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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

September saw a wedding under the care of Trenton Meeting! The cover photo shows the welcoming table and the COVID testing station (red canopy) waiting for guests to arrive.

The “Quaker House” as the Meetinghouse is often referred to by our neighbors is becoming a popular and well know location for events and gatherings. We have a request from some mothers in the neighborhood to host a Halloween Party on Halloween afternoon/evening that they would be putting on. November may also see us hosting a Harvest Festival in conjunction with the community engagement folks from Isles.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMMITMENT

Continuing the highlighting of some of the ways the Meeting provided financial support to our community from the Community Investment fund, here are a couple more examples:

- - Kindersmile, an innovative dental health facility opened a block away from us on North Broad Street. Kindersmile provides free or very low cost dental care for children and adults while providing training and support for young people who are intending to enter the professional dental care field. We provided a grant to help facilitate their work.
- - Urban Promise Trenton is a robust organization providing many programs and opportunities for young people in Trenton. StreetLeaders gives teens a chance to develop leadership skills. After school drop-in programs and summer camp serve all ages of Trenton youth. In need of a van to provide transportation for the participants in their programs, our Community Investment Fund created a matching fund opportunity for half the cost of the vehicle and Urban Promise successfully found donors for the other half.

EXCITING POSSIBILITIES UPCOMING

On September 16, the Meeting held a mini-retreat (morning only) at the Meetinghouse to thresh ideas about Outreach and our continuing Community Investment. While sitting with these topics, there emerged an energy around an innovative and exciting way forward for the meeting. Recognizing the reality of the demographics of the Meeting, i.e. aged folks “running the show”, a consensus was easily and powerfully reached that the younger folks in the meeting should be asked to take the reins. With the approval at our next Meeting for Business, we will form a committee to bring this to fruition. It might be called Action Committee for a Youth-led Meeting.

The phrase “Listen to the young people” was strongly endorsed.

Younger Friends are likely to have less available time because of work, study and family, so while the mantle of leading and innovating would be passed, making things happen would be shared work and the older contingent would be stepping up to make the plans and vision for our future happen. Not unexpectedly, the reaction from the younger folks to this spirit led call was very positive.

Change is at hand!

THE WEDDING

So we can't miss the opportunity to celebrate the union of Charles Hardy and Cathy Campbell under the care of Trenton Meeting of Friends.

A caring and thorough Clearness Committee met with the couple and recommended them to the Meeting for marriage under their care.

A very hard working Oversight Committee then worked with Charles and Cathy to make a beautiful and COVID safe gathering.



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



Trenton Quakers

Sun Oct 1, 2023

All day Tri-Quarter

| Fri Sep 29, 2023 - Sun Oct 1, 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 Oct 3, 2023

4:30pm - 5:30pm CMW Committee

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

Fri Oct 6, 2023

4:30pm - 6pm Property & Funds Committee

| Where: Zoom

Sat Oct 7, 2023

12:30pm - 2pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Oct 8, 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 Oct 14, 2023

12:30pm - 2pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Oct 15, 2023

10am - 11am Meeting for Worship

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

Sat Oct 21, 2023

12:30pm - 2pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Oct 22, 2023

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 Oct 28, 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 Oct 29, 2023

10am - 11am Meeting for Worship

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

Tue Oct 31, 2023

4pm - 7pm Neighborhood Halloween Party