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TRENTON FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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News and Updates for Friends and friends in our community



The New Year begins. Let our Light overcome the darkness and our resolve for Peace, Truth and Love help us bring justice and mercy to ourselves, our community, our nation and the world.

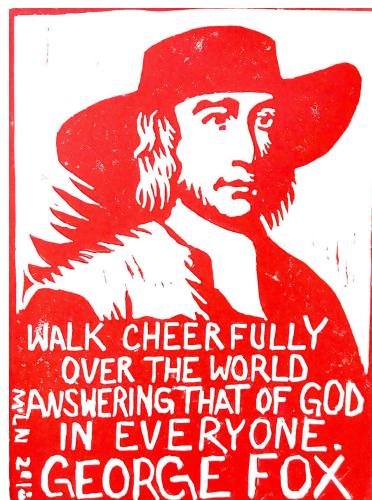
The snow and ice of mid-winter almost disrupted our Patriots Week events but in the end meaningful and informative events at Trenton Meeting took place without postponement. (page 3).

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Page 4 helps us remember the recurring events at the Meetinghouse.



GINGERBREAD HOUSES



A few pictures from the 2025
Gingerbread House event.

TRENTON MEETING COMMITTEES

Last month the newsletter gave descriptions of two of the committees of the Meeting. Noting that committees are how all the work of the Meeting happens, from spiritual care to financial management, here are words about two more committees. (Italicized is from our Bylaws.)

Peace and Social Concerns

*The Peace and Social Concerns Committee
is concerned with Friends' positions relating to the wider community, state,
nation or world.*

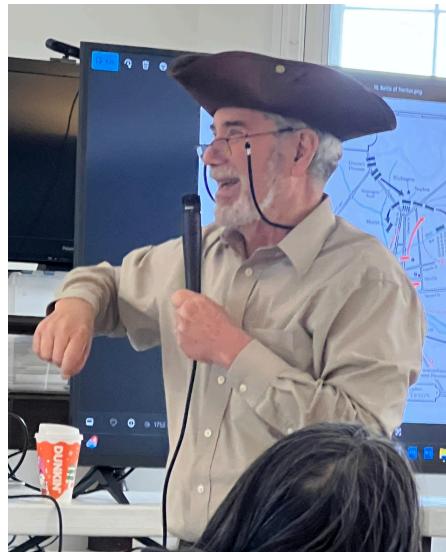
This short description doesn't give a full picture of a committee that is at the heart of the Meeting. Our work on societal issues - climate concerns, social justice, racial and gender discrimination to name a few - generally starts with or is referred to this committee. Peace and Social Concerns Committee is expected to keep the rest of the Meeting informed of concerns and engaged with actions in relation to these concerns.

Communications and Outreach

The Communications & Outreach Committee gathers and disperses information concerning activities of the Trenton Meeting of Friends. In addition it is responsible for welcoming newcoming attenders, answering their questions concerning the beliefs of the Religious Society of Friends, and making the wider community aware of the presence of the Trenton Meeting of Friends.

Website, signage and posters and this newsletter are regular works of this committee. In addition, outreach opportunities are discovered or created giving us the opportunity to grow our visibility, reach our neighbors and promote causes important to the Meeting.

PATRIOTS WEEK AT THE MEETINGHOUSE



Held on December 27th, the first two Patriots Week events put on by the Meeting were great successes. The icy weather the night before put us on edge as we considered postponing, but we didn't and the programs were well attended and well enjoyed.



Fellowship after the Peace Vigil

The top two pictures show the Walking Tour, led by Marc McKithen; before venturing out, and during the walk. The next two photos show Fred Millner presenting his "Quakers! Choose a Side" talk to an interested and appreciative audience.

The Annual Inter-Faith Peace Vigil, cosponsored by the Coalition For Peace Action of Princeton, was especially well attended this year. Within Quaker silent introspection, the Peace Vigil had short prepared remarks by leaders of Sikh, Muslim, Baha'i, Jewish and Christian faiths on the ways that the concept of Peace appears in their traditions and beliefs.

REMINDERS - ON-GOING AT THE MEETINGHOUSE

The Tuesday morning food bag distribution by Arm In Arm still happens every week (except on fifth Tuesdays in a month). Friends who would like to help out with any part - setup (8:45 am), food bag preparation (9:00 am), distribution (9:30 am) or break down (11:00 am) - can let one of the Meeting sponsors (Charles Hardy, or John or Amy Kelly) know **or just show up!**

Prayer and Meditations for Peace will continue on the Second Saturday of the month. From 10:15 to 11:00 am Friends gather for some silent prayer and sharing of what is on our hearts and on our minds.



Community outreach by Black Lives Matter NJ is monthly on the fourth Saturday of the month. When the food is ready (spaghetti dinners except in the hottest months), it is distributed in front of the Meetinghouse. A variety of other things are usually available - sometimes clothes, sometimes groceries and always care and hygiene items. This picture is from the December outreach which included many bags of non-perishable groceries. (Note Arm In Arm's sign waiting for their next distribution day)

Gather up your excess stuff for the Free Sale! The third Saturday of each month we put out tables on our E Hanover Street sidewalk, and fill them up with the donations of "stuff" from Friends, friends and friends of friends. There is no telling what will be available each time, but housewares, clothes, toys and assorted other items can be expected. We had a special Free Sale in December that was just a few days before Christmas. It featured Christmas decorations, holiday knickknacks and some toys in addition to the usual fare. Several Friends found decorations they no longer wanted in the backs of their closets and the Meeting's piano tuner carefully gathered, cleaned and packaged toys that were still around from her grown children's past.

A BIT ABOUT BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Friend Mark Ratliff has jumped on a problem that has been years in the making - and too long overlooked. See the rotting window sill (one of two) on the north side in pictures. Just caulking and painting left to do. Now on to the other rotted sill - when the weather allows!



Calendar

Thursday, January 1

● No Entry

Friday, January 2

● Events

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

Saturday, January 3

● Events

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

Sunday, January 4

● Events

■ 9:00AM to 10:00AM Communication & 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, January 5

● Events

■ 6:30PM to 8:00PM Property & Funds

Tuesday, January 6

● Events

■ 8:30AM to 12:00PM Arm in Arm

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

Wednesday, January 7

● No Entry

Thursday, January 8

● No Entry

Friday, January 9

● Events

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

Saturday, January 10

● Events

■ 10:15AM to 11:00AM Prayers For Peace

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

Sunday, January 11

● Events

■ 9:00AM to 10:00AM Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
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■ 0:00AM to 11:00AM Meeting for Worship
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Monday, January 12

● No Entry

Tuesday, January 13

● Events

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

Wednesday, January 14

● No Entry

Thursday, January 15

● No Entry

Friday, January 16

● Events

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

Saturday, January 17

● Events

■ 11:00AM to 1:00PM Free Sale

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

Sunday, January 18

● 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, January 19

● No Entry

Tuesday, January 20

● Events

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

Wednesday, January 21

● No Entry

Thursday, January 22

Calendar

● No Entry

Friday, January 23

● Events

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

Saturday, January 24

● Events

■ 9:00AM to 4:00PM BLM Spaghetti prep and distro
Location: Trenton Meeting of Friends, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

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

Sunday, January 25

● Events

■ 10:00AM to 11:00AM Meeting for Worship
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■ 11:30AM to 12:30PM Peace and Social Concerns Committee
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Monday, January 26

● No Entry

Tuesday, January 27

● Events

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

Wednesday, January 28

● No Entry

Thursday, January 29

● No Entry

Friday, January 30

● Events

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

Saturday, January 31

● Events

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

Sunday, February 1

● Events

■ 10:00AM to 11:00AM Meeting for Worship
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■ 12:00PM to 1:00PM CMW Committee
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Monday, February 2

● No Entry

Tuesday, February 3

● Events

■ 8:30AM to 12:00PM Arm in Arm

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

Wednesday, February 4

● No Entry

Thursday, February 5

● No Entry

Friday, February 6

● Events

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

Saturday, February 7

● Events

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

Sunday, February 8

● Events

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Monday, February 9

● No Entry

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