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TRENTON FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

News and Updates for Friends and friends in our community



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Introduction

April brings the feel of a real spring season and an active season for the Meeting. As we step up projects to make the Meetinghouse and the community a better, nicer place to be, we also start our discernment on budgets and finances. Please see more about supporting on page 2.

Be sure to keep even more up to date by visiting our website trentonquakers.org.

In Peace and Light,
The Communications Committee

SUSTAINING TRENTON MEETING

Trenton Meeting has made a specific commitment to use our physical, human and monetary resources to be of service to our neighborhood and our city. In the mean time, maintenance and safety improvement are ongoing. For example we are considering how to fix the broken stones in the walkway from the parking lot, and there is always something calling out for attention in a 284 year old building.

We have ongoing community engagement through the Barbeque and Freesale, numerous events for children and families, and cooperation with groups who use the Meetinghouse for Meditation, food and clothing distributions and organizing meetings.

There are two things needed for us to keep up the work and keep up the facility - people and money. The calendar on the last page lets you know what is happening, when and where. Show up to help, meet and learn. All are welcome, precious and respected.

Members of the Meeting are reminded of the covenant between Member and Meeting for regular contributions.

Meeting's lower case "f" friends and Meeting attenders are encouraged to help financially as well. The address for mailing checks as well as a QR code to take you to the Meeting's PayPal page are on the right.

THANK YOU ALL.

Check or Money Order can be sent to

**Trenton Meeting of Friends
PO Box 8
Trenton, NJ 08601**

Scanning the QR Code below will link you to PayPal for the Meeting to make an online donation.



OUR BUSY COMMITTEES

Communications Committee

Well, you are looking at it! The main work of this committee has been producing this monthly newsletter. Enjoy.

Education Committee

Our Adult Education activities are ongoing with various sessions of Adult Forum on the first Sunday of each month. We have had conversations with Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's head of Engagement about how to maneuver Religious Education when there are no children regularly attending. Our Member and author Andy Mill joined us to discuss his newest book. A conversation about aging is upcoming in May.

The Child Religious Education team has found a very positive response to our fun events for children and families in our neighborhood. Pumpkin painting to Gingerbread House making to an Egg Hunt have continued to draw us closer to the community.

The Meeting has decided to assist neighborhood children who would like to have piano lesson by paying for lessons that a local teacher holds at the nearby Conservatory Mansion. Religious Ed has assisted in finding up to three families with children who want the lessons and getting them signed up.

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PIANO LESSONS

for neighborhood children

WE ARE SPONSORING
LESSONS FOR CHILDREN
IN OLD TRENTON
NEIGHBORHOOD

Lessons are at Conservatory
Mansion - 540 E State St
Lessons cost \$5 (if you can)
Limited openings, sign up now



Teacher is Tyrone Gaskins
from Trenton
Saturday Mornings
CALL CHARLES AT
609-635-1082 FOR
INFORMATION AND
TO GET ON THE
LIST!

Trenton Meeting of Friends 142 E Hanover

Trenton Friends Meeting

Children's Egg Hunt

Come to the Trenton Friends
Meetinghouse for our free
outdoor Egg Hunt!

Saturday April 1
1 to 3 pm

Families and children of all
ages welcome.
Snacks and games and FUN

trentonquakers@gmail.com
609-278-4551

142 E Hanover St



MORE FROM OUR COMMITTEES

Property Committee

Here are a few things of note that have come from the Property and Funds Committee lately:

We have scheduled the Meeting's first Work Day of the year: Saturday, April 29th (9:30-Noon).

We are undertaking a renovation of the pathway from our parking lot to the Meetinghouse — replacing broken slates and, possibly, raising the pathway up on a bed of sand, so that it doesn't collect water, snow and ice.

There is a new Dog Waste Station — part of the continuing challenge to assist our neighbors in cleaning up after their pets.

The way we do telephone and internet in the Meetinghouse is being converted from an expensive Verizon contract to a more efficient T-Mobile and Voice over the Internet (VoIP) set-up.

There is a much needed visibility stripe on the last step of the basement stairs.

The Meetinghouse is kept "lookin' good".



SPIRITUALITY

Annual Spiritual State of the Meeting

By the end of April, our Meeting, like all the Monthly Meetings in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, are expected to submit a report that speaks to our spiritual condition as a Meeting.

Counsel Ministry and Worship Committee is responsible for this and will engage in Spirit led discernment with the Meeting to draft our report. Below are some of the queries that PYM has suggested for consideration in preparing this report. Friends are encouraged to consider them in relation to the Meeting and to ourselves and to provide thoughts when discernment happens to help us create a meaningful report.

1. *In this past year, how has your meeting worked to create and strengthen the reality of a Beloved Community? How has your meeting fostered an environment in which members and attenders of all ages know they are loved, cared for, trusted, and respected?*
2. *How has the Spirit guided your work on climate change?*
3. *How have you sought to be neighbors and in relationship with other communities?*

A Query for Thought and Relection

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice has many Queries that may help us. Here is one we can all ask ourselves, followed by a commentary:

Does worship deepen my relationship with God, increase my faithfulness and refresh and renew my daily life, both inwardly and in my relationships with other persons and with all of creation?

As we know, worship in the manner of Friends can uplift and transform each of us! However, it does not do that every time. If it is not working right now, what can we each do to make it better, to increase our faith, and to open ourselves to the wonder of the Spirit?

PYM's Faith and Practice is available at Meeting, online at pym.org or on paper from Quakerbooks.org.

Trenton Quakers

Sun Apr 2, 2023

10am - 11am Meeting for Worship

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

11:30am - 12:30pm PSCC - Reproductive Rights, asking Trenton Friends to consider adopting a position

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

1pm - 3pm Children and Family Egg Hunt

Tue Apr 4, 2023

4:30pm - 5:30pm CMW Committee

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

Sat Apr 8, 2023

10am - 11am Mindfulness with Djenaba

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

Sun Apr 9, 2023

10am - 11am Meeting for Worship

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

Fri Apr 14, 2023

4:30pm - 6pm Property & Funds Committee

Where: Zoom

Sun Apr 16, 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

Sat Apr 22, 2023

9am - 4pm BLM Spaghetti prep and distro

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

Sun Apr 23, 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

Sat Apr 29, 2023

9:30am - 12pm Volunteer Work Day

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

12pm - 1pm Lunch in Downtown Trenton

Where: TBD

Sun Apr 30, 2023

10am - 11am Meeting for Worship

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