

PFLAG Madison

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Meeting Place:

Friends Meeting House, 1704 Roberts Court, Madison, WI

Meeting:

2:00 to 4:00 PM, 3rd Sunday of the month, Sept. to May

National PFLAG Website: <http://www.pflag.org>



President: Jeanne Williams

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Founded in 1973, PFLAG is the first and largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and their families.

Next Meeting - Sunday, November 19, 2023



Join us at 1704 Roberts Ct from 2:00-3:00PM to hear our guest speaker with an update on Madison Schools' policies and support for LGBTQ+ children. You may choose to stay for another hour while we offer our confidential sharing/support time. Overflow parking is available, for free, next to the Madison Library at 1705 Monroe St. If you wish to participate via Zoom, email pflagmadison@gmail.com to receive the link and passcode.

Our featured speaker is John Peschl (he/him) who is a husband, brother, dog dad, and educator. He's worked in public education for the past 27 years. Currently John is MMSD's LGBTQIA+ Teacher Leader, supporting all schools to create safe learning environments where all students feel seen, heard and a sense of belonging.

PFLAG Meeting Summary - October 15, 2023

Sarah Ferrier from "All of Us" Research Program was our speaker. Sarah is a Community Outreach Specialist with the program. She has been involved in this since 2022 and is passionate about building partnerships in the community and working with community organizations. The goal of this program is to help researchers understand more about why people get sick or stay healthy. The scale of this project is huge. They are looking for one million participants to join the program. It is the largest study ever done. It is also the most diverse. Sarah spoke about the LGBTQ+ community and how this program also looks at how lifestyle, genetics and environment affect the health of the queer community. She stressed that all Americans deserve to be seen, heard and understood, especially when it comes to medical research. LGBTQ+ people, like many other groups, have often been left out of medical research.. As a result, less is known about the health of LGBTQ+ people along with learning ways to provide this community with the best care. All people are welcome to be part of this research study. If you are interested in being part of this program or want further information, please visit allofus@hslc.wisc.edu or <https://allofus.wisc.edu>.

Transgender Day of Remembrance Interfaith Service - Monday, November 20th, 2023

Event hosted by Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice, Fair Wisconsin, and eight others at Fitchburg Memorial United Church of Christ, 5705 Lacy Rd, at 6:00PM with a fellowship to follow at 7:00PM.

UW Family Dinner - Tuesday, November 14, 2023

- 6:00 - 8:00PM
- The DeLuca Form at the Wisconsin Institutes of Discovery (WID) 330 N. Orchard St, Madison
- Parking: Hourly visitor parking is available in Lot 20 which is across from the Discovery Building and can be accessed from University Ave. Parking is also available in Lot 17 which is being Engineering Hall and Camp Randall Stadium and can be accessed via N. Randall Ave. Lot 80, the Union South underground parking garage, can be accessed from Dayton St. All lots have limited accessible spaces.
- Brief Program featuring the Dean of Students, Dr. Christina Olstad; Warren Scherer, UW Gender & Sexuality Campus Center Director; and grounding exercises you can take with you home facilitated by the folks at the “High Vibe Healing Collective”.
- Breaking bread, dining together, mingling and being in community
- Free Hugs (with consent)

The deadline to register is Tuesday, November 14. For more info and to RSVP: <https://go.wisc.edu/lgbtqDinner>

Perfect Harmony Chorus - “Winter’s Harmony

Friday, December 1st and Sunday, December 3rd at Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E. Gotham St.

Tickets available at: <https://ci.ovationtix.com/35840/production/1182790>

OutReach 50th Celebration



Some of us celebrated with OutReach at the Monona Terrace on November 4th. Congratulations, OutReach!

Membership Renewal

Annual dues, \$30 per person or \$40 per couple are due October 1, 2023. See the membership form and submit payment online through our website “donate” button or send your payment directly to our Treasurer, Paul Wertsch. You can find the Membership form at:

<http://www.pflag-madison.org/MembershipCurrent.pdf>

When submitting payments using PayPal or credit cards, please provide the following information via email to Paul Wertsch, Treasurer, pwertsch@gmail.com:

- Your complete name, mailing address for a tax receipt, and email address to receive the monthly newsletter.

- The amount of money you submitted either as membership (\$30 individual/\$40 family) or as a donation.

Email pwertsch@gmail.com if you have not received a confirmation of past transaction.

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“When you arise in the morning, give thanks for the food and for the joy of living.
If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies only in yourself.”

Chief Tecumseh