



November 2012

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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The Lighted Cross

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

November 4, 2012

On Sunday October 21, our congregation looked at Six Key Financial Principles. Everyone received a card with the Six Keys printed on it as a reminder and keepsake. In case you missed it, we are sending the Six Keys as part of this article.

Please take time to read these Principles and to look up the Scriptures. They make a great discussion topic for you and your family. How can these biblical principles help all of us find greater simplicity, contentment, generosity, and joy for our lives?

Put God first in your living and giving. Give your tithe first.

(2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

Prepare a spending plan and track all expenses monthly.

(Proverbs 27:23-24)

Simplify your lifestyle; live below your means. *(Matthew 6:19-33)*

Provide immediately for an emergency fund. *(1 Timothy 6:9-12)*

Pay off all credit card debt and use cash, not credit cards.

(Proverbs 22:7)

Practice long-range saving and investing habits. *(Luke 14:28)*

Berwyn UMC is offering the “Enough” worship series as a way of helping you think about your finances and your life with God. With God’s help, everyone can save more and give more by eliminating waste and reducing debt.

The theme for Sunday, October 28 was “Cultivating Contentment.” This theme offered practical and biblical help for the financial issues that challenge and stress so many of us. We considered how to de-clutter our lives, work toward developing contentment so we can live God’s will for our lives in the area of finances. In Matthew 6:19-20, 24 we read these words, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth. . . . store up for yourselves treasures with God . . . You cannot serve both God and Money.”

Giving Cards have been distributed or mailed to each household so we all can start planning for what we will give to God in the coming year. On Sunday, November 4, the worship theme will be “Defined by Generosity.” In worship, we will bring our Giving Cards forward and consecrate our personal intentions. We will have a second Consecration Sunday on November 11 to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participate in this meaningful experience.

We hope and pray the number of households returning Giving Card for 2013 will increase as more people who are part of the Berwyn UMC congregation step out in faith to support God’s ministry and mission.

Join us in worship as we celebrate and consecrate our gifts. We can live as people of hope, learning how to live with simplicity, contentment, generosity, and true joy! Glory to God!

BUDGET TIME FOR 2013

What other company or business or household can propose their projected yearly budget on the outpouring of generosity, support and faith of their employees, occupants or family members? This is a question asked by Berwyn United Methodist Church as we are about to gather all the numbers for our 2013 budget. We, as the families of BUMC all share in the preparing of this budget beginning now. For the church committees, a budget based on “Zero Based” numbers is being prepared for presentation to the Finance committee for consideration. Although the Trustee Committee has shaved expenses for utility charges by using alternative suppliers, costs still rise. Maintenance costs for our church property are always ongoing and there is always a “To Do” list waiting. Without many volunteers, costs would be so much higher. Salaries for our amazing staff members need to be raised to allow for cost of living increases. Ministries and Missions are in need of important funding. Outreach needs must have money to support them. Costs to advertise the upcoming activities and proclaim the accomplishments of this congregation are expensive. Mailing costs are going up again in January and need to be addressed in the budget. Our important Children and Youth programs must be funded to generate interest and to enrich young minds. Office supplies, insurance, mortgage expenses, food, flowers, publications; the lists go on.

The Stewardship Campaign has now begun and is moving forward with the program ‘Enough’ being used for the campaign. You will soon be asked to share your gift pledge for the preparation of the budget for the growth of this our church home. Our church home and our church family depend on each of us for support and prayer to develop the budget for 2013.

Finance Committee

FALL FESTIVAL AND FLEA MARKET WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!!

Once again Schieck Hall was transformed into a market place filled with many treasures to be found. On a beautiful Saturday morning we opened the doors at 9 a.m. to a line of slightly chilled people stretching into the parking lot. At the time of this writing, we raised \$11,244.20

The Evangelism and Nurture Committee did a wonderful job greeting visitors as they entered the building. Mike Benton, Pastor Gary and other committee members signed people up with numbers for the Silent Auction bidding. Wonderful Berwyn United Methodist tote bags stocked with information from our church including the latest issue of the Lighted Cross and a BUMNS flyer were given to everyone who entered the building.

There are so many people who make this event possible and we want to thank everyone for their hard work: Ann West for all of her hard work on advertising; the Flea Market was readied by Kate and Brian Walker and so many more “pricers”; Kate Walker and Andrew French were co-hosts of “Let’s Make a Deal at the BUMC Flea Market”; Betsy Newman, Claudia Sharpless, Gene Williams and Sarah Baker kept the lines at the check outs moving with high efficiency! A major thank you to Stephanie Borelly, who “staged” the furniture, and Paul Polasky, who were successful making deals as they sold most of the furniture outside. Jeremy Borelly was our furniture mover for the day. Thank you to Rick Stoker for the use of his awning to shield the furniture.

The Jewelry table held many well displayed baubles. It was flooded early by shoppers looking for that special, unique something. The Jewelry and Collectibles tables were attended by Judy Fisk, Maxine Jex, Cynthia Bushnell, Sue Farina, Bernie Jacabella, Nancy Atchison and Carol Cherry. Each table raised more than they did last year, so Stephanie and I are thinking of passing the torch of the Jewelry table to them next year...

The book tables were perused throughout the day as many shoppers found just the books they were looking for to enjoy! Thank you to Sally Robie, Margie Smink, Margi Mackenzie, and Judith Millsaps for all of their hard work sorting and setting up the many tables of books. The Children’s section was filled bookend to bookend at the onset but practically empty by the end of the day.

The Silent Auction table offered a chance to bid on the generous donations of our church and community. Carol and Gene Williams deserve our applause for doing the footwork of collecting donations from local vendors, and from those of our church family who have donated their talents and products of their talents to the Silent Auction. Thank you Gene and Carol for creating a varied and well-organized Silent Auction table.

The Bake Table was filled with scrumptious treats to tempt all of our visitor’s taste buds! Janet Campbell, Sue Denisevich, Marsha Williams, Barbara Hall, Peggi Robinson, Charlotte Duffy-Fritz, and Betsy Newman packed, wrapped, iced and decorated, and priced all of the wonderful donations of goodies from your kitchens. The table consisted of 48 assorted pies generously baked by Janet Campbell, Rick Stoker, and Jan Polasky. The Bake Sale tables were overflowing at the start and emptied by 11:30 that morning. We also want to acknowledge and thank Tyler Borelly and Olivia Jacabella for running the pretzel and soda table

The Reiter family brought a horse trailer and pick-up truck bed filled with pumpkins, gourds, and harvest decorating to our special day once again. It is always fun to welcome Becky, Darryl, Abby, Albert, Adrianna, and Alias! Many of us walked away with that special pumpkin for our Halloween jack o’lantern. They drove home with much less of everything than they brought.

Thank you to all of the chairpersons, to all of the volunteers, to all of the donators of flea market items, silent auction gifts, books, bake sale and treats, jewelry, collectibles, to all the “movers”, “set-uppers” and “take-downers” Steve Cherry and Jack Campbell to name only a few of many, and especially Roger Toro, who helped in so many ways!

Thank you, one and all, for another great day of fellowship and “FUN”draising! I do apologize if I have forgotten to mention anyone by name, please know we appreciate everything that you did for this day. Just 360+ days until next year’s Fall Festival and Flea Market! Tell your friends! Date to be decided...stay tuned!

Cindy Shallcross and Stephanie Borelly

A NEW EDITOR

You can't imagine the excitement that immediately spread through the Communication Committee at the meeting on the night of July 23rd when Kristine Adams quietly said, "I think I can do it." Kristine, not a regular member of the Communication Committee, was there that evening to talk to the



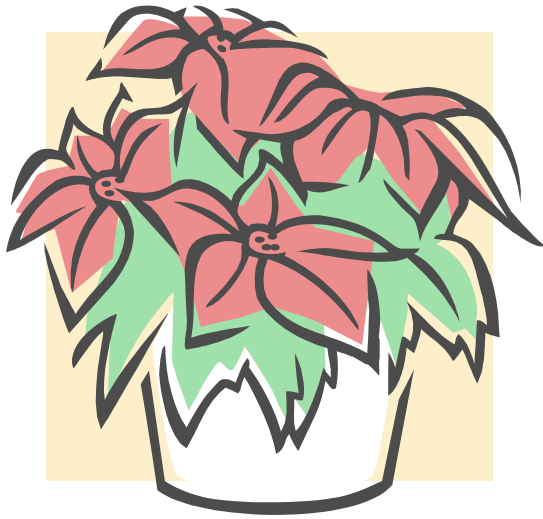
committee about reinstating the church's face book page. Gene Foreman, the editor of the Lighted Cross for the past 5 years, had already moved to Virginia, and the committee wasn't sure how they were going to find someone to continue the monthly publication of the Lighted Cross newsletter. With Kristine's 6 words, the group knew that the LC had a new editor.

Ever since Kristine and Dave Adams joined BUMC in May 2010, they have been very active. Currently they serve as co-chairpersons of the Worship Committee. In addition, Kristine has been a teacher of both Sunday School and Vacation Church School, head of the Fall Festival's Silent Auction for 2 years, and a leader of an Alpha Group. Dave is a regular member of the church choir.

Kristine grew up in Newtown Square and was graduated from Marple-Newtown High School. She was graduated from Shippensburg University in 1994 with a major in communication and journalism. It was at Shippensburg that Kristine met Dave. After college, Kristine and Dave moved to Annville and then Cleona PA, in Lebanon County. While living in Lebanon County Kristine worked for Rite Aid in the merchandising department of the corporate headquarters. Later she worked as a sales' associate for a group of radio stations in Harrisburg. In 2002 Kristine stopped working outside the home, to become a full time mom to Isabel, her and Dave's beautiful 7 day old adopted baby girl. Isabel is now a 4th grader at Beaumont Elementary School.

This November issue of the Lighted Cross is Kristine's first issue as editor. Each member of the church family thanks her for her willingness to share her time and talents with the church. When I talked to Kristine this week, she especially wanted the readers to know that she is excited to help in the mission of the church by keeping the congregation informed about what's happening at Berwyn United Methodist Church.

Written by Ann West for the Communications Committee



CHRISMTAS POINSETTIA ORDERS & DONATIONS FOR MEALS

As we approach this Christmas season and the celebration of the birth of Christ, we are making available an opportunity for you to help beautify the church sanctuary with poinsettias which you may take home to enjoy or donate to a shut-in of

the church. They will be the same as year—large five bloom deep red plants.

Please use the order form below. Make checks payable to BUMC. Send or bring your order to the church office. Remember the deadline of November 16, 2012.

ORDER FORM FOR POINSETTIAS

I/We wish to purchase _____ poinsettias @ \$10 each. Check total \$ _____

Name _____

In Memory/Honor/Celebration of _____

(Please circle)

Leave my plants for giving to the sick or shut-in _____

Take my plants home after Christmas Eve service _____

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS MEALS

I/We wish to donate \$ _____ for the purchase of Christmas meals.

Name _____

In Memory/Honor/Celebration of _____

(Please circle)

HYMN SING

Sunday November 18

People of faith have been singing their faith long before David began to bring together the collection of songs we call “Psalms” that are found right in the middle of our Bibles. Sadly, there have been times when singing the faith has become stale. Isaac Watts lived during one of the stale times. He was not happy with the quality of singing going on in his parents’ congregation. When he complained to his father, his father’s response was to the point, “Why don’t you do something about it.” Isaac’s father was an activist who spent time in prison because he was a dissenter who promoted establishing congregations that were independent of the state church.

Isaac took his father’s advice and boldly set out to bring new life to congregational singing. He broke with the tradition of strict Psalm singing that had become dull. Isaac composed hymns of human compassion using simple themes and popular tunes. Of course, traditionalists criticized Isaac Watts for his contemporary songs the same way people complain about new songs today. Isaac Watts put his response in one of his hymns, “Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.”

Laity Sunday, November 18, will be a day when you can choose the songs we will sing in worship and “speak your joy abroad” by telling the congregation why the song you like is meaningful to you.

You can fill out a Song Request Form when you come to worship or email your information to Gary at [gjacobella@gmail.com](mailto:gjacabella@gmail.com).

Please give the title of your song and the number of the song from the Hymnal or The Faith We Sing. Provide your name. Tell why the song is meaningful to you. Indicate whether or not you are willing to talk to the congregation about your song. Let us know which Service of Worship you will be part of on November 18 – 8:30 or 10:30 am. You can choose a song that is not in either one of our songbooks and we will try to find it. Depending on the response, we might be able to sing all the songs you choose or we might save some for later.

No one will ever be able to stop people of faith from singing a new song to the Lord.



LAY LEADER'S LETTER

We have all seen the video of a woman looking down at her I-Phone and tumbling into a mall fountain. I have actually seen a man walk into a pole, as he was 'text-ing' then laughing about it! Remember the jogger killed in Fairmont Park when a tree branch fell on him as he was listening to something through his earphones? He never heard the tree branch crack and start its fall. It annoys me to no end as I witness people walking their dogs and gabbing on the phone. What is that poor dog thinking? And it REALLY irks me as moms or dads pushing strollers walk by and no attention is being paid to the treasures in the stroller because that phone conversation is more important. What is this telling the babies in the strollers? Mom is not showing him the pretty clouds or listening to the chattering of the birds. Dad is missing the chance to sing a silly song to his little girl or sharing time watching the noisy squirrels gather their winter food supply. Will the people that I have observed be aware if a speeding car is coming toward them? How can they ever know if someone is calling their name? How will they ever hear the honking of the Canada Geese flying overhead? How can they hear the rustling of the leaves in the breeze? There is such a wonderful sound that I wait for just before the first snowflake falls from the sky...does anyone else know that soft sound?

How will these people ever hear God calling for them?

Will we be able to hear when God calls for us to "Listen"?

God is calling for us. God is calling for us to be followers

God is calling for us to be his disciples.

God needs us to be listening for his call.

Janet K. Campbell

A joyful noise

The children of our Sunday School program sang Amigo de Christo during a 10:30 service in October. They used their handmade tambourines as accompaniment.



WORSHIP

There are many ways for us to worship God—attending weekly church services, Sunday School, Bible Study, collecting canned goods, knitting prayer shawls, teaching Vacation Bible Camp or decorating the church for Advent/Christmas. We have many opportunities for you to participate in the worship life of our congregation.

HELPING OTHERS

Starting November 1st, the Worship Committee will be sponsoring our annual Harvest Food Drive to benefit Trinity Presbyterian Church. Trinity operates one of the few food banks in our area.

All Saints Sunday and Stewardship Sunday – Nov. 4.



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Once again we are looking for volunteers to read special Advent readings at our 10:30am services. Advent begins December 2.

We will do our annual Hanging of the Greens/dinner/sing-along on Dec. 2 at 3pm.

Choir Christmas presentation and Christmas Brunch – Dec. 16.

Christmas Eve – 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. services – Monday, Dec. 24.

Christmas Day – No services—Tuesday, Dec. 25.



Clergy Appreciation Month

Pastor Gary and his wife Bernie were each presented prayer shawls from the Prayer Shawl Committee as a sign of appreciation for their service to Berwyn United Methodist Church. The shawls were presented during the October 14th 10:30am service by members of the Committee.



GIFT ALTERNATIVES – Christmas 2012

Available in the Narthex Sunday 25 November – 23 December

What can you give the person who has everything, or at least who has ‘enough’? How about supporting a small business start-up for a former street child in Kenya, groceries for local families in need, after-school programming for children in Philadelphia or a winter coat for a child in Oklahoma? These and many other gifts will be available through the Berwyn United Methodist Church Gift Alternatives Program this year. Your tax-free donation can provide a Christmas gift to a family member, teacher, employee or friend instead of a store-bought gift so they can share in the gift of giving. Or you may give it as a special donation in your name. You will receive a card that you can send as your “gift” that describes the mission project that your gift is supporting.

The mission programs and gift choices are described below. While we’ve identified amounts below, gifts of any value are appreciated!

E. Chelsea Campbell Memorial Foundation

The E. Chelsea Campbell Memorial Foundation was created to encourage and support adolescents as well as young adults in the prevention and treatment of drug and alcohol use. The ECCMF focuses its funding on committed organizations that offer prevention and treatment for these individuals.

- \$100 - Partial scholarship for 28 day in-patient treatment at Mirmont Treatment Center

Methodist Home for Children

Methodist Home for Children in Philadelphia has a variety of programs and services to help children and families. The historic Main Building is the site for Before and After School programs and a Summer Camp. MHC also provides Foster and Kinship Care Services, Adoption Services, a licensed kindergarten and a number of housing programs to assist children and families in staying united or being reunified.

- \$20 – Toward a Fresh Start Starter Kit for when they move into their own apartment.

- \$50- Honoring Bob Niles’ Service over the years to the MHC

- \$160 – A week of Summer Camp for a child

Heifer International

Heifer International was started when Midwestern Farmer Dan West returned home after doing relief work, and started Heifer International to end hunger permanently by providing families with livestock and training so that they “could be spared indignity of depending on others to feed their children.”

\$10 pays for one-twelfth of a sheep

\$20 buys a starter flock of chickens

\$50 buys one-tenth of a heifer

Rocca Eterna Scholarships, El Salvador

Eternal Rock Evangelical Methodist Church was founded in 1999 in Ahuachapán, El Salvador. The church has a dynamic, vibrant youth program with outreach and service to the local community. Since 2006, members of our congregation have supported the education of children and youth in their congregation. Education is expensive for Salvadoran families, but it is critical to provide opportunities for the young people and to support the development of their communities.

- \$50 – Partial elementary school scholarship
- \$100 – Partial secondary school scholarship

Children and Youth Empowerment Centre, Nyeri, Kenya

The Children and Youth Empowerment Centre is a dynamic and innovative residential and educational program for some 150 former street dwelling children and other highly vulnerable young people in Kenya. Their focus is to empower these young people to be healthy, contributing members of society.

- [\\$20 provides medical care for a child for one year](#)
- \$70 clothes a child for a year
- \$100 provides milk for 30 young children for 6 months
- \$300 feeds a child for a year

T&E Care

The mission of T&E Care is to maintain a network of people providing financial and other material assistance to persons in need in and around the Tredyffrin and Easttown township area. They provide emergency assistance, educational support, in-kind assistance and help finding employment for those living in the TE area.

- \$20 buys school supplies for one child
- \$50 helps provide groceries for a family in need
- \$100 helps pay a utility bill for a local family

Peru Fund

The Peru Fund supports the needs of an extended family in the small agricultural town of Azpitia, Peru. The fund was set up more than 25 years ago through the efforts of Sue Burriss and Jean Plank. Over the years it has been used for health and medical bills, and food for the family, as well as community needs.

- \$25 – Supports a Peruvian family in need

Cookson Hills Center

The Cookson Hills Center has been a significant part of the mission work of the United Methodist Women in Oklahoma since 1948. The presence of the United Methodist among rural, low-income people in Northeastern Oklahoma has shown an important aspect of the way we care for others as concerned Christian people. The primary target groups of the center's services are Native American people, most of the Cherokee tribe.

- \$20 helps stock the thrift store
- \$30 buys groceries for the food pantry
- \$50 provides emergency assistance for families in need

What's going on at Berwyn United Methodist Church

United Methodist Mens Breakfast on November 10.

Book Club will meet on November 14.

Attention Theologians: Steve Cherry and Steve Peterson are considering the formation of another reading group with the focus on theology and/or ethics.

Contact Steve (610-644-8864) if you are interested.

Certified Food Manager: We need someone to take the Certified Food Manager course. BUMC must have a certified food handler if we are to serve and sell food to the public. Contact: Rick Stoker ASAP.

Guardian Angels: Sign up to be a guardian angel to a BUMC college student. Forms available on information table in Narthex. Contact Cynthia Bushnell (610-935-9552) for details.

Youth Alpha Update: Our youth and young adults have enjoyed a great exploration of faith, prayer, and the Bible during the first half of our Youth Alpha program. On Oct. 28th, we participated in our Holy Spirit Day with 3 sessions and an evening trip to Arasapha Farms for some spooky fun at the Bates Motel.

Youth Alpha Dinners: Our youth and young adults have been eating well each Sunday evening!! Thank you to everyone who has provided the delicious dinners for our youth Alpha meetings. We still need volunteers, so please contact Sarah Baker if you are interested in helping out! (610)247-7647

Youth Coordinator Position: This is a part-time salaried position that involves leading a weekly Youth Sunday for students in grades 7-12, a Sunday evening program for students in grades 6-12 and mission experiences. Interested individuals should send letters of interest to Berwyn United Methodist Church, Attn: SPR Committee, 140 Waterloo Avenue, Berwyn, PA 19312.

BUMNS

The children at BUMNS have adjusted to their new year at BUMNS. The few tears have dried and the children are enjoying the activities preschool offers. During the month of October all of the classes went on various field trips. The Five Day classes traveled to Highland Orchards for apple picking. The Three Day classes visited Milky Way Farm for pumpkin picking. The Two Day classes went to the pumpkin patch at Sugartown Strawberries. The Five Day classes will be walking to the Berwyn Fire Station for a tour.

The school is participating in the church's outreach ministry that serves the homeless in Philadelphia. Personal hygiene items and clothing have been donated to the church by our families.

Pastor Jacabella held chapel service for the Five Day children on Oct. 18th. There is an open invitation for church families to visit our school.



DART (Drug and Alcohol Recovery Support Team) will once again be hosting a series of Parent Sessions for support in raising children. These discussions are free and open to the public. Program will go from 7pm to 8:30pm here at BUMC.

October 23 *Back to Basics*. What is Normal Adolescent Development issues and behavior verses Mental Health concerns or could it be a drug and alcohol or process addiction? Signs, symptoms and clear talking points to have with your kids and their brains. An evening with Michael Blanche and Sean Smith.

November 27 *Keeping our children safe - internet safety*. An evening with Mary McCoy, Sr. Supervisory Special Agent from the PA Office of Attorney General. Information on the legal aspects of social networking; i.e. bullying and social media sites. What can parents do to keep their children safe?

January 22 *Transitions: Helping Your Child Prepare For College and Beyond*. An evening with area admissions counselors to speak about the transition to college. How to prepare your child for life challenges beyond what schools are teaching.

February 26 *The Role of Spirituality in Recovery: "Spirituality Solutions."* Healing from mental health issues and the impact of prayer in the recovery from addictions. An open dialogue for those looking for further insight on the spiritual path in recovery. What is meditation and what are some of the clinical findings of mindfulness-based therapy.

March 26 *An evening with Louis Bevilacqua*. Do you ever wonder if your irritable or unhappy teen might be experiencing teen depression? Exploring the confusion of ADHD and what adolescent bipolar looks like. Addressing the concerns about your teen and advice for parents.

April 23 *What is long term recovery - The journey of recovery is life long*. Hearing from those who have been there. How treatment works, self-care and recovery as a life style for the individual and family.

The Lighted Cross

Next deadline: November 13

The Lighted Cross is published monthly (except in July and August) to spread the good news about the activities of Berwyn United Methodist Church. Chairs and members of committees are invited to submit articles to inform the congregation about events and the work of the church. Individuals are invited to submit cards of thanks and brief items of interest about congregation members. Submit items to kristineadamspc@verizon.net by the end of the day Tuesday, Nov 13. The next issue is scheduled to be delivered by postal mail by Dec. 1, and an electronic version will be available earlier on the church website.



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70% of teens who abuse prescription drugs say they get them from family and friends.

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**Monday-Friday
6 am to 10 pm**

ARCH is a 501(3)(c) coalition of parents, educators, and community members committed to promoting the well being of youth in Tredyffrin and Easttown Townships. We serve as a resource to families as they help their children form a positive self-image, make healthy choices, and reduce the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (ATOD). Visit www.archcares.org

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Our Mission Statement

God calls Berwyn UMC to be a community

Of Christian believers that:

Invites ~ Nurtures ~ Encourages Service

Sunday Morning Worship

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| 8:30 AM | Early Worship |
| 9:15 AM | Sunday School for all Ages |
| 10:30 AM | Worship |

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