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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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I can feel Trenton Meeting surging forward, vibrating with energy, seeking to make a positive impact for all within our reach. Energized but sometimes exhausted and small in number, we strive to find our place in Old Trenton Neighborhood that lets us give what we can, love all we meet, and learn.

The Quaker faith provides a proud legacy of integrity, justice, peace and community. But there can be no “resting on laurels” when the world is awash in injustice, integrity is abandoned, and peace is shattered in so many places around the world.

Love grows, showing up in our friendship and respect for each other and for all we encounter. Love grows as we strive for the Blessed Community where respect, justice, peace and love abound.

-Charles Hardy

ACTION RUNDOWN - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

What is a Quaker

On February 18, members of the Religious Education Committee met for an “in-service” where we went through an internal process to explore what it means to be a Quaker. It was an interesting experience to discover where our similarities and differences lay. Believe it or not, we did find some areas of agreement.

The intention had been to explore what a Quaker is in order to contemplate how to help children understand and experience Quakerism. However, we ended up thinking that we would like to do this with more people, and that maybe it might help us to explain Quakerism to adults as well.

Planning a Young Adult Oriented “Pop Up”

Anie Mickey and Cathy Campbell attended the Princeton Seminary’s “Collaboratory” seminar this past month. We had no idea what to expect, and it turned out to be nothing we could have expected. The Trenton Meeting has agreed to work with Princeton Seminary to create a pop up event somewhere in Trenton for encountering young adults (basically 23 to 29 year olds). As far as we know, The Princeton Seminary also did not know what they were getting when they accepted us into the program. Many fellow attendees were intrigued by our discussions of Quakerism and welcomed the ideas that we shared, which made it extra fun for us.

The Seminary will provide \$500 to fund our “pop up” project. The project's goal is to use a new set of tools we were given to learn about the surrounding community and to get to know young adults in our community. The pop up should take place in May. We were surprised to find out that it is to take place somewhere other than on our Meeting property. There is not a high expectation that we will be “successful”, and there is not even a clear idea of what our goal is!

If you are feeling creative,
If you can flexibly try-on different ideas,
If you can cope with not being certain about
what you are doing,
If you like young adults,
If you have 2 or more hours each week for
about 8 weeks to spend on this project,
Then...

Please consider joining the Pop Up Committee.
Speak to Cathy or Aine or email trentonquakers@gmail.com.



UPCOMING SPRING FAMILY EVENT

With the early arrival of Easter this year (March 31), we are planning a belated "Spring Egg Hunt" on the Meetinghouse grounds on April 13th. Check out the flyer.

A colorful flyer for a Spring Egg Hunt. The background is light green and white with a large green flower on the left and a yellow and black bee flying towards it. The text is arranged in a central column. The event title is in large, stylized fonts. The date and time are in bold black text. The location and audience are also in bold black text. The contact information and address are at the bottom. The right side of the flyer is decorated with a vertical strip of various colorful flowers including tulips, daffodils, and lilies.

Trenton Friends Meeting

**Spring
Egg Hunt**

**April 13
1 to 3 pm**

**at the Quaker
Meetinghouse**

Families and children

Food and Fun
trentonquakers@gmail.com
609-278-4551

142 E Hanover St

COMMUNITY

Arm in Arm neighborhood food distribution moves in

Starting this month, Arm in Arm (formerly Crisis Ministries) will be using the Meetinghouse for their twice-weekly distribution of groceries and produce in Old Trenton Neighborhood.

Until recently this distribution happened just down the street but that location is no longer available. After doggedly continuing the distributions outside, they have connected with us. Tuesday and Thursday mornings they will be setting up in the Meetinghouse to distribute from the fellowship room.

A full report next month.



The Book Box is up and it is functioning. Above we see a young neighbor with her choice. Below a close up of the filled box.



Many books have come and gone already.



Coats, clothes and food at Black Lives Matter NJ's February Outreach

SPRING ARRIVES



Can you see the catkins on our pussy willow? Looks like a better year after a carefull pruning last fall.



Clearly there is a wandering artist who visited and created this sculpture from the plethora of small sticks that fall from our sycamore.



Mini-daffodils are the first to bloom.

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OUR WORK

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

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Trenton Quakers

Fri Mar 8, 2024

3:30 pm - 4:30pm PSCC Gaza Minute Meeting

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

Sat Mar 9, 2024

12pm - 1:30pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

2pm - 5pm Meetinghouse Cleanup Planning

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

Sun Mar 10, 2024

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

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

10am - 11am First Day School

10am - 11am Meeting for Worship

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

11:30am - 12:30pm FCNL Priorities discernment

Sat Mar 16, 2024

12pm - 1:30pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Mar 17, 2024

10am - 11am Burlington Quarterly Meeting for Worship

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

11am - 12pm Burlington Quarterly Meeting with Attention to

Business 12pm - 1pm Burlington Quarterly Lunch

1pm - 2pm Ben Pink Dandelion "Reclaiming Our Quaker Voice"

| **Where:** BQM program - Zoom

3:00pm - 4:00pm Religious Education Committee

| **Where:** Zoom or in person

Sat Mar 23, 2024

9am - 4pm BLM Spaghetti prep and distro

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

12pm - 1:30pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Mar 24, 2024

10am - 11am First Day

10am - 11am Meeting for Worship

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

11:30am - 12:30pm FCNL Priorities discernment

Mon Mar 25, 2024

7pm - 8:15pm Communication & Outreach Committee

| **Where:** Zoom

Sat Mar 30, 2024

12pm - 1:30pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

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