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CHURCH OF FARMINGTON
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PRESS RELEASE

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington and Interweave presents: **Standing on the Side of Love**

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington and Interweave, a LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered) advocacy and social group at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, invites you to an evening of discourse and song. The evening will commence from 8:00pm to 10:00pm, Saturday October 17th, 2009. An afterglow reception will occur afterwards. The evening's festivities are free, but donations are warmly accepted. The topic of discussion for the evening is the advances we have made in combating homophobia, that homophobia still exists and that we must be diligent and vocal in our work, and the benefits we get from doing so. Our guest speaker for the evening is Rev. Keith Kron, Director, Office of Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Transgendered Concerns, Unitarian Universalist Association. The musical guests for the evening's performance are "Sing Out! Detroit" a newly-formed 45-member LGBT chorus in the Detroit Metro area, pianist Todd Ballou, and talented friends of Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington. The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington is located at 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. It is ½ mile north of the intersection of Grand River Avenue and Halsted Road on the west side of Halsted Road.

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington (<http://www.uufarmington.org/uucf/>) has been a liberal voice of reason in Farmington for over 150 years. We are a supportive community of religious seekers who draw our wisdom and inspiration from the world's many religions. Together, we find within this diversity value, meaning, strength, and purpose. We continually strive to be evermore understanding, inclusive, and compassionate in this shared journey of life.





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Interweave at Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington is a chapter of Interweave Continental.

(http://www.interweavecontinental.org/index.php?title=Main_Page)

Interweave Continental is a membership organization actively working toward ending oppression based on sexual orientation and gender identity, recognizing that we will not be free until all oppression is a thing of the past. We are a Unitarian Universalist organization and UU principles guide our work. We value and affirm the lives and experience of LGBT people of faith, regardless of their age, race, ethnicity, income level, and ability. By providing and supporting leadership and working in collaboration with other organizations of similar vision, we strive to connect and nurture all LGBT individuals, communities, and groups and their allies. "Standing on the Side of Love" (<http://www.standingonthesideoflove.org>) is a public advocacy campaign that seeks to harness love's power to stop oppression. Sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association, it is an invitation to all people to stand on the side of love. The goal is to mobilize quick and effective responses to incidents of exclusion, oppression, or violence based on intolerance of people's identities.

Rev. Keith Kron is a graduate of Starr King School of Ministry; he spent nine years as an elementary school teacher in Lexington, KY. He collects children's books and plays tennis. He has been director since January 1996. "Sing Out! Detroit" (<http://www.singoutdetroit.com/>) is a newly-formed 45-member LGBT chorus, where people of every sexuality are made to feel welcome, to work together for a common purpose: the love of singing. They seek singers of all abilities – no audition required. "Sing Out! Detroit" meets every Tuesday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at St. John's Episcopal Church in Royal Oak. If you love to sing, meet new people, and have fun...please, come join them!





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Todd Ballou grew up in Hickory Corners, MI, near Kalamazoo. He earned his Bachelor of Musical Arts in piano performance from the University of Michigan, and has served as Music Director of the 1st Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit since 1997. Since 2005, Todd has owned his own architectural firm specializing in residential architecture. He lives with his partner, Dan, on a small farm in Ypsilanti with a few horses and goats.

Unitarian Universalism congregations (<http://www.uua.org/>) extend a warm welcome to LGBT people and their families. We are a caring, open-minded spiritual community that encourages you to seek your own spiritual path. Our congregations are places where people gather to nurture their spirits and put their faith into action by helping to make our communities—and the world—a better place.

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