

Season after Epiphany

January 16, 2022



HAVEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

1035 Haven Road Hagerstown, MD 21742 (301) 733-5056

Worship with Communion: Sunday 9:30 a.m. (in-person & Haven's Facebook 'Live')
(<https://www.facebook.com/Haven-Lutheran-Church-134647913268366>)

Ministers: All God's People at Haven Pastor: Linda M. Alessandri

COME LET US WORSHIP

A warm welcome to each of you as we gather for worship today and a special welcome to our guests. As we offer God our praise, may you be richly blessed by God's gracious Word, Meal and community.

HAVEN IS WORKING TO PROTECT EVERYONE'S HEALTH AS WE WORSHIP

***The air in Haven's sanctuary is circulated through our new ionizing system 24/7.** This system is the same used in airplanes and doctor's offices to combat airborne particulates that carry bacteria and viruses including COVID.

***Hand sanitizing stations and masks** are available at both entrances.

***Hand sanitizer** is available in every pew.

***There is an area of chairs for those who wish to practice social distancing** in the back of the center portion of the church.

***Communion can be brought to anyone** who would prefer not to come into the center of the congregation.

Pass on the word that Haven is a good place to worship, with safeguards in place to combat COVID during these challenging times.

Special Worship Notes and Precautions

With Washington County still designated as an area of high COVID transmission, the Maryland Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend but do not require that vaccinated persons wear masks during indoor gatherings. At Haven, vaccinated persons are welcome to wear a mask at worship, for their own protection or the protection of elders, immune-compromised, children, and the unvaccinated.

At this time, as we continue to be mindful and caring for one another, please:

- use provided hand sanitizer as much as possible (as you enter & leave the building & in the pews);
- pass the peace from your seat for now. (A wave, bow or fist bump are the safest. Include a wave to those participating at home. Use hand sanitizer if you do exchange a hand shake.)
- As you come forward for communion, please leave some space between yourself and any persons in front of you who are from another household.
- Like Jesus, we strive to invite, welcome and include everyone. Thus, practicing good hospitality, PLEASE do not ask or quiz persons about their mask choice OR their vaccination status. Wearing a mask or not, we worship our Lord together with gratitude and joy.
- If you are feeling poorly or have a temperature, please join worship on-line until you are feeling better. Call the church if you'd like to be added to the prayer list or speak with the pastor.

*We give thanks that God IS with us as we gather to worship.
We give thanks for your presence, patience and your prayers
during these unprecedented times as we worship together
the Lord who is forever good, loving and faithful.*

“I was glad when you said, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’”

Psalm 121:1

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

(vs. 2) #310



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak - ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God - head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A: The Light shines in the darkness,

C: **and the darkness has not overcome it.** (John 1:5)

(after the announcements)

A: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

C: **And the glory of the LORD has risen upon us.** (Isaiah 60:1)

PRELUDE

“Baptized and Set Free”

setting by Marilyn Biery

OPENING HYMN

“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”

#531



1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is
 2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; oh, taste the
 3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,
 peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;
 poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud



and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.
 he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.
 the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.

Refrain



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin;



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THE GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE “Joyful , Joyful We Adore Thee” (vs. 1& 2) #836



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

PRAYER OF THE DAY C: **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (*please be seated*) “This Little Light of Mine” (vs. 1)

Verse 1

*This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

FIRST READING Isaiah 62:1-5

A: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 36:5-10

⁵ Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶ **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**

⁷ How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸ **They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹ For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

¹⁰ **Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*remain seated*) “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

#172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL John 2:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

(after the Gospel is read)

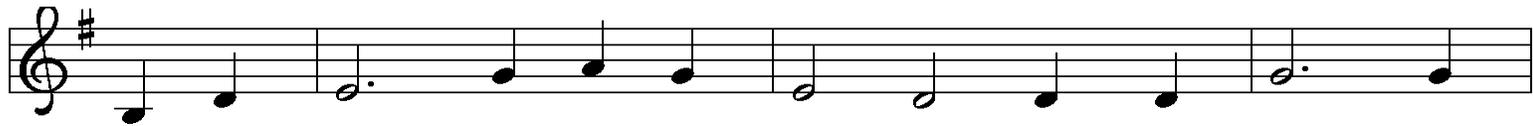
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus, Come! For We Invite You”

#312



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,
 2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to
 3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in
 4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,
 paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,
 pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,
 to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or
 let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in
 chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -
 all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den



doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.
 se - cret, all shall see what you have done.
 ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!
 rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

THE PRAYERS Each prayer ends: “God of grace,” C: “**hear our prayer.**”

*When the petition is read that includes those serving in the armed forces, the **congregation** is asked to please join in reading the names in bold print:*

... Protect those sent into harm's way for the sake of peace especially **Gavin** Anderson, **Ben** Asbury, **Amanda** Bertucci, **Richard** Collins, **Cole** Conrad, **Nick** Graham, **Michael** McKenzie III, **Travis** Thompson, **Hunter** Wiles.

*When the petition is read that includes those listed in our prayer list, the **congregation** is invited to join in that prayer by reading aloud the names below. Read only the **bold** portion of the names, going down the columns. (*Friends & Family of Haven Members)*

... especially,

Carol Shull
***Virginia White**
***Sandy Brandon**
***Edward Staley**
***Helen VanderHamm**
***Nasrin Sotoudeh**
***Courtney Belmont**
***Caitlyn Battoe**
***Brandi Allsop**
***Seth Battoe**
***Debora Daniels**
Larry & Sharon
Hartsock
***Teresa Hoover**
***Lindsey Hoover**
***Johnny Wright**
***William Burkley**

Harold Rice
***Amanda Cunningham**
***Tally Uchina**
***Ernie Howe**
***Ralph & Marion Rowe**
***Marci Dean**
***Diana Grimes**
***Liz Miller**
***Jan Reynolds and**
Family
***Paula Viscusi**
***Tina Krichnan**
***Vera Rosenow**
Pam O'Connor
***Sadie Garner**
***Family of Wilma**
Ogren

***Gael & David Butcher**
***Nelson Strobert**
***Rod & Patty**
Bonebrake
***Claudy Family**
***Holder Family**
***John Crafton**
***Bobby Hoffman**
***Judy Kofoet**
***Duane VanScyoc**
***Dawn Allamong**
Hayzlett
***Miss Dee**
***Lane Hala**
Pastor **Dave Kaplan**
Pile Family

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us safely offer one another a sign of God's peace.

(Honor social distancing, wave or a slight bow with your hand on your heart toward others as a way to extend God's peace.)

(Pass the peace from your seat for now. A wave, bow or fist bump is the safest. Include a wave to those participating at home. There is hand sanitizer in the pews.)

THE MEAL

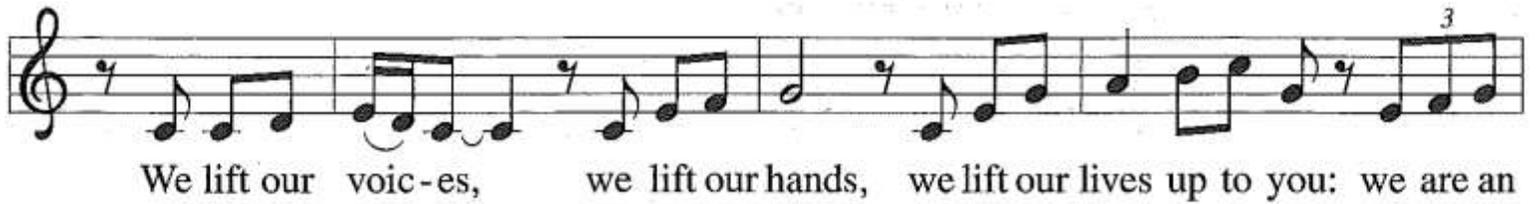
OFFERTORY ANTHEM “*Bind Us Together*” Bob Gillman [from WOV #748]

THE OFFERING

P: It's Offering time! **C: Praise God!**

(Thank you for your faithful generosity. May God bless what we give and use it to bring wholeness, healing and hope to God's world. Amen.)

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS “We Are an Offering” (cont. p. 9) #692



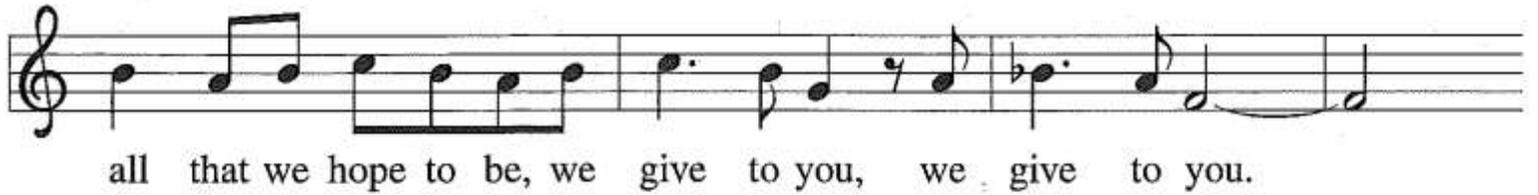
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an



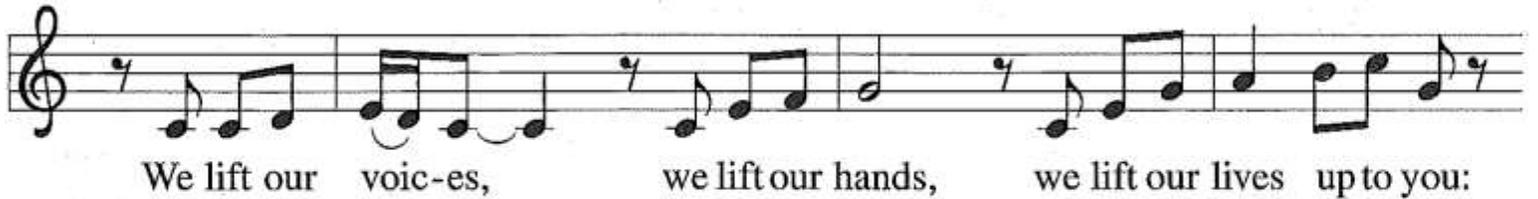
offer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our



lives, they are yours: we are an offer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,



all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.



We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:



we are an offer-ing, we are an offer-ing.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.
- C: **Accept these gifts we offer. Lead us to your table,
nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God,

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us. Fill us with your light.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God Incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORDS PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

For those communing in their homes: Please have your communion set(s) ready, removing the protective film on the host and grape juice. Pastor will then say, "Body of Christ, given for you." Please consume the host. Pastor will say, "Blood of Christ, shed for you."

Please drink the grape juice. As your brothers and sisters in Christ in the church receive communion, please pray for them and/or sing the communion songs on their behalf.

For those communing in the church: Holy Communion will be offered in bread and wine. Grape juice is also available. As your section comes forward, **please leave room between yourself and those in front of you who are from another household.**

First come to the pastor to receive the bread dropped into your hand. Step to the side and consume the bread. Second, go to the assisting minister to take a cup of wine or grape juice. Step to the side and consume the wine or grape juice. As you return to your seat, there will be a basket where you can dispose of your empty cup.

*(Offerings to contribute towards the \$100 per month pledge for **Holly Place** can be placed in our "offering bucket" at this time or as you leave worship today.)*

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Lamb of God"

ELW p. 191

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

(Hymnal can be found in the pew racks.)

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”
“By Your Hand You Feed Your People”
“Here Is Bread”

#488
#469
#483

TABLE BLESSING

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.

C: **Send us to bring good news
and to proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace
in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“We All Are One in Mission”

(cont. p. 15) #576



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

POSTLUDE *“Let All Things Now Living”* setting by Don Larson

DISMISSAL

A: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the light of Jesus.

C: **We will! Thanks be to God!**

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Serving God’s People this Sunday Morning: January 16, 2022

- Presiding Minister** Pastor Linda Alessandri
- Assisting Minister** Aura Neikirk
- Organist** Stephen Pastena
- Acolyte** Ethan Rhodes
- Ushers** Bob Snyder, Elaine Michael, Susan Strobl
- Securing the Building** Ken Tice, Kris Fignar

We also Remember in Prayer:

Our homebound members: Irene Giffin, Sari Kilheffer, Phyllis Meyers, Inez Winebrenner and Dorothy Zinkand.

Military personnel serving in harm’s way: Gavin Anderson, Ben Asbury, Amanda Bertucci, Richard Collins, Cole Conrad, Nick Graham, Michael McKenzie III, Travis Thompson, Hunter Wiles.

Hospital Admissions: PLEASE call Haven's church office (301-733-5056) or Pastor Alessandri (301-745-4216) if you or a loved one have a planned or emergency admission to the hospital. We also want to add you or your loved one to our prayer list so our congregation can lift you up in prayer.

The Readings for next Sunday, **January 23, 2022** ~ Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21

Serving God's People next Sunday morning: January 23, 2022

Presiding Minister	Pastor Linda Alessandri
Assisting Minister	Marge Cunningham
Organist	Stephen Pastena
Acolyte	Danny Kiblinger
Ushers	Kathy Wright, Kim Pile, Will Seilhammer
Securing the Building	Ken Tice, Kris Fignar

FAITH BUILDING TOGETHER!



As of Jan. 9, **\$73,415** has been donated toward our \$100,000 building loan. Wow! Thank you for standing by your promised donations and for additional contributions.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES AND GIVING STATEMENTS
ARE IN THE NARTHEX FOR PICK-UP!**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL resumes today at 11 a.m. ALL are welcome.

HAVEN'S BOOK CLUB – On **Thursday, January 20 at 2 pm** we will meet to discuss **AMERICAN DIRT** by Jeanine Cummins.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – On **Thursday, January 27 at 10 am** women of Haven will meet for study of Scripture and how it can help guide our lives.

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES



HAVEN'S BLESSING BOX – Donations are needed for our Blessings Box. Haven's Blessing Box is intended to function as a small neighborhood pantry, offering items to those who have a need. Primarily, the box contains shelf-stable foods. Suggestions for donated items are on the mobile board and in January's newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For up-to-date information about church events and worship visit www.havenlc.org.

COMING UP THIS WEEK:

- January 17** **MLK Day ~ Office Closed**
6:00 Bell Choir
7:00 Council meeting
- January 18** 7:00 Choir
- January 19** 10:00 Bible Study
- January 20** 2:00 Book Club
- January 23** **9:30 Worship Service** (in-person & Facebook Live)
11:00 Adult Sunday School
12:00 Confirmation Class

CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTIVE OFFICE HOURS – Mary Grabill is in the church office on **Monday's from 9am-1pm, Thursday from 12pm-4:00pm and Friday from 9am-1pm.** If you leave a voicemail they will be checked regularly and if you email the church at havenoffice@havenlc.org they are checked daily as the Administrator works remotely on Tuesday and Wednesdays when not in the church office.

CANCELLATION – Any cancellations or delays of worship service, church events and office closures will be noted on the church's phone system. When calling the church, after the main greeting, press the (*) **key to hear special events**, weather related and any other church related information. Service cancellations due to weather will also be sent to WJEJ and WCRH local radio stations.

Haven Mission Statement:

“To honor God, to reach out with love to our members and the community and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

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Jim Cannon, Treasurer

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Marge Cunningham, Kris Fignar, June Hess

Elaine Michael, Nancy Newkirk, Ken Tice

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