



# OPEN DOOR

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## From the Pastor

Change. It's not easy. We don't always like it. Sometimes we do all we can to resist it. Which is one reason why someone wrote, "Change is inevitable. Growth is not."

Somewhere along the arc of human religious history, a notion entered our thinking and writing. The notion goes back at least to the early years of the Church when some Christian thinkers tried to think about God in the terms of philosophy. And so the "omnis" entered our vocabulary. God, it was said, is omniscient (knows all things), omnipresent (everywhere), and omnipotent (all powerful). Along with the "omnis" came the "ims." God, many argued, is immutable (unchanging) and impassible (does not suffer).



Speaking of God in these terms has always left me cold. The terms are academic, and not relational. I resonate much more deeply with the wisdom of my beloved professor of theology, William Hendricks, who, inspired by Karl Barth, taught us to think of the nature of God in the term of what God does. God loves. God creates. God forgives. God heals. Those terms exhibit relational qualities, which have come to mean everything to me.

What is more, I have come to disagree profoundly with some of the classical theological characteristics attributed to God. Especially immutability. God does not change? Are you kidding me? I can cite chapter and verse! Just two here. First, there is Exodus 32:14, where we read that God "changed God's mind" or "relented" about the judgment God had intended toward the Hebrews after their little idolatrous party with the Golden Calf. Second, there is Jonah 3:10, where we read that God "changed God's mind" or "relented" about the judgment that was coming for the people of Nineveh after they changed their ways.

Of course, most of us would assume that change happens in relationships. We change as we mature (hopefully!). We learn new things. Circumstances change, and so we must respond accordingly. If God is in relationship with us, then why would we be surprised that God would change God's mind, in the light of our repentance (change for the better), for example, or in the light of new information or circumstances? Well, many thinkers argue that if God changed God's mind, then that would mean God is not omniscient. If God knows everything, the thinking goes, then God must know what we will do, and what we will think, ahead of time, for all time. Maybe you are thinking, "Whaaaat?" I would certainly agree. This kind of thinking leads to more than a few bizarre outcomes. I would argue, as well, that this is the risk of abstraction, of thinking of God in philosophical terms rather than relationally.

I was thinking about all of this as I struggled recently (again) with the Church's resistance to change. "Behold! I do a new thing," the prophet Isaiah understood God to declare. Why is it so hard for us to change? This notion of God's immutability. If God does not change, then who are we to change? Change, then, even becomes sacrilege, unholy, dangerous.



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I just don't find that immutability makes any sense, not when we take into account the long story of God's ways with God's world as we read about it in the Bible. In the beginning, God created. Has there been any bigger change than that?! God hovered over the watery chaos, bringing order and beauty. God afraid of disorder and chaos? No way! God works with it to whip it into shape, bringing unimagined things into being.

God stationary and unmoving? Not if Exodus is to be believed. The story tells us about a God who journeyed with, guided, the Hebrews in the wilderness by way of a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night. Far from being a fixed and rigid entity, God likes to road trip, especially if that involves fun stuff like liberation and spiritual formation.



But here's the best example. In Ezekiel 1 – 11, the prophet describes the incredibly mystical vision of the presence of God he experienced. This was after Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians had conquered Israel and Judah and sacked the city of Jerusalem. The people had come to believe that they were God's chosen people, that Israel was where God could be found, and specifically in the Temple in Jerusalem. But what happens when that nation no longer exists? What happens when the Temple is destroyed? Where was God? The conquest created a profound existential crisis for the people of Israel.

In Ezekiel's vision, he sees the presence of God depart the Temple and then Jerusalem itself. Too often this has been interpreted as part of the judgment of Israel's sin, that is, that God leaves the Temple and Jerusalem because they had become polluted in some way. On the contrary, judgment had already happened in the acts of conquest and exile.

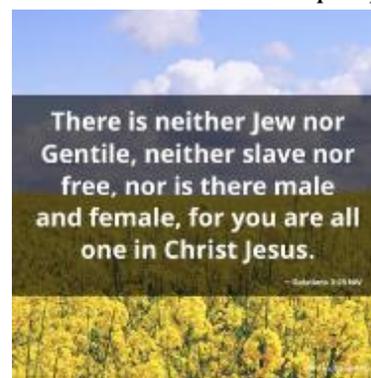
So why else might the presence of God have left the Temple and the Temple city? Look at the direction of the departure. "And the glory of God rose from the center of the city and halted on the mountain the east of the city." (11:23) The exiles were in that direction! They were living east of Jerusa-

lem. In other words, God left the land of conquest to be with God's people in exile. "Then the spirit lifted me up and took me, in vision, in the spirit of God, to the exiles in Chaldea, ..." If God was leaving the Temple and Jerusalem because they had become polluted by sin, why then would God go to be with the ones who had done the sinning and polluting? No! God departed to be with God's people. Far from being immutable, God would seem to be ever on the move, changing God's mind, for the sake of relationship, out of steadfast love for us.

One day, will come to speak more honestly and stop imposing on God attributes which are better suited to us. We are the rigid ones, who get stuck, who hate to be moved from theological and social positions that work to our advantage. The biblical word for this malady is stiff-necked. The term connotes being unyielding, like a mule that will not be led. We are the ones who get notions in our heads, which we then declare holy, with the effect, if not the intention, of creating fear in others of behaving sacrilegiously when they suggest change.



Thanks be to God for relational thinkers who stood unafraid of desecrating bad ideas. The Apostle Paul: "There is no longer Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male or female." Those categories were sacred notions in his day, and God was with Paul in desecrating them for the sake of relationship. And so God has continued such work to our day, as all races are coming to be understood as equally blessed, as women are coming to enjoy equal humanity with men, as people of all sexual expressions and identities are finding genuine welcome in more and more churches. This is God's work, and as with each step of progress in all of these ways,



God has had to do this work against the stubbornness, intransigence and arrogance of too many disciples acting based on bad theology. God immutable? No. Much more often than not, we are the ones who let ourselves think that we, and our notions, should be immutable.

People of God, hear the good news! God is not, and will not be fixed, or pinned down, or walled in by any of our notions. As the prophet Isaiah declared, "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me?" God remains on the move. Our calling is to pay attention to what God is doing and try to keep up.

— *Pastor David*



## CROP Walk

The 2017 Champaign-Urbana CROP Walk will be held on **October 8**, starting at **2:00 p.m.** from Saint Matthew Lutheran Church in Urbana. You can help out in a number of ways, by either walking the 10 km (~6 mi) walk (there will be shorter options as well for those who cannot or do not wish to complete the full walk), by sponsoring walkers, or by volunteering to staff a water / rest station along the route or as a crossing guard. Please contact Jason Harris if you would like to sign up to walk or to volunteer. If you would like to register online to walk or to donate, please go to <https://goo.gl/vRDAPW> to find our team's page. Proceeds will be used by Church World Service for various direct hunger-relief and sanitation programs globally; 25% of the funds collected will stay in the area, going to the Wesley Food Pantry, Eastern Illinois Food Bank, and the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen.

## Special Visitors for October 8 Worship



This Sunday, October 8 several former members of our church will be joining our worship service. These visitors are from the Urbana High School class of 1957, back in town for their 60<sup>th</sup> reunion and they were part of Tuxis (our church youth group).

One of our guests, the Rev. Don Williamson not only grew up in this church, was formed in the faith here, and graduated from the University of Illinois, he also heard the call of God to go into ministry. Recently retired, he has served churches in Southern California. During worship today, Rev. Williamson will offer a brief expression of gratitude for the blessings of this church's ministry to him.

Another visitor, Janice Porter, is dedicating the chancel flowers. She writes, "My wish is to honor all my family at our church home." Her father, Dr. G. L. Porter was one of six founding physicians of Carle Clinic and Hospital. Her mother Jace Porter serve as Sunday School superintendent when the education building was opened. Her sister, Kathe Porter Keck and brother, John Parke Porter we also a part of Tuxis during high school (1952 and 1954); both are recently deceased (September and October 2017). We share sympathy with Janice, and honor her family with her.

We welcome Rev. Williamson, Janice Porter and all our special guests this Sunday!!

## Upcoming Fun & Fellowship Events

**Saturday, October 14** – Come watch the Fighting Illini Volleyball team play Big Ten rival University of Maryland at **Huff Hall on campus, 7:00 p.m.** Tickets are only \$4.70 if we have a group of ten or more, so please contact the church office to reserve a ticket. You are also invited to gather for dinner beforehand at **Harvest Market, 2029 S. Neil St. at 5:00.**



**Friday, October 27** – Enjoy a showing of *Psycho*, the final offering in the **Virginia Theater's** Alfred Hitchcock week. We'll meet for dinner at **Pizzeria Antica, 10 E. Chester St. in Champaign at 5:15**, then walk

over to the theater for the **7:00** movie. Movie tickets are \$6 and can be purchased in advance or at the theater. If you're coming for dinner, it would be helpful to notify the church office so that we can reserve enough tables.



**Sunday, November 12** – Let's go out for lunch! Meet at **Golden Harbor Restaurant** (505 S Neil St, Champaign) **after church, at 12:15 p.m.** We will order delicious Chinese dishes to share, from the menu of over 1000 items.

Estimated cost is \$10-\$15. Please RSVP to the church office in advance, so that we can reserve enough tables.

Your friends are always warmly welcome for all events. And if cost is an obstacle to your participation, please let the church office know.

## Food & More Program Request for October:

### Toilet paper





## In the Church Family

Let us remember in our prayers:

- Ed Gordon (Carle)
- Marilyn Dewey (home)
- Billy Ottemann (Cindy's brother)
- Karie Friedman (advanced cancer) (she was a member of FPCU in the 1980s)

*With joy we share the news* that James and Elizabeth Champion's new cousin, Theodore Miller, was born on August 28 to sister-in-law and brother, Marina and Geoff Miller, in Ottawa, Canada.

## Highlights of the September 19, 2017 Meeting of the Session

Session met for its regular monthly meeting on September 19, 2017. 2017 financials are as expected. Other highlights included approval of the preliminary 2018 budget. The Session will receive details soon. The FURCOM committee has spent the past couple of weeks cataloging facilities and presented its final recommendations. In addition, we were extensive planning for the renovation of the chapel, including the installation of high-back, movable chairs. Some of the needs will be funded in the upcoming capital facilities request. The Session is immensely grateful to the FURCOM members for their time and talents. The Thursday Midday Prayers are seeing increased participation. The ReVision process is on track. Light input meetings have been held. The committee report to "sift, sort, and prioritize" information and submit it to the Session before the end of the year. The Planning Team is in a one-on-one feedback mode and is completing its work. Robert Foelske has been hired for the new youth coordinator position. A six-session series on Facing Racism is starting, being led by Pastor David. The Session approved new signage for the bathrooms to make it easier for anyone to identify the appropriate bathroom. Note that Session members are identified by their nametags on the morning and welcome feedback from the congregation on any subject.



## ReVision Journey

Hooray! We have now completed Phase Two of the ReVision journey. Last Sunday we worked our way through the final session of the Mission Study Series, and the ReVision team now has eight weeks of insights, hopes and dreams with which to work. Sometime in mid-October, the team will reconvene and begin the work of discernment, sifting and sorting, prioritizing and prognosticating. What they produce will be a synthesis of all of the work we have been doing together since June. It will lay out our vision, our sense of mission, and the ministries and programs needed to take us from "what is" to "what ought to be." Please remember the team members in your prayers: Cindy Fraser, Don Greeley, Marty Lampman, Pastor David, Bob Resek, Dave Sherwood, Darryl Silver and Don Uchtmann. Our hope is to present our final report to session in November.

— David

## Facing Racism Study



In 2016, the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly approved a new churchwide antiracism policy:

*Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community.* Our denomination has also

published six study guides which provide tools for empowering church communities to have important conversations about race and racism in relation to Christian faith.

Everybody is invited to join in a series of conversations, led by David Oliver-Holder, centered on these study guides. All materials will be provided and we'll share some snacks. Our four remaining meetings will be **Sundays, October 15 and 29, and November 12 and 19. We will meet from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the church library.** If you wish to access the materials, they are available online at <https://facing-racism.pcusa.org/item/40835/>.

## PYC Mixes—Coming Soon!!



Our youth will be offering mixes again this year to raise funds for their mission trip next summer. More details and order forms will be available soon!

## We Welcome Our New Youth Coordinator: Robert Foelske

Robert grew up in Batavia, Illinois and has recently moved to Urbana. He earned a bachelor's degree from Aurora University in Psychology. Robert works at Lutheran Social Service as a child welfare case manager. In his free time Robert enjoys gardening, camping, and working on engines.

### Youth Fellowship Events



**Sunday, October 8: Corn Maze!!**

At Hardy's Reindeer Ranch in Rantoul

Meet at 5:30 p.m. at the church

**Sunday, October 22**

6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center

## Financial Administrator Office Schedule Update

On October 23, I will start working from home every other Monday. This will give me much needed time to push through accounting procedures that require concentration and minimal interruptions. Again, this will only be for two days a month (every other Monday), the rest of the days I will be working in my regular office at the church. On the two Mondays a month where I am working from home, the best way to reach me will be by email ([rachel@firstpresurbana.org](mailto:rachel@firstpresurbana.org)). If something is urgent, please contact Tracy in the church office, and she can pass the message onto me via my cell phone.

Peace,

Rachel Gladden, Financial Administrator

## A Word About the Font



*Anglo Saxon womb-shaped font from Hampshire in England*

Our Font is now more centrally placed week in and week out. Thanks to the work of many in the Ecumenical Movement, ever more churches are rediscovering the rich symbolism of the central, holy things in our sanctuaries. The Font, the communion Table, the Pulpit are three central symbols we gather around as a congregation. Symbols communicate without a word being uttered or seen. They remind us of the stories of our faith and the memory of meaningful spiritual experiences. Just by being visible, the Font reminds us of the baptisms we have seen and the joy we felt at each one. The Font also embodies God's grace as we remember words of forgiveness, the promises made at our baptisms, which we claimed as our own at our confirmations, as well as words of welcome into the household of faith and the promise of new and abundant life. When the Font is stored away, or placed off to the side, the meaning and reassurance it is intended to communicate are all but lost. As Gordon Lathrop has written, "we do need some things. This fact has often disturbed and offended some Christians. It seems as if we ought to be above such material crutches, as if a gathering come together to speak of God ought to be more spiritual. But that is just the point: for the great Christian tradition, the spiritual is intimately involved with the material, the truth about God inseparable from the ordinary, as inseparable as God was from humanity in Jesus." Lathrop then offers the wonderful invitation: "So, go into church. Before you, in some form, are some things: a pool, a book, bread and wine. Around you are people, the primary thing. In this place, at an appointed time, these all interact. If you let them, they will interact with you... surrounding you with the faith..." The Font is central for us, and not just when we celebrate a baptism.

## Staff News

Thanks to Melissa Records for substituting in the office recently while Tracy was adjusting to being back at work. Melissa will also be filling in on October 9, when Rachel and Tracy are on vacation to care for their children and on October 20 when Tracy is taking a vacation day to go on a women's retreat.

## The Arc of Human History: Challenges to Sustainability

A public seminar series sponsored by  
First Presbyterian Church of Urbana



Our species, homo sapiens, has been sustained by planet Earth's ecosystems for over 200,000 years.

Ongoing rapid accelerations in human population growth, technology and global affluence since the mid twentieth century, however, are inflicting detrimental effects on the Earth's ecosystems that are increasing the rate of extinction of species and imperiling the future of our own.

This seminar series, which will be presented by University of Illinois experts, will describe these challenges to sustainability and ways to address them.

### October 8: The Challenge of Human Population Growth

David Sherwood: *Professor Emeritus, UI Colleges of Medicine and Liberal Arts and Sciences, Former Director of UI Reproductive Biology Training Program*

Whereas *Homo sapiens* evolved over 200,000 years ago, global population remained less than 1 billion until the early 1800s when technological advances in food production, health measures, etc., enabled a rapid increase. For living humans born before 1950, Earth's finite resources are being shared with three times as many people as when they arrived! Furthermore, global population is predicted to increase from the present population of 7.5 billion to 9.8 billion by 2050, an increase that exceeds the combined present populations of Europe, North America and South America. This presentation will describe key factors associated with population that greatly influence human impact on the environment. It will conclude with a description of voluntary cultural and technological factors that are leading to lower fertility rates in many countries in the world.

### October 15: The Challenge of Sustainable Mineral and Energy Resources

Stephen Marshak: *Professor, UI Department of Geology, Director of UI School of Earth, Society and Environment*

Look around the room in any building, and you'll see a myriad of materials that came from the solid Earth. Bricks consist of baked clay, glass of melted sand, copper wires from smelted ore, and lithium from salt flats. Furthermore,

the energy used to manufacture these and all other Earth materials comes mostly from fossil fuels or radioactive elements, which also come from the Earth. The discovery, extraction, production, and use of the material foundations of modern society have consequences for the environment. Furthermore, many of these resources are either running out, or come only from places that do not have friendly relations with the U.S. This presentation will introduce a few examples of Earth materials and the sustainability challenges that society faces because of our reliance on them.

### October 22: The Challenge of Sustainable Food Availability

Evan DeLucia: *Professor, UI Department of Plant Biology, and Director of UI Institute for Sustainability, Energy and Environment*

In society's quest to feed an ever-increasing human population, more and more land under native vegetation is converted to intensive row-crop agriculture. Land conversion and changes in management practices affect the exchange of greenhouse gases and energy with the atmosphere. Diversifying agricultural practices in the American heartland can restore the climate regulating value of this landscape and increase ecological services, without compromising food production. Our research demonstrates that the wide-scale deployment of *perennial* bioenergy crops can help meet our need for liquid fuel and reduce greenhouse gas emission to the atmosphere, without reducing food production. Similarly, preliminary data indicate that a 'production agroforestry system' could replace the starch, oil, and protein produced from the maize-bean cropping system, while also restoring soil carbon and retaining nitrogen. Prudent land management practices in the agricultural heartland, combined with soft geoeengineering strategies, can meet society's growing demand for food, fiber, and fuel, and provide the additional ecological and economic benefits of enhancing carbon sequestration.



### October 29: The Challenge of Sustainable Fresh Water Availability

Ximing Cai: *Professor, UI Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Associate Director of UI Institute for Sustainability, Energy and Environment*



Water is our most vital resource. Due to the effects of global warming and growing population, many places around the world face water stress threats. There is even an alert that freshwater availability is running out in the world. Furthermore, environ-

mental sustainability calls for returning water to natural systems to restore damaged ecological systems, where water has been depleted for human uses. This presentation will provide an overview of freshwater conditions around the world and discuss what we can do about sustaining water security for humans and the rest of nature.

## November 5: Extinction and Biodiversity in the Modern Era: Worrisome Trends and Practical Solutions

Jeffrey Brawn: *Professor and Department Head, UI Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences*

The rate at which our planet is losing species is unusually high and expected to increase. This talk will review current understanding of why and where we are losing species and, more importantly, what we can do about it. Whereas the challenges are daunting, there are opportunities to conserve biodiversity.

## Twice Is Nice Update



Winter clothing for the entire family is now on display at our church's thrift shop, thanks to many volunteers who prepared for the clothing shift and to Katie Lampman, Jason Harris, Cindy Ottemann, Susan Silver,

Isaac Ellis, Autumn Ellis, Nathan Holder, Jean Oliver-Holder, Andrew Mortensen, Elizabeth Champion, Alison Champion, Brett Champion, Carl Caldwell, Camille Caldwell, Dixie Jackson, Cindy Strehlow, Robert Foelske, and Lorraine Stamberger who completed the shift last Sunday. Gary Jackson and David Kay hauled summer overstocks to USAgain and to Salvation Army, making room for the winter clothing.

Nathan Holder, Eliza Abbamonte, Eliza Champion, Autumn Ellis, Isaac Ellis, and Andrew Mortensen, led by Dave Bullock and Rob Foelske, distributed door hangers advertising the shop to houses and apartment buildings in the West Urbana neighborhood.

Heartfelt thanks to each of these volunteers. We invite YOU to continue the good work they have done: **Join us at the shop for our next sorting day, Saturday, October 21, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.** Also help advertise the merchandise *Twice Is Nice* offers. Fliers describing the shop are available in the church office. Please pick some up and distribute them to co-workers, family, friends, and neighbors.

## Hurricane Maria Response

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is responding to Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. Years of recovery lie ahead, and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ. Will you stand in the "GAP" for the people affected by this catastrophic hurricane?—Give. Act. Pray.

**GIVE:** PDA's emergency response and specialization in long-term recovery is fueled by your generous gifts. Make your check out to FPCU and write "Hurricane Maria" on the memo line.

**ACT:** Assemble Gift of the Heart kits for survivors in the affected areas — hygiene kits and cleanup buckets are especially needed. For more information, go to [pda.pcusa.org/page/kits](http://pda.pcusa.org/page/kits).

**PRAY:**

*God of our life, whose presence sustains us in every circumstance,*

*After the fury of waters and wind, across the quieter waves of our neighboring sea, we turn our eyes to our neighbors in Puerto Rico who in the storm's wake continue to suffer.*

*We cry, mercy! for those whose lives are changed forever by ravages of wind and water*

*May we not turn away from suffering, nor forget their needs when the seasons turn. Amen.*

See the full prayer at [pcusa.org/PDA/PR-prayer](http://pcusa.org/PDA/PR-prayer)



## Adult Bible Study



Sundays at **8:15 a.m.** in Meeting Room B which is next to the church office on the main floor. We are currently studying the book of First Peter.

# Volunteers / Community

## Sunday Assisting Schedule

	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Peter Mortensen	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Head Usher</b>	Andy Harden	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Ushers</b>	Gary Jackson Dixie Jackson Ann Ricker	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Greeter</b>	Grace Sancken	Joan Sheppard	TBD	TBD
<b>Steward</b>	Steve Hall	Katie Lampman	TBD	TBD
<b>Coffee Maker</b>	Harold & Lois Guither	TBD	TBD	Cindy Strehlow
<b>Cup Washer</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	Cindy Strehlow
<b>Flowers/ Communion</b>	Janice Porter	Cindy Strehlow	<i>Flower dedication available</i>	Bill & Nancy Hatch



## The Cost of Poverty Experience by Think Tank Inc.

*Get a better understanding of what it's like for low-income families facing dialing struggles in our community.*

Those who have never been touched by poverty often imagine the experience to be one of intense frugality and occasional discomfort. That is not reality: The cost of poverty is, for many of us, unimaginable – until now.

Faith in Action is working with Think Tank, an Ohio firm that offers training and consulting to human service organizations, to bring their COST OF POVERTY training to east-central Illinois. COST OF POVERTY is a simulated 2.5 hour training

that demonstrates the stress and frustration that weighs on those living in poverty. The family scenarios have been developed based on real families and the real circumstances they must navigate to make it through the month, such as making the decision between paying the light bill or putting food on the table. The experience is unforgettable.

The event will take place on **Thursday, November 2** from **8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** at the **Royal Community Building (109 W Main St, Royal, IL)**. Cost is only \$15 and includes a **full day of learning, continental breakfast and lunch.**

The agenda looks like this:

8:30 – 9:00 Registration, coffee and muffins provided

9:00 – 11:30 Cost of Poverty Experience

11:30 – 12:30 Debrief

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 3:00 Guest Speaker

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## OUR KEY MESSAGES

Welcome to our church family!

God is doing *exciting* things here!

Choose a path: **Have an impact & feed your soul!**

Thanks to Michèle Miller and Marianne Mangian for preparing this Open Door for mailing.

**Open Door Deadline:** For inclusion in the next Open Door, items should be submitted by **Thursday, October 26** to [office@firstpresurbana.org](mailto:office@firstpresurbana.org). The Open Door will be mailed on **Wednesday, November 1, 2017**.

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