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# LGBT play striking nerve: writer

Write what you know.

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 tax receipts.

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://theatre-ofthebeat.ca> – Sandra Bolan

# Stouffville Churches Welcome You

**in2one** TV 11.1 **New Series**  
Kathy B

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

**Sunday at 10:00am**  
19 on the Park  
(on Main St. behind the clock tower)  
435 - 080 - 4714

Go to [www.in2one.ca](http://www.in2one.ca) for details.

A Church of the Christian And Missionary Alliance

**Christ Church Stouffville**

Anglican Church of Canada  
254 Sunset Blvd., 905-640-1461  
[www.stouffvilleanglican.ca](http://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

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**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.

"A friendly family church"

6853 Main St., Stouffville  
905.640.5696  
**Stouffville**

**Pentecostal Church**  
**Sunday Service @ 10am**  
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**

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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

**St. Mark's ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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  
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[www.stmarkstouffville.ca](http://www.stmarkstouffville.ca)

**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**

**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!

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**  
(647) 547-3618  
32 Jamesway Cres., Stouffville  
[admin@stouffville-gbc.org](mailto:admin@stouffville-gbc.org)  
[www.stouffville-gbc.org](http://www.stouffville-gbc.org)

**Stouffville United Church**  
*Building Spirit / Building Lives!*

Rev. Elizabeth Cunningham

**34 Church St. N. • 905-640-1163**  
[office@stouffvilleuc.ca](mailto:office@stouffvilleuc.ca)

**Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**  
**Worship Service**

**Sermon Title: Servitude**

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