

Defiance Equality Foundation for Inclusion's (DEFI)

3rd Annual Pride Walk was held Saturday, June 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Defiance College campus.

Along with a Pride Parade that started from St. John UCC and circled the campus, other activities included a Resource Fair, Drag Show, a raffle of two dozen items (Fred Coulter won a dozen donuts from Meeks Pastry Shop), over 30 vendors, and food trucks.

St. John UCC, Defiance, voted to become an Open and Affirming Church in 2015. To show support for the LGBTQIA2+ community, church members gave away resources at a table, inviting everyone to experience a welcoming congregation. In addition, another church member offered pulled pork sandwiches and sides for a free will donation. That effort netted a \$160 donation to DEFI.

Plans are already being made for next year's DEFI Pride Event in June of 2025. You can ask to be a part of the Facebook group to keep up on activities throughout the year at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/equalitydefiance>.

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