celebrates their identities. Strengthen bonds through shared learning and meaningful conversation!

Summer Youth Adventures Registration Deadline May 1

Montreat Youth Conference June 8-14 Massanetta Middle School Conference July 15-18 Youth Ice Cream Week July 7-10





🤓Young Adults

Our ministry meets Thursdays weekly in a variety of locations at 7:30 p.m. We gather for fellowship, study, service and faithful conversation. Contact Courtney for more information (cstevens@highlandpres.org). We're wrapping up our read of *Cherished Belonging* by Gregory Boyle. Reach out to Courtney if you need a copy.

April 3: West Salem Public House book chat April 10: Craft night at Footnote April 17: Radar Brewing Game Night April 24: Little Richard's

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Thursday Morning Women's Study

10:00–11:30 a.m., Ardmore Room "Presbyterian Understanding and Use of Holy Scripture" and "Biblical Authority and Interpretation"

In 1983 the Presbyterian Church (USA) was formed through the merger of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (UPCUSA) and the Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS), also known as the "northern" and



"southern" streams respectively. As the branches were working on coming together, two papers were written in response to the need for a common basis in a diverse church for understanding and using scripture, "Presbyterian Understanding and Use of Holy Scripture" and "Biblical Authority and Interpretation." These papers remain important resources for our denomination today. Over the next several weeks we will be studying these resources. You can pick up copies of these documents in Gidget Payne's office or contact <u>Heather Ferguson</u> if you have questions or if you would like to join this group.

Matthew 25 Book Group



Being a Matthew 25 congregation means intentional focus on *building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism,* and *eradicating systemic poverty.* One way we are addressing these issues is through our new Matthew 25 Book Group.

The group is off to a strong start, meeting on third Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Our spring book read will be *The Time is Now* by Joan Chittister. We meet in-person with a Zoom option. Our April 21 and May 19 gatherings will be with Chittister's new book. Chittister is a Benedictine Sister

and has received numerous awards for her work on behalf of peace as well as women in church and society. Shane Claiborne has said of her book, "she invites you to cling to Jesus, dive into the world's pain, and do something daring and beautiful with your life." Reach out to <u>Debbie Layman</u> if you would like to join.

Men's Breakfast

April 16, 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Join with the Men of the Church for a time of fellowship and study. Look for an email with details, and contact <u>Randy Harris</u> if you have questions.



Faith & Film: *Hoosiers* April 7, 7:00 p.m., The Sherwood Restaurant

Join us for this monthly gathering as we reflect on the visual parables of movies. Our movie for April is *Hoosiers*. It is available to stream for free on Amazon Prime. Contact Randy Harris for more information.

Listening to Black Voices Book Group

Join us via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. April 29, as we continue reading and reflecting on the experience of our African American neighbors and consider what our faithful responses might entail. In April we will discuss chapters 6–7 from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's book Why We Can't Wait. If you are interested, please contact Randy Harris.

Spring Poverty Group White Poverty, by William Barber,

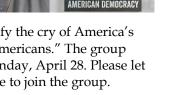
Our spring Poverty Book Group book is White Pov*erty* by Reverend Dr. William Barber. Dr. Barber began the Moral Mondays movement in our state and now is co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. Bishop Michael

Curry says of the book: Barber "raises his clarion voice to amplify the cry of America's poor, especially the invisible majority of impoverished white Americans." The group began in February and will meet for our final discussion on Monday, April 28. Please let <u>Debbie Layman</u> know if you have questions or if you would like to join the group.

Are You Experiencing Grief? Join the Dolorosa Gathering Sunday, April 27, 4:00–5:00 p.m., Highland Chapel

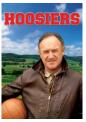
The word, dolorosa, in Latin means "sorrowful way." Jesus shows the way to hope, healing, and wholeness through journeys of sorrow and

pain. This season can be particularly grief-filled for those who have experienced loss in a wide variety of ways. If you would benefit from a time of sharing your experiences of grief and your hopes for healing and wholeness with Highland friends on similar paths, we invite you to join us in the Chapel on 4th Sundays at 4:00 p.m.





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Lamentations and Laughter Wednesdays,11:00 a.m., Activity Building, Room AB 5

Lamentations and Laughter is a men's weekly gathering to focus on the positives in life, even during challenging and difficult periods. The idea behind Lamentations and Laughter is to encourage paying attention to one

another, to share and be heard, and to listen. All are invited and encouraged to attend! If you have questions, contact <u>John Woodmansee</u>.

Men's Montreat Retreat

Montreat is rebounding from the impact of Hurricane Helene and our hope is to spend at least part of our retreat time taking part in ongoing relief work in Western North Carolina.

We still have some spots available for the Men's Retreat and hope you will grab your room before they are gone!

Men's Retreat, April 25-27

To reserve your spot for the Men's Retreat, call the church office, 336-724-6303, or contact Jim Swing.

The Retreat is located at the Reynolds Lodge at Montreat Conference Center beginning on the Friday evening before dinner and concluding on the Sunday morning after worship. The lodge has 16 rooms with two single beds in each room.

The 2025 Highland Women's Retreat, "Circle of Stones: The Friendships

of Women" **was fantastic!** We are already looking forward to 2026. We will publish those dates and details as soon as they are available.







Sunday Mornings, 9:30-10:30 a.m. The Present Word Class, Room 124 and Zoom

The winter quarter, "A King Forever and Ever," explores the broad sweep of biblical teachings about God's reign and connects to Jesus as the earthly exhibition of the divine Kingdom. Facilitators: A Variety of Class Members and Guests

The Lectionary Café, Salem Room

The Lectionary Café is a welcoming group that engages in lively discussions on Sunday's Lectionary text, exploring connections between God's intentions and living faithfully together.

Parents' Conversation and Coffee, Room 126

After settling children into Sunday school, parents can gather for coffee and conversation. It's a chance to connect, share parenting experiences, and on the first Sunday of each month, enjoy a special speaker or resource on faith and family. Other Sundays offer relaxed time to chat and exchange tips on parenting.

Lenten Congregational Book Discussion

Join us now through April 14, on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in-person or Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom as we read and discuss Hard & Holy *Work* by Reverend Mary Alice Birdwhistell and biblical scholar Tyler Mayfield. *Hard and Holy Work* provides a space for just that, helping readers participate in Lent in a new way by becoming attuned to God's boundless presence in our

world and waking up to and taking action for God's justice through exploring stories from the book of Exodus that have inspired the work of liberation for centuries.

New Elective Beginning April 27 Created in Love: Exploring Gender and Sexuality in Faith

This four-week class will explore gender, sexuality, and faith through biblical reflection, theological discussion, and personal experiences. We will seek to better understand inclusive language, listen to the voices of community individuals and families, and explore how our faith calls us to love and support all God's people. Our youth are also invited to join in this class to share their experiences and voice their wondering as we seek greater understanding.

- 1: Speaking Love–Understanding Language and Inclusion
- 2: Created in God's image-a Biblical and Theological Foundation
- 3: Lived Experience: Hearing Stories
- 4: The Church's Call-Living Out Love and Justice







Adult Christian Education

Community and Global Service Climate Corner—An Earth Care Congregation!

We are excited to announce the Presbyterian Church (USA) has officially designated Highland as an Earth Care Congregation! We are excited to be on this journey together and know we will continue learning and growing as we care for God's earth.

Planning for a more earth-friendly Easter celebration is one of the ways we can keep learning and growing. We have suggestions for many small changes you can make to have an eco-friendlier Easter. (Find more suggestions on Highland's website!)

Use natural dyes for your Easter eggs - use foods already in your kitchen to dye eggs. Ingredients like purple cabbage, yellow onion, beet juice, and turmeric can create a rainbow of colors for sustainable crafts.

Swap out the plastic grass - replace the plastic grass that lines Easter baskets with shredded green paper, magazines, or wrapping paper. Keep them for next year.

- Reuse, repurchase, or repurpose an Easter basket instead of buying a plastic basket every year, create your own Easter basket! Head over to the thrift shop for a second-hand Easter basket or invest in a reusable woven basket.
- Compost your eggshells if you use real eggs for your Easter celebrations, make sure to compost all your eggshells. Eggshells contain nutrients that make for a great addition to compost, soil, and plants. ~Earth Care Team



20th Piedmont Earth Day Fair April 26, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., WS Fairgrounds

The 20th annual Piedmont Earth Day Fair (which is the biggest Earth Day celebration in North Carolina!) will be held on the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Piedmont Earth Day Fair is a family-friendly outdoor event designed

to offer guests multiple solutions for protecting God's good creation.

The Fair features over 100 exhibits on a wide range of environmental topics, sustainable solutions, and local initiatives. Also offered are children's activities, live entertainment, hands-on demonstrations, all-natural food and more. Topics covered include low-maintenance rain barrels, backyard chickens, pollinator gardens, and native bees. Admission and parking are FREE!

Shepherd Center Annual Used Book Sale

The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem will hold its 38th Annual Used Book Sale May 1–3. All proceeds of the sale benefit the agency's programs and services for older adults in our community. The event will be held in the Education Building at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds. There is no admission or parking fee.

Easter Lily Orders Due by April 6!

If you wish to order one or more lilies for Easter Sunday, they are \$16 each. Please fill out this form and return with a check to the box outside Gidget's office, or mail the order and your check to Highland, 2380

Cloverdale Ave., 27103. **Payment must accompany the order and must be received by Sunday, April 6.** Please make checks payable to **HPC**. Thank you!



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