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The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

FEBRUARY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 10am Meeting for Worship - A.T.</p> <p>11am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>2 Groundhog Day</p> <p>7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's</p>	<p>3 7:30pm Peace & Social Action @ Simkin Cabin</p>	<p>4 12:30pm Sustainability Perspectives Series lecture @ Wells College</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 9am King Ferry Food Pantry</p> <p>10am Take Your Child to the Library Day</p>
<p>8 10am Meeting for Worship - Rebecca Shillenback</p> <p>11:30am Soup and Sharing - Nick Rozard</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Lincoln's Birthday</p> <p>7pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammonds</p>	<p>13 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group</p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day</p>
<p>15 10am Meeting for Worship - Howard Nelson (Evolution Sunday)</p> <p>11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business</p>	<p>16 President's Day</p>	<p>17 Mardi Gras</p> <p>5pm Scipioville Shrove Pancake Supper</p> <p>7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 7:30pm Spanish Worship</p>	<p>20 7:30pm Movie Night -@ Meetinghouse</p>	<p>21 9am Genoa Food Pantry</p> <p>7pm Merrifield Concert - Ken Yates</p>
<p>22 Washington's Birthday</p> <p>10am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)</p> <p>1pm Merrifield Drum Circle</p> <p>5pm Lenten Series</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group</p>	<p>25 Deadline for PRISM submissions</p>	<p>26 7pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren-Thomas'</p>	<p>27 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group</p>	<p>28</p>

Birthdays: 8th Mary Ann Nobben, Karen Brennan; 9th Miranda Cady Hallett, Deanna Nance; 10th Steff McGonagle; 12th Nick Dosch Rozard; 13th Thea Grube; 17th Janet Shea; 20th David Eckhardt, Bruce Culver; 25th Sarah Mandolang Rozard

For more information about calendar events, check the PRISM or contact pr.prism@gmail.com

POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES FOR JANUARY 18TH, 2015

The Monthly Meeting opened with a period of worship about 11:50 a.m. and reviewed minutes from the December meeting. Attending: David Connelly, Anne Dalton, Sally Otis, Dill Otis, Hannah Richter, Andrew Simkin, Bess Simkin, Jane Simkin, Linda Simkin, and Paul Simkin.

Sally reporting for Ministry and Council reading a letter by Christopher Sammond about planning for a future FUM Triennial Meeting. Some friends from around the world have been having difficulty getting visas to visit United States soil. He seeks friends interested in helping plan this conference, which may be held in Canada.

Erika Richter has expressed an interest to become a full member of the Meeting; we believe she has been approved but have been unable to find the record. We affirmed her membership.

Ministry and Council made minor changes to the agreement for the interim pastoral care position; the Monthly Meeting made additional changes, and approved the agreement subject to Craig Kukuk's agreement. The final agreement is attached at the bottom of these minutes:

Anne Dalton and Jane presented a draft of a State of the Meeting report to send to New York Yearly Meeting. Changes were made and another draft will be presented at next Monthly Meeting.

Plans were discussed for the January 31 Contra Dance Celebration of Ruth's pastorship.

Andrew reported for the Finance Committee that we came to within \$232 of meeting our \$43,000 budget for 2014.

Sally reported for the Wider Parish that the Union Springs community joins in Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starting tonight and meeting every afternoon or evening throughout the week.

She reported also that Wider Parish's annual Lenten program begins Feb. 22; its preliminary theme is Healing and Reconciliation. We have not offered our meeting for a program because of the muddiness behind the Meetinghouse.

We ended after a period of silence at 1:25 p.m.

Submitted by David Connelly, Record Clerk.

AGREEMENT FOR INTERIM PASTORAL CARE POSITION

This agreement is between Craig Kukuk and Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting.

Job Description:

Establish relationships with meeting members and attenders. Nurture both members and attenders, including those who are new to the meeting or who have returned after a long hiatus. Visit with individuals and families as requested by them, and as led.

· Provide pastoral care for those who are ill or in difficulty. Be a visible and available presence in the life of the Meeting.

· Attend Ministry and Counsel Meetings.

· Communicate his vacation/travel schedule to Ministry and Counsel, or the clerk of Ministry and Counsel, in ample time to make other arrangements for coverage.

· The position to start January 1, 2015; expectations are that this will be a part-time position of approximately 10 hours a week or one-quarter time. It is anticipated that the demands will vary, perhaps greatly from week to week. Compensation starts at \$1,000 a month, which shall include salary and retirement (if desired). There will be an expense account of up to \$250 a month, mainly for mileage but also to include postage and other expenses. Itemized expenses will be submitted to the Treasurer for reimbursement at intervals agreeable to both parties. The pastoral care provider is an independent contractor responsible for his own taxes.

The pastoral care provider is entitled to one week of vacation during this six month appointment to be scheduled in advance. Additional time off is possible when negotiated with advance notice to the Ministry and Counsel Committee.

This agreement shall be reviewed after six months by the pastoral care provider and Ministry and Counsel, in consultation with the Finance Committee and subject to approval by Monthly Meeting. Either the pastoral care provider or the Monthly Meeting may terminate this agreement with eight weeks notice.

_____ Clerk
_____ Pastoral Care Provider
_____ Date

NEW BOOK FOR THE QUAKER LIBRARY

Parker J. Palmer's book Healing the Heart of Democracy is on the shelf. Barbara Rhudy brought this book to our attention in her recent message. From the back cover: "In Healing the Heart of Democracy, Parker J. Palmer quickens our instinct to seek the common good, proposing practical ways to bridge our political divides. ...Palmer explores five 'habits of the heart' that can be developed in everyday settings..." *Democracy and Education* called it "one of the most important books of the early 21st Century." *Publishers Weekly* said, "This beautifully written book deserves a wide audience that will benefit from discussing it."

EVENTS AT MERRIFIELD

In February, Craig and A.T. will be welcoming Ken Yates to their home at Merrifield for a wonderful, intimate singer/songwriter concert! Give Ken a listen at kenyates.com and then bring your friends and family to 2345 Center Road, Scipio Center, 13147 at 7pm. Ken is from London—that's London, Ontario--which is still international! He studied with Livingston Taylor and is very popular on the "Coffee House" radio program. Lovely guitar and a plaintive sweet voice—just the thing for a February night on Saturday the 21st! We collect \$15 at the door, and have an extended intermission with coffee, tea, hot cider, and fellowship. On Sunday, the 22nd, we welcome all for a drum circle at the same place at 1pm!

For more information email atmiller@cornell.edu

DID YOU EVER WONDER?

What is a State of the Meeting report? Why is it written? What happens to the report?

Each year, monthly meetings and worship groups are asked to summarize their spiritual condition in State of the Meeting reports. These reports are used by the State of Society Committee to consider the state of the yearly meeting as a whole. The yearly meeting summarizes these reports into an annual State of the Society Report. This annual practice of reflecting on how Spirit has been leading us and how we have followed that leading. It is the time to share where we have prospered and where we have struggled. It is our opportunity to look at our strengths and challenges and how Truth prospered among us even in difficult times.

Ministry and counsel appoints one or more members to prepare and present a report on the spiritual condition of the meeting. This should be reviewed in turn by ministry and counsel and by the monthly meeting. When the monthly meeting approves it, with or without revision, the clerk will forward the report to the State of Society Committee of New York Yearly Meeting (NYYM).

The State of the Meeting report should be a searching self-examination by the meeting and its members of their spiritual strengths and weaknesses and of the efforts made to foster growth in the spiritual life. Reports may cover the full range of interests and concerns but should emphasize those indicative of the spiritual health of the meeting.

Each year topics for consideration, specific custom queries for reflection, are suggested by the State of Society Committee of NYYM.

Compiled from Faith and Practice and letter from Irma Guthrie, Clerk, Ministry Coordinating Committee (NYYM)



SOUP & SHARING

On February 8th there will be a Soup and sharing sponsored by Peace and Social Action after the rise of meeting. Nick (Dosch) Rozard from Alfred NY will be speaking about his work developing affordable ceramic water filters for Indonesia and other places where water purification is needed.

SPANISH WORSHIP

On February 19th at 7:30 pm there will be Quaker Worship in Spanish in the Meetinghouse. You are welcome to participate.



MOVIE NIGHT

On February 20th at 7:30pm Peace and Social Action is sponsoring a Movie Night at the Meeting House. The movie has not yet been selected but it will be in Spanish with English Subtitles. The committee is currently reviewing titles and looking for a family friendly, uplifting movie. If you have a suggestion or questions please contact Jane at simkinjp@baldcom.net.

POWELL HOUSE SEARCH FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Elsie K. Powell House (www.powellhouse.org), New York Yearly Meeting's (www.nyym.org) retreat center and an outreach arm of New York Yearly

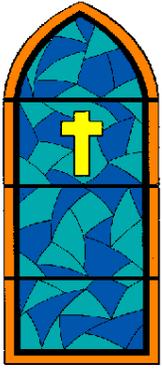
Meeting for adult and youth spiritual nurture, seeks a full-time Executive Director to oversee its spiritual life and physical operations. Position to begin Spring 2016. Powell House's mission is to foster the spiritual growth of Friends (Quakers) and others and to strengthen the application of Friends' testimonies in the world.

Contact info@powellhouse.org or 518-794-8811 for more information.

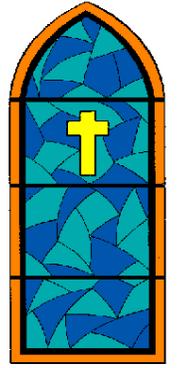
WELLS COLLEGE PRESENTS TALK BY AWARD-WINNING ORGANIC GARDENER ROSALY SWANN BASS '58

The Wells College Center for Sustainability and the Environment present the first Sustainability Perspectives Series lecture of the spring 2015 semester. Rosaly Swann Bass '58, Wells alumna and founder of the organic farm Rosaly's Garden, will give a talk titled "Organic Gardening: Why It Matters and How to Do It (or How Every Gardener Can Be Organic)." She will share how she got into farming as well as providing tips for vegetable, flower and berry growing. This event will take place at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 4, in the Hostetter Lecture Room (209) of Stratton Hall. Admission is free, and all are welcome to attend. Rosaly Swann Bass founded Rosaly's Garden, the oldest and largest certified organic farm in New Hampshire, and she still works the farm with the same enthusiasm as when she planted the first seeds 41 years ago. Bass was just named Gardener of the Year by Northeast Organic Farming Association, NOFA-NH. Her new book "Organic: a Gardener's Handbook" is full of practical advice perfect for backyard gardeners as well as farmers who are looking for advice on organic growing. Rosaly writes: "I want people to realize that they too can grow organic. I've learned so much, how to do things smarter, better. I want to share that with others."

The Sustainability Perspectives Series explores the concept of sustainability from a variety of viewpoints. Wells is committed to providing access to events; anyone needing assistance should contact Marian Brown, director of the Center for Sustainability and the Environment, at [315-364-3304](tel:315-364-3304), or by email at mbrown@wells.edu



Southern Cayuga Wider Parish 2015 Lenten Series



The “3 R’s of Lent: Reflection, Repentance, Reconciliation”

Sundays from 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Please bring a sandwich and a mug or bowl; soup and beverages will be provided

† **February 22 ~ What Does Grace Look Like?**

Speaker: Dr. Jim Krisher, Director of Spiritual Renewal Center, Syracuse
Place: Aurora United Ministry Church, Main Street, Aurora
Contact: Rev. Bob French at 364-5836

† **March 1 ~ Jesus’ “Lenten Path”**

Speaker: Dr. Kenneth Hover, Professor and Weiss Presidential Fellow, Cornell University; Certified Lay Speaker in United Methodist Church
Place: United Church of Genoa, 10070 State Rt. 90, Genoa
Contact: Esther Thurston at 607-533-0093

† **March 8 ~ Lenten Practices of Faith**

Panel Discussion with representatives from different traditions
Place: Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 40 Spring St., Union Springs
Contact: Andrea Starr-Tagalog at 237-2346

† **March 15 ~ Practices of Reconciliation**

Speaker: Representatives from Women Transcending Boundaries
Place: First Presbyterian Church, Rt. 90, King Ferry
Contact: Neil Rotach at 607-273-6697

† **March 22 ~ Reconciling With the Earth**

Speaker: Rev. Linda Schwab, Professor Emerita of Wells College and Free Methodist chaplain
Place: Scipioville Presbyterian Church, 3428 Rt. 34B, Scipioville
Contact: Rev. Barbara Wright at 364-5110 or 282-7025

Free and open to the entire community

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Free-will offering to aid Health Tapestry ministry.

Note from Jeff Layton (PR Treasurer):

Considering that an additional \$35,880 was raised for the new roof; missing our Operating budget by only \$228 is quite an accomplishment!

Congratulations to the Meeting for raising a total of \$79,197 in 2014.

Operating Budget for 2014	\$43,545.00	
Contributions for 2014	\$43,317.00	99.48%
Operating Budget Deficit for 2014	\$228.00	

POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

Clerk – Anne Dalton
Assistant Clerk – Larry Buffam
Treasurer – Jeff Layton
Musicians – Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney
Pastoral Care - Craig Kukuk
Recording Clerk – David Connelly
Ministry & Counsel Clerk – Sally Otis

Poplar Ridge Friends meet every Sunday at 10 am for worship. The fourth Sunday of the month is an unprogrammed meeting. The fifth Sunday is a youth centered service. Nursery is available during meeting. The meetinghouse is located at 1868 Poplar Ridge Road, Poplar Ridge, NY 13139.

See <http://www.quaker.org/poplar/> for more information, updated calendar or copies of previous newsletters. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/poplarridgefriendsny>.

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