

TRENTON FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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News and Updates for Friends and friends in our community



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Welcome to Fall. Those who come to or come near, perhaps passing through on the walkway or sitting quietly at the Peace Pole for rest or meditation, will know that this year was a “banner year” for the oak tree. Big acorns are everywhere. Surely the squirrel population is well fed.

What makes a Quaker Meeting and its members and attenders different? One way is in our dedication to non-violence and peace. (page 3)

What makes OUR Quaker Meeting and its members and attenders different? Our Meeting has set priorities for ourselves that are focused on helping Trenton and especially Old Trenton Neighborhood. (page 3)

So go in peace. Feel the presence of divine Spirit or inner conscience guiding you as you move through this world. There is that of God in everyone.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

Called by Quaker values and our love of the community around us, the Meeting has services and activities continuing that serve the neighborhood and strengthen our connection with families and individuals in Old Trenton Neighborhood.

Arm In Arm will be continuing to provide the bags of groceries, produce and meat on Tuesday mornings.

Piano lessons for young people in the neighborhood are on Saturdays. Neighbors can let us know if their child would like beginning piano lessons..

Black Lives Matter NJ has their monthly outreach providing “to go” spaghetti dinners, care packs, and other items like clothes, gloves and socks. This happens on fourth Saturdays but skipping November.

Monthly Free Sale on the sidewalk in front of the Meetinghouse will be on the fourth Saturdays, matching the BLM outreach dates for the rest of the year.

Prayers For Peace, a 45 minute vigil, is monthly on the second Saturday starting at 10:15 am.

PHOTO GALLERY OF OUR CARE AND SERVICE

Capital City Farm, Community BBQ, BLM outreach, Summer fun, Free Sale



COMMUNITY BARBEQUE

Last month we mentioned that our Community Barbeque would be in October. It has moved by a few days to be on November 3rd. Keep an eye on trentonquakers.org/events-1 for details on this and all the events at the Meetinghouse.

TRENTON'S QUAKER PRIORITIES

In order to have a meaningful Quaker presence in Trenton, our Meeting has emphasized connection with and service to the folks that live near us and the friends that pass by our historic Meeting House every day. We strive to support families with large efforts like the Arm In Arm food bags and Black Lives Matter NJ outreach, and small such as free beginning piano lessons and regular children's activities. We use our resources to support local organizations and businesses that complement our values and add to the neighborhood and the city.

Another very necessary priority is maintaining the Meeting House. 285 years old this year, we continue to face challenges and choices such as water invading the ceiling or old plumbing failures. There is a responsibility to the future that we maintain now and not "pass the buck".

WHY ARE WE A "PEACE CHURCH"?

The Religious Society of Friends (Quaker) is one of a handful of religious groups that has been recognized over the course of our history as a "Peace Church". Mennonites, Amish and Church of the Brethren are others. What does Peace Church mean? It means that as a central tenet, testimony or belief, these faith organizations hold that violence is to be rejected between people, communities and nations. Non-violent resistance and proactive work to head off wars and violence is our way of rectifying injustice and conflict. September 21st is noted every year as "International Day of Peace". It is a reminder of the choices we must make and the work we must do to foster a more peaceful society and a more peaceful world.



Trenton Quakers

Tue Oct 1, 2024

9am - 12:30pm Arm in Arm food distribution

Sun Oct 6, 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

Tue Oct 8, 2024

9am - 12:30pm Arm in Arm food distribution

Sat Oct 12, 2024

10:15am - 11am Prayers For Peace

11am - 12pm Peace and Social Concerns Committee

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

12pm - 1:30pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Oct 13, 2024

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

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

10am - 11am First Day School

10am - 11am Meeting for Worship

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

Tue Oct 15, 2024

9am - 12:30pm Arm in Arm food distribution

Thu Oct 17, 2024

5pm - 6:30pm Property & Funds Committee

Where: Zoom or in person

Sat Oct 19, 2024

12pm - 1:30pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Oct 20, 2024

10am - 11am Meeting for Worship

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

Tue Oct 22, 2024

9am - 12:30pm Arm in Arm food distribution

Sat Oct 26, 2024

9am - 4pm BLM Spaghetti prep and distro

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

12pm - 1:30pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Oct 27, 2024

10am - 11am First Day

10am - 11am Meeting for Worship

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

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