

The Welcoming Congregation Bulletin

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The Welcoming Congregation Bulletin is produced by LGBTQ Ministries, part of the Unitarian Universalist Association's Multicultural Ministries office. Each monthly issue offers a **tool** to use, an **action** to take, a **story** to inspire, and **news** to share.

A tool to increase your welcome

Mama's Day Resources for May 12

"Mama's Day" is an intentional broadening of how we celebrate motherhood, considering lesbian moms, single moms, adoptive moms, foster moms, trans moms, immigrant moms, and more. How will you celebrate this year?



Check out resources here:

uua.org/reproductive/action/284636.shtml

p.s. Have poems, readings, sermons, other favorite musings on parenthood from the margins? Share them with lgbtq@uua.org!

An action to live it loud and proud



Join Black & Pink's Pen-Pal Program

Did you know that mail can save lives? One action from the Thirty Days of Love was to become a pen-pal through Black & Pink, an open family of LGBTQ prisoners and "free world" allies who support each other.

Incarcerated LGBTQ people are acutely vulnerable to harassment, sexual violence, lack of access to health care, mistreatment, and more, and often lack support. Receiving mail provides vital, life-giving support to LGBTQ prisoners.

Find out more and sign up:

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A story to inspire your ministry

An Intersex, Lesbian Perspective on the Freedom to Marry



Think the issue of marriage is cut and dry? Think again! Amy Hinton, most recently of Our Home Universalist Unitarian Church in Ellisville, MS, gives a unique call for the freedom to marry.

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p.s. Want more on marriage? Read about **Standing on the Side of Love** at the U.S. Supreme Court!
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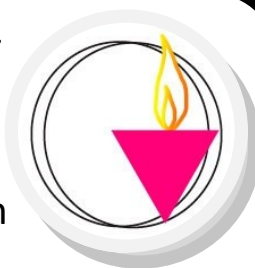
News to share

Interweave's Sermon Contest & Mark DeWolfe Award

Every year Interweave gives the Mark DeWolfe Award to a Unitarian Universalist who has substantially contributed to improving the lives of LGBTQ people, and the Interweave Sermon Award to the best sermon of the year in support of LGBTQ issues. *Submissions are due April 30, 2013!*

Mark DeWolfe Award: bit.ly/interweave_dewolfe

Sermon Award: bit.ly/interweave_sermon



A Note of Sorrow

This month we mourn the passing of **Marilyn Junkins**, partner of almost 10 years to Nisco Junkins, Newsletter Production Manager for Interweave.



Marilyn and Nisco Junkins were legal domestic partners and dedicated and well-loved members of the UU Church of Eugene, OR.

Not only do we mourn the loss of Marilyn Junkins, we deplore the absence of Nisco as Marilyn's life partner in her obituary in the Eugene newspaper.

For Nisco, Marilyn, and the similar heartbreak that so many experience in our communities, we offer prayers of peace and healing and our commitment to continuing the struggle.

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