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Sunday School at 9:30 A.M. (when school is in session)

Sunday Worship at 10:45 A.M.

Second Helping Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

Thursday Evening Taizé at 7:00 P.M.

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Balanced Waiting

What are you waiting for? What dreams and hopes do you nurture inside your heart as the days grow shorter and the light grows dimmer? Winter may seem like a strange time to hope for anything at all. The ground freezes, the trees appear to die, and we bundle up and scurry from place to place trying to shelter ourselves from the elements.

But we know that winter is actually a time when new life is being nurtured behind the scenes. In the darkness of the womb, life is nurtured. Grasses and trees will spring to life again in a few months. Just before Christmas the Winter Solstice will arrive and the days will get longer, bringing warmth once again.

In the meantime, we who follow in the ways of Jesus are to practice the holy act of waiting. Waiting is frequently uneasy. We are tempted to slide into inaction - dozing off and failing to keep watch as we witness the inbreaking of God's Realm among us. Or we become frazzled - anxiously awaiting the arrival of new life, unable to stay focused or centered. *[continued pg. 2]*



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This Advent, will you join me in cultivating a sense of balance as we wait together? Moments of easy breath and rest as we patiently remember the wait may be long. Moments of excitement and action as we remember that waiting does not have to be passive. There are several special opportunities to worship together this month - from World AIDS Day to the Vigil for National Gun Violence, from the joyful choruses of our choir and children to the quiet space cultivated in our Blue Christmas service.

As a faith community this Advent, we will gather and hear the ancient voices from our scriptures. Alongside the prophets of old we will watch and wait together.

With Isaiah we call out to God with a sense of desperation, “O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence!” With Jesus we proclaim that the Spirit of God will not let us rest. God has anointed us to bring good news to those who are oppressed, to bind up the wounds of those who are broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom to those held captive, to release those who are imprisoned, to proclaim jubilee for those who are victims of economic exploitation, to comfort those who mourn.

With Hannah and Mary we sing - freedom songs of God’s never-ending straining to make the last first and the lost found. With the Magi we pack our bags, carefully covering our tracks and taking great personal risks as we travel to see the newborn King. With Joseph we watch and wait - doing what we can to care for those who labor intensely to bring about God’s Realm of justice with peace for all. With all of creation we wait breathlessly under the starry sky, watching in wonder at the new life that is about to be born in our midst.

Pastor Caela

E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be added to the First Congregational e-mail prayer chain, please contact office@uccmanhattan.org. It is a quick and easy way to stay up to date with your church family.



Sharing and Caring

Prayers and Concerns

- For more information, please contact the church office.

Helping

- **Need a ride to church?** Contact one of our transportation volunteers: Jim/Carolyn Hodgson, Bill Pallett, or Jeff Keller.
- **Home Communion Visits** The Deacons can bring communion to your home on the first Sunday of the month. Visits at other times can be arranged with the pastor.

Sandy on Vacation Dec. 25-29

Sandy will be on vacation from Monday, Dec. 25 – Friday, Dec. 29. The office will be closed all week.

January Newsletter delayed one week

Due to Sandy's vacation schedule, the January newsletter will be mailed a week later than usual. The deadline for submissions is Friday, December 29.

**Wishing you a blessed Christmas
and peace and joy in
the *New Year.***



**from the staff of
*First Congregational
United Church of Christ***

Lunch Bunch December 6



We join together in an opportunity to get to know one another. Wednesday, December 6 at **La Fiesta** (Bluehills Shopping Center). It's not for women only—everyone is welcome to join us for lunch at 11:30 a.m. (Find monthly Lunch Bunch locations by clicking on Community Life/Events Calendar on the church website at www.uccmanhattan.com.)

Mrunch

The Mrunch group is not meeting in December or January. We'll get back together in February 2018. Mrunch is a time for mothers of elementary aged kids and younger (even if you are just expecting) to come and enjoy a peaceful supportive environment with other mothers in the same season of life. If you have questions, contact Andrea.

Financial Reminders

In order to "close the books" and make a timely Annual Report, final deposits for 2017 will include monies received up to and including the offering plate Sunday, Dec. 31. Monies received after that time will be welcomed and included in the 2018 reports. Reminder: the church office will be closed Dec. 25-29 so you'll need to use the mail slot for personal deliveries. For any making pre-payment on 2018 pledges, please mark this clearly on your check so that we are able to credit it as you intend. Thanks.

— *Jeff Keller, Financial Secretary*

A note from the Bookkeeper

The end of the year is fast approaching, and the financial records will close on December 31. If you have receipts for budgeted or approved expenses, and you'd like to be reimbursed, please have your receipts to the office as soon as possible -- no later than December 29. Thanks for your help.

— *Sandy Nelson, Bookkeeper*

Save The Date & Invite a Friend:

Advent and Christmas at First Congregational UCC

Friday, Dec. 1: World AIDS Day service, 7pm

Sat., Dec. 2: Advent Decorating with the Deacons, 9am

Dec. 3: First Sunday of Advent

Dec. 3 - Dec. 17: "Mind, Body, and Spirit" class for adults
at 9:30am

Dec. 10: brass ensemble 10:45am; Ecumenical Blue Christmas, 7pm

Dec. 14: Vigil to #EndGunViolence during Taize, 7pm

Dec. 17: Christmas Pageant 10:45am

Dec. 24: Lessons & Carols 10:45am; Christmas Eve worship at 7pm
(gathering music at 6:45pm)

Dec. 31: Christmas Poetry Worship, 10:45am

More details and a printable Advent calendar at

uccmanhattan.org/christmas.

World AIDS Day Service of Remembrance and Hope Friday, Dec. 1, 7:00 p.m.

We are honored to host Manhattan's service for World AIDS Day again this year. The service will feature music, reflection, and a candlelighting ceremony. A great opportunity to slow down, remember those we love and light a candle in the darkness for HOPE. We'll have a brief reception with snacks and warm beverages after the service. Join us at 7:00pm on Friday, Dec. 1st in our sanctuary.



Annual Reports due Friday, Jan. 5

Please have your annual reports to the office as early as possible. You are encouraged you to turn in your report before the end of the year if at all possible. All reports should be received by **January 5, 2018** in order to be included in the Annual Report Book.

Ecumenical Blue Christmas Sunday, December 10, 7pm at First Congregational UCC

Not all of us are filled with joy, hope, peace and love this Holiday Season... and that is ok. At this service, we will acknowledge that there are times in life when we feel broken, confused and lost. God does not promise us an easy life, but God does promise that we will never walk through any season in life, even the holiday season, alone because God IS with us. Join us for this

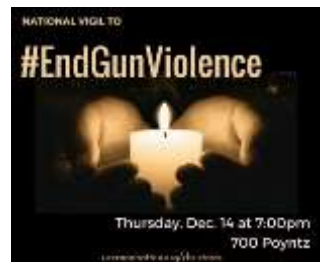


Blue Christmas Worship where we will also take part in the worldwide Compassionate Friends Candle Lighting to honor children who have died too soon. The service will be led by pastors and laity from First Congregational UCC, Peace Lutheran Church and First UMC.

#EndGunViolence

National Vigil to End Gun Violence

In partnership with a national movement coordinated by the Newtown Foundation, First Congregational will be holding a candlelight vigil on the 5th anniversary of the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School. We will gather on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7pm in Pioneer Hall. Using elements of ecumenical worship from the Taize community in France, we will spend time singing, listening to words of scripture, and leaving space for silence. There will be an extended prayer time focused on gun violence. Materials for those wanting to learn how they can connect with advocacy groups working to end gun violence will also be available. During this week of Advent Peace, we remember those whose peace has been shattered by violence and together we pray and work for a more peaceful world.



Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve is a time for singing carols by candlelight and remembering the gift that came to us in a tiny town all those years ago. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on December 24th as we celebrate the birth of Christ by hearing the story once again and sharing Communion at Christ's table (open to all!). People of all ages are welcome at this service. Pre service music will begin at 6:45pm. (Note: we will still be gathering for worship on Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m. Please join us for Lessons and Carols!)

Poetry and Pajamas

Christmas Sunday is Dec. 31st

The service will be centered around an offering of Christmas Poetry. If you are interested in volunteering to read poetry during worship, please contact Pastor Caela. Children are invited to come to worship in their pajamas on this low-key, comfy morning.

Fill the Breadbasket for Second Helping

The Second Helping is funded through our operating budget and special gifts to this ministry. On the first Sunday of each month we "Fill the Breadbasket" during worship. You are invited to bring a cash donation or items for our lunch sacks, such as individual flavored oatmeal packets, granola bars, or individually wrapped snack crackers (such as cheese or peanut butter).

Ministry of the Decorative Scissors

The Ministry of the Decorative Scissors meets December 14-16. Everyone is welcome. There are no guarantees that you will complete any projects, but you will have fun and meet delightful people. Come for an hour or for the whole time! Feel free to bring a snack to share. For more information, contact Sue Gerth.



Board Members Needed

Thanks to everyone who has agreed to serve on Boards and Committees for 2018. We appreciate your service!

We do still have vacancies on the Boards listed below. Thank you for prayerfully considering if you could serve on one of these boards. Church membership is not required to serve—just a willingness to attend monthly meetings and contribute to the role of the board. If you are interested, please contact one of the following Nominating Committee members: Alfred Cochran, Brent Maner or Mary Ellen Barkley.

Board of Christian Education (Needs 3 members)

This board works closely with our Director of Children's Ministries and Director of Youth Ministries to provide opportunities for Christian formation for children, youth and adults. They work to set goals for education programs as well as recruit, train and support our teachers.

Board of Deacons (Needs 4 members)

This board serves the spiritual life of the church, coordinating closely with pastor on matters relating to worship and the care of members. For example, the Deacons take communion to those who are unable to attend a service, and coordinate volunteers for Sunday morning (ushers, readers, communion servers, greeters, fellowship hour).

Board of Mission (Need 1 member)

This board is charged with promoting the wider mission of the United Church of Christ and also with local acts of service. This board oversees the Second Helping ministry of the church, ensuring we continue to serve a free community meal each Sunday night.

Board of Trustees (Need 1 member)

This board is charged with taking care of our physical and financial resources. Trustees sponsor two outside work days each year and recruit people to care for the grounds in summer and shovel the walks in winter. They review our financial situation on a monthly basis.

Christian Education

Sunday School Opportunities for Adults and Youth

All classes are at 9:30a.m. The nursery is open for babies and toddlers. Sunday School classes for preschoolers and elementary-schoolers take place on the second floor. Middle-schoolers and high-schoolers are invited to the classes below or may be interested in helping teach younger children. Please contact Andria Anderson (children@uccmanhattan.org) or Tai Amri Spann-Wilson (youth@uccmanhattan.org) for more information about options for children and youth.

YOUTH NEWS

Dear Families:

I pray you have had a good fall holiday season thus far, full of abundance and joy. This has been a season of rest and rejuvenation for me and my family, and now I am looking forward to building more connections with youth at UCC Manhattan and between youth from congregations in the surrounding areas. With the Christmas season fast approaching, youth between 6th and 12th grades have been asked to help volunteer during Christmas Pageant Rehearsals. Also, we have been invited to a Holiday Party at the Mennonite Church of Manhattan with youth from that the church, the Jewish Fellowship, and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Please look below for dates and times:

Many blessings,

Tai Amri



December 3rd, 10th and 17th from 9:30-10:30 AM - Christmas Pageant Rehearsals for youth 6th - 12th grades

December 10th 3:00 - 5:00 PM @ 1000 Fremont Street - Holiday Party for youth 6th-12th grades

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

December 3 through December 17 (Advent, three weeks)

Opening ourselves to the mind, body, and spirit of the Holidays

Led by Donna Keyser and Deane Lehmann

Free flowing conversation to center around:

- Holiday Traditions – cultural, community and family dynamics
- How do we define mind, body, and spirit? How do they intersect, where are they separate?
- Concerning our Mission Statement – How are we loving ourselves?

*****Winter Break for Sunday School begins Dec. 24.*

*Spring classes for all ages resume on Jan. 21.*****

Spring Preview:

Jan. 21 - Feb. 11 (four weeks)

Judith: An Introduction to Biblical Interpretation

Led by Pastor Caela

Do you ever wish you could sit down and read the Bible but find it more confusing than Shakespeare? Do you feel like you have a handle on the classic Bible stories but wish that you could work through some of your own ideas about them? This class on the apocryphal book Judith may be just the thing you need. After finishing the course you will be able to use your newly-learned skills to understand and interpret other parts of the Bible.

Participants should read Judith chapters 1-7 before the first class (either in a Bible with the Apocrypha included or in a free online Bible such as oremus.bible.com).

Lenten Sunday School class on anti-semitism and Christianity, led by Brent Maner.

Post-Easter class on nonviolence and freedom songs led by Tai Amri Spann-Wilson and David Wood. (Tentative)

Cobb Corner — Going Green

“The Lord is good to all; his compassion rests upon all creatures.”
Psalm 145, v.9, The Revised English Bible

In this holiday season it is important to remember we are just one species in one nation on one planet which is no cause for wasteful spending and abuse of finite resources. There is no record of Jesus counting down the shopping days to the Jewish holidays!

Lest my Grinch soul overtake this message, I have a suggestion based on some examples in other cities. What if we deliberately decide to do some of our shopping at thrift shops? We have many local ones, several linked to charities, all are in the business of recycling and the prices are amazingly low. Some items are new with tags still attached. In the process you may be reminded of items you own that could be a tax-deductible donation to some shops or a source of revenue at others.

Here are just a few: The Encore Shop (next to the library), the Budget Shop, Salvation Army, and Goodwill. The latter is controversial because it hires the handicapped but according to 60 Minutes pays them very little and the top administrators get huge salaries.

Re-Store is an unusual thrift shop benefitting Habitat for Humanity. It will pick up furniture, tools, building supplies and is a great place for your remodeling needs.

Some non-charities like T-La-Re will pay for donations they accept. I once found a lovely painting there for \$3.50 donated many years later with an appraised value of more than \$350! Look for them at their new location, 730 Yuma.

Other sites like the Riley County Animal Shelter, the Senior Center and the Manhattan Public Library have designated “shopping areas” and greatly appreciate your donations and purchases.

Finally, we are celebrating Jesus’ birthday not Amazon’s. Hope you will find a little time for remembering the reason for the season.

Merry Christmas!

-- *Linda Richter*

Share ideas for future Cobb columns with Linda Richter.

Hello Friends,

These days we need not look very far to find violence and danger in our world. We used to have the luxury of distance, witnessing most of it on the nightly news or reading about it in the newspaper. Sadly, that distance has evaporated. With our smart phones and social media, every chirp of a Twitter update or notification from our favorite newsfeed, the world's troubles are directly at our fingertips. All of this instant information carries with it the potential to create mountains of anxiety within us while we await the next "breaking news" alert. Even some of our wrist-watches have been corrupted into aiding and abetting our fears, making world's problems forefront in our minds.

We as a church are faced with a difficult question: how do we keep ourselves safe AND profess our love for one another AND fulfil the need to congregate together in a way that walks the path of life in the way Jesus did? While I don't have the answer, I do know our congregation has some of the highest caliber individuals I have ever met and I believe the answer to that question can be found living within us and sitting next to us each Sunday. Therefore, our congregation is considering the development of a Safety and Security committee. We will need a few interested individuals to help sort through some of the issues we as a congregation face. This group will thoughtfully and deliberately explore how to best protect our church building and church family in a manner that reflects our values and our mission statement. This committee will be tasked with things like emergency planning, evaluating the safety of our nursery and classrooms (recommending upgrades as needed), and ensuring our building is as safe as it can be while still preserving it as a beacon of light for our faith and our community, through peace, unity, and inclusivity.

If you feel you are the kind of person who would like to help find solutions for navigating safely through the darkness of our current world, please find me to discuss this or add your information to the "Ministry Opportunities" sheet. As we strive for peace in this world may we also gain some peace-of-mind as well.

With Love and Hope,
Steve Bishop

Christmas Sacks

The Common Table would like to distribute Christmas sacks again this year to the neighbors who attend Common Table meals. One church will provide socks, another will provide caps, etc. First Congregational has been asked to provide unscented toiletries for the sacks. Body wash, shampoo, and deodorant would be particularly helpful, and we anticipate making up 50 sacks. The deadline is December 15, and there is a collection bin in the church entry. Thanks for everything you do for Second Helping and Common Table!

Poinsettias



The Advent season brings the opportunity for you to provide poinsettias in honor of someone important to you as the church is decorated for Advent and Christmas. The cost to donate Poinsettias is \$10.00 per plant. Please complete the form below and return it to the church office with your check made out to “First Congregational UCC.” 700 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan KS 66502.

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In Honor of: _____

In Appreciation of: _____

Given by: _____

ECM Notebook

Ecumenical Campus Ministry is a cooperative ministry at K-State supported by the Presbyterian Church (USA), the United Church of Christ, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). www.ksu.edu/ecm

Four years ago, ECM was awarded a \$100,000 grant by Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment, Inc. to develop programs to help students reflect theologically on their vocation. Since then, ECM has developed internships in area congregations and organizations, sponsored service-learning trips, and organized an annual “Theologian in Residence” event, such as the most recent lectureship with Dr. Molly Marshall, President of Central Seminary in Kansas City.



This fall, ECM was awarded a \$50,000 Sustainability Grant from the Lilly Foundation to help ECM continue and sustain this important work. Beginning in 2018, this grant helps ECM continue to develop funding for this important work.

Another highlight for the ECM community is Real Food Lunch. We spend every Friday from 11:30-1 enjoying a homemade vegan meal. Oftentimes, we cook food from our garden or bake bread with wheat from the local millers. Students and community members plan, cook, serve, and clean up. It is an opportunity to have a conversation over a meal with someone you might not meet in any other context. During the mid-meal, we offer a time for announcements of community events and initiatives. Come by and visit—it’s a come-and-go event!

We are always looking for volunteers to help, particularly with dishes and clean up. If you would like to offer specific gifts, please feel free to contact Regan Tokos by email at reganlindsay@ksu.edu, or Pastor Christian.

The Second Helping

Our Second Helping ministry continues to be a wonderful way in which our church extends its mission to the community of Manhattan. We regularly serve 25-35 people each week. Many of you have helped with this mission in a variety of ways, and that is much appreciated!



Currently we are hoping to add some more volunteers to our list of "regulars." We are particularly in need of individuals who would be willing to serve as Head Cook and Church Host. If you are interested in learning more about either of these positions, or volunteering in other ways, please contact Mary Ellen Barkley.

December 3, 2017

Dessert: HyVee

Volunteers: Cheyenne Helms, Meg and Martha Stevens

Chief Cook: Angela Hubler

Church Host: Susanne Gilmore

December 10, 2017

Dessert: Williams Family

Volunteers: MHS Business Professionals Club

Chief Cook: Gretchen Lewis

Church Host: Jim Lewis

December 17, 2017

Dessert: *volunteer needed*

Volunteers: Jane Marshall, Mary Ash, *2 volunteers needed*

Chief Cook: Linda Thurston

Church Host: Pastor Caela

December 24, 2017

Dessert: Kerri Keller

Volunteers: Manhattan Mennonite Church

Chief Cook: Bob Atchison

Church Host: Kathy Bleam

December 31, 2017

Dessert: *volunteer needed*

Volunteers: Maner family and friends

Chief Cook: Brent Maner

Church Host: *host needed*

**Volunteer by going to
uccmanhattan.org/sign-ups**

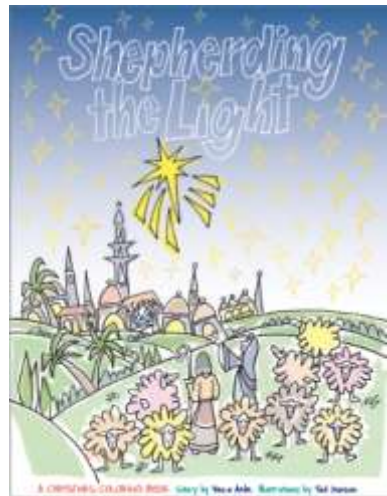
Free Money!

Do you participate in our Dillons fundraiser? It's easy! Just go to dillons.com to link your shopper card. If you need help, contact the church office. (Our organization number is #10145.) Check your enrollment by checking the very bottom of your Dillons receipt. You should see "...donating to First Congregational UCC."

If you ever shop at HyVee, the church can gain support through your use of pre-purchased gift cards from the church (which buys them at a 6% discount). Please contact Dave Manning and let him know of your interest. If enough people are interested in these cards, we will continue to have them available.

The Christmas Fund Offering

Every Christmas Eve, we take an offering to support the "Christmas Fund," an effort by the UCC to supplement the needs of retired clergy and church workers who are trying to live on tiny or non-existent pensions. Through the Christmas Fund, the UCC's Pension Board offers supplements for monthly pensions, helps to supplement health care premiums, offers emergency grants for unexpected living expenses, and provides Christmas "thank you" checks to over 500 retired clergy and lay workers. This gift, in other words, goes to the very basic needs of hundreds of those who, during their working lives, provided guidance, support, and leadership to communities of faith. Won't you be generous in your support of this important mission? It's our turn to support these fine people who have spent their lives working in the Lord's vineyard.



Community News

Book Discussion

Indivisible ManhattanKS invites the members of First Congregational UCC to join us for a book discussion of Nancy Isenberg's "White Trash: The 400-year Untold History of Class in America" on Tuesday, January 23, starting at 6:30pm, Manhattan Public Library Auditorium.

Coping with Holidays & Special Days

Homecare & Hospice is offering a bereavement session titled "Coping with Holidays and Special Days" for anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one and is finding the upcoming holidays difficult. This free educational and grief support group is open to all who want to receive support, tips, and learn coping skills.



Only one session needs to be attended. Please choose the time that is most convenient:

Tuesday, December 5 from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12 from 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19 from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

If you or someone you know would like to attend one of the group sessions, please contact Dan Clayton at dclayton@hcandh.org or call the Homecare & Hospice, Inc office at 785-537-0688.

Mission Statement

The Mission of First Congregational United Church of Christ is

- To love and accept others unconditionally as God loves and accepts us, and by example, to encourage others to do the same.
- To challenge ourselves to grow spiritually through worship, education, nurture, reflection, discussion, fellowship, and outreach.
- To minister to others locally, nationally, and globally with the same fervor as we minister to ourselves, through the sharing of our talents, gifts, and resources.

We hold ourselves accountable before God for this mission

Ministry Opportunities *(December edition)*



Second Helping is in need of additional church hosts. The church host greets the guests, makes sure people have what they need, and generally monitors the progress of the meal. Volunteers will be paired with an experienced host until they feel comfortable with the position. The church hosts often get to know the guests over time, which is a privilege of the host position. If you would like to serve in this important role, please indicate your name and contact information on the line.

Grounds care in spring, summer, and fall requires mowing the church lawn, in addition to the church garden lot adjacent to the alley, prior to Sunday's worship (Thursday, Friday, or Saturday). In the winter it's a little different. Sign up for a whole week – Monday-Sunday – and if it snows, you "win" what is affectionately called the snow lottery. You've got to clear the walkways with the church snow blower.

Worship volunteers have many Sunday morning tasks. They greet at the door, read scripture, host fellowship hour, usher, contribute flowers, and offer the Word for Children. Sign up is easy!

Want to be a part of the ministry opportunities? Circle the paragraph that interests you and drop this paper in the collection plate with your name and contact information.

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Phone number(s): _____

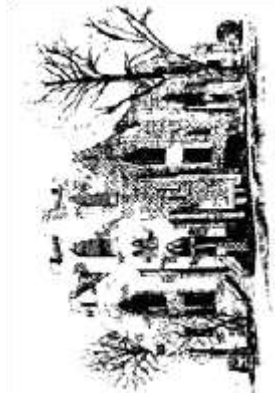
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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