



# PRISM

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Monthly

The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

## MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
4 10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller  11:30am Soup and Sharing - Upreach with Chad Dell followed by Upreach Workshop  5:00pm Lenten Series - Gratefulness through Spirituality	5 7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's	6 7:00pm Peace and Social Action Committee @ Buxenbaum's  7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting @ Lockhart's	7 7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond/ Rhudy's	8	9 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	10 Deadline for San Pedro Dinner Reservations  7:30pm Merrifield Concert - The Barefoot Ladies
11 Daylight Saving Time starts  10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller  11:00am Coffee Hour  5:00pm Leten Series - The Faithful Countryside	12	13	14	15	16	17 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry  6:00pm San Pedro Benefit Dinner
18 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Query Sunday - Cathy Mullarney #7  Monthly Meeting for Business  5:00pm Lenten Series - Experiencing Spirituality in the Season of Passover	19	20 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'	21 7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren- Thomas's  7:30pm Quaker Worship in Spanish	22	23 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	24 6:00pm Family Night - Gritty Sustainability: alternative energy in the developing world
25 10:00am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	26 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'	27 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	28 Deadline for PRISM submissions	29	30	31

Birthdays: 2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth (Leigh) McGonagle, Eleanor Joy Simkin Mumma; 8<sup>th</sup> Jill Charles Gomez, Trey Anthony Otis, Luther Hallett; 9<sup>th</sup> Maryl Mendillo; 12<sup>th</sup> Ed Maassen, Mia Boynton, Carter Robert Otis; 16<sup>th</sup> Linda Simkin; 18<sup>th</sup> Henry Brice; 19<sup>th</sup> Bill Tyler, Richard Loosemore; 21<sup>st</sup> Susan Weisend; 23<sup>rd</sup> Phyllis Bunker, Linda McGonagle; 26<sup>th</sup> Meghan Charles; 28<sup>th</sup> Heidi Richter; 29<sup>th</sup> Mary Fairhurst; 30<sup>th</sup> Kylee McCleary

For more information about calendar events, check the PRISM or contact [pr.prism@gmail.com](mailto:pr.prism@gmail.com)

## **POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2018**

The Monthly Meeting opened with a period of worship about 11:50 a.m.; the minutes from the January 21 meeting were read.

Attending were Ruth Bradley, David Connelly, Anne Dalton, Suzanne O'Hara, Dill Otis, Sally Otis, Hannah Richter, Andy Simkin, Paul Simkin, and Charlie Weld.

Wider Parish asks us and other local worship groups to help decide whether to continue the Crop Walk held in October annually for many years, Sally said. The number of participants has been declining in recent years. We decided to ask the Youth Committee if there would be interest in a youth or group of youths taking it up. Part of the money raised by the Crop Walk goes to the local Food Pantry. It would be an opportunity for an honor society or any group seeking public service.

Chad Dell is here two weeks from today to lead worship, a Soup and Sharing and a worship about our Meeting's outreach. The Outreach Committee and Ministry and Council will make the soups. Christopher is hosting and coordinating his visit.

Reporting for the Ministry and Council Committee, Charlie Weld said the committee recommends that the Monthly Meeting initiate the process for recording of the gifts in the ministry of Rebecca Schillenback. Dill said Ministry and Council's met with her last week and felt the meeting was profound and meaningful. Monthly Meeting approved the recommendation.

Suzanne and Hannah attended a clerking workshop at Powell House and found it inspiring and useful.

Andy reported that Peace and Social Action Committee is working on the FCNL priorities process.

We discussed the State of the Society Queries. The responses will be forwarded to the clerk of Ministry and Council Committee for the writing of the draft for the State of Society Report.

Hannah reminds us that Spring Gathering is May 18-20, and our meeting will be responsible for next year's program. It would be helpful for Poplar Ridge Monthly Meeting members to attend the weekend to help prepare for next year.

Also, we should have on our calendar next Sept. 15 for Fall Gathering. We will host it at our Meetinghouse, and we will be responsible for planning the program.

We closed with silence at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by David Connelly



### **QUERY SUNDAY**

Mary 18th will be Query Sunday. Cathy Mullarney will read the 7<sup>th</sup> query in NYYM Faith and Practice (2014).

*Do our vocations provide constructive and beneficial service? Do we observe integrity in our business transactions? Do we avoid involving ourselves beyond our ability to manage? Are we careful to conduct our affairs punctually, justly, and honorably? Do we avoid participation in lotteries, betting, and gambling?*

The current issue of Faith and Practice is online at <http://www.nyym.org/book/faith-and-practice>. Paper copies are available in the Meetinghouse library

Pastoral needs or questions:  
Call Craig Kukuk at 734-717-7719.

## **INREACH + OUTREACH = UPREACH**

On Sunday, March 4th, 2018 we welcome everyone to gather at the Poplar Ridge Friends Meetinghouse for a day of exploring and worship.

Chad Dell, of the Manasquan Friends Meeting and Associate Professor of the Department of Communication at Monmouth University, will bring the message for 10am worship. He will talk with us about preparing a meeting internally -- tilling the soil, as it were -- prior to beginning the outreach process. He will also share with us a preview of the outreach work in which he has been involved.

Please join us after the meeting for **Soup and Sharing**. The program will include a more detailed look at Inreach and Outreach. Chad shall outline a step-by-step introduction of the "Seeking the Spirit" outreach program that was launched, based in part on Quaker Quest.

For those who wish to stay after the Soup and Sharing, Chad will continue with a meeting exploring the creation of a program that best meets our community's needs and interests. This will include an exercise or two, written materials, and a discussion.

For more information contact Anne ([annedalton@me.com](mailto:annedalton@me.com))



## **FAMILY NIGHT - GRITTY SUSTAINABILITY: ALTERNATIVE ENERGY IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD**

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, join your friends for a dish to pass meal and an interesting evening.. Michael Smith, Kristen Brennan and their two kids Samuel and Isaiah will share their experiences of living a semester in Sabana Grande, Nicaragua where they worked with a local NGO and women's cooperative that promote sustainability and alternative energy sources.

Dish to share supper at 6:00, program at 7:15. Come and Enjoy. All are welcome. Contact Trudy ([rbuxenbaum@gmail.com](mailto:rbuxenbaum@gmail.com)) for more information.

Please notify Nance Simkin ([Donald.simkin@yahoo.com](mailto:Donald.simkin@yahoo.com)) to send a special note of remembrance from the meeting. Donations of cards are welcome.

## **MERRIFIELD CONCERT – THE BAREFOOT LADIES**

A.T. Miller and Craig Kukuk invite you again this month to their home, also known as Merrifield, for a concert with one of Poplar Ridge Meetings own musicians.

Scipio-native Sarah Nelson returns, with fellow singers Laurie Fischer and Emileigh Tanner, to sing at Merrifield Concert Hall on March 10. The Barefoot Ladies harmonize on an eclectic variety of songs, ranging from early music and shape note hymns to current hits and many gems in between. The three, who sing mostly a cappella, have distinct voices that blend to create a beautiful layered sound, reminiscent of The Wallin' Jennies and The Staves.

The concert begins at on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at 2345 Center Road, the corner of Center and Black Street, with parking on Black. We host a long intermission with tea and coffee provided so that we can enjoy each other's company, meet the musicians, and build our community. Come by yourself or bring others, all are welcome. We collect \$15 at the door to support the artists. Contact A.T. [atmiller@cornell.edu](mailto:atmiller@cornell.edu) for more information.

## **SAVE THE DATE – UPCOMING QUAKER EVENTS**

The dates for FSRM Spring Gathering at Watson Homestead are May 18-20. The SG Coordinating Committee has been meeting regularly and should be getting out a 'save the date' announcement soon.

Fall Gathering is Sept. 15.

### *Other significant events:*

NYYM Spring Sessions in Brooklyn, April 6-8.  
More info on NYYM website.

There is also a 24-hour retreat in Dundee from 4 pm on Friday April 13 till 4 pm Saturday April 14, facilitated by FSRM Ministry and Council for persons who work on/have concerns regarding M&C and Pastoral Care in meetings throughout our region. More info; contact Donna Beckwith.

April 20-22 in Rochester, NY is a *Circles Process Training* with Kay Pranis, author and international facilitator, and Will Bontrager. This Restorative Justice practice is sponsored by NYYM Committee on Conflict Transformation, and has the support of FSRM. More info; contact Karen Reixach.



## **SOUTHERN CAYUGA ANNE FRANK MOVIE NIGHT**

On Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> at Southern Cayuga High School enjoy free pizza as well as math and science games beginning at 6:00 PM. Story time with Elaine Meyers for ages 6-8 and families from 6:00 – 6:20 PM. The film Hidden Figures begins at 7:00 PM.

Hidden Figures tells the incredible untold story of Katherine Jonson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson– brilliant African-American women working at NASA who served as the brains behind the launch into orbit of astronaut John Glenn, a stunning achievement that turned around the Space Race. The visionary trio crossed all gender and racial lines and inspired generations.

For more information please call (315) 364-7111 or contact [dana@lifespantherapies.com](mailto:dana@lifespantherapies.com) or [zimpferW@southerncayuga.org](mailto:zimpferW@southerncayuga.org). This event is free and open to the public.

## **FCNL – PURPOSEFUL JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

Do you know a future advocate? Are there young people in your meeting or church looking for opportunities to change the world?

The Friends Committee on National Legislation has MANY opportunities for young people of all ages to gain hands-on experience lobbying for peace and social justice. Please share this information widely with the young adults in your life.

**Spring Lobby Weekend (March 17-20, 2018)** will draw some 450 young adults to Washington to be trained to lobby Congress on a just and fair immigration system.

**Young Fellows Program (paid, full-time, late August 2018-July 2019)** brings recent college grads to work full-time in our Washington, DC office learning how to change the world. Nearly 200 young adults have come through this program over the last 40 years, and they've gained a keen appreciation for the power of effective, principled advocacy whether they go on to a career in law and policy change or in another field. *Apply by February 12.*

**Summer Internship Program (June and July 2018)** is a 2 month long internship in the FCNL office. This opportunity provides experience working with our Quaker lobby in Washington, DC. *Apply by March 5.*

**Advocacy Corps (paid, part-time, August 2017-May 2018)** includes a 10-day training in Washington, DC followed by nine months of part-time, paid consulting work (25-35 hours per month)

organizing locally on police militarism. *Apply by April 9.*

Thank you for sharing these opportunities with young adults in your life, and let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Katie Breslin, [katie@fcnl.org](mailto:katie@fcnl.org)

FCNL Young Adult Program Manager



## WORK AND QUAKERS

Excerpts taken from the NYYM Faith and Practice *Learn the lesson that, if you are to do the work of a prophet, what you need is not a scepter but a hoe.*

– Bernard of Clairvaux (1090–1153)

Work is part of a full life and can be a means of self-expression. When done with others, it fosters community. It provides the necessities of living.

Coming to a consciousness of the spiritual nature of our work can be a slow process, but many forms of work can be honorable if we approach them with integrity, diligence, and concern. The workplace, whether ideal or not, enables us to put into action conflict negotiation, mediation, centering, listening, silence, and love. In fact, in the marketplace our strengths may be most tested, and our faithfulness most treasured.

All of the business relationships of Friends should be carried on in a spirit of love and service. If we keep before us the faith that there is an indwelling Spirit in every person we encounter, then personal

dealings and relations of management and labor become integral to our religious lives and allow us to witness to our testimonies. Work can be an opportunity for personal ministry, and many Friends try to choose paid and voluntary work that furthers justice, freedom, and equality and that helps to remove the seeds of war and conflict.

*The time of business does not with me differ from the time of prayer, and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquility as if I were my knees at the blessed sacrament.*

– [REDACTED]

The light of Friends' principles can transform dealings with authorities and coworkers, ambition and the desire for success, competition, and management hierarchies. This light can lead us back to the still center to listen for God's word in all our worldly concerns.

For help with transportation contact Joanne Rogers at 315-673-7345, 607-345-8468 (cell) or [fron10ac@gmail.com](mailto:fron10ac@gmail.com)

## QUAKERSPEAK

QuakerSpeak is a Quaker YouTube channel. Friends of all different backgrounds are interviewed and asked the core questions of our faith.

QuakerSpeak interviews are personal and intimate. They seek to give viewers worldwide an experience that is entertaining, informative, inspiring, challenging, inviting, unifying and collaborative.

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## **TRUTH AND HEALING: QUAKERS SEEKING RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

A Pendle Hill Conference for inspiration, education, networking, discernment, and action. May 3-6, 2018.

Both Canada and the United States of America are built on the so-called Christian Doctrine of Discovery, which purports to justify the theft of land and resources and the enslavement or destruction of many Nations. As descendants of European settlers, Quakers benefitted and benefit from this history. Even when well-intentioned, Quakers often played a paternalistic role with Indigenous Peoples, and US Quakers ran Indian Boarding Schools, enterprises designed to erase Indian language and culture from Native youth – “Kill the Indian . . . Save the Man.”

As Friends, we rarely talk about our continuing benefit from this history or about our roles as invasive peoples on what the Original Peoples of this land called Turtle Island.

We invite Quakers from throughout Canada and the United States to gather at Pendle Hill to meet together with Indigenous people, to hear truth spoken plainly, to listen deeply with open hearts and minds, and to seek together ways of acknowledging ongoing and intergenerational injuries, owning responsibility, and repairing injustice as Spirit guides us.

Come to be inspired, to become better equipped to involve Meetings and local communities in building right relationship, and to be renewed in Spirit and energy for this long-term justice journey.

[Travel directions](#) to Pendle Hill. Click to view the [flyer](#). For more information, contact [mayconference@pendlehill.org](mailto:mayconference@pendlehill.org).



### **A PRAYER IN SPRING**

*Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers to-day;  
And give us not to think so far away  
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here  
All simply in the springing of the year.*

*Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,  
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;  
And make us happy in the happy bees,  
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.*

*And make us happy in the darting bird  
That suddenly above the bees is heard,  
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,  
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.*

*For this is love and nothing else is love,  
The which it is reserved for God above  
To sanctify to what far ends He will,  
But which it only needs that we fulfil.  
--Robert Frost*

## THE SOUTHERN CAYUGA WIDER PARISH LENTEN SERIES FOR 2018

Awakening Our Spirituality: using the multiplicity of resources available

2018	Topic	Presenter	Venue	Donations to
4 Mar	<i>Gratefulness through Spirituality</i>	Dan McCollister	Scipioville Presbyterian	Health Tapestry
11 Mar	<i>The Faithful Countryside</i>	Linda Schwab	Trinity UCC Union Springs	Union Springs Food Pantry
18 Mar	<i>Experiencing spirituality in the season of Passover</i>	Ken Hover	King Ferry Presbyterian	Matthew House

Each evening begins at 5:00 PM in the host church with a crock-pot soup offering. Soups are provided by the many churches in the Wider Parish with each attendee encouraged to bring their own soup bowl, utensils, and mug. Drinks (coffee, tea, water, punch) will be provided. The evening's presentation will begin at 5:45 PM and conclude not later than 7:00 PM.

### A short description of each presentation:

4 March: Surprise is the beginning of philosophy as well as the beginning of gratefulness. There are degrees of grateful wakefulness. Great truths can be found in moments of surprise. The degree to which we are awake to this truth is a measure of our gratefulness. We will take a closer look at this process of awakening. It is the growth process of gratefulness.

11 Mar: A fresh reading of ancient texts can provide new insights into what it means to live faithfully in today's world. Old Testament scholar Ellen Davis offers such a resource in her book "Scripture, Culture, and Agriculture: An Agrarian Reading of the Bible." In these essays, Davis explores the pervasive biblical theme of land care and puts it in conversation with some of today's best writers on the subject. This session, "The Faithful Countryside," responds to Davis' prophets and poets, both ancient and modern, and what they have to say about the practical spiritual life.

18 Mar: Cayuga Lake has approximately the same surface area as The Sea of Galilee. While their shapes are very different, long versus round, they facilitate an inquiry into experiencing our upcoming Passover Season events. As illuminated in the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to John, similarities and differences can shape our experience of spirituality as well as help us see into the spirituality of our experiences.

### SAN PEDRO BENEFIT DINNER – 2018



On Saturday, March 17 -- 6 PM Wells College Sommer Center (Aurora, NY) *Celebrate* with us, and help us rebuild our scholarship program for students in San Pedro, El Salvador! We'll tell you about our four university students -- and the hope to add high school students again. Come hear about the exciting home building project in San Pedro, El Salvador, too! Ready to join us for a trip? July 10-17 are this year's dates.

Reservations required by Saturday, March 10 Please contact: Cathy Mullarney at 315-730-9039 or [cathy.mullarney@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.mullarney@gmail.com) Recommended Donation: \$25 per person; Wells students and children 12 and under -- \$10; children 5 & under free; Pay at the door

Menu Prepared by Chef Jason Palmer and the staff of Wells' Hallmark Dining  
*Appetizer:* Fried Plantain chips with pureed red beans & cream  
*Entrées:* pollo con cebollas y salsa de crema (Chicken smothered with onions & cream sauce) Cerdo picado y verduras (Minced pork & vegetables) Frijoles rojos y arroz (Red beans & rice) Curtido (Pickled cabbage, onion & carrot salad) Pan de maíz Salvadoreño (Salvadoran corn bread)  
*Dessert:* Flan (rich custard)



### **POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING**

Clerk – Andy Simkin

Assistant Clerk – Hannah Richter

Treasurer – Jeff Layton

Musicians – Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney, Mary Jo Granger

Pastoral Care - Craig Kukuk ([734-717-7719](tel:734-717-7719))

Recording Clerk – David Connelly

Ministry & Counsel Clerk – Charlie Weld

Poplar Ridge Friends meet every Sunday at 10 am for worship. The fourth Sunday of the month is an unprogrammed meeting. The fifth Sunday has a variety of formats. 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 or 1<sup>st</sup> day messages. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/poplarridgefriendsny>.

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