

Open and Affirming Committee Summer 2008 Church Mouse

Summer is a time of relaxation, reflection, and catching up. Your ONA Committee hopes that an Open and Affirming contemplation can be a part of your summer activities.

Our lending library has several books, articles, and DVDs to explore. The library is located outside the church office. Check it out. A recent addition is a DVD of the April 27 program offering by Dr. Wayne Rollins.

During July, we will continue to explore the topic of **What is it like to be gay? How does it feel to be the object of discrimination? Personal stories from O and A churches and people we love.** We will do so via small group discussions of video presentations. Our July schedule is as follows:

Sunday, July 13th "Open and Affirming - A Journey of Faith" After Coffee Hour

Tuesday, July 22nd "For the Bible Tells Me So" - 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 24th "Open and Affirming - A Journey of Faith" - 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 27th "For the Bible Tells Me So" - After Coffee Hour

The two videos that will be featured have been previewed by members of our committee and we believe that you will find them to be thought-provoking.

For the Bible Tells Me So

Through the experiences of five very normal, Christian, American families - including those of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson - we discover how people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child or family member. Offering healing, clarity and understanding to anyone caught between scripture and sexual identity, this landmark film boldly takes on a loaded topic and examines it both intellectually and emotionally.

Length: 98 minutes. Appropriate Age: Sr. High, Adult

Open and Affirming - A Journey of Faith

Produced as a resource for congregations at the beginning point of considering whether or not to enter an Open and Affirming educational process. It is a valuable resource to churches for other reasons as well. ONA congregations will find the video helpful in further clarifying the significance of their actions. Congregations wishing to learn more about the experience of lesbian and gay Christians will find the video a good, non-threatening introduction to the topic.

Length: 60 min. Appropriate Age: Young Adult, Sr. High, Adult

Please join us for one or more of these sessions as we explore this important issue in a more informal setting.

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