

PFLAG

WOODSTOCK, VA

May, 2024

Newsletter



Pride Month is Coming Up!

So many events to attend, so little time! Click below to see some of the area Pride events taking place throughout the months of May, June, & July for our area!

[Learn More!](#)



Our Mission & Vision

PFLAG is the nation's largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them.

LEADING WITH LOVE

Check Out Our Upcoming Events!

June 2, 2024 - Support Meeting: 2-4pm @ First Bank in Woodstock

July 7, 2024 - Support Meeting: 2-4pm @ First Bank in Woodstock

Calling All Volunteers!



Thanks to you, PFLAG is becoming a visible, credible resource for a growing number of area families, professionals, and organizations.

PFLAG Is Celebrating Two Full Years as a Chapter!

Susie Wilburn (she/her) - Chapter President

We began our journey in 2021 and were awarded our chapter in May of 2022. And the past few months have thrown us into full advocacy mode as we were dealing with new school board members trying to add a policy that would harm the LGBTQ kids in our school system. But, we have accomplished a lot in two years but we recognize that we still have a way to go before we feel we are fully functional.

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This Pride season, we've been asked to attend multiple events and we need your help to attend and grow our presence in the community! To learn more about what volunteering entails or to sign up, please click the link below.

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The History of Pride

Chris Lawson

To commemorate the first anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, Gay Pride marches were held on June 28, 1970 in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Boston and Chicago. These types of marches began taking place around the world and have evolved into today's modern day Pride events.

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SAFE ZONE TRAINED

Safe Zone Training

- You will learn what a Safe Zone means and WHO it is for.
- You will learn how a Safe Zone can HELP people.
- You will look at the difference between SEX and GENDER.
- You will better understand usage of PRONOUNS and why they matter.
- You will learn about the PRIVILEGE BACKPACK and its influence.
- You will explore LGBTQ+ communication skills

Graciously Hosted By

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
235 SOUTH MAIN STREET
WOODSTOCK, VA 22664
Parking on the street

May 30th @ 9:30 - Noon
Coffee and Tea Provided

REGISTER HERE:
preventionandwellness.ticketleap.com/safe-zone-project-training/

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Safe Zone Trainings - May Update

Honestly, Safe Zone doesn't have to just be about LGBTQ. Feeling safe in our environment is a human right that we all want and need and having the ability to have enough empathy to understand that others have different needs than yourself is part of what our training offers too.

We are offering an additional training on May 30th at the United Church of Christ in Woodstock.

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Safe Zone Update

Susie Wilburn, she/her

Education is a part of PFLAG's tagline. We advocate, we educate and we support. The more that we can educate our community to this "new" information, the better we feel that the community will see those in the LGBTQ community as something valuable that needs to be embraced with love. Leading with Love is PFLAG's newest tagline and we truly believe that Love wins in the end.

As we continue to offer Safe Zone Training to organizations in our community as an effort to help folks better understand the issues we are super pleased with the feedback that we have gotten so far.

We recently did a training for the Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter in their Woodstock office. They felt that the training helped them to see many things that were new to them and helped them to realize that this isn't a black and white topic.

We are offering an additional training on May 30th at the United Church of Christ in Woodstock and this flyer will give you the pertinent information if you would like to register and attend.

On June 1st, we are excited to do another Safe Zone Training for the Carline Lutheran Camp in Fort Valley for their staff and board members. They want to make sure that they are able to provide a safe environment for the attendees this summer who may be within the LGBTQ community.

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<http://www.allianceforshelter.com/>



The staff of The Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter



Update to Proposed Shenandoah County Transgender Policy

After multiple work sessions, community input, and public board meetings, the Shenandoah County School Board voted to adopt the VDOE 2023 Model Policies (otherwise known as Youngkin's Policy) over the proposed policies/resolutions put forth by board members Michael Rickard and Gloria Carlineo. While the current VDOE Model Policies are restrictive at best and discriminatory at worst, they were the best choice of the three for transgender students in our county.

- [Shenandoah County School Board Page](#)
- [Rickard's Proposed Policy](#)
- [Carlineo's Proposed Resolution](#)
- [VDOE 2023 Model Policies](#)

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