

TRENTON FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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News and Updates for Friends and friends in our community



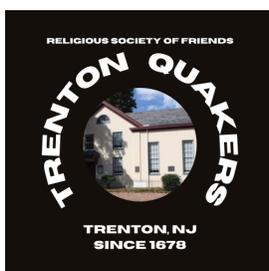
Trenton has started hosting Love As Action, the American Friends Service Committee invitation for Friends across the country to observe a monthly Quaker-led public worship and witness. (page 2)

As we see the dismantling of political and social norms and experience the concerns and anxiety engendered by these things, there is support and community in and from our Meeting in a number of ways. Read about some of these ways on page 3.

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Yet our greatest threat isn't the outsiders among us, but those among us who never look within. Fear not the those without papers, but those without conscience.

Amanda Gorman from "For Alex Jeffrey Pretti"

LOVE AS ACTION



“It was a cold and snowy afternoon...” might be a beginning for a novel, but in real life, the cold and snow on January 17th was the setting for a meaningful afternoon hour of worship, sharing and protest. The next Love As Action event is on February 21st at 1 pm. You can click [here](#) to register (optional) for February or just show up. Bring a sign!

LOVE AS ACTION is a nationwide initiative of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), calling on Friends to hold an hour of public silent worship with attention to our current social and political concerns. A Friend from Princeton Meeting’s Social Concerns Committee let Trenton’s Peace and Social Concerns Committee know about this AFSC call to action. Our folks quickly came to agreement to host the Love As Action vigils at our Meetinghouse.

Attending in January were thirteen F/friends, half Trenton Meeting Friends and half people from the area including from Princeton Meeting and the Coalition for Peace Action. Several who planned to attend were prevented from doing so by the difficult weather. During the hour we worshiped and we displayed signs. There was vocal sharing as led and some passersby acknowledged our presence and signs with waves and honks.

AFSC’s theme for this initiative is “Resisting Authoritarianism”. A few of the signs people had at the event are in the pictures above. Love As Action will be happening every month on the third Saturday of the month. There has been outreach to Friends Meetings in our area, on both sides of the river. Better weather and more than a couple days notice will make it likely a number of Friends from other Meetings will attend.



**American
Friends
Service
Committee**

February 21st and March 21st
are the next two confirmed
dates for Love As Action hour of
worship/vigil/protest. 1:00 pm
at the Meetinghouse.

PRAYERS AND MEDITATION FOR PEACE AND CONCERN FOR OUR TIMES

Two important ways that Trenton Meeting is reacting to the impact of the discord in our country and attending to the needs and desires of our people are through the ongoing monthly Prayers and Meditation for Peace and a new initiative Concern For Our Times.

Meeting every month on second Saturdays, the 10:15 am Prayers and Meditation for Peace gathering consists of worship sharing, conversation and support. We meet inside the Meetinghouse during the cold months and outside when weather permits. The monthly sessions are open to all, with the hope and expectation that people of all faiths can come together for Peace. The normal worship Zoom link is opened for Friends who can't come to the Meetinghouse.

New in 2026, Concern For Our Times is a twice monthly Monday gathering at 6 pm. Concerns will meet twice a month, alternating its focus between "Nuture" and "Action". It is available for Friends to join by Zoom.

Nuture sessions will attempt to help Friends find ways to support themselves and others as the trauma, fear or other emotions of current events intrudes on our lives.

Action sessions will focus on how we can individually and collectively find effective ways to work for justice and against the autocratic, draconian measures that are harming our country.

The February Prayers and Meditation session is on the 14th and the two Concern For Our Times sessions will be on the 9th (Action) and the 23rd (Nuture).

The Meeting's Zoom link can be accessed by entering tinyurl.com/trentonmm in your browser.

LATE JANUARY SNOW AND FREEZE

In the last few days of January, Winter Storm Fern brought many inches of snow and very cold temperatures. With the snow happening mostly on a Sunday, worship was held using Zoom only. No problems there.

Monday, everything was snowed in awaiting our plowing and shoveling contractor. Tuesday morning is Arm In Arm food distribution time. Dismay in abundance! The walks were not shoveled AND the **furnace was broken**. The temperature in the Meetinghouse was 37 degrees.

Our plowing contractor apologized and within a few minutes their crew showed up to shovel. And our friend (and an HVAC contractor) Damon Norman came within the hour to diagnose and fix the heating problem. The 20 year old motor on one furnace part had "passed on". Luckily the part was available (last one on the shelf I hear) and by noon the rewarming process had begun.

Damon Norman is one of the founders of Men for H.O.P.E. As is so often the case, the trio of leaders of that organization (Damon, Britton Thomas and Kelvin Baldwin) have come to our aid with their skills. They are a great blessing to us, and most importantly to the youth of this city.

REMINDERS - ON-GOING AT THE MEETINGHOUSE

Trenton Meeting of Friends (Quakers) is holding
Prayers and Meditation for Peace

Where: Trenton Friends Meetinghouse
142 East Hanover Street, Trenton, NJ or at our zoom link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9915474009?pwd=aGZ6VW54ZnpwZGcxS3MzUE9kOElzOj09&omn=87362638230>

When: Monthly on Second Saturdays, 10:15-11:00AM



Quaker Testimony is Grounded in

Peace, Service, Equality, Integrity, Community, and Social Justice

Prayers and Meditation for Peace holds space for vocal ministry and silent worship.

Vocal ministry about peace, prayer, and meditation is encouraged.

Contact TrentonQuakers@gmail.com for more information or visit

Trenton Meeting of Friends | Religious Society of Friends Trenton | 142 East Hanover Street, Trenton, NJ
(trentonquakers.org)



QUAKERS SILENT WITNESS FOR PEACE

AFSC.ORG/LOVEASACTION

BLACK LIVES MATTER

There are these five ongoing events at the Meetinghouse this month and every Month. Prayers and Meditation for Peace, Feb 14, Love As Action (AFSC) Feb 21, Arm In Arm every Tuesday morning, Free Sale twice this month (January was snowed out) Feb 7 and Feb 28 and, in the afternoon of the 28th Black Lives Matter NJ's monthly spaghetti dinner to go outreach.

ArmInArm
better together 

Formerly the Crisis Ministry of Mercer County

Saturday February 7th and 28th 11 am to 1 pm

FREE SALE



Events

From 2/1 to 3/7/26

Sunday, February 1

● Events

- 9:00AM to 10:00AM Communications & Outreach Committee
- 10:00AM to 11:00AM Meeting for Worship
Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA
- 12:00PM to 1:00PM CMW Committee
Location: 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

Monday, February 2

● Events

- 7:00PM to 8:30PM Property & Funds Hybrid

Tuesday, February 3

● Events

- 8:45AM to 12:15PM Arm in Arm Food Distribution

Wednesday, February 4

● No Entry

Thursday, February 5

● No Entry

Friday, February 6

● No Entry

Saturday, February 7

● Events

- 11:00AM to 1:00PM Free Sale
- 11:30AM to 1:00PM Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sunday, February 8

● Events

- 9:00AM to 10:00AM Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608
- 10:00AM to 11:00AM Meeting for Worship
Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

Monday, February 9

● Events

- 12:00PM to 1:00PM Religious Ed meeting
- 6:00PM to 7:00PM Concern for Our Times (Action)

Tuesday, February 10

● Events

- 8:30AM to 12:15PM Arm in Arm Food distribution

Wednesday, February 11

● No Entry

Thursday, February 12

● No Entry

Friday, February 13

● Events

- 3:00PM to 4:30PM Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Saturday, February 14

● Events

- 10:15AM to 11:00AM Prayers For Peace
- 11:30AM to 1:00PM Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sunday, February 15

● Events

- 10:00AM to 11:00AM Meeting for Worship
Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA
- 11:30AM to 12:30PM Social Sunday

Monday, February 16

● No Entry

Tuesday, February 17

● Events

- 8:45AM to 12:30PM Arm in Arm Food distribution

Wednesday, February 18

● No Entry

Thursday, February 19

● No Entry

Friday, February 20

● Events

- 3:00PM to 4:30PM Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Saturday, February 21

● Events

- 1:00PM to 2:00PM Love As Action - AFSC
Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting
142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, United States

Events

From 2/1 to 3/10/26

Sunday, February 22

● Events

- 10:00AM to 11:00AM Meeting for Worship
Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA
- 11:30AM to 12:30PM Peace and Social Concerns Committee
Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

Monday, February 23

● Events

- 6:00PM to 7:00PM Concern for Our Times (Nurture)

Tuesday, February 24

● Events

- 8:45AM to 12:30PM Arm in Arm Food distribution

Wednesday, February 25

● No Entry

Thursday, February 26

● No Entry

Friday, February 27

● Events

- 3:00PM to 4:30PM Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Saturday, February 28

● Events

- 9:00AM to 4:00PM BLM Spaghetti prep and distro
Location: Trenton Meeting of Friends, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA
- 11:00AM to 1:00PM Free Sale
- 11:30AM to 1:00PM Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sunday, March 1

● Events

- 10:00AM to 11:00AM Meeting for Worship
Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA
- 11:30AM to 12:30PM Adult Forum

Monday, March 2

● Events

- 7:00PM to 8:30PM Property & Funds Hybrid

Tuesday, March 3

● Events

- 8:45AM to 12:15PM Arm in Arm Food Distribution

Wednesday, March 4

● No Entry

Thursday, March 5

● No Entry

Friday, March 6

● Events

- 3:00PM to 4:30PM Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Saturday, March 7

● Events

- 11:30AM to 1:00PM Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sunday, March 8

● Events

- 9:00AM to 10:00AM Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
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Monday, March 9

● Events

- 6:00PM to 7:00PM Concern for Our Times (Action)

Tuesday, March 10

● Events

- 8:30AM to 12:15PM Arm in Arm Food distribution

SUPPORTING OUR WORK

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

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QR Code and choose "Donate" from
the header menu.**

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donation to
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