



THE SPIRE

Special Dates:

- **All-Church Mexico Mission Trip**
June 18-25
- **Summer BBQs**
June 29, July 13, July 27, & August 10, 6-7:30 p.m.
- **Worship in the Grove**
July 10 & August 14, 7 p.m.
- **Habitat For Humanity Work Day**
July 23, August 27
- **High School Camping Trip**
July 29-31
- **Local Mission Week**
August 3-6
- **Mom's Night Out**
August 3

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*From the Pastor,
Rev. David G.
Watermulder*

Summer, Summertime



Are you ready for summertime? This issue of the Spire will cover the coming months of June, July and August, as we transition into this summer season.

Around PCLG, the summer has some highlights in store. Our **All-Church Mexico Mission team** will be building houses south of the border from June 18-25 and will share about their adventures in worship on Sunday, July 10th. I hope you will get a chance to hear all about it.

Along with serving others in Jesus' name down in Mexico, we will also be active here closer to home. Our **Local Mission Week** will be held from Aug 3-6 this year and each day is a different local mission/service project! Kids and families are welcome and this is a great way to share the joy of loving our neighbors as a church.

Another highlight of our summer together is our **Summer BBQ Series** on the front lawn of the church. This happens every other Wednesday (June 29, July 13, July

27, and August 10), and is a chance to relax together, enjoy a night off from cooking at home, and just hang out. I hope you'll put these dates on your calendar and plan to join us.

Also this summer are two great opportunities to

worship outdoors on Sunday evenings with us! The **Grove Worship services** will be held in the cool of the evening on July 10th and August 14th. These are unique services held in the Redwood Grove, right here on campus and there are always good treats afterward. Join us for those lively, all-ages services.

So, I bring you all of these summer events that our church will experience, but here is a word of caution from your Pastor:

Please don't read about all of these summer events (and all the rest that is in this newsletter) and think, "oh, great, even more stuff that I have to do!"

This may seem paradoxical after the whole list of activities that I just laid out, but, our summer plans at PCLG are built to help you slow down this summer, to simplify, and to enjoy.

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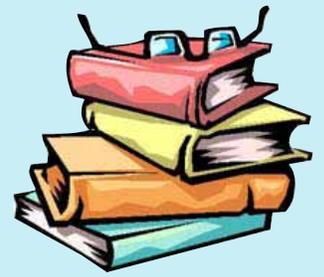
One pastor named Bill Hybels uses the term "strategic neglect". He says that there are all sorts of things that could occupy our time and our attention. It's easy for "stuff" to fill up our calendars. And most of it is good! Much of it is worthwhile! But, what if we practiced "strategic neglect" and allowed ourselves to neglect picking up everything that comes our way in order to make room for the things that will matter most. What if we strategically, thoughtfully, and prayerfully came back to central, life-giving things this summer?

I want to suggest that serving others as a family (either in Mexico or locally), and eating together with friends and neighbors (at a BBQ), and even gathering to worship (on Sunday mornings or in the Grove), can all be life-giving activities for you this summer.

None of these is required. You could skip out on it all. But, I believe that making intentional time this summer for worship, fellowship and service with your church family will actually lead you closer to the place where God wants you to be.

So, in these months ahead, I pray that you will find time for the things you enjoy! May your summer be "the best ever"... and as you read the pages of this newsletter, maybe God will give you a nudge, or an invitation to join in the goodness of this season.

Peace,
Pastor Dave



Bookends

PCLG's Book Club meets once a month, and new folks are always welcome!

Contact Sue Hansen for more information:

paigeturner007@hotmail.com.

June 2016

The Good Earth
by Pearl Buck

July 2016

All the Light We Cannot See

by Anthony Doerr

August 2016

God's Hotel
by Victoria Sweet



Senior Stretch & Movement

This Summer, join other seniors from the church for some stretching and walking. Meet in the courtyard Wednesdays & Fridays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Contact Ellen Graff if you have any questions. (408) 358-9488



Building Bridges

Out of our “loving neighbors” series, we hope to go further in some interfaith dialogue with Jewish and Methodist neighbors. We are setting up a meeting in February or March with a representative of each of the three congregations that would be involved in the larger dialogue in the fall.

We are looking for a couple of people interested in helping to organize this chance for people to listen and share together. Contact Pastor Dave if you are interested.

GROVE GROUPS



If you are interested in joining one of PCLG’s growing small groups, please contact Elder Dave Heacock at grovegroups@pclg.org. Grove Groups are a fun way to get to know others in the church, share a meal together, and grow spiritually.



WOW starts up again on August 25! WOW is a weekly Bible study group for women at PCLG, all you ladies are invited to join us! We meet on Thursday mornings from 10-11:30 in room 8 of the Children’s Ministry wing, our first meeting of the year will be our welcome brunch on August 25. We do a rotation of Bible studies, this year we will be doing a study called Who is Jesus?, a 4 session PBS video series called From Jesus to Christ, a study on the book of Acts, as well as having guest speakers, Cooking with Carol activities, and coffee fellowship days. Our group is designed so that each week is free standing - that is you can drop in just for 1 week and learn with us and that’s fine, or you can come every week and get even more out of it. Here is the schedule for the first 6 weeks of WOW:

Aug 25 – Welcome brunch – invite a friend and bring something yummy to share

Sept 1 – Acts study – led Martha 1

Sept 8 – guest speaker – Pastor Dave (this will be an all PW meeting, so several women’s Bible study groups including WOW will meet in the social hall together with coffee and refreshments)

Sept 15 – Horizon’s study - Who is Jesus?– chapter 1

Sept 22 – From Jesus to Christ – video series week 1

Sept 29 – Coffee fellowship - location to be determined, stay tuned!

If you have any questions about WOW or the other monthly women’s Bible study groups, please contact Julie Lasher at JHLasher@aim.com, or by phone at 408/ 656-8419.



Children's Ministry

Summer in God's Place –

This summer in God's Place we will be using the Vacation Bible School Curriculum – Living Waters for the World, for Preschool – 5th Grade. This program will focus on providing clean water for people around the world. We will explore Bible stories; there will be crafts, experiments, activities, music and mission. Lessons will be adapted based on the different age groups.

- June 5:** Fun & Fellowship
- June 12:** Living Waters for the World Lesson
- June 19:** Music & More
- June 26:** All Church Worship (God's Place for Preschool – K)
- July 3:** God Bless America Lesson
- July 10:** Living Waters for the World Lesson
- July 17:** All Church Worship (God's Place for Preschool – K)
- July 24:** Living Waters for the World Lesson
- July 31:** Music & More
- August 7:** Living Waters for the World Lesson
- August 14:** All Church Worship (God's Place for Preschool – K)
- August 21:** Music & More
- August 28:** Living Waters for the World Lesson/All grade levels will sing music they have been learning, over the summer, during Time For Young Disciples
- September 4:** All Church Worship (God's Place for Preschool – K)
- September 11:** KICKOFF SUNDAY!

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Our curriculum focuses on countries around the world without access to clean water. It is important for our children to have opportunities to help others in need. Over the summer children can contribute and offering each week. The money we collect over the summer will be given to **Living Water World Missions** – the organization Pastor Dave & Carlo Pagnhetti served this spring.

**The music during our Music & More Sundays will be led by Rita Hoegel (Preschool – K) and Michael Taylor (1st-5th)*

Summer Reading Challenge: I am inviting children entering Preschool – 5th grade to be active readers this summer and participate in the Children's Ministry Summer Reading Challenge. The challenge begins June 24th and will end July 23rd. As a team you are trying to read a total of 500 books. For this challenge you must check out books from our Children's Ministry library. We have tons of books, and I recently purchased a few fiction chapter books. Details will be posted near the classrooms and by the library.

"Serving" up fun this summer in God's Place!

*Summer is a great time to begin teaching if you have never served in Children's Ministries before. We also love to welcome back college students, and invite our High School youth to serve during the summertime. Please contact Lauren Froman if you are interested, or sign up online at pclg.org/signup. pclglauren@gmail.com
408.356.6156*

Back to School in God's Place

The lazy summer days have a way of passing by quicker than we want them to and back to school creeps up before we know it.

To prepare for our "Back to School" Children's Ministries will host its Teacher Training on Sunday, August 28th.

We only host one training throughout the year, rather than quarterly, so please mark your calendars to attend.

Lunch will be served and we will meet following worship.

Lauren Froman will contact you directly if you are due for Safe Church training.

Summer Fun!

We hope in between camps, play-dates, and family vacations you will be able to join us for some PCLG summer fun!

- June 29:** PCLG BBQ 5:30-7pm
- July 13:** PCLG BBQ 5:30-7pm
- July 22:** Beach Day 10am – Crow's Next Beach, Santa Cruz. Please RSVP by July 1st
- July 27:** PCLG BBQ 5:30-7pm
- August 3:** Mom's Night Out – Pedro's Los Gatos 7pm. Please RSVP by July 22nd
- August 10:** PCLG BBQ 5:30-7pm
- August 26:** Parents Night Out 5:30-8:30pm. Please RSVP by August 1st



Youth News

June

Sunday June 26 – No YG, Rest.

Wednesday June 29 – All-Church BBQ @ 5:30 p.m.

All-Youth Movie Night @ 8:30 p.m.

Thursday June 30 – Middle School Road Trip: Geocaching Big Basin, Scopazzi's in Boulder Creek

July

Sunday July 3 – High School Youth Group: Softball/ Whiffle Ball Game

Thursday July 7 – Middle School Road Trip*: Jack London Square, Oakland Museum of CA, Lake Merritt, Homeroom Mac N Cheese restaurant

Sunday July 10 – Worship in the Grove @ 7 p.m. followed by High School Volleyball night

July 10-16 – Westminster Woods Summer Camp for Middle School & High School, Sign-ups still available at wesm

Wednesday July 13 – All Church BBQ @ 5:30 p.m.
All-Youth Movie Night @ 8:30 p.m.

Sunday July 17 – High School Youth Group: "How to" change a tire & other things (change rooms in college, change churches, change your voting registration)

Thursday July 21 – Middle School Road Trip*: Point Lobos, Monterey

Sunday July 24 - High School Youth Group: Big Wide Game/Scavenger Hunt/Mission

Wednesday July 27 – Middle School Road Trip*, All-Church BBQ @ 5:30 p.m.

Friday July 29 – *Sunday July 31* - Retramping, no YG



August

Wednesday August 3-Saturday August 6 – PCLG Local Mission Week

Sunday August 7 – High School Youth Group Goodbye Graduates? Worship & reflections

Wednesday August 10 – All-Church BBQ @ 5:30 p.m.
All-Youth Movie Night @ 8:30 p.m.

Thursday August 11 – Middle School Road Trip*: San Francisco's Hippest Neighborhood (we'll find out in August)

Sunday August 14 – Worship in the Grove @ 7 p.m.

Sunday August 21 – New 6th Graders & Parents Orientation to SNIFF Night

Sunday August 21 – Welcome Back from Summer! Word.

September

Sunday September 11 – Church Picnic after worship
SNIFF & Middle School Sunday School Return!

Sometime in September – Cameroy Invitational Annyong Cup

**RSVP to fainer@gmail.com or 408-472-0208 for Road Trips. Space is limited to 7-10 students per trip.*



Music Notes



From the Music Director

Well, here we are again anticipating another beautiful summer in Los Gatos. We are truly blessed to live

in such a wonderful location.

This summer the music program will be on hand for "Music Celebration Sunday" on June 12. It will feature the brass, the bells, the strings, the choir and the Worship Band. This Sunday will be the last day for the choir before they take their summer hiatus, returning next September. The choir may return once or twice during the summer, however.

This summer we will feature the various musical groups including worship band, brass and strings. We will also have various vocal soloists sing throughout the summer, so there will be a lot of exciting music for worship.

One of the pieces we will do on June 12 is "The Heavens are telling", a famous movement from the Creation by Joseph Haydn, a Viennese composer who was Mozart's famous, though older contemporary.



Graphic from Europe a Prophecy, by William Blake

The Creation was based on the Book of Genesis, the Psalms and John Milton's Paradise Lost. The piece was first published in 1800 and the original libretto was based upon the King James bible. The German translation provided to Haydn for purposes of composing, as he wasn't fluent in English, was a translation of the King James bible and unlike any German translation of the bible.

The Creation is considered Haydn's great masterpiece and Haydn was inspired to write such a large oratorio after a visit to England and upon hearing the great oratorios of Handel. Along with the choir, the piece features three angels as soloists,

Raphael, Uriel and Gabriel. I know you will enjoy this seminal piece of music.

All the best!

Michael Taylor, director of music

michaeltaylor@comcast.net

Adult Education

Did you know there are different methods of prayer? Kneeling with Giants, written by Gary Neal Hansen, describes ten different methods of prayer practiced by such famous people as Saint Benedict, Martin Luther, John Calvin and Saint Teresa of Avila. Come join Susan McDougall and explore methods employed by John Calvin and St. Teresa on **Sunday, August 21 at 11:30** in the Fireside Room.

Susan is one of our own PCLG candidates for the ministry. She has spent the first six months of this year interning at First Presbyterian Church in downtown San Jose. Susan has been attending University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. Susan has also served our congregation as a Deacon.



WORSHIP IN THE GROVE

Enjoy worship,
fellowship, God's
word, music and
refreshments in our
own little slice of
nature!

Sunday evenings

July 10

August 14

7 p.m. in the Redwood
Grove

At our event this past February where we heard from a visiting Muslim Imam, Carol Smith prepared this Spinach Rice Casserole. It was delicious, and she thought you might want the recipe!

Prep time: 40 mins. Total time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Yield: 8 generous servings

Ingredients

4 cups cooked brown rice (2 cups uncooked)
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 medium onion, diced
8 oz cremini or white mushrooms, chopped 2 cloves
garlic, minced
2 lbs. baby spinach, chopped
1 tsp kosher or sea salt
4 eggs, beaten
1 cup skim milk
1 cup grated cheddar or mozzarella cheese 1/4 cup
chopped parsley
2 tablespoons soy sauce (optional)
1/4 tsp nutmeg (freshly grated, if possible) 1/4 tsp
cayenne pepper
1/3 cup sunflower seeds
2 tsp paprika

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray a 9x13 baking dish or casserole with cooking spray and set aside.
2. Cook the rice and set aside.
3. Heat olive oil in a large stockpot over medium heat. Add onions and mushrooms and cook, stirring frequently, until onions are soft, about 7-8 minutes. Add garlic, spinach, and salt and cook until spinach is just wilting, about 2 minutes.
4. Let cool for a few minutes, then add rice, eggs, milk, cheese, parsley, soy sauce, nutmeg, and cayenne and stir to combine.
5. Spread evenly in baking dish. Top with sunflower seeds and paprika. Cover with tinfoil and bake for 25 minutes, then remove foil and bake uncovered for another 10 minutes.



Mission Minute

The Sophia's Layette project could use your help this Summer! If you are a sewer, and would like to help make bibs and burp cloths for local mothers and babies, we will supply the patterns and fabric. Please contact Colleen Hattman at (408) 971-6164 if you are interested.

Summer Local Mission Week

This August 3-6, you are invited to join others from the PCLG community in several local service opportunities. All ages are welcome! Please sign up online at pclg.org/signup!



Wednesday 8:45 to 12:30 Front Door Ministry in downtown San Jose - cook and serve a BBQ lunch and pack bags for future use. Walk to lunch afterward.

Thursday 9:00 to 2:45 Homeless Garden Project in Santa Cruz - work in a garden, weeding, digging, planting, harvesting, and join together for a community lunch.



Thursday 9:00 to 3:00 Sophia's Layette in the Social Hall

Friday 10:00 to 2:00 Immanuel House Help serve in the San Jose Presbytery's home for refugees by cleaning, sorting, and sprucing up the house. Afterwards we'll make lunch and eat with the residents on site that day.

Friday 9:00 to 3:00 Sophia's Layette in the Social Hall

Saturday 9:30 to 12:00 Stop Hunger Now packing event in Social Hall



Habitat for Humanity Work Days: Saturdays, July 23, & August 27. A new house-building project supported by a variety of faith communities has broken ground in San Jose. To sign up for one of these workdays, contact Eric Schroeder at esschroeder@me.com.

*The mission committee meets (usually) the second Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m.
For more information on projects and programs, email Elder Martha Wills at mtswills@gmail.com.*

Financial Report

Dear friends,

It is the end of May now and PCLG's financial picture remains strong. Our income remains over budget and our expenses are under budget, leaving us with a surplus at this time.

Our pledged offering is 101% of budget and our overall income is 105% of budget. Our expenses are 96% of budget, resulting in a surplus of \$12,717, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$23,454.

In July I will run semi-annual giving statement, which will be available for pickup in the Narthex. You may also request a copy to be mailed or emailed to you. My email address is kristy.cole@pclg.org, should you wish to contact me.

All pledge and giving information is kept confidential. You may pledge and give online at www.pclg.org.

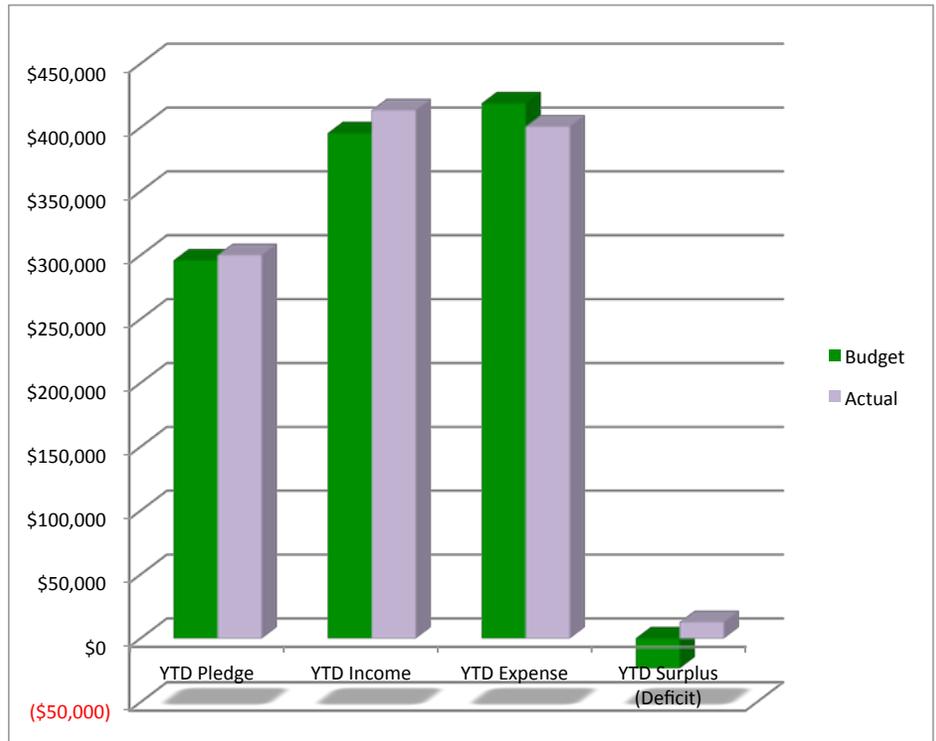
Many thanks for your generosity to PCLG.

Wishing you a joyful summer! I hope to see you at the PCLG BBQs

In Christ,

Kristy Cole

Church Administrator



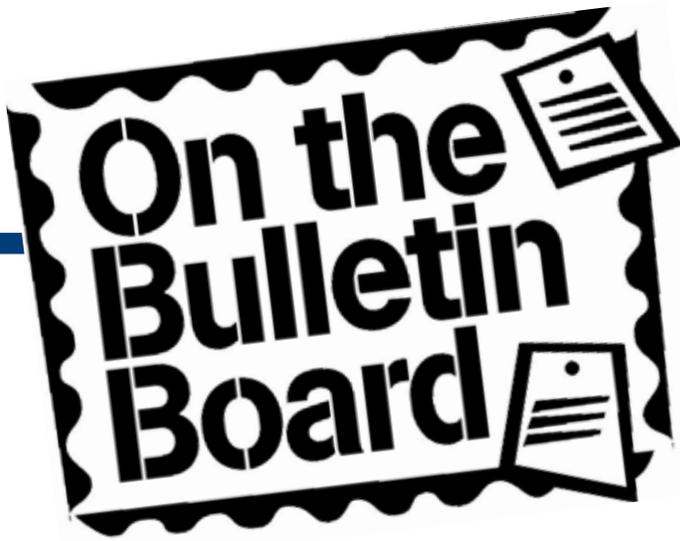
We are looking forward to the summer months and beautiful weather! Our garden is blossoming with flowers and veggies. Our Pre K will be using them for their Jr. Chef series in June and we will incorporate them into our school snacks during the remaining months.

GFP will begin their new school year on August 29th.....Enjoy your summer!

Blessings,

Cory Mullins

Growing FootPrints Director growingfootprints@yahoo.com.



Have a short note for the next issue of *The Spire*?

Submit your bulletin board items to carlo@pclg.org

Those (Young)
Americans



a concert of American music for organ and "organ plus"

featuring

Margaret Kvamme, organ

and young instrumentalists:

- ★ **Lauren Collar**, flute
- ★ **Robert Collar**, clarinet
- ★ **Lewis Fowler**, saxophone

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PCLG at-a-Glance

WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS

Adult Education	9 a.m.
Worship in the Sanctuary	10 a.m.
“God’s Place” Sunday School	10:15 a.m.
Fellowship Time	11 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Men’s Bible Study	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.
Pastor’s Bible Study	Wednesday	2:00 p.m.
Theology on Tap	1st Monday	8 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Friends, Food, Fellowship	2nd Saturday	6 p.m.
The Voyagers	3rd Saturday Fellowship & Service	
Buoys & Gulls	Various	Various
Mates	Various	Various
Senior Stretch & Movement	Wed/Fri	9:30 a.m.
Happy Paint	Thursday	10:00 a.m.
Bookends	Various	Various
CoveKnit Group	Wednesday	7 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Home AM Groups	3rd Thursday	9:30 a.m.
PCLG AM (“WoW”) Group	Thursday	10 a.m.
PCLG Noon Group	2nd Thursday	12 p.m.

COVENANT GROUPS

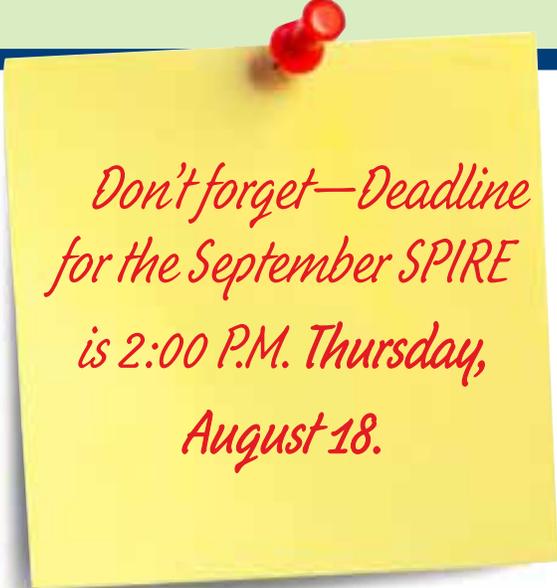
Baker/Attwood Covt.	Monday	10:00 a.m.
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MUSIC MINISTRIES

Los Cascabeles	Tuesday	6 p.m.
Chancel Brass	Wednesday	7:45 p.m.
Worship Band	Thursday	7 p.m.
Chancel Choir	Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Chancel Strings	Friday	7:30 p.m.
Joyful Voices	Sunday	11:30 a.m.
Youth Choir	Sunday	6:30 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Middle School SNiFF	Sunday	5 p.m.
High School YG	Sunday	7:30 p.m.



*Don't forget—Deadline
for the September SPIRE
is 2:00 P.M. Thursday,
August 18.*

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Summer BBQs

Wednesday evenings,

June 29, July 13 & 27, August 10

6-7:30 p.m.

want to help out at one or more of the BBQs?
See pclg.org/signup for more information!

