RBG (2018) 98 minutes
Directors: Julie Cohen, Betsy West
Stars: Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Bill Clinton, Sharron Frontiero
Rated: PG for thematic elements and language
Documentary, Biography
At the age of 84, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has developed a bombing legal legacy while becoming an unexpected pop culture icon. The unique personal journey of this diminutive, quiet woman’s rise to the nation’s highest court has been largely unknown, even to some of her biggest fans – until now. RBG explores Ginsburg’s exceptional life and career.
Discussion Leader: Jim Riddlesperger, TCU

Silence (2016) 161 minutes
Directors: Martin Scorsese
Writers: Jay Cocks, Martin Scorsese from a book by Shusaku Endo
Stars: Andrew Garfield, Adam Driver, Liam Neeson
Rated: R for brief scene of sexuality and a scene of violence
Biography, Drama, History
In 1920s Germany, six-year-old twin sisters are separated following the death of their parents. Lotte goes to live with her upper middle class Dutch aunt in Holland while Anna goes to work as a farm hand on her German uncle’s rural farm. The story follows their lives and their presence forbidden. Nominated for one Academy Award.
Discussion Leader: Ryon Price, Broadway Baptist Church

Lion (2016) 118 minutes
Directors: Garth Davis
Writers: Saroo Brierley (book), Luke Davies (screenplay)
Stars: Dev Patel, Nicole Kidman, Rooney Mara
Rated: PG-13 for some thematic content and brief sexuality
Biography, Drama
A five-year-old Indian boy gets lost on the streets of Calcutta, thousands of kilometers from home. He surives many challenges before being adopted by a couple in Australia. Twenty-five years later, he sets out to find his lost family. Nominated for six Academy Awards.
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Maudie (2016) 115 minutes
Director: Aisling Walsh
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Stars: Sally Hawkins, Ethan Hawke, Kari Matchett
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Biography, Drama, Romance
An artistic Nova Scotia woman, Maud Lewis, works in a small cottage as a housekeeper for abusive poor fish seller Everett Lewis. To keep up her spirits, Maud begins to paint the interior of the house with happy pictures and paint similar pictures on small cards. Her folk art depicts how she wants to see the world and is eventually recognized and celebrated. Based on a true story.
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Director: Reed Van Dyk
Nominee for Best Live Action Short Film Oscar 2018

Nominee for Best Animated Short Film Academy Award 2018
Director: Dave Mullins
Based on true events.
An incredibly brave woman de-escalates a school shooting threat in Atlanta, Georgia.
DeKalb Elementary

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Won’t You Be My Neighbor? (2018) 94 minutes
Director: Morgan Neville
Stars: Fred Rogers, Joanne Rogers, John Rogers
Rated: PG-13 for thematic elements
Documentary, Biography
An exploration of the life, lessons, and legacy of iconic children’s television host, Fred Rogers, who inspired generations of children with compassion and limitless imagination. This film is a touching, inspiring tribute to Fred Rogers, a remarkable man who reminded generations of young children that they mattered and that they were loved.
Discussion Leader: Jennifer Davis, Broadway Baptist Church

Wonder (2017) 113 minutes
Director: Stephen Chbosky
Writers: Stephen Chbosky, Steve Conrad
Stars: Jacob Tremblay, Owen Wilson, Izabela Vidovic, Julia Roberts
Rated: PG for thematic elements including bullying and mild language
Drama, Family
The inspiring story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters the 5th grade.

Same Kind of Different As Me (2017) 119 minutes
Director: Michael Carney
Writers: Michael Carney, Alexander Foard, Ron Hall
Stars: Greg Kinnear, Renée Zellweger, Djimon Hounsou
Rated: PG-13 for thematic elements, including some violence and language
Drama
International art dealer Ron Hall defends a dangerous homeless man to save his struggling marriage to his wife, a woman whose dreams will lead all of them on the journey of their lives. In the process, Hall discovers what matters most. This true story is set in Fort Worth, Texas.
Discussion Leader: Dan Freemeyer, Broadway Baptist Church

Me Before You (2016) 106 minutes
Director: Thea Sharrock
Writers: Jojo Moyes (novel and screenplay)
Stars: Emilia Clarke, Sam Claflin, Janet McTeer
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Drama, Romance
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Discussion Leader: Charles Sanders, University Christian Church

Bobby Jones: Stroke of Genius (2004) 120 minutes
Director: Rowdy Herrington
Writers: Rowdy Herrington, Kim Dawson, Bill Pyor, Tony DePaul
Stars: Jim Carrey, Claire Forlani, Jeremy Northam
Rated: PG for language
Drama, Biography, Romance
A biographical film based on the life of golfer Bobby Jones, the only player in the sport to win all four of the men’s major golf championships in the same season in 1930. When Jones realizes his success may be destroying those he loves, he’s presented with an astounding proposition—one that shocks the world. He ultimately went on to found the Augusta National Golf Club and the Masters.
Discussion Leader: Tim Scott, golfer and author

The Greatest Showman (2017) 105 minutes
Director: Michael Gracey
Writers: Jenny Bicks and Bill Condon
Stars: Hugh Jackman, Michelle Williams, Zac Efron
Rated: PG-13 for violence, language and intense thematic elements
Crime, Drama, Thriller
Celebrates show business genius P.T. Barnum, who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation by introducing never-seen-before live acts on the circus stage. Will his hunger for success cause him to risk it all? Accepted for one Academy Award.

I Voted? (2016) 76 minutes
Director: Jason Grant Smith
Writers: Jason Grant Smith, Dan Rather, Deforest B. Soaries, Jr.
Rated: Not Rated
Documentary, History, Comedy, News
An non-partisan documentary that examines the capture and counting of ballots in our elections. To expose the loopholes and pitfalls of our electoral system, which results in a feature length, non-partisan documentary that examines the capture and counting of ballots in our elections.
Discussion Leader: Glen Whaley, Judge, Tarrant County Commissioners Court

The Post (2017) 116 minutes
Director: Steven Spielberg
Writers: Liz Hannah, Josh Singer
Stars: Meryl Streep, Tom Hanks, Sarah Paulson
Rated: PG-13 for language and brief war violence
Biography, Drama, History
A cover-up that spurred four U.S. Presidents pushed the country’s first female newspaper publisher and a hard-driving editor to join an unprecedented battle between the press and the government. Will The Washington Post publish the Pentagon Papers that disclosed the U.S. government’s deceptions about the failure of the Vietnam War?
Discussion Leader: Paul Harral, Broadway Baptist Church

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Goodbye Christopher Robin (2017) 107 minutes
Director: Simon Curtis
Writers: Frank Cottrell Boyce, Simon Vaughan
Stars: Domhnall Gleeson, Margot Robbie, Kelly Macdonald
Rated: PG for thematic elements, some bullying, war images and brief language
Biography, Family, History
A2 young boy’s life and his relationship between beloved children’s author A.A. Milne and his son, Christopher Robin, whose toys inspired the magical world of Winnie the Pooh. Along with his mother, Daphne, and his nanny, Olive, Christopher Robin and his family are swept up in the international success of the books: the enchanting tale bringing hope and comfort to England after the First World War. But with the eyes of the world on Christopher Robin, what will the cost be to his family?
Discussion Leader: Cyndy Tweddel, University Christian Church

Albert Nobbs (2011) 113 minutes
Director: Rodrigo Garcia
Writers: Gabriella Prekop, John Barville
Stars: Glenn Close, Mia Wasikowska, Aaron Taylor-Johnson
Rated: R for some sexuality, brief nudity and language
Drama, Romance
Albert Nobbs—struggles to survive in late 19th-century Ireland, where women aren’t encouraged to be independent. Poising as a man so she can work as a butler in Dublin’s most elegant hotel. Albert dreams of a better future. Through an unusual circumstance, Albert meets someone who holds out a path different than the one Albert is living. Nominated for three Academy Awards.

Viceroy’s House (2017) 106 minutes
Director: Gurinder Chadha
Writers and Producers: Paul Mayeda Berges, Maia Buhfni, Gurinder Chadha
Stars: Hugh Bonneville, Gillian Anderson, Manish Dayal, Huma Qureshi
Not Rated
Biography, Drama, History
In 1877, accompanied by his wife, Edwin, and daughter, Lorna Mountbatten, the last Vicereine of India, is sent to oversee the transition of British India to independence. He meets with conflict as different sides clash in the face of monumental change. Life proves difficult on both the propositional and personal levels.
Discussion Leaders: Penny and Roger Beaumont, historians and authors, Bryan, Texas