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## *Pastor Beth's Message: We Are A.L.I.V.E.*

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Matthew 16: 24-28 (NRSV)  
24 *Then Jesus told His disciples, "If any want to become My followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for My sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 27 "For the Son of Man is to come with His angels in the glory of His Father, and then He will repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."*

**B**ack in the spring our congregation took a survey called "Readiness 360"- it provided feedback that overall we are a healthy congregation. The survey looked at the areas of spiritual intensity, dynamic relationships, missional alignment, and cultural openness. In the first three areas we were ready in many respects. This is a good thing; it means that we have continued to look toward the future, see many of the areas where we are hesitant, and are trying to challenge ourselves to do new things.

Since 2011, we have made significant progress on our mortgage principal, including a major payment and a re-amortization of our loan at the beginning of this year. This has allowed us to continue to cover our expenses that have increased due to the increased price of things like electricity and gas, and hiring part-time staff to aid in our ministry. We continue to watch our finances closely as we desire to stay healthy financially. Each of you makes that possible with your financial gifts and offerings.

All of these steps have allowed us to move out of crisis mode, and into a healthy place where we can begin to discuss our missional alignment and plan accordingly. The administrative council has been working on moving from our mission statement and vision statement, to carve out our core values. The Administrative Council team has worked together, slowly and intentionally. They arrived at these core values which make us **A.L.I.V.E.** in Jesus Christ.

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WELCOME: **“Welcoming others into a relationship...**

Pastor Beth’s Message: *We Are A.L.I.V.E.*—continued from cover page:

**Accepting-** *We will be disciples of Jesus who seek to accept people right where they are on their journey in life, welcome them, and actively make space for them in the body of Christ where we recognize that each person has God-given gifts to share.*

**Loving-** *We will be disciples of Jesus who love one another through caring for one another, and reaching out to love and care for our neighbors.*

**Integrity-** *We will be disciples of Jesus and seek to live out of a place of peace, justice, and forgiveness; recognizing that we all make mistakes, but that we seek reconciliation wherever possible.*

**Vision-** *We will be disciples of Jesus that honor the past, but that strive to create a church community that will be for those that do not yet recognize the love of God in their lives.*

**Engaging-** *We will be disciples of Jesus who live with gratitude for life and resources; and take time to share our prayers, time, talent, tangible gifts, service and witness with others both in church and in our wider community.*

As we looked at each of these values, we also saw them in what Jesus taught, and how He lived. When this team thinks about who each of you is as a follower of Jesus, when you have taken up your cross and followed Jesus- this is what they see in each of you. This is what we are striving for as we strive to follow Jesus and invite others to follow Jesus. Throughout the fall, you will continue to hear more about these values, and the tangible goals that the Administrative Council will create out of these values. Ask yourself, as a member of Hope Ridge UMC, do you embody these core values? If not, what might you need to learn more about to help others see Jesus through us at Hope Ridge?

We will continue to live out our faith through welcoming, worshipping, nurturing, and sending. I pray that we as a congregation will continue to focus, join together in ministry, and work together to create a place for new people to join us, as they begin to follow Jesus, and as we continue to follow Jesus in our journey of faith here at Hope Ridge United Methodist Church.

*Blessings and Peace,*

*Pastor Beth*

**WELCOME! On Sunday, August 30**, we celebrated to have the following new members join Hope Ridge during worship:

- Jack & Katie Cudzilo,  
and children Bradley (7), Ben (4), and Jack (4 months old)
- Gayle Freeman
- Jonathan Gordon

**Thinking about “officially” joining as a member of Hope Ridge? The *Following Jesus* class is the first step to take. The next session will be held October 11- November 22. Look for details coming soon.**



WORSHIP: So that they can worship God,...

### SERVICES:

**8:30am Worship in the Chapel** with Communion each Sunday.

**10:30am Worship in the Worship and Family Life Center (WFLC).**

Communion and Family Worship is on the first Sunday of each month.

**10:30am Ridge Kidz Worship in the Youth Room.** A fun service for kids age 3 thru 5th grade with songs, stories, prayer, mission projects and activities. The first Sunday of each month is Family Worship, and the children stay in the WFLC service with their families instead of Ridge Kidz.

### SERMON SERIES BEGINNING SEPT 20—

***Ripples: Can one choice a week change your life?***

Consider your life as a series of ripples. The experiences in your life and your response to them have led you to exactly where you are now. It is not an accident. One simple choice can change the course of your life. What decisions in your past have led to ripples in your life? What choices will you make today, this week or next month that will produce ripples?



**.IT TAKES A LOT OF FOLKS TO PROVIDE ALL THE ELEMENTS OF OUR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE.** Consider using your time and talent to help with one of the many serving opportunities—even once a month helps so much! Try café serving and/or tidying up, greeting, ushering, Communion serving, musician or singing, sound and video booth tech, offering counter, chair stacking, nursery or Ridge Kidz volunteer. Indicate to be contacted on any Connection Card any Sunday if your heart is pulled to serve in one of these directions.

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH THIS FALL, plan to stay after 10:30 worship for *Pizza with a Purpose*** in the Conference Room. Join Pastor Beth as she addresses a quick, interesting “topic of the month” over a light lunch. RSVP’s on the Connection Card are appreciated.

**YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF FOR GRADES 6-12 is SUNDAY, SEPT 13, 5-7PM.** Then the fun continues the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, 5-7pm throughout the year. Contact Pastor Beth with questions.



A big THANK YOU to the whole Hope Ridge Congregation for the love gifts for my ordination. Also, a big thank you for all of the love, support, and compassion that you have shared this summer with our entire family. Jon is transitioning to Shoregate UMC, but will continue to lead worship on the 3rd Sunday of the month here at Hope Ridge. From our family to each of you, THANK YOU!!  
Love and blessings, Pastor Beth

### FREE FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL AT WANAKE

Camp Wanake (one of our United Methodist Camps) invites you to their

Fall Festival at The Wanake Ranch on **Saturdays, Sept 26 & Oct**

**3 from 2-6pm**, just south of Beach City, Ohio. Join in the fun for pony rides, face painting, hay maze, pumpkin painting, games, food for sale,

wagon rides, and a campfire. OR Open Trail Ride and Pony Ride Days- Saturdays, Sept 12 &

Nov 14, 9:30-11:30am (Trail Rides: \$30/person, Pony Rides: \$5/person).

For more info contact 330-756-2333 or [info@campwanake.org](mailto:info@campwanake.org).



NURTURE: Be Nurtured by the Holy Spirit and one another,...

### FALL INTO A SMALL GROUP : 4 CHURCHES=MANY OPPORTUNITIES!

**Real Women, Real Faith**, led by Sue Nahumck, Tuesdays 1pm-3pm, 9/1/15-10/6/15 at Hope Ridge UMC. In this DVD study, you'll meet six women who encountered God and whose lives were forever changed. These remarkable women will encourage you through their failures as well as their successes. You'll see how God drew them to Himself as they struggled to live with faith in a world filled with trials.

**Hope Ridge Book Club**, led by Sue Nahumck, the 4th Monday of each month, 7-8pm at Hope Ridge UMC. Join for discussion in the Library for a monthly talk about the assigned book. Coming discussions: Mon, Sept. 25 - *Go Set A Watchman* by Harper Lee and Mon, Oct. 26 - *The Year of Living Biblically* by A. J. Jacobs.

**Financial Peace University (FPU)**, led by Bob Rader and Maureen Zahn, Mondays 7-9pm, 9/21/15--11/16/15 at Hope Ridge. Dave Ramsey's 9-week video class uses small group discussion and personal study to walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more! Loaded with financial ideas and skills you can acquire, register at [FPU.com](http://FPU.com) >classes >find a class >HopeRidge. The class is free, but the materials are \$102.30 and will be shipped directly to you.

#### AT MENTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 8600 MENTOR AVE:

**Covenant**, led by Tammy Palermo, Tuesdays 9:30am-11:30am, 9/8/15-10/27/15 at Mentor UMC. *Covenant* is an opportunity to read and discuss the Bible together. Learn how to love God and each other by exploring, creating, living, and trusting God's promises. A daily workbook with scripture reading is offered as a part of this group.

**How to Talk So Kids Will Listen**, led by Bev Wrobel, Mondays 6:30-8:30pm at Mentor UMC.

Internationally acclaimed experts on communication between parents and children, Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish offer fresh insights and suggestions to solve common problems and build foundations for lasting relationships. <http://mentorumc.org/current/effective-parenting-workshop>

**What Every Church Member Needs to Know About Poverty**, led by Bev Wrobel, Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm at Mentor UMC. The most comprehensive and useful guide available for helping churches understand and reach out to people in poverty. Packed with relevant resources and eye-opening insights to support your heart, mind and spirit in your efforts to live your calling.

#### AT NORTH MENTOR CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 9290 LAKESHORE BLVD:

**Anonymous**, led by Kathy Dickriede, Mondays 10am-11:3am, 9/14/15-10/19/15 at N. Mentor Centenary UMC. At one time or another, every woman has felt overlooked, unimportant, and bruised by the world; but God has an entirely different opinion. Discover the "anonymous" women that fill the Bible and make a significant impact in God's story.

**Sacred Rhythms**, led by Kathy Dickriede, offered the first Monday of each month, 8:15-9:45am OR the third Monday of each month 6:30-8pm at North Mentor Centenary UMC. Longing for a deep fundamental change in your life with God? Use the monastic tradition of creating a "rule of life" to create space for regular spiritual disciplines. *Sacred Rhythms* will take you into understanding 7 key disciplines and practical ideas for weaving them into everyday life.

#### AT SHOREGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 30500 BAYRIDGE BLVD, WILLOWICK:

**New Habits, Healthy Lifestyles**, led by Jon Wilterdink and Mike Cosmo, Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm, 9/16- 10/21/15 at Shoregate UMC. This six-part series will offer families and individuals a simple "common-sense" approach to establishing healthy eating and exercise patterns within a spiritual framework. The goal is to get healthy and stay healthy.

**Saturday Bible Study**, led by Dolly Calabrese, Saturdays 9-11am, 9/12/15-11/7/15 Get to know others and enjoy coffee, conversation and scripture and how it applies to everyday life. Later in September, plan on reading "Ask: Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age" by Scott Jones which approaches difficult dynamics facing the church.

**Disciple** classes 1, 4, and 5, and **Christian Believer** are also beginning this fall. Register on a form at the Info Desk, or call the church office, 352-2141.

SEND: and be sent out to serve others in Christ's name."

**YOU CAN DONATE** any gently used **BOOK BAGS** to the Hope Ridge Church office during the month of September! Rev. Kathy Dickriede will take them on the October mission trip to Liberia, Africa, to give to school children there who have none.

**PROJECT HOPE MEALS** can use your help with one part of the meal the 2nd Friday of each month. Sign up for a date that works for you in the red book on the Info Desk.

**HOPE RIDGE HAS SEVERAL MEMBERS** who are tutoring ESL classes in the Painesville City Schools. They can use some additional assistance watching younger children while the parents are learning. For more information, contact the church office.



### REACHING NEW PEOPLE WORKSHOP

**Friday, Oct 16, 6-9pm and Sat, Oct 17, 8:30am-4pm** at Shoregate UMC, 30500 Bayridge Blvd, Willowick. Growing churches don't wait for people to come to them, they go out into the community, meet people, build relationships, invite and bring them. Clergy, Laity and church teams are invited to receive hands-on training on how growing congregations can reach new people. Meals and snacks are provided.

**HANNAH'S HOME BENEFIT "THE HEART OF LIFE"** is Thursday, October 22 @ 6pm at the Patrician Party Center. Tickets are \$50. Keynote speaker will be Dick Bennett, CEO/Executive Director of Lake County YMCA. For information contact 440-209-9615 or [event@hannahshome.org](mailto:event@hannahshome.org).



**TRUNK OR TREAT, SUN, OCT 25, 4-6PM**, is the Hope Ridge Church annual fall community outreach and fun for little ones. Come with a decorated trunk to share candy, or help greeting parents and kids. The mission project for Trunk or Treat is to collect new, packaged toothbrushes for Hope Chest to distribute.

**CALLING ALL BAKERS! ON TUESDAY, NOV 3**, a Presidential Primary Election is held here at Hope Ridge, and the United Methodist Women (UMW) plan to hold their traditional bake sale for the voters in our precinct. Whip up a treat and bring your delicious items to church November 1 or 2. Thank you!

### One-Day Learning Events

**EDUCATIONAL SPEAKING EVENT** at Notre Dame Education Center, 13000 Auburn Road, Chardon, on Wed, September 23, 6:30pm. Bethany and Karen Yeiser, mother and daughter, will walk you through their moving experience with one of the most dreaded diagnoses of all -- Schizophrenia. This is not only about Schizophrenia, but about the struggles families go through when a loved one is diagnosed with a serious mental health or addiction disorder. Free, but RSVP to 440-286-6264 or [lreed@namigeauga.org](mailto:lreed@namigeauga.org)

AMY SPEIDEL PRESENTS *BE A STAR: COMPOSURE AS A TEACHING TOOL*

Saturday, October 10 10am-1pm at Willoughby UMC, 15 Public Square, Willoughby. Self-control is a must when it comes to disciplining children. Learn to identify what pushes your buttons and the skills needed to keep your calm when kids test the limits. Cost is \$10 per family, if preregistered with child care available OR \$15 per family at the door on Oct 10 with no child care available. Pre-register by contacting Stacy Becker [wumceduc@ameritech.net](mailto:wumceduc@ameritech.net) or phone 440-942-9068.

### HOPE RIDGE PRESCHOOL WISH LIST

The Preschool is fresh and ready for the new school year, but consumable supplies are depleted quickly. The tuition paid by parents only covers a portion of the cost to keep the Preschool going. Consider picking up an extra item throughout the year to help the Preschool, if you can:

- ◇ Soft facial tissues
- ◇ 5 oz paper cups
- ◇ Toilet paper
- ◇ .77 oz glue sticks
- ◇ Paper towels
- ◇ Beverage-size napkins
- ◇ 13 gallon trash bags

**Thank you! Samantha Meunier, Director**

## News Around the Church—Finance

### MAY 2015 Report of Our Financial Support of the Hope Ridge Community & Ministries

Summary: Our General Fund offering of \$37,537 in May was \$4,765 greater than our needs.  
Thanks for your generosity to help serve our community and the missions of the United Methodist Church.  
Overall for the year, our offering of \$162,544 remains \$4,979 less than our operating needs.

<u>Monthly</u>		<u>2015 Year-To-Date</u>	
<b>May Operating Expense Needs</b>	\$30,361	<b>YTD Operating Expense Needs</b>	\$152,865
<b>May Apportionment Needs</b>	<u>2,932</u>	<b>YTD Apportionment Needs</b>	<u>14,658</u>
<b>Total Offering Needs</b>	<u>\$32,772</u>	<b>Total Offering Needs</b>	<u>\$167,523</u>
<b>Offerings May 1-31, 2015</b>	\$37,537	<b>YTD Offerings thru May 31</b>	\$162,544

### JUNE 2015 Report of Our Financial Support of the Hope Ridge Community & Ministries

Summary: Our General Fund offering of \$37,849 in June was \$6,999 greater than our needs.  
Thank you for your generosity to help the missions of the United Methodist Church.  
Overall for the year, our offering of \$200,902 is \$2,525 greater than our operating needs.

<u>Monthly</u>		<u>2015 Year-To-Date</u>	
<b>June Operating Expense Needs</b>	\$27,918	<b>YTD Operating Expense Needs</b>	\$180,784
<b>June Apportionment Needs</b>	<u>2,932</u>	<b>YTD Apportionment Needs</b>	<u>17,589</u>
<b>Total Offering Needs</b>	<u>\$30,850</u>	<b>Total Offering Needs</b>	<u>\$198,373</u>
<b>Offerings June 1-30, 2015</b>	\$37,849	<b>YTD Offerings thru June 30</b>	\$200,902

### JULY 2015 Report of Our Financial Support of the Hope Ridge Community & Ministries

Summary: Our General Fund offering of \$27,394 in July was \$5,120 less than our needs.  
Overall for the year, our offering of \$228,799 is \$2,088 less than our operating needs.  
During the month, HRUMC made an extra \$18,000 principal payment on our mortgage as a result of your Opening New Opportunities gifts. To-date we have paid over \$235,000 of additional loan principal, thanks to your generosity.

<u>Monthly</u>		<u>2015 Year-To-Date</u>	
<b>July Operating Expense Needs</b>	\$29,583	<b>YTD Operating Expense Needs</b>	\$210,366
<b>July Apportionment Needs</b>	<u>2,932</u>	<b>YTD Apportionment Needs</b>	<u>20,521</u>
<b>Total Offering Needs</b>	<u>\$32,514</u>	<b>Total Offering Needs</b>	<u>\$230,887</u>
<b>Offerings July 1-31, 2015</b>	\$27,394	<b>YTD Offerings thru July 31</b>	\$228,799

**AUGUST 2015** offering totals were not yet available at the time of this printing.

# Hope Ridge Celebrations

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 **Chuck Price**
- 2 **Ruth DeGraff**
- 3 **Fred Dingeldein**  
**Keith Nagy**
- 4 **Noah Thompson**
- 6 **Cheryl Noviski**  
**Ashlyn Seyfried**
- 8 **Betty Bowerman**  
**Alexis Snell**
- 9 **Pat Meyer**
- 10 **Gary Silver**
- 11 **Neil Newman**  
**Norm Wheelock**
- 12 **Sandy Monthey**
- 13 **Al Marks**  
**Heather Moll**
- 14 **Owen Hartman**
- 15 **Damian Rutti**
- 16 **Joyce Laubach**
- 18 **Sue Dieterle**
- 20 **Bob Bittinger**
- 21 **Brody Nelson**  
**Bob Rader**
- 23 **John Schuping**  
**Amelia Stroegin**
- 24 **Samuel Baptie**
- 25 **James Mowry**
- 22 **Lynn Kasserman**  
**Dick Winter**
- 27 **Elsie McMurray**  
**Jan Thompson**
- 28 **Cindy Harris**  
**Joe Wolf**
- 30 **Sally Cardaman**



## September Wedding Anniversaries

- 2 **Ken & Jill Murphy**
- 10 **Tim & Christine**  
**Egensperger**
- 12 **Brent & Heather Moll**
- 13 **Derek & Chelsie Bittinger**
- 13 **Michael & Jennifer Kovell**
- 17 **William & Judy White**
- 22 **Jim & Debbie Molner**
- 24 **John & Lori Toth**
- 26 **Doug & Gail Allcock**
- 28 **Robert & Stacy Dame**
- 28 **Bob & Maureen Zahn**
- 29 **Richard & Tammy Thayer**

## October Wedding Anniversaries

- 3 *Don Sotka & Laurie Rider*
- 9 *James & Michelle Kaplan*
- 10 *Chris & Jennifer Finan*
- 11 *Rick & Carey Warner*
- 12 *Al & Nancy Rattray*
- 13 *Shawn & Danielle*  
*Rodeheaver*
- 15 *Steve & Sandra Monthey*
- 22 **Jeff & Maggie O'Reilly**
- 23 *Travis & Angie Davis*
- 24 *Tom & Janice Ohmura*
- 27 *Rick & Laurie Smith*

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 *Hunter Bittinger*  
*Pastor Jon Wilterdink*
- 2 *Alexander Dame*
- 3 *Leah Newman*  
*Sarah Noviski*  
*Tom Sadler*  
*Ric Smith*  
*Kim Thomas*
- 4 *Gail Allcock*
- 6 *Judy Deaner*
- 10 *Daniel Fleck*  
*Laura Moll*  
*Iain Mowry*
- 11 *Mary Edwards*
- 13 *Christine Egensperger*
- 17 *Jeannie Nelson*  
*Cindy Sawchik*  
*Courtney Urban*
- 19 *Alex Moore*
- 20 *Lori Benz*  
*Julie Hawrylo*  
*Jill Murphy*  
*Julie Weber*
- 21 *Evelyn Beeman*  
*Hope Hawrylo*  
*Ainsley Seyfried*
- 23 *David Aubin*  
*Al Rattray*
- 24 *Kathy Tripepi-Bova*
- 25 *Bryan Daly*
- 27 *Bob Colvin*
- 28 *Helen Broady*  
*Jim Davies*  
*Anna Egensperger*
- 30 *Ron Anthony*  
*Gene Laubach*
- 31 *Daniel Noviski*  
*Pattie Rader*

If we have missed your special day, let us know at [hopeoffice@hoperidge.com](mailto:hopeoffice@hoperidge.com).



## Couples! Save the Date! Saturday, November 7, 2015, 9am-5pm at Hope Ridge United Methodist Church— *Staying in Love Marriage Retreat*

We all know what is required to fall in love. A pulse! Falling in love is easy. But staying in love? That's something else entirely. Is it possible for two people to fall in love and stay there? Join other couples for this one-day retreat led by Pastors Beth and Jon Wilterdink, that will help refresh and renew your commitment to marriage!

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Monday—Thursday: 9am–3pm  
Friday: 9am–1pm*



**Save the date!**



**ANNUAL CHARGE  
CONFERENCE**

**Sunday, November 1 @ 4:30pm—**

**All members and committee  
leaders are encouraged to come  
learn at this yearly**

**“business-meeting” of our church.  
This year’s conference will be held  
here at Hope Ridge.**

**Daylight Savings Time also ends  
this day so be sure to set your  
clock back one hour before bed on  
Halloween, Oct 31.**

**Conference Thoughts from Our District Superintendent... Rev. Sondra Snode**

This summer, 16 of our 59 faith communities welcomed new leaders. Transitions are never easy but God continues to call us to be faithful, risk-taking servants of Christ. New relationships are being formed throughout the Western Reserve that will impact the world.

This summer, Madison Park UMC celebrated 150 years of ministry; and North Mentor Centenary UMC celebrated 160 years of ministry. God has been at work in the Western Reserve from many years!

This summer, Harpersfield UMC and Perry UMC held mortgage “shredding” and “burning” celebrations as debts were paid in full. God continues to empower His people for ministry in various locations throughout northeast Ohio. This summer, New Leaf UMC consecrated their new facility for ministry in the Conneaut community. God continues to do new things in the Western Reserve. During Bishop Hopkins’ sermon at New Leaf, he preached on Building the Church. His reminder had little to do with a building, but everything to do with being the church. One question he asked was, “How did you come into a relationship with Jesus?” This is the essence of what the Church is about. This is what we need to be sharing, and asking of one another.

I have shared on more than one occasion the important role my home church played in my faith formation. They were not a church confined to the walls of a beautiful stained-glass window, no-indoor-plumbing facility. They were a church who came alongside a hurting family and offered love ... meals, visits, transportation, encouragement, prayers .... not for a season but for years. They took serious the vows they made when three babies were baptized: “Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.” Through prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness a community helped grow me, and my siblings, in Jesus. How could I not testify to Christ’s amazing grace at work when my church family helped make it so real to me?

The world needs the faith-filled witness of people who have faced challenges and difficulties through the power of Christ. The world needs the testimony of people who have received forgiveness when their lives were chaotic and sinful and down-right messed up. The world needs the presence of people who are willing to enter into brokenness and pain and grief for a season or even for the long haul. The world needs the Church – the body of Christ. The world needs you.

The Church is not a building ... although we celebrate the locations that house worships, and offer educational events, and organize mission endeavors, and nurture followers of Jesus. The Church is the people ... those who have come to know the great love of God revealed in Christ and cannot help but want to share that relationship with others.

Let us not grow weary – but more and more faithful.



The world is waiting .... *Sondra Snode*

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