

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Worshipping Together in Christ

“The conviction that the life of the Church is one, and...its worship, witness, and service are inseparable” introduces the “Directory for Worship” section of the PC(USA) *Book of Order*. In the following pages, we can read all about the theological underpinnings of Reformed worship, descriptions of orders of worship, and suggestions for conducting worship throughout the governing bodies of the church.

What do we do in worship? Why? What happens during that hour (and a little more) that we spend together on Sunday mornings or at a funeral or a wedding?

The answers to these questions may differ for each of us. However, there are common threads that bind us together in worship. “Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God. In worship, the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives. “In worship, believers respond to God in Jesus Christ, are transformed and renewed, and thus are equipped to go into the world for service to God’s people.” (W-1.1001)

We come to worship God, for God is worthy of our praise. The origin of the word *worship* is *worthship*. But God is also an actor in the service as we hear God’s voice through Scriptures, sermons, hymns, prayers, and each other. In her book *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*, Marjorie J. Thompson reminds us that without the “rites and sacraments of public worship, there would be no Body of Christ.” When we come together for worship, we hear the stories of faith, we tell our children the faith history, we are joined in community through baptism, and we are nourished at the Lord’s Supper as a family. (Thompson, pp. 54-56)

As we share in the life of the church in worship, whether it be on Sunday mornings, at a funeral, at a wedding, or at another special celebration, we experience the Word of God in Jesus Christ. Each of us is also strengthened as a “communal witness of light, truth, and peace to overcome the corporate power” of the darkness that is in the world beyond the church. (Thompson, p. 57)

Individually, we proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In worship, we serve God in the power of the Holy Spirit in the name of Christ. In the community of the congregation, we respond to God and are nourished to go out in service to others.

Peace is in you,

Pastor Kingsley

The Power of Presence

I drove up to church to practice one Saturday morning. The temperature was a cold 62 degrees inside, the sanctuary was empty, and the organ was sluggish. Besides the chilliness, it was just not welcoming or inviting to sit there alone. It was then that I realized, once again, the power of a community of Christians gathered to worship.

Yes, it's so easy to roll over and say, "Nah, I'm not feeling it this morning." But on the other hand, someone may benefit just from your being present. Each of us has an energy, a presence to each persona. It's what makes others like or dislike us. But when we assemble on Sunday mornings with a smile, we stand and sing, bow to pray, and contribute to the corporate worship of the whole body of Christ. Your smile or kind word may brighten someone's week to come.

I also want to express my deep appreciation for those who minister to our fellowship at coffee hour. When you take the time to bake something, to make a platter of cheese and crackers, to set out something you have put part of yourself into—you are ministering!

The choir as a group participates in the music ministry by supporting the singing of hymns and by singing an anthem and introit each week. When you lift your voice in song, you become a part of the "worshipping throng." In the words of the welcoming song before the Sermon for Young Disciples:

*This, this is where children belong,
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's word, bread and cup, prayer, and song;
This is where children belong.*

It's where you belong, too. Come and gather with us; live your ministry. Lift your voice in song or by speaking to someone. Let your presence minister to the needs of others and you will receive back much more in blessing.

Robert Clooney

MIDNIGHT RUN

The next Midnight Run will take place in April. For those that do not know what we do on a Midnight Run, let me tell you. First, Midnight Run is a large, not-for-profit organization in New York City and it feeds the homeless community there. On the night of the run, we load several cars with pre-made bagged lunches, coffee, soup, clothing, and toiletries. We leave this area at about 9:00 p.m. and go into New York City with a preset route to feed, clothe, and minister to those in need on the street. We work through the night to care for as many souls as possible. We have at times also done what is called a "Brunch Run," meaning we do the same thing during daytime hours, at one preset site.

We meet many grateful people on these runs. This is a safe event. We, and the organization at large, have never had an incident. If you would like to participate in any way (donate/prepare food, donate/sort used clothing, or drive/co-pilot during the run) or you would like more information on either a night or daytime run, please feel free to call the church office at 294-7991 to leave a message, or contact me via e-mail at monkeybusinesslori@gmail.com.

Lori Baird
Co-Chair, Midnight Run Committee

MIDNIGHT RUN NEEDS:

BLACK GARBAGE BAGS-100

BROWN PAPER LUNCH BAGS-250

ZIPLOC TYPE QUART SIZE SANDWICH BAGS-500

FOLD TOP SANDWICH BAGS-250

NAPKINS-500

SPOONS-200

STYROFOAM COFFEE CUPS-300

COFFEE-1 CAN

SUGAR-2 LBS.

MILK-1 GALLON

BREAD-15 LOAVES

COOKIES-600/700=2/3 COOKIES TO A BAGGIE

HARDBOILED EGGS-12 DOZEN

LUNCH MEAT-SLICED-HAM/TURKEY-15 LBS.

DELI CHEESE-SLICED-10 LBS.

SOUP BROTH-2 GALLONS/8 QTS.

1 LB. EACH: FRESH CARROTS, ONIONS, CELERY, PASTA-SPAGHETTI

3 LBS.-FRESH CHICKEN LEGS

COFFEE POTS- (2) 50 CUP URNS

SOUP VESSEL-INSULATED-5 GALLONS OR MORE

INSULATED COOLERS-3 LARGE

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS TO TAKE IF DONATED: CHIPS, FRUIT, CRACKERS, CAKES, GRANOLA BARS, CANDY, JUICE BOXES, WATER BOTTLES

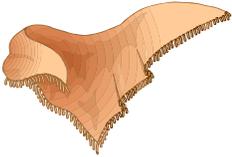
MEN'S CLOTHING IN SIZES: MEDIUM, LARGE, EXTRA LARGE

SOCKS, SWEATERS, COATS, HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES, SHOES, BLANKETS

MEN'S UNDERPANTS: MUST BE NEW IN THE PACKAGE!

TOILETRIES: TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, SOAP, BODYWASH, DEODORANT

WASHCLOTHS



Hug Happenings...
News of the Prayer Shawl Ministry (PSM)

Happy Valentine's Day to all of our friends and families! Since February is the month during which we think of love and hugs, it is appropriate for us to *thank all of you* for helping us to give our hugs when needed. We also want to thank all of you for helping us keep our ministry going.

Several donations were given to the church shawl ministry for the purchase of supplies after the gracious Thanksgiving article appeared in the Times Herald Record. After a little research, I found an Internet site that has good yarn at a deep discount. I did a little magic and purchased close to forty skeins of yarn for around \$120. This will make a good number of shawls, lap robes, and baby blankets to keep our supply boxes full. Every time we think we have "enough," we find a need and we have to get busy and fill our containers up again. Some of the recent shawls and lap robes are actually works of art. Each one is an original and the talents of our group are truly amazing.

I would like to thank Lori Baird for helping me in January to clear and clean up the room in which the shawls are stored. We think it will be much easier for everyone to locate gifts, gift bags, tissue paper, and the folders and prayers that fit the needs. If you stop by the church for one, our lovely church secretary, Pat, will direct you to the room. A list of what the colors represent is in the prayer box, so it will guide you on your gift choice. We will continue to take gently-used gift bags throughout the year, so please think of us to recycle them instead of putting them in the trash.

As it is February, we will again hold our **annual yarn drive**. Even though we have just purchased yarn, our active ladies will have used it up in no time and we will again be looking for more. It takes approximately 15 to 18 ounces of 4-ply acrylic yarn to make a good-sized shawl or lap robe (less for the baby blankets, of course). Since there are many yarn sales going on during this time of year, you can pick up several skeins inexpensively and place them in the basket in the narthex. If you don't crochet or knit, this is one way you can help send a hug from the church. We sincerely appreciate your support of this ministry.

Remember, we are always willing to teach anyone who wants to learn the art of crocheting. Watch for our meeting dates in the bulletin.

Again, thank you for your kind words and your support of this ministry.

Consider yourselves hugged,

Wendy Lee Paffenroth
PSM Secretary

DEACONS VALENTINE'S DAY COFFEE HOUR
FEBRUARY 13

The Deacons will be hosting their annual Valentine's Day coffee hour on February 13 in Fellowship Hall. Come one, come all, for some of First Presbyterian's finest goodies, hot coffee, tea, and lots of fellowship!

HEIFER PROJECT

Our congregation was very generous this Christmastide. They sent the following through the Heifer Project:

A sheep

A goat (two people purchased half a goat each)

Two flocks of chicks and two flocks of ducks

Honey bees

Cash donations of \$250 (which is equivalent to a water buffalo or half a knitting basket)

Many thanks to all! Now eight or more families will have the opportunity to make their own livings.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR DINNER AT

BULL'S HEAD INN

120 Sarah Wells Trail

Campbell Hall, New York

DATE: Sunday, February 20, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.
\$25 includes tax and gratuity

CHOICE OF: Soup du Jour
House Salad with Herb Dressing
Shrimp Cocktail

CHOICE OF: Chicken Parmigiana
Petit Filet Mignon
Grilled Atlantic Salmon
Chicken Panchetta over Rigatoni

(All entrees served with mashed potatoes & vegetable medley)

CHOICE OF: New York Cheese Cake
Chocolate Mousse
Vanilla or Chocolate Ice Cream

Coffee or Tea

(soda and bar drinks extra)

Please call Linda Clark (294-7488) or Jo Wolfe (294-6652) for reservations by February 13, 2011.

PRAYER CORNER



The following members or friends are going through a time in which they have asked for prayer by the church. Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Vince Ahrens	Kathy Alevras' mother	Dedra Altizer
The Family of Bill Baker	Lori Baird	Dennis Baker and daughter
Emily Barry and Family	Mary Lee and Ted Berry	Gabriel Bittner
Lorraine Boardman	Karen and Paige Brooks	Our brothers and sisters in Haiti & Chile
Haley Buckley	Sarah Burrows	Winnie Bynum
Mary Carr	Susan Caslick	Grace Cook
Bruce and Jean Crandall	Wesley Cudrow	Phyllis Cummings
Sylvester Damiani	Mary Jane DeFreece	Bob Dennis
Joe Destefano	Everyone serving in the Military	Pat Farley
Kevin Fenner	Judy Hankins Feragola	Steve Fischbein
Ben Fisher	Norm and Sharon Frelinger	Gabby
Fran Genovese	The George Family	Barbara and George Hankins
Kevin and Sara Hankins	David Jacks	Robert Jensen
Curtis and Heather Johnson	Carolyn Keller's parents	Kim
Don and Ella Kimble	Carol Kingsley	Evelyn Kingsley
Lyndsay Krutki	B.A. Long	Grace, Frank and Fran Leva
Charles Li	Robert Lobb	Margaretta Macica
Ursula Maletz	The Family of Melissa Martucci	Andy Marussich
The Family of Anita McCarthy	The Family of Tom McCombs	Josephine and David Medlar
Evelyn Mercado	Jeff Monroe	Lisa and Bob Montalbano
Heather Mustavs	Eileen Myslinski	Richard Nash
Steven Neil	Nina and Jason	Amy (Thompson) Nguyen
Ann Ott	Amy Pemberton	The Family of Marina Petersen
Susan Pierce	The Family of Madeline Pillmeier	John Redman and Family
Jack Richner	Loretta Richner and Family	Trudi Roach
Ted Sandstrom	Kevin Schuler	Fred Schwarz
Bryan Scott and Family	Dorothy Sevcik	Marguerite Shaw
Sara Simas	Walter and Louise Spencer	Peggy Srirach
The Smith Family	Mal Stewarts's mother	Bill and Jean Strong
Shawn Thatcher	Braiden Thew	Judy Thompson
George Tietz	Brenda Travers	Kim Valentini and Family
Elizabeth Van Etten	Kenya VanZandt	Wendy-Bynum Wade and Family
Jean Wade	Molly Wanat	John Wildschut
Jo Wolfe	Orra and Dale Wood	Paul and Phyla Wright

(If you or someone you know would like to be on this list or if you would like to take a name off the list, please call the church office and the name(s) will be included/omitted next month.)

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2011

Every year, the Presbytery of the Hudson River charges every member church an assessment according to the current active membership. Our recorded active membership is currently **341** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2011 is \$28.00**, which is a total of **\$9,548.00** to be taken from our operating budget. Please assist with this expense and write a check for your family assessment, if you haven't already done so, and either mail it to the church or place it in the Sunday offering plate. Thanks for doing your share.

EXTRA MILE GIVING TREE

Our Extra Mile Giving Tree still stands in the Narthex and continues to be a great source of giving opportunity for many of our members and friends. Check out the Giving Tree located on the table by the front entrance and make your donation toward a special project of your choice. There are envelopes beneath the tree and can be used to either mail back to the church or place in the offering plate. Thanks for your support.

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

FEBRUARY UPDATE

Memorial Pavers

We are collecting orders **NOW** through the end of February for new pavers to be installed in the spring. Purchase a memorial paver to remember or honor a loved one. To order your paver, see Pat in the church office. The cost of each paver is \$100.

“Stewards of the Garden”

Please feel free to “lend a helping hand” anytime at the garden! Just stop by and remove a bag of dead leaves that have fallen on our sacred space. Please remember, during the winter if it’s too cold, don’t’ go out there! The February/early March schedule is below for our Stewards.

SCHEDULE:	Loretta and Jack Richner:	February 1 –February 14
	Barbara and George Hankins:	February 15 – February 28
	Beryl Yungman Sue Varden:	March 1 – March 15

*This schedule will be posted outside the church office.
We’re looking for more “Stewards.” If you are interested, see Pat in the church office.*

Niches are AVAILABLE in the Memorial Columbarium.

Each niche is 11¼ inches cubed, allowing for double or single interment.

Four purchase options are available:

Payment in Full = \$2,500

12-Month Payment Option = \$250 / month for 12 months (\$3,000)

24-Month Payment Option = \$130 / month for 24 months (\$3,120)

36-Month Payment Option = \$ 90 / month for 36 months (\$3,240)

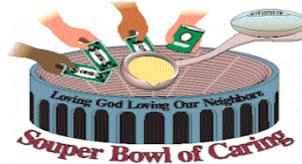
Please call the church office (845-294-7991), Pastor Kingsley, or Wayne George (914-213-4093) for any additional information you may need about the Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden.



The Souper Bowl



FEBRUARY 6, 2011



On Super Bowl Sunday tens of millions of people will enjoy the warmth of friendship and the satisfaction of food and drink while watching the Super Bowl football game on television. Unfortunately, at the same time, countless other people will feel cold air against their flesh and hunger within their stomachs.

An effort has been born that seeks to transform the Super Bowl into a “**Souper Bowl**” for the needy. The “**Souper Bowl**” is a unique interdenominational effort to glorify God and care for our brothers and sisters in need.

Here’s how it works: please give one dollar & one canned good as you leave worship on the weekend of the Super Bowl.

The money and canned goods that are collected will go DIRECTLY to the Goshen Ecumenical Pantry. Congregations across the nation are then asked to call “**Souper Bowl**” headquarters with the results of their efforts so that totals can be promptly determined and released. (Please call John Strobl at 294-9004 with your totals; he will report the totals to the “**Souper Bowl**” headquarters for the Food Pantry).

Here’s some background: the effort began in a Columbia, SC church in 1990. That year \$5,700 was raised in Columbia. Last year, 13,032 congregations across the nation raise \$10,177,713.00. **The Pantry raised \$2052.21**

Please join in partnership as we seek to *Love the Lord our God...and Love our neighbors...* in this simple yet significant way.

Goshen Ecumenical Pantry, Inc.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN GOSHEN
GOSHEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
GOSHEN CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

ST. JAMES’ EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ST. JOHN A.U.M.P. CHURCH
TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

2011 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please don't forget to pick up your 2011 offering envelopes on the table in the Narthex. If you don't find a box with your name and you would like envelopes, contact Nancy Smith at 741-8026.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2011

DEACONS DOINGS...

THE DEACONS ARE PLANNING A

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2011

(Snow date, Saturday, March 5)

CONTINUOUS SEATING FROM 8:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

The cost is \$6.00 per person, paid in advance.

All proceeds will benefit the Minister's Discretionary Fund

Please fill out the reservation form below and return to the church office.

RESERVATION FORM FOR THE DEACONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Total Number Attending _____ X \$6.00 Cost Per Person = \$ _____

THE SECOND ANNUAL
GOSHEN CHILI CHALLENGE

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

SAMPLE ALL CHILI ENTRIES: \$5

Includes Rice, Corn Bread, Sour Cream, Onions, Cheese, Dessert
Beverages available \$1

Plus **YOU VOTE** for

BEST CHILI & FIRE and BRIMSTONE CHILI

\$50 CASH PRIZE, PLAQUE & BRAGGING RIGHTS

(Local Organizations, Fire Houses, Municipalities,, Businesses, Churches,
Individuals Welcome)

Call 294-7991 for info and registration

Team Registration Fee: \$25.00

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Danielle Puelzl</i>	14	<i>Doug Wade</i>
	<i>Grover vonPentz</i>		<i>Andrea vonPentz</i>
3	<i>Katelyn Bischof</i>	15	<i>Patrick O'Hern</i>
	<i>Kathleen Kingsley</i>	16	<i>Cliff Bartley</i>
4	<i>Todd Countryman</i>		<i>Robyn Boardman</i>
	<i>Arlete Shaeffer</i>	18	<i>Dave Bryson</i>
5	<i>Morgan Case</i>	20	<i>Anne Tuthill</i>
	<i>Sarah Gibbons</i>	21	<i>Jack Calzaretta</i>
6	<i>Dan Esposito</i>		<i>Kimberly Zis</i>
10	<i>Linda Clark</i>	24	<i>Mackenzie Sproul</i>
12	<i>Jude Monteleone</i>		
13	<i>Alice Kwiecinski</i>		

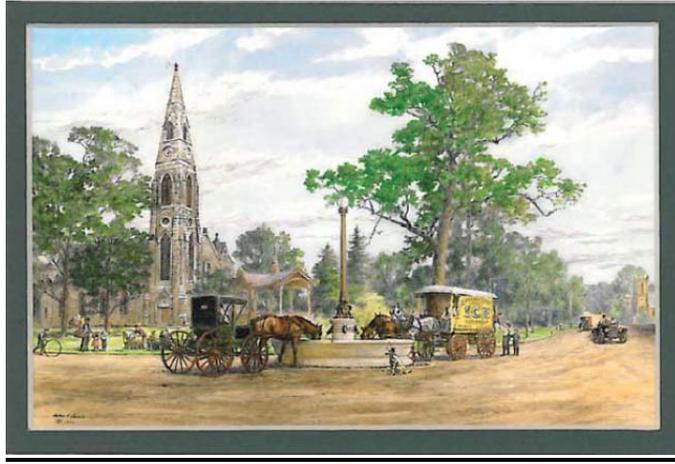
HAPPY FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES TO:

9	<i>Mike and Allison Csernai</i>
14	<i>Sean and Janet Linton</i>

If you are also celebrating a special day, we wish you much happiness. If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary included, please give your dates to Pat in the church office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Carl and Elfriede Johnson on the birth of their granddaughter, Devika Zoe Arkalgud born on December 14 at Albany Medical Center. Her mother, Brenda Johnson, brother Rama, and father Sitaram are overjoyed with the new addition to their family.*
- Our newest members who joined on January 23: Patricia Green, Glen and Alicia Holt, Lori Kilmer, and Emmanuel Phillips.*



The Harriman Fountain

The Good Old Days in Goshen, New York

Anyone who has ever lived in Goshen, or even just visited, will be nostalgic about the perspective of life in Goshen at the beginning of the twentieth century. Back then, the First Presbyterian Church, with its surrounding park, was the focal point and defining structure of the Goshen “villagescape.” Now, First Presbyterian Church in Goshen, in conjunction with The Bethlehem Art Gallery, will be giving you a chance to take home the original painting by renowned artist John Gould. What a terrific Christmas gift, a wonderful slice of Goshen for your home, not to mention a great investment. Close your eyes and think of your time in Goshen. Whether you’re a third-generation resident or a visitor, the image you’ll see in your mind will be very similar to the one above, with perhaps a lot more traffic in the Village Square! Don’t miss out on your chance to own your piece of Goshen history. Fill out the order form below and return to:

First Presbyterian Church
33 Park Place
Goshen, New York 10924

If you have any questions, call the church office at 845-294-7991

Gould’s View of Goshen Raffle Tickets * * * \$100 each

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (day) _____ (eve) _____ (cell) _____

EMAIL _____

Total tickets _____

Total enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to “First Presbyterian Church in Goshen” and write “Gould raffle tickets” in the memo area.)

Tickets may be purchased during coffee hour or at the church office during the week.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY
CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER
SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2011

Come and join us after the parade for some home-cooked corned beef and cabbage, served with carrots, potatoes, rye bread, Irish soda bread, beverage, and dessert. There will be chicken nuggets and macaroni and cheese for the children.

Where: *First Presbyterian Church
33 Park Place, Goshen, NY 10924
In Fellowship Hall*

When: *Serving from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.*

Cost: *\$12 per adult
\$10 each for seniors and children*

*Advanced reservations with payments are required. Checks should be made out to First Presbyterian Church and mailed or dropped off **NO LATER** than March 5. Please fill out the bottom and return it with your payment. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 294-7991.*

Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Number of adults attending at \$12 ea. _____ **for a total of \$** _____

Number of seniors or children attending at \$10 ea. _____ **for a total of \$** _____

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Confessing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we shall seek to use our gifts through worship, ministry, and mission, to gather the Church in from the world, to continue to nurture one another, to serve a world still broken, and to exemplify through common values and purposes Christian discipleship to the greater glory of God.

BOARD OF ELDERS

Class of 2011

**John Bruno
Linda Clark
Geri Corey
Dominick Fontana
Bill Hodges
Kathy Stringer**

Class of 2012

**Wendy Bynum-Wade
Craig Calzaretta
Tyler Cox
Bill Keller
Tom McDowell
Sue Varden**

Class of 2013

**Cliff Bartley
Barbara Hankins
John Redman
Loretta Richner
Scott Roper
Rob Warner**

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2011

**David Castellano
Patrick Farley
Grover vonPentz**

Class of 2012

**Linda Boardman
Jessica Bowe
Carol Gabella
Glynnis Jorgensen
Carolyn Keller
Marni Lewis
Rebecca Zis**

Class of 2013

**Gina Gruber
John Gruber
Kari Taylor
Lori Turner
Moses Ukejianya
Ashley Wade
Anne Wood**

**Moderator of Deacons: Lori Turner
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