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# **THE DIALOGUE**

## **January 2018**



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## FROM THE PASTOR

It is hard to believe that 2017 has come to a close. As we begin a new year, it is valuable to stop and reflect on who we are *as disciples*. Patricia Hayes, a consultant with the Alban Institute, suggests the following ten questions as a helpful model for an **annual spiritual checkup**:

1. Prayer

How has your prayer life been this year? Blossoming? Fading? Faltering? Open? Routine? Is this an area that needs more focus for you?

2. Learning

What have you studied this year (formally or informally)? What have you learned?

3. Worship

Are you worshipping at least weekly? How has that time been? Highs? Lows? Are you taking time to prepare or "just showing up"?

4. Leader Skills

Do you sense that your capacity to lead has increased? Are you observing the leadership of others? What are you learning?

5. Community Building

How are you helping your congregation to thrive, formally and informally?

6. Action

Where have you been visible in your faith? What blocks you from action?

7. Serving Others

Where have you served God this year?

8. Sense of Growth

Where do you feel you have grown this year—spiritually, emotionally, in terms of relationships, or in terms of knowledge?

9. Balance

How is your sense of living a balanced life? Do you keep Sabbath?

10. Growing Edge - Stretching beyond the Comfort Zone

If we accept that we are not living in the fullness of the kingdom, where are you called to focus in the coming year?

*Let's head into this next year with perspective:  
the perspective of self-awareness,  
the perspective of our faith as a living, growing thing,  
attentive to how this next year will  
build on what we have learned.*



Shawn Callender Hogan  
Pastor

## **“They went home by another way...” Matthew 2:12**

### **An Epiphany Adventure of Giving!**

After the magi visited Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, they were warned not to check back in with Herod as he had requested, but rather headed home taking a different route.

Meeting Jesus changed how they traveled!  
And having welcomed Jesus into our lives we also travel differently,  
for we are aware of *all* of God’s children.



**From Epiphany to Lent** you are invited to share the love you received on Christmas Day by gathering items for those in need.

Items will be delivered to  
CUMAC,  
our United Methodist Food  
Pantry in Paterson, New  
Jersey.

**Collect *as many of these items as you wish*,  
and each day say a prayer for those in need!**

On Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> there will be bags available  
for you to take home and use for  
gathering up the items throughout the weeks.

**Bring your donations with you to worship on Ash Wednesday,  
February 14, 2018.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>January 7</b> Squeaky Clean Sunday – a bar of soap (individually wrapped bar)	<b>January 8</b> Meaty Monday – a can of meat (hash, ham, corned beef, etc.)	<b>January 9</b> TP Tuesday – an individually wrapped roll of toilet paper	<b>January 10</b> Warm Up Wednesday – a box of cocoa or tea bags, etc.	<b>January 11</b> Thirsty Thursday – a bottle of juice or juice boxes	<b>January 12</b> Fruity Friday – a can or individual cups of fruit	<b>January 13</b> Sweets for Saturday! a package of cookies or candy
<b>January 14</b> Shampoo Sunday – a bottle of shampoo or conditioner	<b>January 15</b> Mayo Monday – a jar of mayonnaise (or other condiment: mustard, ketchup, etc.)	<b>January 16</b> Tissue Tuesday – a box or pocket packs of tissues	<b>January 17</b> Wiggly Wednesday – a box of Jello or pudding	<b>January 18</b> Thankful Thursday – a canned meal (mac & cheese, Beefaroni, etc.)	<b>January 19</b> Fishy Friday – a can of tuna (or other fish)	<b>January 20</b> Salad Saturday – a bottle of salad dressing
<b>January 21</b> Soapy Sunday – a bottle of dish detergent	<b>January 22</b> Mop it up Monday – a roll of paper towels	<b>January 23</b> Toiletry Tuesday – a stick of deodorant	<b>January 24</b> Washday Wednesday – detergent or softener	<b>January 25</b> Third Thursday – A box of pasta	<b>January 26</b> “Free” Friday – any item of your choice. Make it your favorite!	<b>January 27</b> Souper Saturday – a can of hearty soup or chili
<b>January 28</b> Sticky Sunday – A jar of peanut butter	<b>January 29</b> Medical Monday – A container of vitamins	<b>January 30</b> Toothy Tuesday – A toothbrush or toothpaste	<b>January 31</b> Warm Wednesday – A pair of socks or mittens	<b>February 1</b> Throwback Thursday – A can of your favorite childhood soup!	<b>February 2</b> Frugal Friday – Gather up all your plastic bags (the ones you get when shopping)... They are needed too!	<b>February 3</b> Silly Saturday – Go “nuts” by giving a package of your favorite nuts!
<b>February 4</b> Strong Sunday – A box of oatmeal	<b>February 5</b> Mouthwash Monday – A container of mouthwash	<b>February 6</b> Tasty Tuesday – A box of cake mix and icing	<b>February 7</b> Wise Wednesday – A can of vegetables	<b>February 8</b> Thoughtful Thursday – A box of cereal	<b>February 9</b> Flossing Friday – a container of dental floss	<b>February 10</b> Slippery Saturday – A container of cooking oil
<b>February 11</b> Scarf Sunday – a scarf	<b>February 12</b> Milky Monday – A container of shelf-stable milk	<b>February 13</b> Tidy Tuesday – A cleanser (Fantastic, Windex, etc.)	<b>February 14</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY: Lent Begins!</b> Join us in worship at 7 pm and deliver your bag of donations!	<b>An Epiphany Adventure of Giving!</b>		



**PRAYER IS JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY:  
(THIS TIME IT IS AN EVENING EVENT)**

Five days: **Monday January 8 through Friday January 12**,  
you are invited to participate each evening  
in  
15 minutes of guided prayer  
(**7:45 – 8:00 pm**), done by conference call.



***End your day sharing with God in prayer!***

You call the number below\* at 7:45 pm, and  
Pastor Hogan will guide us all in a form of prayer that is silent and individual,  
even as we are collectively praying for those 15 minutes.

Pastor Hogan will offer prompts for your own silent prayer, and the time will  
end in sharing in the Lord's Prayer at 8 pm. Join us!

\*Call: 515-604-9643

Enter access code: 319155#

***(It is not necessary to announce yourself at the start of the call,  
even if the system invites you to do so.)***



***Let's gather to MAKE BREAD TOGETHER  
on***

**Sunday, January 28, 2018  
1:00pm – 3:00pm in the Social Hall**

As we create delicious loaves: adding yeast, kneading the  
dough, letting it rise, baking the bread, and then enjoying  
the delicious results, we will reflect on the unfolding of a  
new year.

The time will be one of conversation, reflection, and fellowship! As we move through the steps  
of bread-making, we will find that each step invites us to think about our lives and be fed on  
many levels.

**You'll need to bring a few things:**

- a large bowl for mixing
- a cloth to cover it while the dough rises
- a loaf pan in which to bake your bread!
- and a friend to join us in the fun!

**Please sign up on the sheet posted in the Social Hall by January 21<sup>st</sup>  
(so that sufficient materials can be made available)**

# Serious Answers to Hard Questions

## An Adult Study

In this Adult study, Christian and Jewish theologians – world experts in their fields and persons of faith – each address a single perplexing issue that tends to be an obstacle to faith for many both in and outside of the church. The resource is prepared by the Wesley Theological Seminary.



Three sessions: each topic is independent, so come to one, two, or all three!

Each week, **prior to attending the class**, participants will begin to think about the topic through a short scriptural study and personal reflection questions.

**In the class time**, we will view and discuss video presentations by the noted scholars, and

**in the days following the class session**, you will be invited to participate in a Facebook group specifically designed for further conversation.

**January 7: 3:30 pm**

Evil

How do you reconcile the presence of evil in the world with belief in a loving God?

**January 21: 3:30 pm**

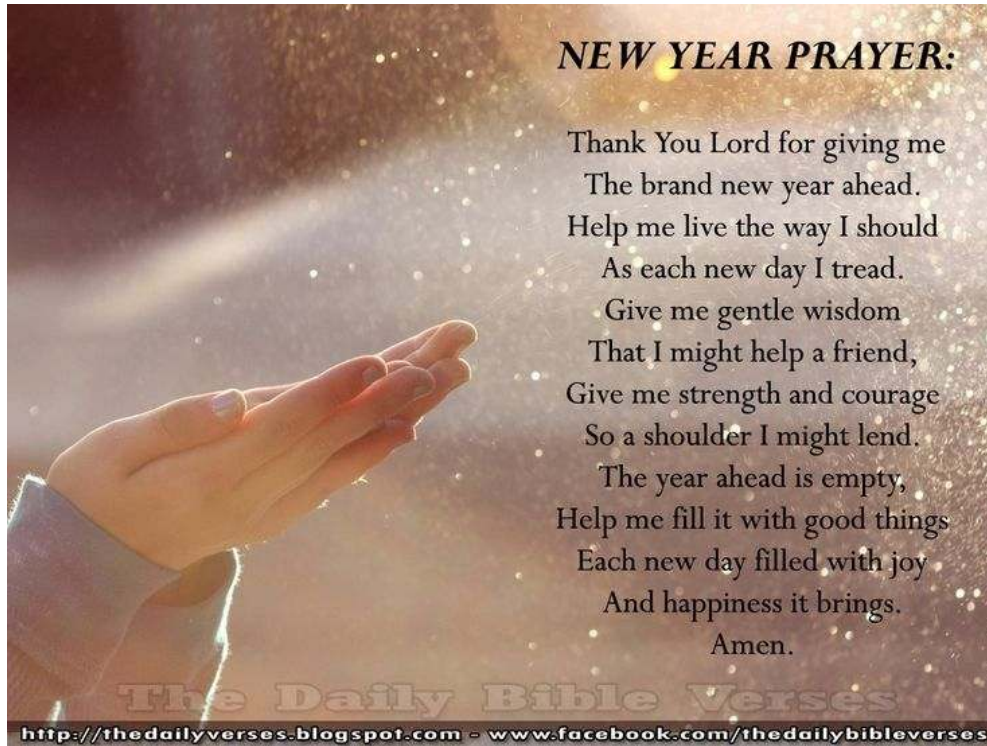
The Old Testament God

**February 4: 3:30 pm**

The Sins of the Church

***See Pastor Hogan to receive the participant's guide!***

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



May you find joy and blessings in all the adventures and gifts  
this New Year will hold!

Blessings, Sherri Shumate; Director of Christian Education, [sherri.shumate@gmail.com](mailto:sherri.shumate@gmail.com)

### WORSHIP TOGETHER

We believe the body of Christ includes all of us, bringing our gifts and growing in faith together. Sunday morning all children are invited to remain in worship with their families. Worship buckets with coloring and activities for children connected to the messages are available in the front and rear of the sanctuary. *Bathrooms and a changing table are located in the back of the sanctuary.*

Staff **childcare is available** on Sundays from 9:00am-10:15am and in the Hospitality Room in the rear of the Sanctuary from 10:20-11:30am! Parents are welcome to sign in and drop off their child or to stay with their child. Our staff nursery caregivers are paid, experienced, childcare professionals: Please contact me if you have questions.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school is an opportunity to share our ideas, our questions, our hopes and our prayers. It's a place where all are welcome and where we grow in faith together.

**Education Committee meeting** on Sunday, January 21, 2018  
in the Fellowship Room after worship

Age	Teacher	Helper
Children Pre K-3 <sup>rd</sup>	Noelle Benton	Myrene Reyes
Tweens 4 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup>	Alison Johnson	Cara Verma
Teens 8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Woolever	Sherri Shumate

**January 7, *Luke 2:41-52*, Lesson 6**

This is the first time that Jesus proclaims he is God's son. Still, he returns to Nazareth living with his family for another 18 years. The Son of God is also faithful to his family. How are you faithful to God and your family?

**January 14, *Jesus' Baptism, Mark 14:1-11*, Lesson 7**

Mark's gospel has no mention of Jesus' birth and instead begins with his baptism. God was proud of Jesus and proclaimed, "You are my son." When we are baptized, we are claimed as God's children. How does your life proclaim your identity as God's child?

**January 21, *Jesus Begins His Ministry, Luke 4:14-30*, Lesson 8**

The people of Nazareth had watched Jesus grow up from childhood. Those who knew him well could not accept Jesus in the new capacity he claims, saying that the scripture in Isaiah is fulfilled in him. Jesus begins his ministry proclaiming what he will do throughout his time on earth. How do we proclaim our ministries? How can we take hold of what God is calling us to do?

**January 28, *The Talents, Matthew 25:14-29*, Lesson 9**

We must not make excuses for not doing what God is calling us to do. When must not hide the gifts we are given or ignore God's call. This parable teaches us to use the gifts God entrusts to us and that we reap what we sow. What gifts have you been given? How are you using them for God?

**Something New:**

This spring we will be trying a new Sunday school curriculum.  
Check it out here: <https://www.feastingontheword.net/Curriculum/>

### **VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!**

Interested in helping our young people grow in faith? We could always use additional helpers to assist with Sunday school for children, tweens, and youth. Wow It's Wednesday, and Parents' Night Out. Please contact Sherri Shumate if you're interested.

### **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT:**

**January 12, 2018**

**5:00-8:00pm**

Drop off your children for an evening of fun. We will provide a light dinner & snack or you may pack your own.

Friends and guests are welcome, just please RSVP so we have enough supplies, food, and helpers. Suggested donation \$15/child, max \$40/family. This money goes to purchase supplies for our Bridges lunches that we donate to homeless families. Meet in the Social Hall. Please sign-up via email.

### **WOW IT'S WEDNESDAY: 4:30-6:00pm**

**Resumes on January 17, 2018**

Wow It's Wednesday is an intergenerational Christian education & music experience. All are welcome to join us for food, fun, and fellowship. WOW follows the Summit public school calendar. We do not meet on days the Summit public schools do not meet, have early dismissals, or have weather closings.

4:30-4:55pm *Story, Snacks, & Sharing*

5:00-5:15pm *Devotions Together*

5:15-6:00pm *Adult Conversations*

5:20-6:00pm *Singing Praises Together*

### **YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES**

Throughout the year we make an effort to attend our children and youth's concerts, plays, and special events. If your child has an upcoming event you'd like us to be part of, please let me know! We also try to plan our youth ministries around our young people's passions, interests, and needs.



## MUSIC NOTES

Joanne Teubner Prussak, *Music Director*

*“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement, give you a spirit of unity as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” – Romans 15:5*

### Wesley Choir

Singing is so much fun! We learn songs about Jesus and how to follow his teachings in our lives. **Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 5:20pm in the Music Room and resume on January 17.**

### Singing Believers

Come and sing the joyful songs to God. Let us grow together in our faith through music. **Rehearsals are at 12:00pm on Saturdays in the Sanctuary and resume on January 27.**

### Contemporary Ensemble

Our Contemporary Ensemble is studying music from the contemporary hymnals “The Faith We Sing” and “Worship and Song”. **Rehearsal are Sundays at 12:15pm in the Music Room and resume on January 28.** Come and share your musical gifts and enrich your faith.

### Bell Choir

Making a joyful sound is the mission of our Bell Choir. This is a good time to come and try ringing hand bells and hand chimes with your friends at church. **Rehearsals are Sundays at 11:45am in the Sanctuary and resume on January 28.**

### Chancel Choir

Won’t you come and join us as we sing joyful songs to our Lord? It’s a joy to work together and lift your voices in praise. Our regular **rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Music Room and resume on January 28.**

*Come! There is power and importance  
in sharing your faith through music.*

## MUSIC NOTES

I would like to thank the following people for their dedication and devotion to our church.  
Heartfelt gratitude for sharing your wonderful gifts of music throughout Advent,  
the Christmas Concert and the entire Christmas season.

With much love,  
*Joanne Teubner Prussak, Director of Music*

### WESLEY CHOIR & SINGING BELIEVERS

Benjamin Burns  
Theodore Burns  
Adam Daniel  
Lucas Daniel  
Sarah Goetzl  
Elizabeth Koernig  
Caroline Relf  
Oliver Relf  
Joshua Reyes  
Bradley Smith  
Joseph Smith  
Riley Smith  
Melissa St. Louis  
Diane Wagnac

### HANDBELL CHOIR

Chris Barry  
Gregg Buttermore  
Lucas Daniel  
Sarah Daniel  
James Goldman  
Kayla Goldman  
Kim Goldman  
Ximenita Gonzalez  
William Johnson  
Emily LaJeunesse  
Jayme LaJeunesse  
Adrian Phillips  
Josh Reyes  
William Teubner

### CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE

Beverly Alexis  
Gregg Buttermore  
Bernice Griffith  
Ximenita Gonzalez  
Emily LaJeunesse  
Jayme LaJeunesse  
William Teubner

### CHANCEL CHOIR

#### Soprano

Jean Dembaugh  
Bernice Griffith  
Latonia Hall  
Maddie Johnson  
Emily LaJeunesse  
Sherri Shumate  
Shela Waldron

#### Alto

Beverly Alexis  
Kayla Goldman  
Ximenita Gonzalez

#### Tenor

Gregg Buttermore  
William Johnson  
William Dembaugh  
Kuda Mtisi  
William Teubner

#### Bass

Thomas Benton  
William Glancy  
James Goldman  
Neil Johnson  
Jayme LaJeunesse  
Adrian Phillips  
Dwayne Phillips

### VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL SOLOISTS

William Dembaugh, *Baritone*  
Jocelyn Gallinek, *Flute*  
Jordyn Gallinek, *Bassoon*  
Ximenita Gonzalez, *Alto*  
Bernice Griffith, *Soprano*  
Perri Sussman, *Soprano*  
William Teubner, *Trumpet*

# Don't Forget

## LOAVES AND FISHES

On **the first Sunday of each month**, we invite you to bring nonperishable food items to worship, that we might feed others!

“Loaves and Fishes” is a vital ministry of care for those in great need and is located at St. Teresa’s Roman Catholic Church, Summit, NJ.

If you wish to contribute, you can bring **bags of non-perishable food** to the sanctuary on the first Sunday of each month, or you can leave bags in the kitchen at any time.

## OPEN MIC NIGHT

**Friday, January 26, 2018**

**8:00pm – 11:00pm** (*in the Social Hall*)

Bring your talent along to a series of monthly ‘**Open Mic Nights**’ to be hosted by the United Methodist Church of Summit.

In the intimate, safe and loving environment of the UMC Summit’s Social Hall, let your talents run free and allow the community of Summit to enjoy what you like to express!

*If you would like to perform, just drop us a line at [umcopenmicnight@gmail.com](mailto:umcopenmicnight@gmail.com) or call the office at (908) 277-1700.*





# Something New

## COFFEE HOUR & COLORING

**January 7, 2018** - Renew Your Spirit for the New Year!

The Renewal Group will host coffee hour on January 7, 2018 and provide coloring materials for all who are interested. Join us in the Social Hall after worship to create a piece of art to help visualize a Spiritual Renewal for the New Year.

All ages are welcome!! Invite your friends and family to reNEW with us!

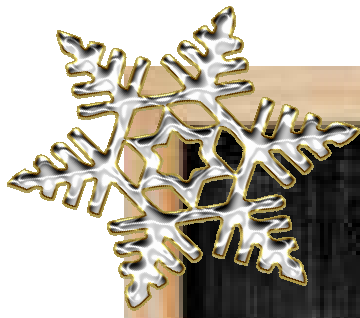
*"Coloring definitely has therapeutic potential to reduce anxiety, create focus or bring about more mindfulness" ~ Marygrace Berberian, Clinical Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator for the Graduate Art Therapy Program at NYU.*

## "CAME TO BELIEVE"

**Starting February 4, 2018**

*(Every first Sunday of the month beginning in February)*





# JANUARY

## *"To Do" List:*

### MEETINGS

**Renewal Group** – 1/7  
**Worship Committee** – 1/21  
**Education Committee** – 1/21  
**Ad Council** – 1/29

### MINISTRY:

**Loaves and Fishes** – donations accepted  
the first Sunday of each month  
**Taize Service** – first Wednesday of each month  
**Knitting Ministry** – Thursdays and Fridays  
**Prayer Call** – 1/8 through 1/12

### AND MORE:

**Adult Study** – 1/7 & 1/21  
**Coloring Event** – 1/7  
**Confirmation Class** – 1/7 & 1/21  
**Parents' Night Out** – 1/12  
**Open Mic Night** – 1/26  
**Bread Baking** – 1/28



# JANUARY 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>  <b>New Year's Day</b> <b>Office is Closed</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>Taize Service</b> 7pm ( <i>Chapel</i> )	<b>4</b>  <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 1:00pm ( <i>Fellowship Room</i> )	<b>5</b>  <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 7:00pm ( <i>Fellowship Room</i> )	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>Renewal Group –</b> 11:30am <b>Coloring Event–</b> 11:30am <b>Adult Study – 3:30pm</b> ( <i>Fellowship Room</i> ) <b>Confirmation Class –</b> 5:30pm ( <i>Social Hall</i> )	<b>8</b>  <b>Prayer Call –</b> 7:45pm	<b>9</b>  <b>Prayer Call –</b> 7:45pm	<b>10</b>  <b>Prayer Call –</b> 7:45pm	<b>11</b> <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 1:00pm ( <i>Fellowship Room</i> ) <b>Prayer Call –</b> 7:45pm	<b>12</b> <b>Parents' Night Out</b> 5-8pm <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 7:00pm ( <i>Fellowship Room</i> ) <b>Prayer Call –</b> 7:45pm	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>Wow, It's</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>Resumes</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 1:00pm ( <i>Fellowship Room</i> )	<b>19</b>  <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 7:00pm ( <i>Fellowship Room</i> )	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Worship Committee</b> 9:30am <b>Education Committee</b> 11:30am <b>Adult Study – 3:30pm</b> ( <i>Fellowship Room</i> ) <b>Confirmation Class –</b> 5:30pm ( <i>Social Hall</i> )	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>Wow, It's</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 1:00pm ( <i>Fellowship Room</i> )	<b>26</b>  <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 7:00pm ( <i>Fellowship Room</i> )  <b>Open Mic Night</b> 8-11pm ( <i>Social Hall</i> )	<b>27</b>  <b>Singing Believers</b> 12:00pm
<b>28</b>  <b>Bread Baking</b> 1-3pm ( <i>Social Hall</i> )	<b>29</b> <b>Ad Council</b> <b>Meeting – 7:30pm</b> ( <i>Fellowship Room</i> )	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  <b>Wow, It's</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE:</b> <b>9:30am</b> – Sunday School (all grades) <b>9:30am</b> – Chancel Choir ( <i>resumes January 28</i> ) <b>10:30am</b> – Worship <b>11:30am</b> – Refreshments and Fellowship <b>11:45am</b> – Bell Choir ( <i>resumes January 28</i> ) <b>12:15pm</b> – Contemporary Ensemble ( <i>resumes January 28</i> )		





## JANUARY Birthdays

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 <i>Dotti Zotti</i>	3	4 <i>Oliver Relf</i>	5	6
7 <i>Lucas Daniel</i>	8	9 <i>Beverly Alexis</i>	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Kim Goldman</i> <i>Latonia Hall</i> <i>Shanotte Smith</i>	15 <i>Wendi Barry</i>	16	17	18 <i>Laura Dunnder</i>	19	20 <i>Zoe Rhinehart</i>
21	22	23	24	25 <i>Claire Schaefer</i>	26	27
28 <i>Owen Fern</i> <i>Debbie Vartan</i>	29	30	31	Enjoy Your Day!		