

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



September Sharing Meeting Sunday, September 15th at 1:00-2:30

Kenilworth United Church of Christ Library
45 Dalton Drive
Tonawanda, NY 14223
Please use parking lot entrance.

We meet because someone close to us has come out as LGTBQIA+. We try to help one another in a positive manner. Although we do not always agree, we try to be understanding. We offer help, but do not force ourselves on others. We strive to maintain anonymity while sharing on a level that is comfortable.



NEW BOOK OFFERING FROM PFLAG When a loved one comes out, PFLAG is there!

Last month in this newsletter, a link to *Our Trans Loved Ones*, a free book download, was shared. This month, we are happy to share another download from PFLAG National that is available at no cost. "Our Children" is an offering to help parents whose children have come out as LGBTQIA+.

According to pflag.org, "Our Children is a handy resource with useful knowledge, helpful tips, expert opinions and more about what to do when a loved one comes out. A must read for anyone looking to learn more about how to support LGBTQ+ loved ones or looking for support for themselves."

We hope you take this opportunity to download this offering.

Please use this link to PFLAG National to do so.

https://pflag.org/resource/our-children/



FILM OFFERINGS FROM PFLAG

We hope our readers take the time to watch two short movies sponsored by PFLAG National. "Pieces of Me," released in 2023 focuses on Joslyn DeFreece, a young trans woman and her journey to becoming an activist, actress, and writer.

This year's offering connects with "Pieces of Me." Three of the filmmakers involved with "Pieces" were interviewed about their futures. Their responses are the focus of this new work. Entitled "Generation Next."

We are thankful PFLAG National is giving artists opportunities to make important films and making them so accessible. We hope you take the opportunity to watch both short works.

It is a always good idea to visit pflag.org for information, offerings, groups, meetings, resources, and much more. Consider making it a favorite on your devices. Our parent organization is definitely there for all chapters and individuals needing support or information.

Please use the links below to watch "Generation Next" and 2023's "Pieces of Me."

https://pflag.org/piecesofme/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=28cc69768e0f4890bbdc-8a36f6bcd713



PRESENTATION OFFERED BY LOCAL CHURCH

Members of our Board attended a presentation & discussion at St. Joseph University Parish on June 25th. The presentation was brought to the Church by its LGBTQ Ministry and was entitled "Transgender & Catholic: What Exactly is the Church Saying?"

It was hosted by Stan Zerkowski, Chair of The Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky LGBTQ+ Outreach Commission. Zerowski is also Lexington's Director of Catholic LGBTQ Ministry and Executive Director of Fortunate Families.

This talk was well-attended and brought many questions and concerns to the forefront during the Q and A discussion.

In addition to sponsoring Mr. Zerowski's talk, members of St. Joseph's LGBTQ Ministry recently attended the Outreach LGBTQ Conference at Georgetown University in Washington, D. C.

If you would like more information about St. Joseph's LGBTQ Ministry, please call the church office at (716) 833-0298.



When a loved one comes out.

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