

TRENTON FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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News and Updates for Friends and friends in our community



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The national lobbying group for Quakers, FCNL (Friends Committee on National Legislation) seeks input from Meetings around the country as they set priorities for their lobbying efforts. Page 3

Love As Action vigil/protests continue under the stewardship of Trenton and Princeton Meetings. But the May occurrence will be in concert with Yardley Meeting. (Page 2) In April it coincided with the Black Live Matter outreach. Picture below.

We have work in progress to keep our building and property safe and sound. Page 3



This quotation was chosen as homage to our neighbors doing heroic work in difficult circumstances to love, care and provide for their children and keep them safe.
"When I go up to kiss my sleeping children and linger with them, in quietness and love, that is prayer. There is a wordless unity of God, myself, my children, a sense of gratitude and reverence, awareness of my need for strength, shame for my failings, a promise to try again."

Parenting as Prayer
Anne Hosking, 1984

Member of South Wales Area Meeting



QUAKERS SILENT WITNESS FOR PEACE

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LOVE AS ACTION



American Friends Service Committee

In April Love As Action coincided with the monthly Black Lives Matter NJ outreach.

Some of the children of the BLM organizers held signs, but standing still was “too boring” so signs were carried around accompanied by the call to the neighborhood of “free spaghetti dinners” by the enthusiastic helper children.

For May we are taking advantage of the opportunity to hold Love As Action with Yardley Meeting at their Meetinghouse, May 26 at 1 pm. Check out trentonquakers.org/events-1 for details



VERY SPECIAL EVENT AT BURLINGTON MEETING HOUSE

The Burlington Quaker Meeting House
Presents
FAITH, FRIENDSHIP & FREEDOM
A Historical & Musical Tribute To the Underground Railroad

May 16, 2026
1pm - 4pm

340 High St.,
Burlington, NJ

Welcoming #FreedomWalk2026
The Harriet Tubman Journey to Freedom Traveling Exhibit

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FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Come be a part of history.
Meet Renowned Historian
Anthony Cohen, New Jersey
Historians and enjoy gospel
music by Essence of
Harmony Choral Society

Advanced RSVP Encouraged, visit
<https://FaithFriendshipFreedom.eventbrite.com>
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ARTS GUILD

Before there was freedom... there was faith.

On May 16th, we honor that journey.
Join us for Faith, Friendship &
Freedom - A historical and musical
tribute to the Underground Railroad.

Featuring:

- The Harriet Tubman Journey to Freedom Traveling Exhibit
- Powerful storytelling by renowned historian Anthony Cohen
- A live gospel performance
- Cultural Vendors

1PM-4PM

340 High Street
Burlington, NJ

FREE & open to the public
#FreedomWalk2026

PRIORITIES FOR QUAKER LOBBYING

Before each new Congress is elected and sworn in, Friends Committee for National Legislation (FCNL) asks Quaker Meetings across the country to consider the issues that are expected to be in front of congress and pick the five issues that resonate with their Meeting as most important. These choices are sent to FCNL to help them represent all of us as they lobby congress over the course of the two year term.

In mid-April, Trenton Friends considered this question and below is the list of our top five priorities that we sent to FCNL.

- 1) At this moment in time, the most threatening thing happening in the United States and the world is the loss of Democracy. There are many concerns related to retrieving our Democracy from the brink of total destruction. The basic need is for Congress to stand up and do its job to be a fully enabled third branch of our government, to block illegal actions and proposals of the Executive Branch and to block incompetent Presidential appointees. Congress must protect the rule of law, a free press and the rights of all citizens who currently can legally vote (including protection of mail-in ballots, of the current number of polling sites, from erasure from voting roles, and of a full count of all who vote).
- 2) Dismantle militarism at home and abroad while reasserting Congress' role in decisions around military engagements. Champion initiatives to reduce military spending and to eliminate nuclear, conventional, and newly emerging weapons and ensure U.S. commitment to international peacebuilding, diplomacy, cooperation, and human rights at home and abroad.
- 3) Counter the imminent threat of further climate change and support evidence-based mitigation and adaptive remedies. Strengthen environmental protections and advance environmental justice in the United States and around the globe.
- 4) Eliminate poverty, structural economic inequity, and health care inequity.
- 5) Reform immigration policies to protect fundamental human rights for immigrant communities, regardless of immigration status.

THE STATE OF THE BUILDING & GROUNDS

An observant Friend noticed a hole in the fascia boards at one corner of the building, and then saw a squirrel staring down from the hole. Checking the attic, it was clear the critters had been enjoying themselves and creating issues with the insulation. A humane wildlife removal company came and put on an exit-only contraption which will remain for a few days - then we will repair the hole.

In progress now is foyer painting, roof and downspout repairs and replacement of the failing downstairs refrigerator.

Major tree work will begin soon as will we be removing the dying maple that looms dangerously over the sidewalk and getting other trees on the property “under control”.

And so it goes in an historic building...



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=aGZ6VW54ZnpwZGcxS3MzUE9kOEIz09&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](http://TrentonMeetingofFriends.org)
(trentonquakers.org)



There are these four ongoing events at the Meeting this month.

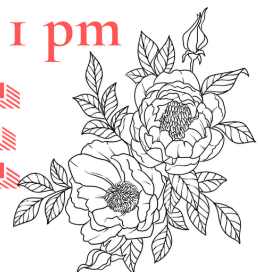
- Prayers and Meditation for Peace, May 9 at 10:15 am.
- Free Sale May 16 at 11 am.
- Love As Action (AFSC) with Princeton at Yardley Meetings on May 26th.
- Arm In Arm food bag distribution every Tuesday morning.
- (Black Lives Matter does not do their outreach in May.)

ArmInArm
better together 

Formerly the Crisis Ministry of Mercer County

Every Third Saturday from 11 am to 1 pm

FREE SALE



Events

Friday, May 1

● Events

■ 3:00P M to 4:30P M Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Saturday, May 2

● Events

■ 11:30A M to 1:00P M Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

■ 2:00P M to 3:00P M Gordon Brooks Memorial Service
Location: Newtown Friends Meeting
219 Court St, Newtown, PA 18940, United States

Sunday, May 3

● Events

■ 10:00A M to 11:00A M Meeting for Worship
Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

Monday, May 4

● No Entry

Tuesday, May 5

● Events

■ 8:45A M to 12:15P M Arm in Arm Food Distribution

Wednesday, May 6

● Events

■ 7:00P M to 8:30P M Property & Funds
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Thursday, May 7

● No Entry

Friday, May 8

● Events

■ 3:00P M to 4:30P M Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

■ 7:30P M to 8:30P M Nomination Committee

Saturday, May 9

● Events

■ 10:15A M to 11:00A M Prayers For Peace

■ 11:30A M to 1:00P M Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

■ 2:00P M to 3:00P M Peace and Social Concerns
Location: Zoom

Sunday, May 10

● Events

■ 9:00A M to 10:00A M Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608

■ 10:00A M to 11:00A M Meeting for Worship

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

Monday, May 11

● No Entry

Tuesday, May 12

● Events

■ 8:30A M to 12:15P M Arm in Arm Food distribution

Wednesday, May 13

● Events

■ 7:00P M to 8:00P M Property & Funds

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Thursday, May 14

● No Entry

Friday, May 15

● Events

■ 3:00P M to 4:30P M Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Saturday, May 16

● Events

■ 11:00A M to 1:00P M Free Sale

■ 11:30A M to 1:00P M Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sunday, May 17

● Events

■ 10:00A M to 11:00A M Meeting for Worship

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

■ 11:30A M to 12:30P M Adult Forum

■ 11:30A M to 12:30P M Social Sunday

Monday, May 18

● No Entry

Tuesday, May 19

● Events

■ 8:45A M to 12:30P M Arm in Arm Food distribution

Wednesday, May 20

● No Entry

Thursday, May 21

● No Entry

Events

Friday, May 22

- Events
- 3:00P M to 4:30P M Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Saturday, May 23

- Events
- 11:30A M to 1:00P M Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sunday, May 24

- Events
- 9:00A M to 10:00A M Communications and Outreach Committee
- 10:00A M to 11:00A M Meeting for Worship
Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA
- 11:30A M to 12:30P M Peace and Social Concerns Committee
Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA
- 1:00P M to 2:00P M Love As Action
Location: Yardley Friends Meeting
65 N Main St, Yardley, PA 19067, United States

Monday, May 25

- No Entry

Tuesday, May 26

- Events
- 8:45A M to 12:30P M Arm in Arm Food distribution

Wednesday, May 27

- No Entry

Thursday, May 28

- No Entry

Friday, May 29

- Events
- 3:00P M to 4:30P M Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Saturday, May 30

- Events
- 11:30A M to 1:00P M Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sunday, May 31

- Events
- 10:00A M to 11:00A M Meeting for Worship
Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

Monday, June 1

- Events
- 7:00P M to 8:30P M Property & Funds
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Tuesday, June 2

- Events
- 8:45A M to 12:15P M Arm in Arm Food Distribution

Wednesday, June 3

- No Entry

Thursday, June 4

- No Entry

Friday, June 5

- Events
- 3:00P M to 4:30P M Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Saturday, June 6

- Events
- 11:00A M to 3:00P M Tabling and Grilling for TAG Kick Off (Aine) including setup
Location: 120 E State St
Trenton, NJ, United States

Sunday, June 7

- Events
- 10:00A M to 11:00A M Meeting for Worship
Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

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



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