

Christ United Church hosts the 2022 documentary *Mama Bears* on **Friday, June 10 at 7:00 PM in Friendship Hall** at Christ United Church, 23114 West Rd., Olmsted Falls, OH 44138. All are welcome! More info. at the <u>film website here</u>. Questions for the church office at 440.234.0150

Mama Bears explores how the lives of conservative, Christian mothers are utterly transformed when they decide to accept their LGBTQ children. Spread throughout the country but connected through private Facebook groups, they call one another "mama bears" because of the ferocity with which they fight for their children's rights and those of the entire LGBTQ community. Although they grew up as fundamentalist, evangelical Christians praying for the souls of LGTBQ people, these mama bears are now willing to risk losing friends, family, and faith communities to keep their children safe—even if it challenges their belief systems and rips apart their worlds. Along the way they struggle through grief, denial, anger, and deep depression. Mama Bears takes us inside their journey to becoming LGBTQ allies, following a few of the 8,000 dedicated moms across the United States who have connected at a complicated juncture to create a network of love and

conviction.