



# PRISM

**Poplar  
Ridge  
Information  
Sharing  
Monthly**

The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

## OCTOBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10a King Ferry Food Pantry
2 10a Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley  11:30a Soup & Sharing "Steps to Using the Light Within"	3 7:30p Meditation Group	4	5	6	7 7:30p Movie Night (Forgiveness) @ Trudy's	8
9 10a Meeting for Worship - Jane Simkin  Coffee Hour at the rise of meeting	10 Birthday Chris Babcock	11 7:30p Ministry & Counsel @ the Nelson's	12	13 Birthdays Riley Dickinson Maassen & Laura Bradley Sullivam  7p Mid-week Worship @ Home of Christopher Sammond	14 Anniversary - Jay Ardai and Suzanne O'Hara Birthday Claire Howard  6:15p The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	15 9a Genoa Food Pantry
16 10a Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley  Monthly Meeting for Buisness at the rise of meeting  2p CROP Walk @ Aurora, NY	17 Birthday Karen Simkin	18 Birthday Helen Hebben  7:15p Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Claire's	19	20 7:30p Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	21	22 Birthday Gabe Myers Hayes
23 Birthdays John Kuzma & Jane Simkin  10a Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	24 Birthday Mathew Rejman  7:30p Youth Committee Meeting	25	26 Deadline for PRISM submissions	27 7p Mid-week Worship @ Home of Christopher Sammond	28 Birthdays Stephanie Nelson & Billy Rejman  4:30p Halloween Carnival  6:15p The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	29
30 10a Meeting for Worship (Family Worship)	31					

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 OF SEPTEMBER 18,  
2011**

The meeting opened in silence at 11:50 am. Persons present were Jim Frisch, Sally Otis, Larry Buffam (Clerk), Dill Otis, Dee Nance, Hannah Richter, Ruth Bradley, Claire Howard, Jane Simkin, Paul Simkin, Linda Simkin, Christopher Sammond, and Bill Tyler (Recording Clerk).

A request was received from Glenda Neff to use the Meeting House for a Human Services Coalition meeting with the community on hunger and nutrition to be held on Tuesday October 4 with a meal at 6 pm. Approved.

Bill Sims will have a parole hearing in January. Friends in the area are working to help Bill. Some Poplar Ridge Friends volunteered to write letters on his behalf. He has a place to stay should he be released. Ray Barnes and Ed Stabler have met with Bill in preparation for his hearing and there is a lawyer involved.

The Building Committee would like the Meeting to express gratitude to the group which has completed the new front steps and sidewalk. Approved. Painting of the south end of the west exterior siding is nearly complete. Ethan McCormick has conducted an audit of air leakage through the meetinghouse and made recommendations which are being discussed. Larry was thanked for the coffee hutch. Problems with water in the basement were discussed.

Christopher Sammond requested use of the meetinghouse for a meeting of the "New York Yearly Meeting Working Group on Priorities and Leadings" during the evening of Friday December 9 and most of Saturday December 10. Hospitality for 10 to 15 persons will be needed Friday as well as help with lunch on Saturday. Approved. Some of the group may stay for Soup and Sharing on Sunday December 11.

Christopher Sammond has requested a travel minute for his tenure as "Friend in Residence" at

the Earlham School of Religion from October 3 to 8, 2011. Approved

There will be a special called meeting next Sunday, September 25 to act on Christopher Sammond's request to transfer his membership from the Bulls Head-Oswego Meeting. This meeting is pending receipt of a transfer letter from the clerk of Bulls Head-Oswego. It should be noted that that Meeting has already approved the transfer.

Our treasurer reported that donations have declined over the summer and that it has been difficult to pay all the bills, including the Pastor's salary. **A PLEA TO THE MEETING COMMUNITY FOR DONATIONS SOON WAS MADE. WHY WAIT UNTIL DECEMBER?**

Finally the treasurer requested that all passbook saving accounts be transferred to a single money market account for ease of transfer to the checking account when needed. Approved.

The minutes were read and approved and the meeting closed in silence at 1:35 pm. Respectfully Submitted,  
William Tyler, Recording Clerk



**CROP WALK**

Join the community for a flat, two – mile walk starting October 16, 2 pm at United Ministry Church, Main St., Aurora to help end hunger. Registration starts at 1:30 pm .You can get sponsors or simply walk and donate. Funds raised benefit Church World Service hunger programs, with 25 % of money raised returned for local food pantries. **Contact:** Bob French, [revfrench@rochester.rr.com](mailto:revfrench@rochester.rr.com), 315-364-8543

## **STEPS TO USING THE LIGHT WITHIN**

Is the practice of early Friends relevant today? What were the early Quakers saying they experienced? What was their discovery which lead to great joy and inner peace? What is the Light?

George Fox claimed that if we take what he discovered and act upon it that we too will experience what he did.

We shall discuss these questions and present a 6 step contemporary guided meditation based on the practice of early Friends as described by Rex Ambler in Light to live by.

Try for yourself and see. Join us for Soup and Sharing on October 2, 2011.



### **2011-07-69. NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING FRIENDS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING MINUTE ON OBSERVING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11**

Ten years ago members of al-Qaeda used four passenger aircraft as weapons to kill nearly 3,000 people on September 11, 2001. The United States government's response was to answer

violence with violence. In the ensuing wars, hundreds of thousands more people have been killed. New York Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) urges everyone to recognize this anniversary as an occasion to remember that there are always alternatives to violence and that there is a Spirit in every human being which responds with gratitude to these alternatives.

The Religious Society of Friends has always upheld the way exemplified by Jesus, who taught us never to return evil for evil, but to love our enemies and pray for them, forgiving them every offense. We confess that we, being human, do not always fulfill this high standard. Nevertheless, we continually strive to discern the guidance of the living God who loves unconditionally, and extends unlimited compassion, comfort, mercy, guidance, grace, and revelation to all who ask. We testify to the world that we disown all wars and fighting with outward weapons for any cause whatsoever. These are never necessary. There are no "just wars." Among the weapons we renounce are the tongue and the pen, when these are used to provoke prejudice and hatred. Neither will we be silenced by fear when we are called to witness against evil masquerading as good. We seek to build a world in which a just peace is possible. We seek the strength to support and keep faith with those who suffer for nonviolent acts of conscience. We live by the gospel of God's love for all. Join us.

### **HAZARD LIBRARY STORY HOUR**

The 2011-2012 Children's Story Hour at the Hazard Library (2487 Route 34B, Poplar Ridge, NY) started on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Story Hour is every Tuesday at 10:45am whenever SCCS is in session.

All are welcome, free of charge and no pre-registration is necessary. All children must be with an adult!

Questions? Call 364-7975 or email [librarian@hazardlibrary.org](mailto:librarian@hazardlibrary.org).

Come to the Halloween Carnival at the Poplar Ridge Meetinghouse on Oct. 28th starting at 4:30.



Wear a costume.

There will be games, food and lots of fun! Proceeds to go UNICEF.

### **POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING**

Clerk - Larry Buffam

Recording Clerk - Bill Tyler

Treasurer – Dee Nance

Pastor - Ruth Bradley

Musicians - Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney

Ministry & Counsel Clerk - Howard Nelson

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. There is Nursery during meeting.

To contribute items for PRISM contact us at [pr.prism@gmail.com](mailto:pr.prism@gmail.com) or

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