

## **“When Kids Come Out” – A Four-Session Class for Parents of LGBTQ Children**

When a child comes out to his/her/their family, it often raises many questions for both the child and for the family. For example:

- What does it mean for the family when a child comes out to his/her/their parents?
- What does it mean for the parents’ relationship to their church?
- What does it mean for the parents’ own faith?
- How do parents navigate their own “coming out” after their children have come out to them?
- What do I/we need to know as parents of an LGBTQ child with the recent actions of the General Conference in St. Louis?

**The sessions are designed to provide a safe space where questions and concerns can be dealt with openly and honestly.**

**These questions are among those that will be addressed in the four-session class that will be held on Wednesday evenings:**

**Wednesday, April 10**

**Break for Holy Week – no class on April 17**

**Wednesday, April 24**

**Wednesday, May 1**

**Wednesday, May 8**

**The class will be held at the Worthington United Methodist Church. The meetings will begin at 7:00 pm and conclude by 8:30 pm. The church is located at 600 High Street, Worthington. Parking is available at the church.**

*Look for signs directing you to “When Kids Come Out” class.*

The Rev. Jim Waugh, retired pastor in the West Ohio Conference, will lead the group. Jim and his wife, Carol, have an adult daughter, Lisa, who came out to them several years ago. Jim is also the chair of the Parents Reconciling Network Board (a group related to the Reconciling Ministries Network).

If you have questions or need more information, please feel free to email Jim: [jwaugh3@mac.com](mailto:jwaugh3@mac.com).