



Columns

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SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Sunday, February 4
Needed: Soup for Seniors



Please support the Soup for Seniors project. This program helps the Local Office on Aging as it strives to keep low-income senior adults in their homes and out of nursing centers by providing them food. Please consider donating soup, crackers, tuna and canned fruit.

To celebrate, we will have our annual Souper Bowl competition on Sunday, February 4, after the 11 AM service. Individuals and groups may bring an entry of either soup or chili.

Opportunity to Serve

Are you interested in participating in hands-on mission? If so, February 5-9 2018, come to the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul to help with the Soup 4 Seniors drive. Both individuals and groups may volunteer. The church is located off Peter's Creek Rd. just inside the entrance to North Lakes. Please call **Aimee Lawson** at the Local Office on Aging (LOA) at 540-345-0451 or visit <http://www.loaa.org/services/critical-assistance/soup-for-seniors/> for more information.

SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Supper

February 13

5:30-7:00 PM

Hosted by our Youth to support their mission trip!



Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, February 14

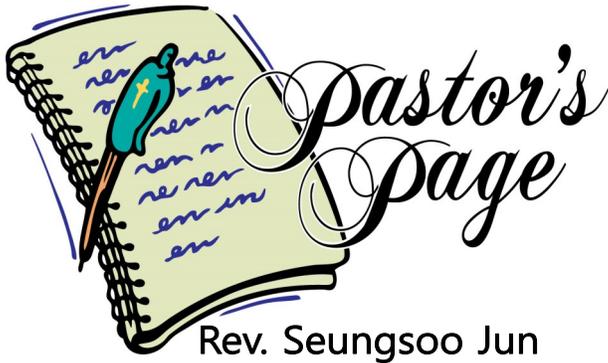
"Ashes-To-Go"

11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Heights Community Church Courtyard

Traditional Service

7:00 PM



Rev. Seungsoo Jun

Lent Is Approaching

"Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word lencten, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others." (What is Lent and why does it last for forty days - umc.org)

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early

Lent is a great time to focus on our relationship with God, as we prepare our hearts for Easter. Every year, I use Lent to calibrate my relationship with God. So I ask, 'God, what discipline would you like me to improve during this season?' and God gives me a unique journey for my heart every year.

This year, I am led to start a new endeavor that will motivate me, and hopefully others, to devote time to pray more in the morning. I want to start an early morning prayer meeting via Facebook live and other platforms that allow me to broadcast. I will present a 10-15 minute devotion, live every morning at 6 am, which will be recorded and archived (meaning that you wouldn't have to log on at 6 am). We will go through the devotion according to our Lenten sermon series: 24 Hours That Changed The World. More information will be shared as we approach Lent.

It is going to be a challenge, but I know that it will help me grow and help us to seek God's will during this season. So my question is... 'Are you ready?'

RJ



Pray With Us

Join us each Monday at 7PM in the parlor as we gather together specifically to pray. All are welcome each week.

For Healing:

Helen Alba
Betty Ann
Jeff Gogel
Sallie Hall
Pat Horne
Ray Hornig

Mr. Johnson
Marcia Larson
Janice Longorth
Mary
Susie McMann
Jamie Parsons

Greg Perdue
Charlotte Reynolds
Jim Reynolds
Georgia Seiler
Keith Skyle
Mary Claire Suggs

Bradley Tingler
Eloise Twist
Elsie White
Donna Williams
Betty Wolfe
Margaret A. Young

And Also For:

Church visitors and newcomers
Our new members—Jan 21, 2018

Suzanne Meredith—Healing, Strength

District Leadership Training

Save the date for "LEADING ON THE EDGE" -- New Way of Doing an Old Thing. Focusing on today's issues, we will have guest speakers in the areas of: Poverty and Homelessness; Mental Health; Religion & Race; and LGBTQ. \$10.00 cost with lunch provided 9 am - 3 pm Fieldstone UMC 3385 North Franklin St., Christiansburg, VA 24073. Sponsored by the Roanoke District Common Table. CEU approval is pending.

It's Never Too Late To Start!

Let's take the Bishop's challenge to read the Bible in one year!

Use the bookmarks provided in the bulletin on the first Sunday each month to read the Bible in chronological order in 2018!

As you read through the Bible this year, you may come to some passages that are difficult to comprehend even with the footnotes in your translation. There are numerous resources in our church library such as commentaries for individual books, the Interpreter's Bible and overall resources for approaching scripture with the historical-critical method of interpretation. Any of these titles can be checked out by noting your name and the book title in the notebook on the desk.

Personal Testimony

When asked to do this article, I wasn't sure I could, but decided I would give it a try. There have been times when I thought about reading the Bible all the way through. In 2016, I did read the New Testament. Last year, I decided to take the Bishop's challenge. After deciding to do this, I felt that I couldn't give up and I'm glad I didn't.

While reading the Old Testament, I remembered a lot of the stories from when I was growing up. However, I didn't remember the passages that dealt with the brutality that I read about. I couldn't understand how the kind and loving God, who I was taught about growing up, could allow this. The more I read, I came to realize that He had a plan for all these events.

By the time I came to the New Testament, I felt better about what I was reading. I came to realize that God is the kind, loving, and forgiving God I was taught about. I recalled many of the passages I learned growing up and learned many more.

I'm very glad that I completed the entire Bible. I now realize that all we need to do is to listen and believe.

Becky Gee

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group will meet at 10 am on **February 8th and 22nd** at the church. All are welcome to join us as we knit and crochet.

**Don't know how to knit?
We can teach you.**

For more information or questions, please contact Carolyn Cotton at 772-4825 or email her at cbcotton@cox.net.

Beginner's Yoga

All are welcome to attend the Beginner's Yoga Class on Tuesday evenings at 5:45 in the Fellowship Hall. Extra yoga mats and props are available. Advanced notice of attendance is not necessary.

The rate is \$10.00 per class or a class card may be purchased for a discounted rate of \$36.00 for four classes (to be used within two months).

Gift certificates are available.

For more information, call Rebecca Talbot, Certified Integral Yoga Instructor, (540) 342-0545 or join the Facebook Group, Roanoke Hatha Yoga.





Volunteers for February

Do you want to volunteer for something but aren't sure how? Just ask Terri (terriu@rcumc.org) and she will connect you with the right people to show you the ropes!

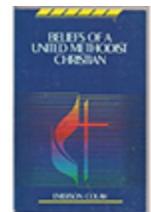
	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
Acolytes	Evan Gross Luke Barrette	Meredith McGimsey Allie Coleman	George Dickenson Jeremy Smith	Katherine Vaughan Julia Vaughan
Altar Flowers	<i>spot available</i>	Janice Phillips	Angela Vaughan	<i>spot available</i>
Children's Time	(Children's Service)	Stephanie Dickenson	Matt Horne	Martha Nicholas
Facility Security	Doug Moore	Greg Huffman	Ken Arritt	Tim McConchie
Fellowship Time	Girl Scouts	Daphne Huffman	Jeanne Counihan	Cindy Hayth
Finance Office	Carla Taylor	Rob Vaughan	Mark Seiler	Julie Wheeler
Liturgists	Tim McConchie	Louise Miller	Judy Dickerson	Rich McGimsey
Nursery	Julie Barrette Jenny Summerson Whitney Miller Peighton Miller	Kathy Arritt Ronnie St. Clair Beth Watts Katie Coleman	Blake Bongrazio Darlene Bongrazio Brittney Roberts Emma Silva	Julie Realmuto Charlotte Shockley John Shockley Keira Realmuto
Healthcare Worship	Cindy Hayth Bryce Tackett	Allison Sadler	Rachel Downing Dalia Downing Clara Downing	Allison Coleman Susan Loveman
Transportation	Carl Cress	Carl Cress	Carl Cress	Carl Cress
Ushers	Rick Bowyer Carl Cress John Richardson Whitney Smith Jeanne Whitaker Tommy Whitaker	Stew Hubbell Daphne Huffman Greg Huffman Shannon Miller Stephen Smith David Tanner	Kathy Arritt Ken Arritt Dennie Denison Sherrie Denison Bonnie Dickerson Shelby Dickerson	Vivianne Harris Tim McConchie Jim Nicholas Debbie Reid Robert Reid David Tanner

Library Corner

What Do You Believe?

Whether you grew up in the United Methodist Church or some other denomination, Emerson Colaw's book ***Beliefs of a United Methodist Christian*** can be informative on a variety of theological issues. There are chapters on the trinity, sacraments, prayer, the Wesleyan approach, etc. This book is located in the church library on the United Methodist Beliefs & History shelf.

Do you have young children asking difficult questions? The book ***Before They Ask: Talking About Sex from a Christian Perspective*** can be very helpful for parents dealing with children age 12 and younger. It is located in the church library on the Family shelf.





United Methodist Women

The Sunday Evening Fellowship

Sunday Evening Fellowship met for an evening of fellowship at Jersey Lily's Restaurant Sunday night, January 21. Spring plans were discussed: watching the movie "Henrietta Lacks" based on the book which was on the UMW Reading List; serving dinner in March for the COP program; District Retreat Spiritual Life at Crocket Springs UMC and Alta Mons on April 14; the Conference Spiritual Life Retreat at Eagle Eyrie (Lynchburg, VA), April 20-22, 2018. Our fellowship wished a fond farewell to our beloved member, Sandi Addison, as she returns to her native South Carolina. Our next meeting will be Sunday, February 11, at 6 PM in the church library. All women are welcome! Please contact Janice Phillips(725-1358) for information.



UMW Reading Program

The title *Good Health, Good Life* by Joyce Meyer is in the Roanoke Valley Library system, but not in our church library. However, it is still a wonderful book to read in the Nurturing for Community area. Joyce shares insights on how to have a healthier lifestyle in the midst of our frantic pace. It's worth checking out!

Frances Allen Circle

The Frances Allen Circle will meet Tuesday, February 6 at the church 10:30 AM. Program will be "The Sacred Space of Call." We will explore God's call during biblical times and in our lives and to understand how United Methodist deaconesses and home missionaries are responding to God's call today. All women are welcome to join us for refreshments and fellowship, study and prayer. For more information, call or email Bonnie Dickerson 540-774-1870 or s3b4dkrsn@verizon.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 8

UMW Day at General Assembly, Richmond

Feb 24

District UMW Leadership Training at Cave Spring UMC. Specialized UMW leadership training will be provided.

April 14

UMW Spiritual Life Retreat Crockett Springs UMC and Alta Mons

April 20-22

District Spiritual Life Retreat Eagle Eyrie

LIVING OUR FAITH

Fellowship dinner featuring the Walking Man

Tuesday, February 20
6:00 PM Fellowship Hall

United Methodist Men

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN

Friday Friends!

Friday, February 9
11:30 AM at RCUMC

Event:
Hymn Sing and Luncheon led by Charlie Dale
Learn about and sing some powerful hymns!
\$8 donation for lunch suggested

RSVP to Steve Jamison
989-3502 or 330-0651

Weekly Prayer Focus	The Lord's Day	Monday
<h1 style="color: red; text-shadow: 2px 2px 4px black;">February</h1>		
<p>Pray that God will give comfort and strength to anyone who is suffering with illness, grief, loneliness, hunger, or financial challenges.</p>	<p>4 Exodus 16-18 8:30 AM First Light Worship 8:30 AM Connection Corner Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Explore Class 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 12:15 PM SouperBowl Luncheon 12:30 PM BELLievers 4:30 PM Caring & Coloring</p>	<p>5 Exodus 19-21 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>
<p>Pray for strength and protection of all of our military who serve our nation throughout the world.</p>	<p>11 Exodus 36-38 8:30 AM First Light Worship 8:30 AM Connection Corner Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 9:40 AM Explore Class 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 4:30 PM Caring and Coloring 6:30 PM Sunday Evening Fellowship</p>	<p>12 Exodus 39-40 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>
<p>Pray that our local, state, and national government leaders will seek to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>18 Leviticus 16-18 8:30 AM First Light Worship 8:30 AM Connection Corner Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 4:30 PM Caring and Coloring 5:30 BELLievers 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>19 Leviticus 19-21 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>
<p>Pray that as you spend time talking to God, you will learn to love Him more and follow Him more earnestly.</p>	<p>25 Numbers 5-6 8:30 AM First Light Worship 8:30 AM Connection Corner Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 4:30 PM Caring and Coloring 5:30 BELLievers 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>26 Numbers 7 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>



MUSIC NOTES

Debra LeBrun, Director of Music Ministries

debra@rcumc.org

MUSIC IN WORSHIP FOR FEBRUARY

February 4 11:00 AM - Chancel Choir & JuBELLation **February 18** 11:00 AM - Chancel Choir
February 11 11:00 AM - Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, **February 25** 11:00 AM - Chancel Choir & BELLievers
and Ringers for the Lord

As we gear up for many special events this Spring, now is a great time to join a musical group! Here is what is happening in our Music Ministry.

Chancel Choir – In addition to singing regularly on Sunday mornings at our 11:00 service the Chancel Choir will be preparing a cantata for Good Friday, March 30th. The cantata will be accompanied by orchestra. If you can't commit to the choir on a weekly basis, but would like to sing for the Good Friday cantata please let Debra know so she can tell you which rehearsals to attend. We practice on Wednesdays at 7:30 – 9:00 and the group is open to adults and teens.

Children's Choir and Cherub Choir - The children will be singing in church periodically throughout the Spring with the big highlights being our Easter service and our children's musical that will be presented on May 13th during the 11:00 service. The musical this year is "Oh, Jonah!" Not only do the children have fun preparing the musical and learning to sing and act, but they also learn valuable biblical lessons! The Children's Choir (for children in K-5th grade) rehearses on Wednesdays at 5:30 - 6:30 and the Cherub Choir (for preschoolers) rehearses during Sunday School on Sunday mornings.

JuBELLation – Our adult handbell choir will play in church many times this spring. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, 6:45 – 7:45.

Ringers For The Lord – This handbell choir is for children in 2nd through 5th grade. We play in church once a month finishing with Easter. They are learning how to ring and read music. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, 5:30-6:00.

BELLievers – This handbell choir is for youth in grades 6 through 12. We will play in church about once a month finishing with Youth Sunday on May 6th. We meet on Sundays at 5:30-6:30.

First Light Worship Team - Now that we have a weekly contemporary worship service we need more people to participate in our First Light Worship Team. Mark Moyer leads this group. People in the Worship Team do not have to participate every week, but they are welcome to do so. Mark puts together a team of singers and band members each week and they rehearse on Thursdays at 6:30, although occasionally rehearsal is scheduled on another evening to accommodate individual members' schedules. If you are interested in joining the Worship Team please contact Mark at markm@rcumc.org or talk to him on a Sunday morning.

We will also have opportunities for instrumentalists to share their gifts with our church this spring through our orchestra for the Good Friday musical and our Brass Group on Easter. Please let Debra know if you play an instrument and would like to participate.

Kroger Rewards

Enroll your Kroger card with our church for us to receive benefits.

www.kroger.com/communityrewards

Each time you shop, the church will automatically earn rewards based on your purchases!



NEXT GENERATION AT RCUMC

You are invited!
To Our First Children's
Worship Service

Feb. 4th K-5th graders
Come join us in the
Children's Chapel, located
next to the nursery at 11:00!
We can't wait to see you!



Children in grades K-5 will continue to
gather on the first Sunday of every
month during the 11:00 worship service!



Parent's Night Out

FRIDAY, FEB. 9
5:45 - 8:30 PM

Leave your children with us and enjoy a night out for
Valentine's Day!

DINNER, GAMES, CRAFTS,
MOVIES AND MORE!

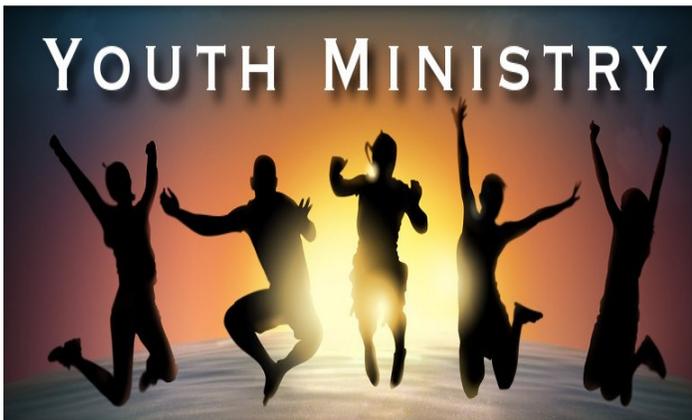
Adopt a Foot



We are \$6,000 away from
beginning construction!
How can you help?

Adopt a foot! For \$10, you can
sponsor one square foot of the
playground. Please be sure to
mark your donation with
"Playground Square Foot."

YOUTH MINISTRY



Sunday Night Fellowship

6:30-7:30 PM
6th-12th Grade
Fellowship Hall

This time is used to fellowship and come together
as a team to accomplish goals. A meal is provid-
ed the 1st Sunday of every month.

Wesley Retreat at Virginia Tech

Friday, February 9 - Sunday, February 11
\$10 per person
See Tim Seigh for more information!

Sundays!

LEARN WITH US AT 9:40 AM WEEKLY

WHEN THE GAME IS OVER
IT ALL GOES
BACK IN THE

JOHN ORTBERG

In the game of life even the brightest prizes are temporary. John Ortberg helps us focus our hearts and lives on trophies that are truly worth winning because they last forever.

Beginning Sunday, January 14 at 9:40 AM in the Chrysalis Class.
John Shockley leads this series.
6 sessions

3:16

THE NUMBERS OF HOPE

ThreeSixteen.net

If 9/11 invokes feelings of terror, then 3:16 are the numbers of hope! Best-selling author Lucado leads you through a word-by-word study of John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only son. . . ." It's the passage that he calls the "Hope diamond" of Scripture. Join the Grace Class in the parlor each Sunday for this exciting, hope-filled series!

LIFESTYLES OF
Faithfulness
and the
**Pursuit of
Happiness**

Led by Gary Conover

Beginning
Sun, Jan 7
in Round
Table
9:40 AM

SOUL KEEPING

CARING for THE MOST IMPORTANT
PART of YOU

Join the Women's Class in the church library for this John Ortberg series. John says "The soul is the coolest, eeriest, most mysterious, evocative, crucial, sacred, eternal, life-directing, fragile, indestructible, controversial, expensive di-

A Living Faith in God -

The four lessons in this unit explore faith in action from the Book of Daniel. These lessons provide models for ways to actively engage in behaviors that demonstrate sincerity, obedience, boldness, and strength of faith. **Join the Saville-Friendship Class during January.**

Adult Bible Studies



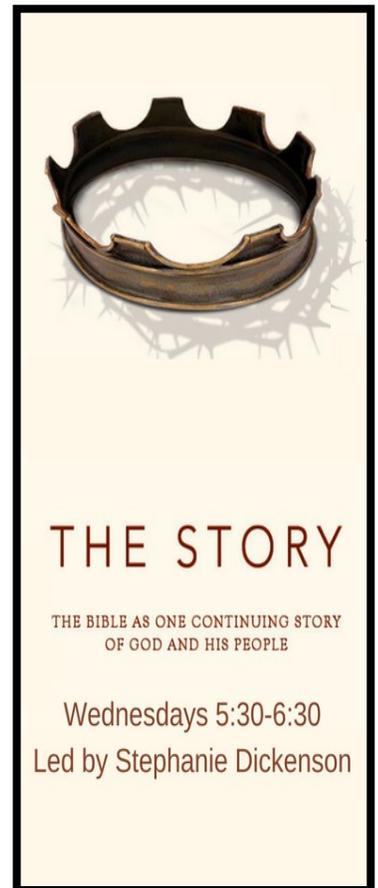
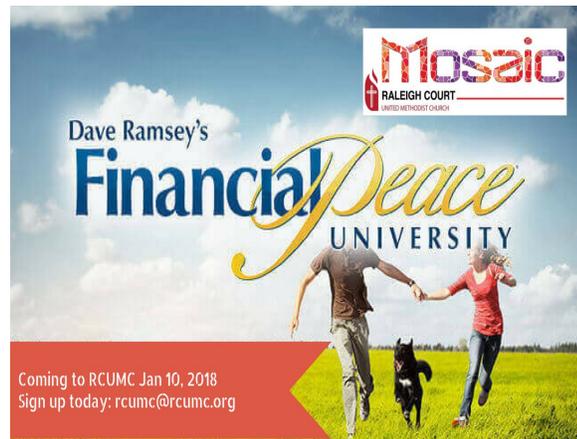
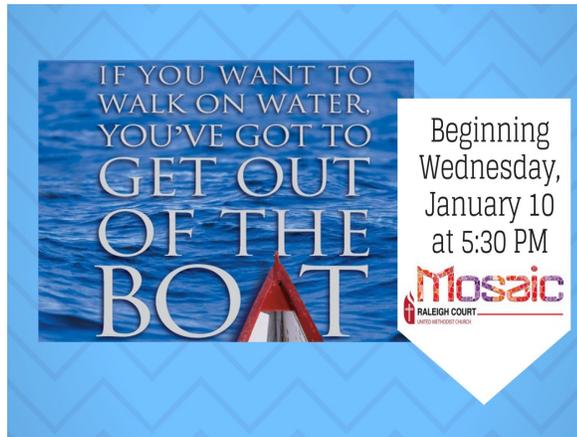
Mosaic is for everyone!
 Wednesdays at 5:30 PM.
 Dinner follows.

For Adults:

**Wednesdays
 are wonderful
 at RCUMC!**

New Classes
 beginning
 Wednesday,
 January 10, 2018

- Financial Peace
- If You Want to Walk on Water...
- Grief Share
 and
- The Story continues



For Youth:

Ages: 6th-12th Grade
 Lesson: Means of Grace
 Meetings are held in the Jr. High Sunday school class room, 3rd floor

For Children:

Kindergarten - 5th Grade
 Choir and instrumental rehearsals in the 2nd Floor Music Wing.
 Childcare is available for all other children in the 2nd floor Nursery Area.



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*We renew our vows
to uphold
Christ's holy church
by
our prayers,
our presence,
our gifts,
our service
and our witness.*

	Jan 7	Jan 14	Jan 21	Jan 28
8:30 AM Worship	34	28	41	32
11:00 AM Worship	138	123	158	163
TOTAL	172	151	199	195
Giving	\$6,717	\$8,385	\$4,967	\$6,430

February Birthdays

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| 2/3 | Mia Harig
Susan Loveman
Suzanne Meredith | 2/18 | Titus Counihan
Kate Harrell
Jacquie King |
| 2/5 | Cathy Bryan
Jim Burnett
Diana Smith | 2/23 | Katherine Vaughan
Rich Bongrazio
Shannon Miller |
| 2/8 | Zac Hayden
Rob Urquhart | | Cameron Snyder
Mat Talbot |
| 2/10 | Greg Huffman | 2/25 | Cat Conover |
| 2/11 | Woori Kwon | | |
| 2/14 | Judith Bair
Benny Harris
Eric Olsen-Gordon | | |
| 2/16 | Betty Carolyn Via | | |

