

TRENTON FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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News and Updates for Friends and friends in our community



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This month the newsletter will take a look at a couple of organizations that sprang from the leadings of Friends at Trenton Meeting in the past few decades. See inside for brief explanations of the beginnings of Mercer Street Friends, a major non-profit in Trenton, and Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts, now a national organization for the support and promotion of Quaker artists, musicians and writers,

The hot weather of August did not stop our activities. The weekly Arm In Arm food distribution to hundreds of families and individuals from our neighborhood and around the city continued and grew. The Back to School Book Bag Block Party provided school supplies to local school children, food and treats and a “bag full of fun” for all. The new monthly Free Sale on the Hanover Street sidewalk continued. And our monthly Prayers For Peace around the Peace Pole is a quiet and meaningful way we call on Spirit to guide us and our leaders toward a better, more peaceful city and world.



TRENTON MEETING BEGETS CLERKS

Trenton Meeting is one of eight local (Monthly) Meetings in the Burlington Quarter and of more than 100 in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM), the central unifying entity for Quakers from New Jersey through Maryland. The presiding clerk of PYM is selected from one of these 100+ meetings for two years of service. Trenton has been disproportionately represented in that role.

We are proud that Nikki Mosgrove of Trenton has just begun her two years and we recall that just a decade ago our member Jada Jackson served as PYM clerk. Trenton Makes, The World Takes!



Nikki Mosgrove

OUR HONORED LEGACIES

Most everyone in Trenton and a wide area around is aware of Mercer Street Friends (MSF). See <https://mercerstreetfriends.org> to learn all that MSF is doing. In 1958, Trenton Meeting members envisioned and created an agency to provide services and assistance to the residents of the greater Trenton area, spurred by the declining economic circumstances in Trenton and by the continuing problems for residents from the devastating 1955 flood. It was to be housed in Trenton's no longer used second Meetinghouse on Mercer Street and Quakers from Central New Jersey and Northeast Pennsylvania joined the work. In the many decades since then, MSF has been a constant and growing vital resource in many areas.

The most prominent current service is as the central food pantry distribution center for the many distributions and pantries in and around Trenton. But the free Pre-School on West State, the innovative and ambitious Community Schools project as well as important family services all work to support and empower our families and communities here.

Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts (FQA) is now a national organization that supports and promotes Quaker and "Quaker adjacent" artists, musician and writers. It was founded by Trenton Friend Minnie Jane Ham in 1993 as Quakers were finally making a full break from the early Quakers shunning of art and music as "secular distractions". Gathering information about Quaker artists across the country, FQA was born and has grown continually as it provides opportunities for member artists to display, perform and promote their art, writings and performances. You can visit the website at <https://fqaquaker.org/>.

Both of these organizations are "Under the care of" Trenton Meeting of Friends. That phrase reflects not an operational connection, but a spirit led connection as our Meeting, the site of their origins, holds the organizations and their efforts in prayer – holding them in the Light as Quakers say. But as well, Trenton Meeting maintains our connections through liaisons to the organizations and their boards where Quaker practices of decision making are observed.

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. Email trentonquakers@gmail.com if you would like beginning lessons for your child.

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 September 21st, then 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.

HELPING OUT AT CAPITAL CITY FARM

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee is going to be helping out at Capital City Farm on N. Clinton Avenue on September 14th.

The farm counts on volunteers to help the small staff with everything from planting to harvesting, weeding and pruning and anything else that needs to be done.

Produce from the farm is available to residents of Trenton and all of Mercer County as well as going to TASK (Trenton Area Soup Kitchen) which is adjacent to the farm.

Starting with a light lunch at the Meetinghouse right after Prayers For Peace (about 11am) we plan to start working at the farm at noon.

Everyone is welcome to join at 11 or at/after 12. The flyer has details!

**TRENTON QUAKERS
GARDEN VOLUNTEERS**

**AT CAPITAL CITY FARM
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14
NOON TO 3 PM**

GPS for parking use 21 Muirhead

Tasks include planting,
harvesting, weeding,
pruning, animal care.

Bring gloves, sun
protection and bug spray.

Come first for a
light lunch at the
Meetinghouse at 11

Everyone is welcome.
Contact
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COMMUNITY BARBEQUE

Looking ahead to October, the Meeting will be holding a Sunday afternoon Community Barbeque.

Final decision on the date is coming soon so check the website (trentonquakers.org/events-1) or look for posters.



YOU MIGHT BE A QUAKER IF...

Below is both sides of a new rack card that is in the Meetinghouse and will be available at all our events in the community. Take a look. YOU might be a Quaker - and not yet know it!!


TAKE THE QUAKER QUIZ

YOU

May Be
A
Quaker
If...



- You think listening is as important as speaking
- You think the best ministers of truth are sitting in the pews, not the pulpit
- You think equality isn't a goal but a right
- You think peace requires justice
- You think war creates problems, not solutions
- You think life is a spiritual path

We Welcome Your Exploration



We are the
Trenton Meeting of Friends
We have (mostly) silent worship each
Sunday at 10 AM
at 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608

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Trenton Quakers

Sun Sep 1, 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 Sep 3, 2024

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

Fri Sep 6, 2024

4:30pm - 6pm Property & Funds Committee

Where: Zoom or in person

Sat Sep 7, 2024

12pm - 1:30pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Sep 8, 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 Sep 10, 2024

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

Sat Sep 14, 2024

10:15am - 11am Prayers For Peace

11am - 12pm Potluck Lunch before Capical City Farm

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

12pm - 2:30pm Capital City Farm volunteering (PSCC)

Where: 301 N Clinton Ave Trenton, NJ, United States

12pm - 1:30pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Sep 15, 2024

9am - 12pm Burlington Quarterly Meeting

Where: Princeton Friends Meeting 470 Quaker Rd, Princeton, NJ 08540, United States

10am - 11am Meeting for Worship

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

2pm - 3pm Religious Education Committee

Where: Zoom or in person

Tue Sep 17, 2024

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

Sat Sep 21, 2024

12pm - 1:30pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Sep 22, 2024

10am - 11am First Day School

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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

Mon Sep 23, 2024

7pm - 8pm Communication & Outreach Committee

Where: Zoom

Tue Sep 24, 2024

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

Sat Sep 28, 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 Sep 29, 2024

10am - 11am Meeting for Worship

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

Tue Oct 1, 2024

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

Fri Oct 4, 2024

4:30pm - 6pm Property & Funds Committee

Where: Zoom or in person

Sat Oct 5, 2024

12pm - 1:30pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

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

12pm - 1:30pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Oct 13, 2024

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

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