

PRISM

The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

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Information
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Monthly

FEBRUARY 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship | 2 10am King Ferry Food Groundhog Day |
| 3 10am Meeting for Worship 11:30am Soup & Sharing - FCNL policy guidelines | 4 7:30pm Meditation Group Birthdays: Jacob Vorreuter | 5 7:30pm Peace & Social Action Committee @ Andy Simkin's | 6 7am San Pedro Meeting @ Buxenbaum's | 7 5pm Lenten Series @ Scipioville Presbyterian Church | 8 Movie Night - Homefront Birthdays: Mary Ann Nobben | 9 Birthdays: Miranda Buffam; Deanna Nance |
| 10 10am Meeting for Worship Coffee Hour Birthdays: Steff McGonagle | 11 | 12 5:15pm Annual Pancake Supper @ First Presbyterian Church of Scipioville 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Nelson's Birthdays: Nick Dosch Lincoln's Birthday Mardi Gras | 13 | 14 7pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond's Valentine's Day | 15 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship | 16 9am Genoa Food Pantry Birthdays: Sarah Rejman |
| 17 10am Meeting for worship Monthly Meeting for Business Birthdays: Janet Shea | 18 President's Day | 19 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Claire's | 20 Deadline for PRISM submissions Birthdays: Greg Frank | 21 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group | 22 Washington's Birthday | 23 7pm Concert at Merrifield |
| 24 10am Meeting for Worship – unprogrammed 5pm Lenten Series @ Aurora United Ministry Church | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 7pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren-Thomas household | | |

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

POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2012

No December Meeting for Business.

POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2013

Attending were Larry Buffam, David Connelly, Jim Frisch, Sally Otis, Hannah Richter, Jane Simkin, Paul Simkin, Linda Simkin, and Bill Tyler.

After a few minutes of silence the meeting began at 12:08 p.m.

The Monthly Meeting approved a revised Agreement for Pastoral Leadership, adding a paragraph entitling the pastor to a three-month sabbatical leave every seven years. Salary, mileage and other compensation concerns will be excluded this year, except to mention that compensation will be reviewed annually. Compensation details are addressed by the finance committee.

The Monthly Meeting received a request from Christopher Sammond, who soon begins a three-month sabbatical from his position as General Secretary of NYYM and is requesting a grant of \$500 from NYYM Witness Activities Committee to research the spiritual dimensions of hydrofracking. The Witness Activities Committee requests a minute of support from his Monthly Meeting for this work. We approve the Minute for Support. The minute: Poplar Ridge Monthly Meeting supports Christopher Sammond in his request for funds from NYYM Witness Activities Committee to research the spiritual dimensions of hydrofracking.

David Eckhart plans a retirement party next Saturday and asks to borrow six chairs to be returned Sunday morning. It is approved.

We received the acceptance of transfer of Miranda Cady Hallett's membership to the North Columbus [Ohio] Monthly Meeting. North Columbus Monthly Meeting accepted her into membership on Dec. 9, 2012.

Brendarose Simkin has asked for transfer of membership to the Haverford Monthly Meeting.

Poplar Ridge Monthly Meeting approves sending a certificate of transfer to Haverford Monthly Meeting requesting them to accept her membership.

After attending Winter Gathering in Rochester, where the agenda included planning for this year's Spring Gathering, April 26-28 at Long Point Salvation Army camp, Hannah spoke saying that Monthly Meeting is responsible for the food. She and Jane will be coordinating for its six meals. We will need at least one additional person to help at each meal.

Also at the Gathering, the Treasurer's presentation included that that Poplar Ridge Monthly Meeting has not yet paid its assessment, \$498 for 2012. The 2013 amount will be \$516. These assessments will be paid.

Other aspects of Winter Gathering were shared.

After a period of silence, the Monthly Meeting for business closed at 12:56 p.m.



WHITE GIFTS THANK YOU

In December I seem to have been 'an hour late, a dollar short and going the wrong way.' I didn't get my thanks to all who contributed to the White Gifts, packing and delivering to the PRISM in time for the January issue. We 'overfilled' 8 boxes and two each for the families. We could not do it without your generosity both of 'goodies' and time. Once again thanks to Andreas for giving us just the right packing boxes. The thanks of the recipients is more than worth the money and time spent. My thanks to all, Ann

PEACE & SOCIAL ACTION MOVIE NIGHT

Please join the Peace and Social Action Committee in viewing the movie "Home Front" on February 8 at 7pm. This movie is a series of four video portraits, chronicling the resolve of a Palestinian neighborhood resisting the takeover of their homes and support by Israeli solidarity activists who are standing with them. (<http://www.justvision.org/homefront>) A discussion will follow.

The movie will be viewed in the basement of the meetinghouse. There are wooden folding chairs available, but you are welcome to bring your own seating (cushions, bean bags, folding sling chairs, etc.) if it will make you more comfortable. Movie night is open to all.



SOUP AND SHARING

After the rise of meeting on Feb 3 there will be a Soup and Sharing sponsored by the Peace and Social Action Committee. We'll share ideas and thoughts arising from 12 queries presented by the Friends Committee National Legislation. (The FCNL queries were printed in the January Prism, and copies are available at the back of the meetinghouse.) Depending on your interest, you'll be able choose one of 4 focus areas, (e.g. War/Peace issues, Environment, etc), and then be a part of a smaller group. The group responses will be recorded and compiled by members of the Peace and Social Action Committee and given as our feedback to FCNL. This is an opportunity to share political ideas and have input on the direction and focus of FCNL's Quaker lobbying work in Washington.

MID-WEEK WORSHIP

Mid-week worship will continue to meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:00 for worship.

On the 2nd Thursdays it will be at the home of Christopher Sammon, with a pot-luck supper at 6:00. Friends who want to come worship but who don't wish to join the dinner should feel welcome to do so. The 4th Thursdays will be at the Berggren- Thomas household.

All are welcome to participate in mid-week worship. Please contact Christopher Sammond with questions.

THOUGHTS FROM A PEACE AND SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBER

I found in the January 1st. issue of the "Post-Standard" photos of various Syracuse groups welcoming in the New Year. One photo was of the Syracuse Peace Council's New Years Eve vigil. Thirty people praying and singing for peace held their rally in Clinton Square. Among the thirty were Ann Tiffany and Ed Kinane. I have long admired these friends for their dedication to world peace. One of the signs held by participants in the vigil read "DRONES KILL CIVILIANS". Ed joined this New Years vigil only 10 days after being released from jail. He had been serving 8 days for trespassing at Hancock Air Base while trying to deliver a "citizens' indictment" for reaper drone war crimes committed at the base.

I believe the use of "drones" is something we should pay close attention to during the coming year. The President has named someone to head the CIA who favors their use.

A year ago the former Attorney General Ramsey Clark testified in defense of activists who were in court because of actions they took against "drones". He explained that the Nuremburg Principles require citizens to do everything in their power to prevent their government from committing war crimes.

In 2013 it is necessary for me to write our elected officials and join other actions to promote peace.
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MEETINGHOUSE LIBRARY

Roderik Graf contributed a number of books to the Meeting when he moved out of his Kendall apartment. There are several small devotional books by David Steindl-Rast O.S.B. on the theme of silence that seem very attractive. Steindl-Rast has written extensively about the power of gratitude and spiritual awakening.

The collection also includes several books about early Quakers and on the theme of social justice. Look for them on the small table in the library. Remember to sign out your choice.

SPRING GATHERING

Mark your calendars for Spring Gathering, of Farmington-Scipio Regional Quakers, April 26-28 at Long Point Salvation Army Camp on Seneca Lake. A great weekend for all, childcare is provided. The Guest speaker will be Phil Gully a well-known Quaker author presenting on his most recent book "The Evolution of Faith". Look for registration forms coming soon.

Poplar Ridge Meeting is responsible for the food. A very able cook is hired, but **VOLUNTEER HELP** is needed from our Meeting to assist with each meal. Hannah Richter and Jane Simkin will be organizing and coordinating the meals and volunteers. Please contact Hannah if you are able to help.

SPARK

The January issue of Spark is online at: www.nyym.org/?q=Spark_January_2013. The issue's theme is The Gathered Meeting.

Friends are invited to write articles for upcoming issues. The March theme is Friends Volunteering. Share your joys, challenges and experiences on Friends' committees, and boards, your experiences as meeting officers and your traveling for Friends' endeavors. The article must be submitted by February 7. Please let Helen Garay Toppins (office@nyym.org) know if you are planning to write something.

Heads up. The May issue will be about patriotism.

ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER

The First Presbyterian Church of Scipioville Invites you to join us at our Annual Gourmet Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 12 from 5:15 to 7:00 at First Presbyterian Church of Scipioville, on Rt. 34B in Scipioville. All you can eat!! Come and enjoy many varieties of "gourmet" and regular pancakes, sausage, fruit, beverages, and great conversations!

Families \$15 - Adults \$6 - Children \$3
PLEASE COME HUNGRY!!



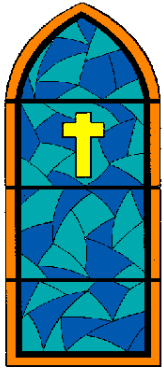
GOSPEL CHOIR WEEKEND

February 15-16, 2013 is Gospel Choir weekend at Wells College. If you would like to sing with the choir please call Bob French at 364-8543 or email at revrfrench@gmail.com to find out the times and place. Saturday February 16th at 7:30pm is the Gospel Choir concert at Phipps Auditorium on the Wells College Campus. Everyone is invited to attend the concert.

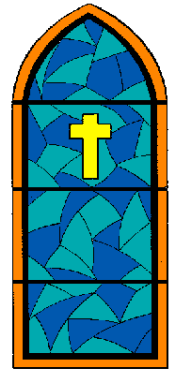
CONCERT AT MERRIFIELD

Come by Merrifield on February 23rd at 7pm to hear Ryan Tennis a great singer/songwriter from Philadelphia. (<http://www.ryantennismusic.com/>)

Merrifield is at 2345 Center Road, Scipio Center, 13147. \$10 will be collected at the door. For more information contact A.T. Miller at atmiller@cornell.edu.



Southern Cayuga Wider Parish 2013 Lenten Series



Repentance and Forgiveness

Sundays from 5:00 – 7:00 pm

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

† **February 17 ~ Forgiving Ourselves**

Speaker: Sue Regen, member of the Rochester Friends Meeting
Place: Scipioville Presbyterian Church, 3428 Rt. 34B, Scipioville
Contact: Rev. Barbara Wright at 364-5110 or 282-7025

† **February 24 ~ The Biblical Basis of Forgiveness**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. George Heyman, Rochester Diocese
Place: Aurora United Ministry Church, Main Street, Aurora
Contact: Rev. Bob French at 364-5836

† **March 3 ~ With Malice Toward None**

Speaker: Mr. George Fearon, Cayuga County Legislator from Union Springs
Place: Seventh Day Adventist Church, 41 Spring St. Rd., Union Springs
Contact: Patricia Kimble at 315-889-5122

† **March 10 ~ Coming to Repentance**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Wayne Gustafson, Therapist with Family Counseling Ministry
Place: United Church of Genoa, 10070 State Rt. 90, Genoa
Contact: Esther Thurston at 607-533-0093

† **March 17 ~ The Cross of Christ:**

Theories of Atonement

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Mark Lawson, Professor at LeMoyne College and pastor of Bayberry United Church of Christ
Place: Trinity United Church of Christ, 163 South Cayuga St., Union Springs
Contact: Pastor Shelley Pantoliano at 315-889-7302 or 889-3508

Free and open to the entire community

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***Free-will offering to aid the food pantries
in Genoa and Union Springs***

UPDATE ON THE OLD CHATHAM MEETINGHOUSE

Exterior construction of the Old Chatham meetinghouse is in the final phase, with Meeting volunteers and contractors happy to have heat in the building and busy installing light fixtures and preparing to lay the flooring. On the exterior, others are busy putting the final touches on the design of the ramp and installing lights in the parking lot. For more pictures and information visit nyym.org.



POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

Clerk – Larry Buffam

Recording Clerk – David Connelly

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 or
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PO Box 146, Aurora, New York 13026
Our Facebook address is www.facebook.com/poplaridgefriendsny.

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