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TRENTON FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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News and Updates for Friends and friends in our community



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Introduction

Warm weather arrives and with it our grounds bloom and we hold our annual Barbecue and Free Sale (see inside). The Meetinghouse is cool at this time of year. Please join us for Worship.

Work is beginning on our new, attractive and useful website - launch is a few month off. Now, then and always, trentonquakers.org has up to date information and news. And on Facebook visit Trenton Quakers and Trenton Friends Meetinghouse (Quaker) to connect.

The Communications Committee

BLACK LIVES MATTER-NJ OUTREACH

MONTHLY OUTREACH

The Black Lives Matter-NJ organization has been doing a monthly outreach from the Meetinghouse to our neighborhood and the larger Trenton community for more than two years. Using the upstairs kitchen, they prepare and distribute hot spaghetti dinners to go, and give out care/hygiene packs, clothes, often produce and other grocery items. They have established connection with individuals in the neighborhood and drawn people together.

The next one will be June 24th. Volunteers can come to help prepare, distribute and/or clean up between 10 am and 3 pm.

ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY

This fall will be the third annual Back To School Block Party that BLM will hold on the Meetinghouse grounds. Coordinated with a number of other local organizations, BLM members and supporters from around the state provide a festive atmosphere with food and games and give-aways of school supplies and backpacks. Check next month's Newsletter for date and time.



REMEMBERING LOUIS LEFEVRE

The 17th of this month will mark one year since the passing of Louis LeFevre, our long time, beloved member. We remember Louis as a Friend and friend, a stalwart Quaker and constant Trenton booster who valued his fellow Trentonians and served our Meeting, the Yearly Meeting, the Trenton Film Society and other civic organizations with vigor and love. He did many works throughout the city for its betterment and is so missed by all.

Memorial Minute

(Approved at Meeting for Business 10/9/2022)

Trenton Meeting of Friends commemorates the long, indispensable ministry of Louis LeFevre, who passed away on 17 Sixth Month 2022.

Louis became a member of Trenton Meeting on 28 Second Month 1988, transferring his membership from Mount Holly (NJ) Meeting. He immediately took up leadership and service roles in the meeting, and attended Meeting for Worship and Meeting with an Intention to Business regularly. He was deeply involved with Adult Forum, and served as Treasurer of the Meeting. His wisdom and generosity were evident and cherished in every task he undertook. His healthy sense of humor and characteristic hearty laugh lightened the mood of every committee he served on, as well as the Meeting itself.

He represented the Meeting by serving on the board of trustees of Mercer Street Friends for years. He also served for years on Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Committee on Native Americans. He often brought the experience he gained from these activities to discussions at Trenton Meeting. Besides his Quaker activities he served the larger Trenton community for years with his service as treasurer of the Trenton Film Society. He was a close friend of Minnie Jane Ham, founder of the Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts, and acted in several plays produced by FQA, including several performances which took place in the meetinghouse, as well as other locations.

During the extended period of quarantine occasioned by the Covid-19 pandemic, which has not yet ended, Louis made regular trips to the meetinghouse to make sure of its security, and help neighborhood social services set up food distribution at the meetinghouse.

Louis' final illness was sudden. He became ill, was admitted to the hospital, and passed away without leaving the hospital eight days later. We are all shocked by his sudden absence. We miss him and will try to continue to support his passions and interests in his absence.

BARBECUE AND FREE SALE

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the Trenton Meeting Community Barbecue and Free Sale for 2023 is coming up on Sunday June 11th. We will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and sides for our community and ourselves. Our free sale has a price of \$0.00 for everything. We are working on some fun activities for families. Please sign up to help with Cathy Campbell by email at cathythemathdoctor@gmail.com. (The task list has been shared on the Meeting's listserv.)

Trenton Meeting people who are bringing items for the free sale should bring them on Saturday the 10th between 1 and 3 pm. Sorting tables are set up in the Yoga Room. If you have the time, please sort your items.



A reminder of how to support financially

**Check or Money Order can be sent to
Trenton Meeting of Friends
PO Box 8
Trenton, NJ 08601**

**Scanning the QR Code will link you to PayPal
for the Meeting to make an on online
donation, or from paypal.com "send" your
donation to trentonquakers@gmail.com**



Trenton Quakers

Sun Jun 4, 2023

 **10am - 11am Meeting for Worship**

| **Where:** Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Forum

| **Where:** Trenton Meeting of Friends, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

Tue Jun 6, 2023

4:30pm - 5:30pm CMW Committee

| **Where:** 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

Wed Jun 7, 2023

 **4:30pm - 6pm Property & Funds Committee**

| **Where:** Zoom

Sat Jun 10, 2023

10am - 11am Mindfulness with Djenaba

| **Where:** Trenton Monthly Meeting 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, United States

Sun Jun 11, 2023

 **9am - 10am Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

| **Where:** Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

 **10am - 11am Meeting for Worship**

| **Where:** Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

11:30am - 1pm Prepare for

BBQ/Freesale 1pm - 3pm Community

| **Where:** Trenton Quaker Meetinghouse

BBQ and Freesale

Sat Jun 17, 2023

12pm - 1:30pm Lunch in Downtown Trenton

| **Where:** TBD

Sun Jun 18, 2023

 **10am - 11am Meeting for Worship**

| **Where:** Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

Sat Jun 24, 2023

9am - 4pm BLM Spaghetti prep and distro

| **Where:** Trenton Meeting of Friends, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

Sun Jun 25, 2023

9am - 10am Religious Education Committee

| **Where:** Trenton Meeting of Friends, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

 **10am - 11am Meeting for Worship**

| **Where:** Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

 **11:30am - 12:30pm Peace and Social Concerns Committee**

| **Where:** Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA