

News

from  Court Street United Methodist Church

## Called

<sup>4</sup> The LORD's word came to me: <sup>5</sup> "Before I created you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I set you apart; I made you a prophet to the nations." <sup>6</sup> "Ah, LORD God," I said, "I don't know how to speak because I'm only a child." <sup>7</sup> The LORD responded, "Don't say, 'I'm only a child.' Where I send you, you must go; what I tell you, you must say. <sup>8</sup> Don't be afraid of them, because I'm with you to rescue you," declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD stretched out his hand, touched my mouth, and said to me, "I'm putting my words in your mouth.

**Jeremiah 1:4-9, CEB**

Jeremiah was a young priest in the land of Benjamin, a small settlement near Jerusalem. God spoke to him one day and called Jeremiah to be a prophet to the nations. I have said and I have heard others say, "If God would just speak to me! If God would just tell me what to do with my life, it would be clear to me." But when we look at other accounts in the Bible, where God speaks directly to others, they don't always jump at the opportunities. Almost every person responded with fear, questions, or excuses, when God called them to fulfill God's purpose. Jeremiah responded like most of us would, "I'm too young and I don't know how to talk." Jeremiah was not complaining exactly. He just didn't hear God's words of assurance, "Before I created you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I set you apart; I made you a prophet to the nations." God never calls anyone without first anointing them!

Verse five has a message that applies to all people and those who respond to God's "call." I would like to highlight some important truths in reference to God's call. First of all, **God made you for a purpose.** "Before you were born I set you apart;" that translates "set apart for a "sacred purpose" or "consecrated." Ephesians 2:10 states it this way: "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which were prepared in advance for us to do." Secondly, God is with you, serve without fear; "Don't be afraid of them, because I'm with you to rescue you." In order for us to accomplish God's purpose and call we must desert fear! How many opportunities, blessings, or joy has fear stolen? I would recommend that we repeat the words found in verse eight to ourselves often. Finally, **God equips us for His plan.** "Then the LORD stretched out his hand, touched my mouth, and said to me, I'm putting my words in your mouth." Doing great things for God begins with us knowing God has given us what we need to accomplish the task. We need to trust God's plan and stay focused on the call God sets before us. I have a friend that reminded everyone who knew him, "It is not about you!" That means God's plan is not about you. It's not about me. It's about God working through us, by way of God's "call" on our lives. Everyone is "**called**" and God uses us all to God's glory! Amen.

*Grace,*

*Pastor Cal*

# The Children

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The mission of  
Court Street UMC

is to be a  
welcoming,  
nurturing,  
serving

community of Christ.



# The Chimes

Lay Leadership

**Lay Delegate  
to Annual Conference**

Diane Risley  
David Risley

**Alternate Lay Delegate  
to Annual Conference**

Jeanine Wang

**Administrative Council Chair**

Joan Tunnell

**Staff/Parish Relations Chair**

Sue Cram

**Finance Chair**

Mike Davis

**Stewardship Chair**

Jeanine Wang

**Treasurer**

Gene Ferry

**Endowment Chair**

Mike Davis

**Trustee Chair**

DuWayne Stanis

**Lay Leader**

Georgalee George

**Nurture & Outreach**

Georgalee George

**Worship Chair**

Joan Tunnell

**Local Missions Chair**

Helen Gibbons

**Christian Education Chair**

Diane Lutmer

**Arts Committee Chair**

Richard Wang

**United Methodist Women**

Sue Cram

**United Methodist Men**

DuWayne Stanis

**Jeremiah Ministry Rep**

Joan Tunnell

**JFON Liaison**

Kay Galloway



**Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Dinner**

~ Canceled ~



**Ash Wednesday Services**  
**March 2, 2022**  
**Chapel @ 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.**

Here we are in January. What an advent season it has been here in the music department! On December 12<sup>th</sup> we welcomed Hannah Flynn from Rock Valley College, singing “The Christmas Shoes.” Also joining us were Glenda and Shelby Hill, as well as Ian Mitchell and Andrew Ashley. Ian sang a solo on December 26<sup>th</sup>. Five of our youth; Natalie Urness, Kaylee Bulliner, Layla Lutmer, Lili Breson & Madysen Murray sang during worship. We also welcomed Tracey Armstrong, The Mark Nelson Brass Quartet, and Nanette Felix to add their musical gifts. Nancy Shindel sang a beautiful arrangement of “O Holy Night” on December 24<sup>th</sup>. We are also grateful for the Chancel Choir and Jubellation for their contributions to our worship. While all of these musical gifts and talents are grand, let us not forget the reason for the season - the birth of Jesus Christ. He is the reason for the season, and we are truly blessed.



God Bless,  
Jack

Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, and concerns for our health and well-being during these last few months. We greatly appreciate all the prayers and assistance to the grocery store and our medical appointments.

God Bless All of You,

Marti & Brian Johnson



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# 170 YEARS OF COURT STREET

## The Pastors and The People



**Albert B. Wagner,  
Associate Pastor  
Served 1959 – 1974**

Over its 170 years, Court Street Church has been served by more than 70 different preachers, pastors, associates, and assistants. Some pastors served only a short term (3 months, 6 months, a year or two) going to pastor churches in other communities in this area or in other parts of the country. A few served in the Civil War or became District Superintendent (also called Presiding Elders). Two became Bishops (John Heyl Vincent and William Orville Shepherd).

Rev. "Bert" Wagner served as Associated Pastor, becoming "Minister of the Parish" with Harold McElvany as Senior Pastor. Bert served Court Street for more than 15 years. You can see a plaque and picture of his outside the Church Library.

Sometimes gifted leaders (preacher, pastor, associate), male or female, are a critical factor in Church success and growth. Many times it is the gifted and responsive Lay Leadership (male and female) that has been the important element to the Church's vision, receptivity, and growth. Most often, it is the conjunction, the teaming together of Pastor and People, working together that brings the greatest success, progress, and growth as the Church responds to the call of Christ to love and serve each other, the outsider, and the world.

Rev. Richard A. Wang,  
History and Archives Committee

## Health & Wellness: *From our Parish Nurse*

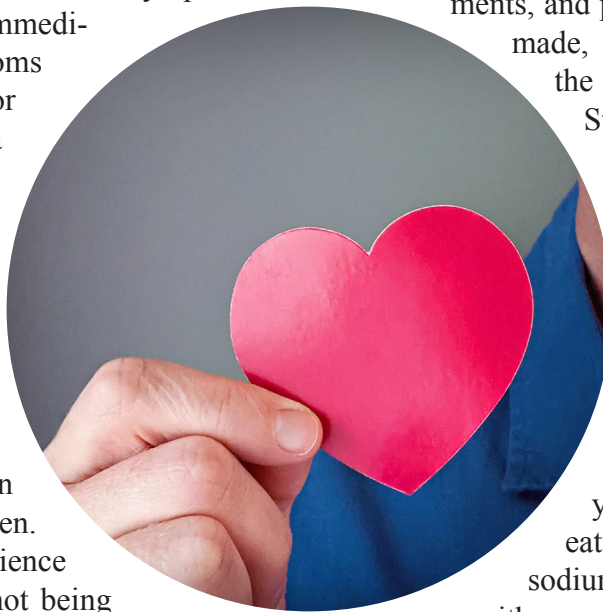
February is cardiovascular awareness month. Cardiovascular diseases continue to be the leading global cause of death. **What is the difference between a heart attack and a cardiac arrest?** A heart attack occurs when the blood flow to the heart muscle is blocked. A heart attack is a “circulation” problem. The blocked artery prevents oxygen rich blood from reaching a section of the heart muscle. Symptoms of a heart attack may be immediate, however, more often symptoms may start slowly and persist for hours, days, or weeks before a heart attack happens. If symptoms are immediate, they may include intense discomfort in the chest or other areas in the upper body. Shortness of breath, cold sweats, nausea and/or vomiting are also common symptoms of a heart attack. The heart attack symptoms in women can be different than men. Women are more likely to experience feeling sick to their stomach, not being able to catch their breath, and/or pain in their back or jaw rather than extreme pain in the chest. Even if you’re not sure it’s a heart attack, the best action to take is to call 911. Every minute matters, the longer a person goes without treatment, the greater the damage.

**What is a cardiac arrest then?** A cardiac arrest is an “electrical” problem. Cardiac arrest is triggered by an electrical malfunction in the heart that causes an irregular heartbeat (arrhythmia). When a cardiac arrest happens, the heart cannot pump blood to the rest of the body. Within seconds a person becomes unresponsive, is not breathing or is only gasping. Death can occur within minutes if the person does not receive treatment. Most heart attacks do not lead to cardiac arrests, but when a cardiac arrest happens, heart attack is a common cause. The first thing to do in a cardiac arrest is to call 911 and start CPR. If a Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is available, use it as soon as possible. If two people are available to help, one should begin

CPR immediately while the other calls 911 and finds a AED machine. When you are out in public places, learn to be aware where an AED is located by looking for location signs. The AED machine is usually mounted on a wall. **FYI:** The AED at church is located in the hall outside the church office by the elevator.

Huge strides have been made in research toward treatments, and preventative measures have been made, however, heart disease is still the number one killer in the United States and stroke is number five along with other cardiovascular diseases. It has been stated that due to ongoing research since the 1940’s, cardiovascular disease has dropped by 60-70%. The American Heart Association recommends the following as preventive measures for a heart attack: stop smoking, get yourself to a healthy weight by eating healthy meals, decrease your sodium intake, start exercising, consult with your doctor to know your blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar levels. Managing your condition through proper treatment and medication adherence is also key.

**What is angina?** Angina refers to symptoms (usually chest pain or chest discomfort) caused by ischemia, not enough oxygen reaching a portion of the heart muscle. This is a way your heart muscle tells you it needs more oxygen. Angina is not a disease but symptoms of an underlying heart problem, usually caused by coronary artery disease (CAD). There are different types of angina and different treatments. Remember ALL chest pain should be checked out by a healthcare provider. We need to listen to our bodies and be aware of what our bodies are trying to tell us to help keep us safe and productive. Treatments may include lifestyle changes, medications, cardiac procedures, and cardiac rehab to name a few.



On a different note but just as important, a friend just sent this to me, and I thought I would pass it on to you..... enjoy.....



### FLIGHT 2022 INSTRUCTIONS!

Good Morning and welcome to Flight 2022. We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position. All self-destructive devices ....pity, anger, selfishness, pride, and resentment should be turned off at all times. All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away.

Should you loose your Positive Attitude under pressure during the flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated, you can assist by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little Faith.

There will be No BAGGAGE allowed on this flight. God our Captain, has cleared us for take-off. Destination – GREATNESS!

Wishing you all again a Blessed Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY, and new BEGINNINGS!

Teresa Field, Parish Nurse

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## Update: Pledge Campaign for 2022

Court Street congregation and friends have shown that they are aware of the need for a commitment to our CSUMC Community, so that we can carry on the many ministries we feel so passionately about. So far, we have turned in 71 pledge cards and received pledges totaling \$223,154.<sup>00</sup>.

Since our last pledge drive report in the January issue of *The Chimes*, we have received cards from additional parishioners, whom we would like to honor below. If you haven't turned your pledge in yet, you may still do so. Pledge cards are available in the Church Office.



- William & Norma Lee Barnhart
- William Condon
- James Crow
- Larry & Annette Gillette
- Carol Johnson
- Philip McDonald
- Karl & Louise Noltemeier
- Karen Weiss
- Kenneth & Lizbeth Whelpley



UMW

One of the purposes of United Methodist Women is to support women and children. During the past year, Court Street United Methodist Women have donated \$50.<sup>00</sup> to each of the following organizations:

- Miss Carly's
- Carpenters Place
- Children's Safe Harbor
- Milestone
- Center for Hope
- Remedies
- Rescue Mission
- Rock River Valley Pantry
- Rosecrance
- Northern Illinois Food Bank
- Royal Family Kids Camp
- Family Peace Center
- Court Street Video Ministries
- Rock House Kids

In addition, we fulfilled our pledge of \$2,000.<sup>00</sup> to the Rockford District UMW, which goes toward our National and International Ministries.

Thanks to our members for their pledges and work on our fundraisers.

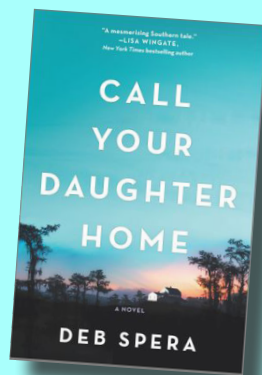
## CSUMC Book Club

Now Meeting at 2 p.m. on  
the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month

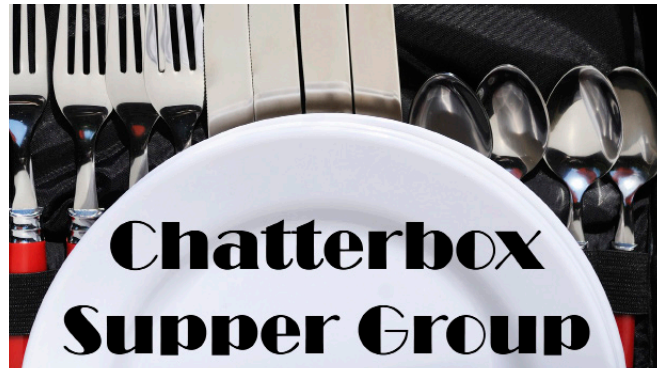
*All are welcome!*

February 27<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 p.m.

*Call Your  
Daughter Home*  
by Deb Spera  
Park Row Books



Contact Diane Risley for more info  
at [rishouse@juno.com](mailto:rishouse@juno.com).



Nunzio's  
5800 N. Second Street  
Loves Park, IL

Thursday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.

*All ladies are invited.*

Contact Marie Lewis at (815) 885-3916 by noon  
of the Wednesday before the dinner.

# Buy Scrip This Winter



SCRIP sales rebounded nicely in 2021 after a slow selling 2020, mostly due to the pandemic and lack of in-person worship. The 2021 SCRIP program was able to contribute \$3,000.<sup>00</sup> to the church. This brings the total raised for the church to \$23,400.<sup>00</sup> from 2016 thru 2021. The top five vendors for 2021 were: Woodman's, Walmart, Val-li Produce, Walgreens, and Amazon. Also popular were these local vendors: Culver's, Pinnon's, and Beef-A-Roo.

We want to thank our loyal repeat customers and also want to encourage those of you who are not currently buying SCRIP gift cards to give it a try. It is a worthwhile program for the church to raise additional funds.

Thanks from your scrip committee.

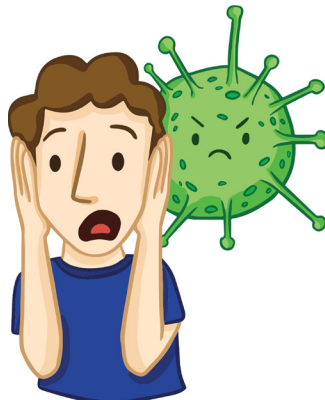


## FEBRUARY IS CWS BLANKET MONTH!

We'll take a special offering for CWS during service on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, but feel free to donate during the entire month of February.

Did you know you can have 4 **FREE** at-home **COVID-19 test kits** mailed to your home?

Visit, [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov) for more information and to find the link to the USPS **delivery request** page.



### WHAT?

Metal Lids from Frozen Juice Cans

### FOR WHOM?

Craft Projects in the Nursery

### DROP OFF WHERE?

Table in Narthex

### WHAT?

Jars of Peanut Butter

### FOR WHOM?

Rock Valley Pantry  
(Nurture & Outreach Committee)

### DROP OFF WHERE?

Barrel in Narthex

### WHEN?

Month of February



Court Street United Methodist Church  
 The Chimes February 2022  
 215 North Court Street  
 Rockford, IL 61103-6897

**Return Service Requested**

Phone: (815) 962-6061 Fax: (815) 962-9754  
 www.courtstreetumc.org

***Thank you for volunteering!***

**February 6, 2022**

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team  
 Sound Tech: Tim Welk  
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley  
 Acolyte: Kaylee Bulliner  
 Liturgist: Bill Pittenger

**February 13, 2022**

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team  
 Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell  
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley  
 Acolyte: Natalie Urness  
 Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

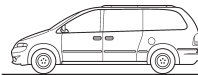
**February 20, 2022**

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team  
 Sound Tech: Ryan Welk  
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley  
 Acolyte: Lili Breson  
 Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

**February 27, 2022**

10:00 AM Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team  
 Sound Tech: Tim Welk  
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley  
 Acolyte: Ella Anderson  
 Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

If you wish to receive The Chimes electronically or to be removed from this mailing, please call the church office at (815) 962-6061 or e-mail [Communications@courtstreetumc.org](mailto:Communications@courtstreetumc.org).



***Need a Ride to Church?***

Riders, please call drivers for a ride by 6 p.m, on the Saturday before the Sunday you wish to attend.

Riders must wear a mask, be fully vaccinated, and able to show their vaccine card to the driver if requested.

02/06/22	Bruce Shindel	815-397-1479
02/13/22	Tim Gorman	815-636-0514
02/20/22	Curly Thompson	815-988-2735
02/27/22	Jeff Mann	815-742-5444
03/06/22	Dan Boon	815-713-0411

*Please thank these men for making this ministry work!*

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# February 2022

## *Our prayers and sympathy go to the family of:*

Shirley M. Dommers who died December 15, 2021

Jean A. Moore who died December 19, 2021

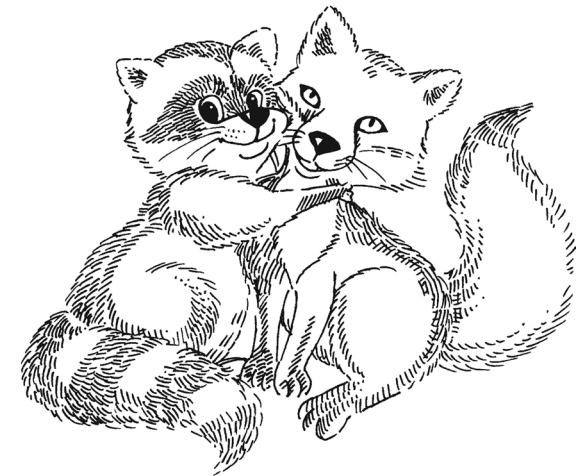
Timothy L. Holley (Shirley Holley's son) who died  
December 24, 2021

## *Wedding Anniversaries*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Married</u>
Noble, Gary and Doris Dyreson-Noble	14	2015	7
Condon, Martin and Kelly	25	2012	10

## *Birthdays*


<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Davis, Michael	1	Zimmer, Matt	20
Yencsik, Lorraine	1	McDonald, Okcha	21
Damken, Katy Elizabeth	2	Bremner, Nathaniel	22
Hoople, Nathan	2	Earnest, Joshua	23
Mann, Billy	3	Gdowski, Henry	23
Swansbro, Charlene	3	Morse, Bethany	23
Welk, Ashley	3	Ripley, Steven	23
Liddell, Patrick	7	Mailand, Earle	25
Allen, Charles	11	Cram, Susan	26
Thompson, Stanley Curly	12	Fibrow, Dana	26
Stanis, DuWayne	15	Stein, William	26
Welk, Timothy	15	Gillette, Alice	27
Dyreson-Noble, Doris	16	King, Rob	27
Hagele, Mason	16	Morgan, David	27
Justice, Julie	17	Noltmeier, Karl	27
Adam, Barb	18		
Noltmeier, Louise	19		



One who has unreliable friends  
soon comes to ruin,  
but there is a friend who sticks  
closer than a brother.

**Proverbs 18:24, NIV**

## February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Beautiful Beginnings <b>9:00 AM</b> History & Archives <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilters <b>4:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>2</b>  <b>GROUNDHOG DAY</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Beautiful Beginnings <b>10:30 AM</b> UMW Leadership Team	<b>3</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Beautiful Beginnings <b>1:00 PM</b> The Journeymen	<b>4</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Beautiful Beginnings	<b>5</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment
<b>6</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service	<b>7</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Beautiful Beginnings	<b>8</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Beautiful Beginnings <b>9:00 AM</b> History & Archives <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilters <b>5:30 PM</b> Trustees	<b>9</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Beautiful Beginnings	<b>10</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Beautiful Beginnings <b>1:00 PM</b> The Journeymen <b>6:00 PM</b> Chatterbox Supper Group	<b>11</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Beautiful Beginnings	<b>12</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment <b>8:30 AM</b> United Methodist Men Breakfast
<b>13</b> <b>BLANKET SUNDAY</b>  <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service	<b>14</b>  <b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Beautiful Beginnings	<b>15</b> <b>CHIMES DEADLINE</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Beautiful Beginnings <b>9:00 AM</b> History & Archives <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilters	<b>16</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Beautiful Beginnings <b>4:00 PM</b> Worship Committee <b>5:30 PM</b> No IL Wood Turners	<b>17</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Beautiful Beginnings <b>1:00 PM</b> The Journeymen	<b>18</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Beautiful Beginnings	<b>19</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment
<b>20</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service	<b>21</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Beautiful Beginnings <b>4:00 PM</b> Finance Committee <b>5:00 PM</b> Administrative Council	<b>22</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Beautiful Beginnings <b>9:00 AM</b> History & Archives <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilters <b>4:00 PM</b> Joan Tunnell's Teacher Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Jubellation <b>6:15 PM</b> Knitting Group	<b>23</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Beautiful Beginnings	<b>24</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Beautiful Beginnings <b>10:00 AM</b> Stewardship Team <b>12:00 PM</b> Jeremiah Exec. Board <b>1:00 PM</b> Chimes stuffing <b>1:00 PM</b> The Journeymen	<b>25</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Beautiful Beginnings	<b>26</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment
<b>27</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service <b>2:00 PM</b> CSUMC Book Club	<b>28</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Beautiful Beginnings					