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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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As we bid farewell to fall, the tree at the corner (above) once again gives us a few days of glory before dumping its yellow splendor.

December is a busy month at the Meetinghouse. We start the month putting up a banner for peace and human rights. In the middle of the month is our popular annual Gingerbread House event with the community. And we always do alternative programming during Trenton's Patriots Week – the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. The Annual Peace Vigil on New Year's Eve will be preceded by a new idea. There will be a "Peace Singalong" led by the Solidarity Singers of the NJ Industrial Union Council. See other details inside.

PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Like so many in the country and the world, Trenton Meeting was devastated by the unfolding violence and human oppression in the world. Punctuated by Hamas/Israel, but with the terrible backdrop of Russia/Ukraine and the civil conflicts in other areas like Sudan, the Congo, Mexico and Haiti we were led to hoist the banner seen below.

Long concerned about Palestinian rights and by violence, bias and poverty in Trenton, we have constructed a message that resonates across the world.



OUR FOLKS AT INTERIM SESSIONS

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Interim Sessions was held last month. Jada Jackson, long time Member of our Meeting and her young daughter attended and participated in the children's activities. This is a picture of Peace Rocks that young Judiana created with the group. Some of the rocks were distributed around Philadelphia and some of these that were brought back are around our Meetinghouse.



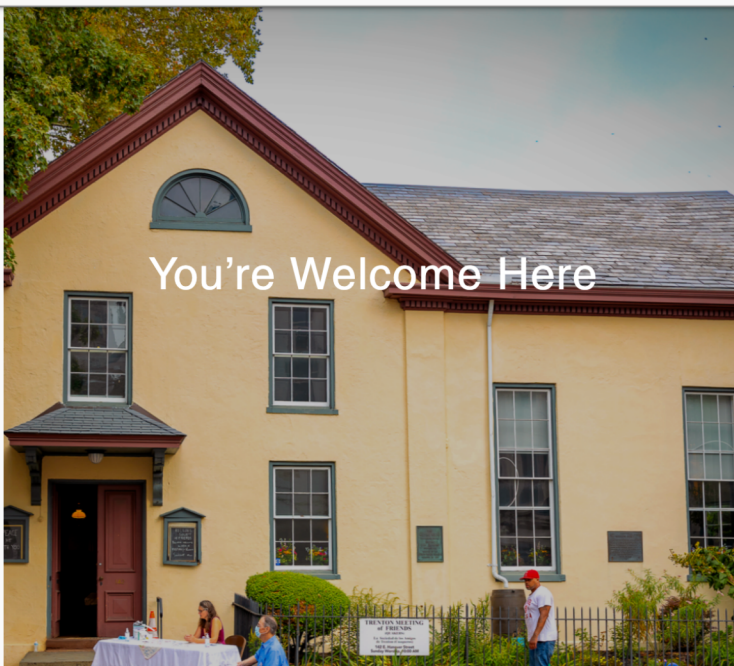
ABOUT OUR COMMITTEES

Friends know that the lifeblood of a meeting is active committees. On the other hand, committees need attention from the Meeting to be sure that the committees we have are serving our needs and leadings. With Outreach rising as a concern and a mission, the Communications committee (one of our standing committees) has become Communications & Outreach with responsibility for our newsletter, website, email system and actions and activities that connect us with the community. The other committees listed in the bylaws are Peace and Social Concerns, Counsel Ministry and Worship, Nominating, Property and Funds and Religious Education.

At the mini-retreat at the end of the summer, we approved an ad-hoc committee to thresh ideas and proposals for advancing the move toward a young adult led meeting. We continue to have the ad-hoc Patriots Week and Community Investment Committees. Look for details and actions by our committees sprinkled through the upcoming Newsletters.

THE NEW WEBSITE!

A modern and attractive website is now live at www.trentonquakers.org. Designed and implemented by Cameron Dunbar from our Meeting through his company TutorPrep, it is going to continue to evolve. Attractive to visitors, it will also be a useful for Trenton Friends (upon approval of their login) to access our archives of Minutes and other Meeting information, and contains communication and collaboration tools that committees, groups and individuals may find useful. **CHECK IT OUT!**



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and Inclusive Community

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Sundays at 10 am

142 E Hanover Street Trenton, NJ 08608

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HIGHLIGHTS FOR DECEMBER

Getting ready for December and winter, several Meeting folks led by Barbara Vadnais worked in the front garden area, dividing and replanting some Irises and Tiger Lilies and tidying up.



December sees our popular annual Gingerbread House building event with the community on the 17th. Before that on December 3rd folks from Religious Education will be attending an online Child Safety workshop through PYM.

We end the month with our four Patriots Week “counter-programming” events, not celebrating the Battle of Trenton but bringing forth the history of colonial times and ending with our Peace Vigil and Peace Singalong on New Year’s Eve. See our website for more about those events.



OUTREACH QUERY

- ***How does our meeting communicate Friends' presence and principles to the wider community?***

From Philadelphia Yearly Meeting - Faith and Practice

SUPPORTING

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 online donation, or from paypal.com "send" your donation to trentonquakers@gmail.com



Trenton Quakers

Sat Dec 2, 2023

12:30pm - 2pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Dec 3, 2023

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

4:30pm - 5:30pm Religious Ed abbreviated planning meeting

Sat Dec 9, 2023

12:30pm - 2pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Dec 10, 2023

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

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

10am - 11am Burlington Quarterly Meeting

Where: Crosswicks Meeting House

10am - 11am Meeting for Worship

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

Fri Dec 15, 2023

4:30pm - 6pm Property & Funds Committee

Where: Zoom or in person

Sat Dec 16, 2023

9am - 4pm BLM Spaghetti prep and distro

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

12:30pm - 2pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Dec 17, 2023

10am - 11am Meeting for Worship

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

11:30am - 12:45pm Peace and Social Concerns

1pm - 3pm Gingerbread House event

Sat Dec 23, 2023

12:30pm - 2pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Dec 24, 2023

10am - 11am Meeting for Worship

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

Fri Dec 29, 2023

3pm - 4:30pm Patriots Week - Hopewell Hall

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

Trenton Quakers

Sat Dec 30, 2023

12:30pm - 2pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

1pm - 2:30pm Patriots Week Shan's Tour

Sun Dec 31, 2023

10am - 11am Meeting for Worship

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

4pm - 5pm Patriots Week - Peace Sing-Along by Solidarity Singers

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

5pm - 8pm Patriots Week - Annual Peace Vigil

Fri Jan 5, 2024

4:30pm - 6pm Property & Funds Committee

Where: Zoom or in person

Sat Jan 6, 2024

12:30pm - 2pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Jan 7, 2024

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

Sat Jan 13, 2024

12:30pm - 2pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Jan 14, 2024

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 Jan 20, 2024

12:30pm - 2pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Jan 21, 2024

10am - 11am Meeting for Worship

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

11:30am - 1pm Adult Forum: Climate Change Video & Discussion-Week

1 2pm - 3pm Religious Education Committee

Where: Zoom or in person

Sat Jan 27, 2024

9am - 4pm BLM Spaghetti prep and distro

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

12:30pm - 2pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse