

TRENTON FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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News and Updates for Friends and friends in our community



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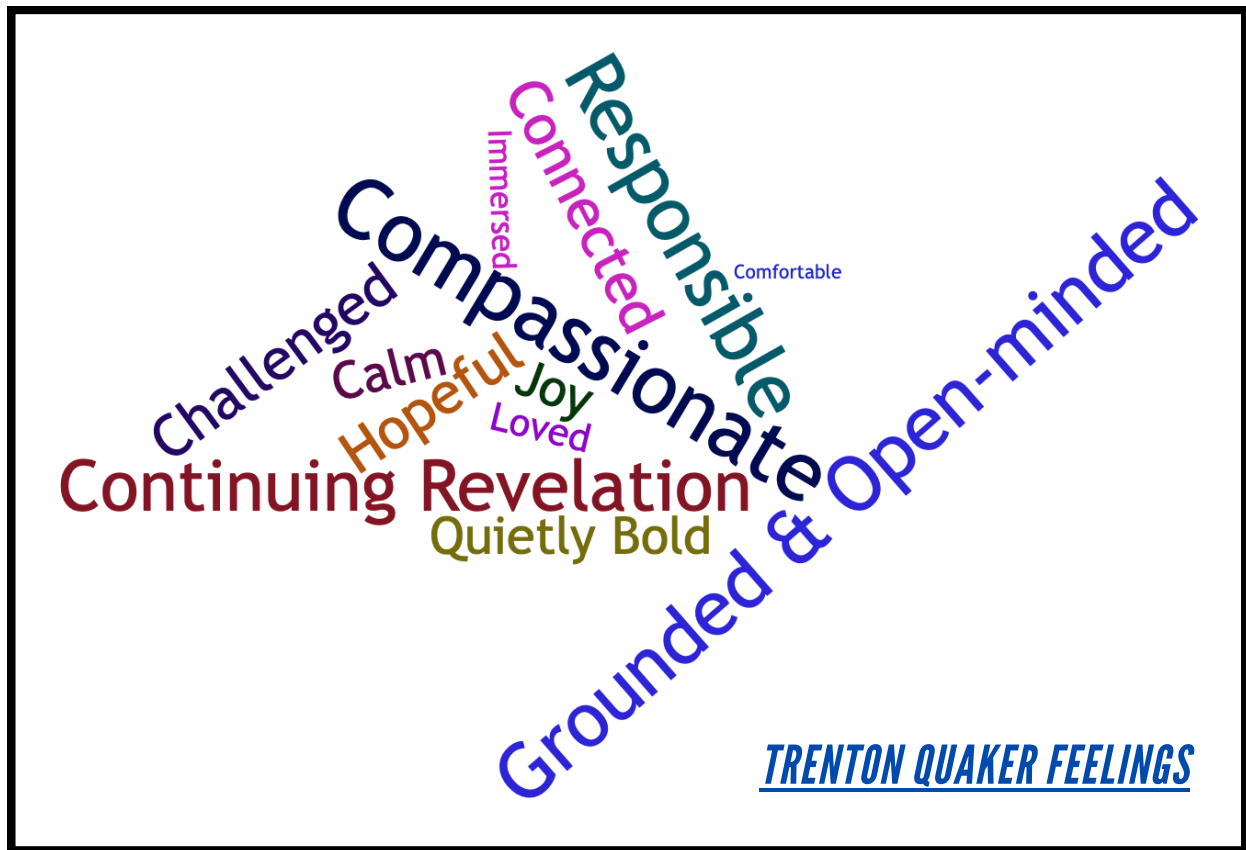
On May 8th, an intrepid group of Quakers from Brooklyn Meeting walking from Brooklyn to Washington DC passed through Trenton. Our Meeting was honored to host them for lunch and a brief respite before they continued their walk out of Trenton (departing group picture above). After crossing the Calhoun Street Bridge, they continued on their way to an overnight stay at George School in Newtown, PA. On the walk they were accompanied by Friends from other New Jersey and Pennsylvania Quaker Meetings. More details are on page 4.

A report of the two most recent grants from the Community Investment Committee is on page 3.

Following a series of explorations of how Trenton Meeting folks look at and feel about several aspects of the identity of the Meeting, the first topic, Trenton Quaker Feelings, is presented on page 2.

I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do ... let me do it now. ~William Penn

WHAT IS A TRENTON QUAKER



Recently we have begun an exploration of the values, feelings and actions that make us “Trenton Quakers”. The Religious Society of Friends (Quaker) is built on several important “basics” such as peace, equality and simplicity. Local Meetings are guided by the traditional foundations of the religion, but each Quaker community finds and builds an individual identity that is the result of the perceived needs inside and outside the Meeting and the collective leading of Spirit.

Trenton Friends participated in several opportunities to answer the “what is a Trenton Quaker” question by considering several topics. Folks provided a word or phrase that represented their individual response to each topic in connection to themselves and the Meeting. Using this list of submitted words and phrases, each person emphasized the ones that most mirrored their experience or belief. A “word cloud” has been created for each of the topics.

This month we look at the results of “Trenton Quaker Feelings”. The submitted words and phrases appear in the image in sizes relative to the number of us for whom it felt important. “Compassionate” and “Grounded & Open-Minded” hit the top and are reflections of the warmth of our Meeting community and of our loving connection each other and to the non-Quaker community around us.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMMITMENTS

SKILL TO SUCCEED (A MEN FOR HOPE PROGRAM)



Community Investment Committee met with Kelvin Baldwin, a quiet hero of Trenton. Pastor, mentor, carpenter and contractor, Pastor Baldwin brought us a proposal for a new program for training and employing young men and women.

Men for H.O.P.E., led by Baldwin with Britton Thomas and Damon Norman, has been doing the work of training, mentoring and educating young folks for more than a decade, touching lives throughout the city.

The new initiative, part of their Skills to Succeed program, will be training young folks to operate and/or work effectively in a small business. The model will be laundry services where every aspect of business including facility, customer service, business records, etc. will be covered. Our grant will help with purchasing the washers and dryers and the stipends for trainees in Skills to Succeed programs.

The top picture shows the newly acquired location for the Skills to Succeed program. Below that is a picture of a couple of Skills to Succeed young people working on a carpentry project.

GIRLS WHO CODE

Nyene Baker has a compelling and remarkable story of making a comeback. After a long incarceration for youthful misdeeds, he has established a philanthropic organization that focuses on tech for youth who do not get the robust education in the tech fields that students in the suburbs do. He sought from us a grant to bring an additional year of Girls Who Code to the city.

Girls Who Code provides instruction (and fun) around the creation of games, videos and music beats using computer programming.



BOOK BOX AND FOOD BOX



Our popular Book Box is also serving now as a location for the exchange of food. It is most used for this after the weekly Arm In Arm grocery bag distribution but also serves this purpose all the time.

Soon there will be a second box, a Food Box, which will provide more space and will keep the books and the food separated.

In the same manner as the books, non-perishable (unexpired) food items can be left there for community members to take for themselves and their families. Care items can also be exchanged there.

COMING SOON!

SPRING FAMILY FUN DAY

Spring Family Fun Day
will be coming in June
Watch the signs or our website for new date
Trenton Quaker Meetinghouse
142 E Hanover

Food Games **Music Prizes**

The weather caused a reschedule of the Spring Family Fun Day. This is an event on the Meetinghouse grounds for the children and families of the Meeting, the neighborhood and beyond. With the theme of "Community" there will be cooperative games such as jump rope and double dutch, mini-soccer, flowers and seeds, music and food.

Look for the new date on posters, Facebook and our website.

Come to enjoy or come to help.

QUAKER WALK 2025 - NYC TO DC

A group of Quakers from Brooklyn Monthly Meeting, walking from New York City to Washington, DC stopped at Trenton Meeting on May 8th for lunch, fellowship and a brief rest.

They are traveling with a messages from the 1600s and today to Congress and the administration. The impetus for this walk comes from the current state of affairs that threatens friends and neighbors from abroad, and the existence of a document known as "The Flushing Remonstrance". This



document records the protest and grievances (remonstrance) of citizens of Flushing in New York (then New Amsterdam) to Governor Stuyvesant regarding a decree targeting Quakers arriving in the area. It is a strong statement of conscience regarding the treatment of all persons arriving amongst us from afar.

Trenton Quakers

Sun Jun 1, 2025

-  **9am - 10am Peace and Social Concerns Committee**
 - 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 - 12:30pm CMW Committee**
 - Where:** 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

Mon Jun 2, 2025

- 6:45pm - 8:15pm Community Investment Committee**


Tue Jun 3, 2025

- 8:45am - 12:30pm Arm in Arm Food distribution**
- 4:30pm - 6pm Property and Funds budget meeting**

Sat Jun 7, 2025

- 11am - 7pm Tabling at Trenton Pride Festival**
 - Where:** Mill Hill Park 300 Market St, Trenton, NJ 08611, United States
- 2:30pm - 5pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse**

Sun Jun 8, 2025

-  **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
- 11:45am - 12:45pm Religious Edudation Committee**

Mon Jun 9, 2025

- 6:30pm - 8pm Community Investment Committee**

Tue Jun 10, 2025

- 8:45am - 12:30pm Arm in Arm Food distribution**

Sat Jun 14, 2025

- 10:15am - 11am Prayers For Peace**
- 11:30am - 2pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse**

Sun Jun 15, 2025

- 10am - 1pm Burlington Quarterly Meeting 3/20/16**
 - Where:** Little Egg Harbor Friends Meeting House 7 E Main St, Tuckerton, NJ 08087, United States
- 10am - 11am Meeting for Worship**
 - Where:** Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA
- 11:30am - 12:30pm Social Sunday**

Tue Jun 17, 2025

- 8:45am - 12:30pm Arm in Arm Food distribution**

Sat Jun 21, 2025

- 11am - 1pm Free Sale**

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Sun Jun 22, 2025

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

Mon Jun 23, 2025

7pm - 8pm Communication & Outreach Committee

| Where: Zoom

Tue Jun 24, 2025

8:45am - 12:30pm Arm in Arm Food distribution

Sat Jun 28, 2025

9am - 4pm BLM Spaghetti prep and distro

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

11:30am - 2pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Jun 29, 2025

10am - 11am Meeting for Worship

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

Tue Jul 1, 2025

8:45am - 12:30pm Arm in Arm Food distribution

6:30pm - 7:30pm Religious Ed meeting

Fri Jul 4, 2025

4:30pm - 6pm Property & Funds Committee

| Where: Zoom or in person

Sat Jul 5, 2025

11:30am - 2pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Jul 6, 2025

10am - 11am Meeting for Worship

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

11:30am - 12:30pm CMW Committee

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

Tue Jul 8, 2025

8:45am - 12:30pm Arm in Arm Food distribution

Sat Jul 12, 2025

10:15am - 11am Prayers For Peace

11:30am - 2pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Jul 13, 2025

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

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