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Hey FUMCOGers,

This year in lieu of a full scale auction the Senior High Youth Group has decided to offer a few favorite items from years past. Come by Pilling Hall after the service on Sunday, June 14 to place your bids in our silent auction.

Ewing RI Beach House: You and nine friends can treat yourselves to a relaxing weeklong vacation at the Ewings' beautiful Rhode Island beach house. Available from Thursday September 3 through the morning of Wednesday September 9. Private Beach included. Sleeps 10.

Minimum Bid: \$1000

Gumbo Dinner by Alan Symonette

A Southern Seafood Gumbo dinner for 10-14. Alan will prepare his mother's family recipe of Southern Seafood Gumbo to be served at a dinner party at your home. The gumbo will include shellfish, turkey sausage, and chicken, but no pork. The dinner will include bread and salad. Host will provide wine or other beverages.

Estimated value: \$275. Starting bid \$150.

Germantown Homestay B&B:

Bunny Smith's family is offering a two night stay for two adults in their Germantown Homestay guestroom. The guest room features a 1900's vintage oak double bed, a single sized mattress "daybed", dresser, table and private bathroom. The bathroom has a tub with a hand shower.

Guests receive a key to the house and come and go as they like.

Breakfast consists of coffee/tea, juice, fresh fruit and a bread basket and it is served in the room at the guests' request. The reservation must be made in advance – some people book weeks to months ahead. Call for availability.

Details will be provided to the winner.

Value: \$140, minimum bid \$75.

Jonathan Sills Chocolate Massage:

Deep Chocolate Massage Therapy

This unique 1½ hour treatment will satiate your chocoholic cravings while soothing your aching muscles using luxurious, chocolate-scented massage cream in a warm and tastefully appointed studio, gently suffused with the scent of chocolate and accompanied by music from the lands of the noble cocoa bean.

As if that weren't enough, at the end of the treatment you will float home with a hand-decorated box of world-famous chocolate fudge made exclusively by Jonathan Sills.

Call for your appointment

Jonathan Sills

*Certified Massage Therapist
Wyndmoor, PA, 215-233-2680*

Minimum bid: \$110

Obama T-shirts: A youth group specialty! A limited number remain, and there is only one more "Under New Management" print. Show your pride and grab a keepsake.

Estimated Value: \$10

Minimum Bid: \$8 per shirt

Homemade Cheesecakes: Youth Group member James Pinard, cheesecake-extraordinaire, is back again with these mouth-watering delicacies, made just for you. Indulge, it is well worth it.

Minimum bid: \$10.

Custom Homemade Ice Cream: Let your taste buds and imaginations run wild! Flavors include chocolate macaroon chunk, blueberry-kiwi, coffee angel food cake, to name a few; or rekindle your love for the classics. Fresh, organic ingredients and TLC (courtesy of Emily Jack-Scott) make all the difference. You name the flavor, and it's yours! Only two orders up for auction!

Estimated Value: \$10 for 1.5 quarts.

Minimum Bid: \$8

Eagles Tickets: Pick your favorite football fan and go see the 2009 Eagles (with their exciting new offseason additions) take on former MVP Tom Brady and his New England Patriots in this preseason matchup. The game is on Thursday August 13, 2009.

Estimated value: \$180. Starting bid: \$140



Another Academic Achievement!

Susannah Bartlow, daughter of Michele and Tom, has earned a Ph. D. in English from the SUNY University at Buffalo with a dissertation on "Vulnerability as Armor: Embodied Spiritual Commitments of Alice Walker, Audre Lorde, and Toni Cade Bambara." She is working at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa as Director of the Women's Center and faculty in Women's Studies.

Transfigurations: Transgressing Gender in the Bible

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Reception: 7pm; Performance: 8pm

Location: Arch St. United Methodist Church

55 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19102

At the corner of Arch St and Broad St;

Open to the public with no admission fee.

A free-will offering will be accepted in appreciation of Peterson's work (i.e. we will pass the plate).

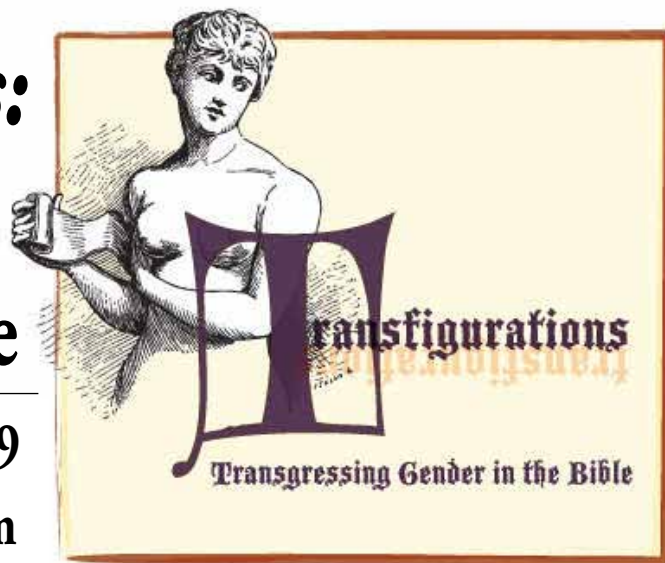
Theatrical performance activist, Peterson Toscano, unearths transgender Bible characters--those people who do not fit in the gender binary, and who in transgressing and transcending gender, find themselves at the center of some the Bible's most important stories.

Drawing on inspiration from one-on-one interviews with transgender and genderqueer individuals, Peterson weaves their experiences with the stories and lives of transgender, genderqueer and gender-variant people right on the pages of the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. Hilarious and moving, Toscano's one-person play deepens well-known (and lesser-known) Bible stories as he presents an array of characters with an array of genders.

Peterson will be available for Q&A after the performance. You may also consider attending his workshop on Friday afternoon of the Conference.

This nationally acclaimed performance piece has been enjoyed by Christians, Jews, Athiests, Biblical Scholars, and more...

To learn more about Transfigurations, please visit www.petersontoscano.com/transfigurations.



To learn more about this performance and the Philadelphia Trans-Health Conference, please visit http://www.transfaithonline.org/transhealth/peterson_toscanos_transfigurations/

You are also invited to a reception sponsored by the Philadelphia YES! Coalition at 7pm, in advance of the performance.

Light refreshments will be available.

Boasting a 250 affirming congregations membership, The YES! Coalition's nourishes the spiritual expression of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender constituencies in partnership with affirming faith communities. www.yescoalitionphilly.org Peterson Toscano



After 17 years of struggling to accept his gay orientation and gender differences, Peterson Toscano finally came to his senses. He then tumbled out of the closet onto the stage where he shared his story internationally through his one-person comedy Doin' Time in the Homo No Mo Halfway House--How I Survived the Ex-

Gay Movement! In unpacking his own story, he began to explore gender in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures and those individuals who have transgressed and transcended gender. He now shares these insights through his new production, Transfigurations--Transgender Bible Stories.

To learn more about Peterson Toscano, please visit www.petersontoscano.com.