

The Inclusive Committee of Second Congregational Church of Boxford (UCC) cordially invites you to a very special educational event.

We will present the documentary “**BRIDEGROOM**”

When: Wednesday, November 11th at *6:45pm – 8:45pm

Where: Second Congregational Church of Boxford
173B Washington St (Route 133)
West Boxford MA 01885

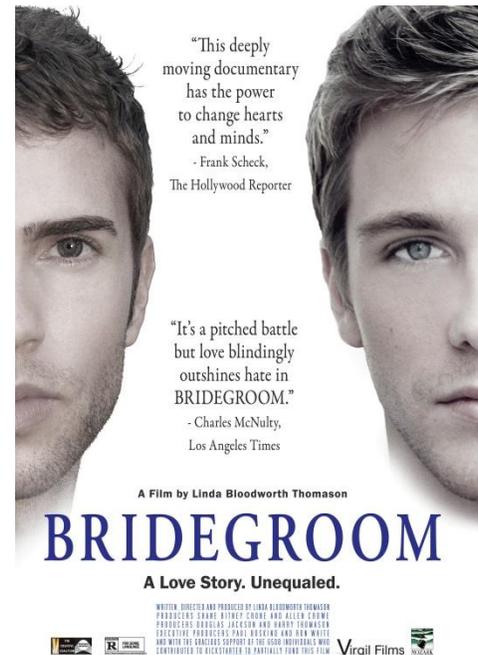


We are a Congregation of Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors.
**** ALL ARE WELCOME **ADMISSION IS FREE****

A Love Story. Unequaled.

This is the deeply moving love story of Shane Bitney Crone & Tom Bridegroom. For six years they remained united despite extreme challenges from both family and society, until Toms’ tragic death tears apart their dreams.

BRIDEGROOM gives an intensely personal edge to the ongoing debate over the legal rights of same-sex couples. Interviews, photos and video footage all testify to the uncommon connection that drew them together.



*Doors to Parish Hall (located on the side of our Church building) will open at 6:45pm. **We will begin at 7:00pm** with an introduction to the film and conclude with a brief discussion. The running time of the film is 79 min. Refreshments will be served. Questions can be directed to: ona@secondchurchboxford.org

Our facility is fully handicapped accessible and equipped with gender neutral restrooms.

Second Congregational Church of Boxford (UCC) is an Open and Affirming Congregation and a member of “Welcoming Faiths” - A coalition of LGBTQ welcoming communities of faiths in the Merrimack Valley.

About the Film

“It’s a pitched battle, but love blindingly outshines hate in BRIDEGROOM.”
Charles McNulty, Los Angeles Times

*“BRIDEGROOM” is a documentary directed by Linda Bloodworth-Thomason that tells the emotional journey of Shane and Tom, two young men in a loving and committed relationship — a relationship that was cut tragically short by a misstep off the side of a roof. The story of what happened after this accidental death— of how people without the legal protections of marriage can find themselves completely shut out and ostracized— is poignant, enraging and opens a window onto the issue of *marriage equality like no speech or lecture ever will.*

On May 7, 2012, the anniversary of Tom’s death, after a year of documenting his own grief, Shane decided to make a video tribute to his partner entitled: “It Could Happen To You.” This video, posted on YouTube, received over 3.4 million views and has been translated into over 20 different languages. The impact of Shane’s YouTube video and the raw nerve it touched, tells us this is an important story that needed to be told.

With the incredible support from influential people like Brad and George Takei and Neil Patrick Harris, Bridegroom was successfully funded on July 19, 2012 by over 6,500 people on Kickstarter.com becoming the most funded documentary in the history of crowd funding, and released in the fall of 2013.

**Although the documentary may have a large focus on marriage equality which has since been legalized since the making of this film, there is so much more to learn from this heart wrenching love story, specifically in regards to love and acceptance.*

