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LGBT play striking nerve: writer

That is the credo every person who has ever put pen to paper lives by. Playwright Johnny Wideman missed the memo.

Theatre of the Beat's latest original play - This Will Lead to Dancing, written by Wideman, deals with a lesbian protagonist and her struggle with the Mennonite church's exclusionary stance on homosexuality.

Wideman is a straight man.

"As a straight male it is a nerve wracking thing and very dangerous thing to write about," he admitted. "You know you have to choose every word so specifically."

To get into the minds of his characters and to truly understand the issues, Wideman took a year to write and spoke to friends, members of the LGBT community, as well as church leaders and theologians.

The theatre group also encountered funding challenges. The Mennonite church has previously been supportive, but not in this case, at least financially. However, they did accept donations on behalf of the group and provided

The Stouffville-based touring group received a \$1,000 grant from the Ontario Arts Council. The rest of the money came from private donations.

"It's just a lightning rod conversation, which is why we felt more compelled to do it," he said. "A lot of people are being hurt about the way the church is handling this whole process."

The Mennonite church holds the belief that sex should occur in a heterosexual marriage, he said.

They have had four shows so far and the responses have been good. Congregations, including Presbyterian, have brought busloads of people to their shows, Wideman said.

'We don't give answers. (However,) it definitely does lean towards inclusion," he said.

The show comes to Stouffville's Parkview Village, 12184 Ninth Line, Oct. 23. The Community Mennonite Church of Stouffville is the host. Show time is 7 p.m.

Admission is by pay-what-you-can, but \$15 is suggested.

For more information, go to http://theatreofthebeat.ca – Sandra Bolan

Stouffville Churches Welcome You



New Series

October 11: Remote Controlled October 18: Heaven Rules October 25: Checkpoint

Sunday at 10:00am

19 on the Park

Go to www.in2ene.ca for details.

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345 Glad Park Ave. Stouffville 905-640-6954

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm

High School Youth Ministry Nights Second and Fourth Fridays of each month

www.stmarkstouffville.ca



Christ Church Stouffville

Anglican Church of Canada 254 Sunset Blvd., 905-640-1461 www.stouffvilleanglican.ca

> Friday, October 16th Family & Youth Initiative 7:00-9:00pm

Sunday, October 18th 8:00am & 10:00am Eucharist Nursery & Church School at 10am

ACW Bake Sale Thursday, October 22nd Morning Prayer & Bible Study Starting at 9:30am

> October 26th to 30th Winter Clothing Drive



All Welcome COME & SEE

Goodwood Uxbridge LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 11:15 AM

Message: The Rev. Lorraine Runza

Services at Goodwood United Church (# 21 Highway, just east of # 47, 3999 Concession #3)

> Contact: Arthur Schickedanz (416) 540-7060

EVERYONE WELCOME

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

6432 Main St., Stouffville 905.640.3151

Rev. Joan Masterton, minister

Sunday, October 18

Service of Worship 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women's luncheon meeting Guest speaker – pharmacist Farid Wassef "Keeping Healthy as we Age" 11:00 a.m.

Friday, October 16

'Believers' choir practice School aged children invited 4:00 p.m. Youth/adults parking lot hockey

5:00 p.m.

BLOOMINGTON

GOSPEL CHURCH

13660 Ninth Line N.

(905) 642-4414

Rev. Peter Pallant

Sunday,

October 18, 2015

9:30 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Worship Service

6:30 pm - Evening Service

Everyone Welcome!

"A friendly family church"



905.640.5696 Stouffville

Pentecostal Church Sunday Service @ 10am

6853 Main St., Stouffville

Sunday School for Kids!

Lead Pastor: Jeff Laird

Children's Pastor: Lori Attack

Youth Pastor: Steffan Watson

Kids Club & Jr High:

Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm

Youth: Fridays @ 7:30 pm

Everyone Welcome!

www.spcfamily.ca

恩泉浸信會 **Stouffville Grace Baptist Church**



SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:45AM Chinese/English/Children Service 粵語(普通話翻譯) / 英文 / 兒童崇拜

@ Oscar Peterson Public School 850 Hoover Park Dr., Stouffville

. CHURCH CONTACT 教會聯絡處

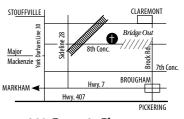
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Stouffville Christian **Fellowship**

A Church in a Beautiful Countryside Pastor Walter Robbins

Sunday Service 10:30am Lunch to follow



860 Conc. 8, Claremont 905-649-2812

Stouffville United Church Rev. Elizabeth

Cunningham

34 Church St. N. • 905-640-1163

office@stouffvilleuc.ca

Sunday, October 18th

10:30 am

Worship Service

Sermon Title: Servitude

Everyone Welcome! www.stouffvilleuc.ca

