



PRISM

The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

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Information
Sharing
Monthly

MARCH 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship	2 10am King Ferry Food Pantry Birthdays: Elizabeth McGonagle, Eleanor Joy Simkin Mumma
3 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley 11am Coffee Hour 5pm Lenten	4 7:30pm Meditation Group Birthday: Jacob Vorreuter	5 7:30pm Peace & Social Action Committee - Buxenbaum's	6	7	8 Birthday: Jill Charles Gomez	9 Birthday: Maryl Mendillo
10 Soup & Sharing - Climate 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley 5pm Lenten Series	11	12 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel - Nelson's Birthdays: Ed Maassen, Mia Boynton, Carter Robert Otis	13	14 7pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond's	15 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group 7pm Movie Night - City Dark YSOP	16 9am Genoa Food Pantry 5:30pm Family Night 7:30pm Gospel Choir Birthday: Linda Simkin YSOP
17 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley 11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business 5pm Lenten Series YSOP	18 Birthday: Henry Brice	19 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture - Claire's	20	21 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group Birthdays: Sue Weisend	22	23 Birthdays: Phyllis Bunker, Linda McGonagle
24 10am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	25	26	27 Deadline for PRISM submission	28 7pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren-Thomas's Birthday: Heidi Richter	29 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group Birthday: Mary Fairhurst	30 7pm Concert at Merrifield - Bruce Mandel
31 Meeting for Worship - Easter						

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

THE GATHERED MEETING

A Reminder to Friends From Ministry & Counsel Committee

Regarding vocal ministry during meeting for worship, or “speaking out of the silence,” we would like to offer the reminder that it is good practice to leave some space around a comment that has been made. As the description of Quaker worship at Pendle Hill puts it, “*Friends rise to speak, so that all may hear, and speak briefly and clearly what they have been given. These messages are surrounded by worshipful silence.*” This is an intuitive matter, there is no set time limit, but it is a good principle to keep in mind.

The Gathered Meeting for Worship by Don Badgley

*“...Another concern is more delicate for us to consider: ministry. There is the ministry of Holy Silence in the expectation of The Presence. There is the Spirit-led vocal ministry that sometimes arises in the hush. Each has its struggles in our meetings. If a spoken message is keyed to current politics, a personal anecdote, or a recent NPR story, should we question whether it arises in the Spirit or is appropriate in worship?
If vocal ministry feels restrained or infrequent and the silence sometimes feels empty, should we question the life and truth of that worship? Might the burden of raising such concerns threaten the very gathering we seek? Though these questions are rhetorical, our Ministry, Counsel, and Worship Committees may need to labor with them. Every meeting should nurture Spirit-led ministry and Spirit-filled silence as central and paramount. We should invite Friends traveling in the ministry to worship with us. ...”*

Extracted from the [January 2013 SPARK](#)

To read the more in the SPARK concerning the gathered meeting go to
http://www.nyym.org/?q=Spark_January_2013.

POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2013

The Poplar Ridge Monthly Meeting opened in silence at 11:42 a.m. Sunday, February 17, 2013. Attending were Ruth Bradley, David Connelly, Anne Dalton, Claire Howard, Howard Nelson, Suzanne O'Hara, Sally Otis, Dill Otis, Hannah Richter, Christopher Sammond, Andrew Simkin, Jane Simkin, Paul Simkin, Charlie Weld

Jane Simkin requested we should prominently publicize our Annual Meeting, which is in April, inviting Friends to the Annual meeting and if they wish to bring finger food or sack lunches. The committees also should be reminded to prepare their reports. Approved.

The Monthly Meeting approved of "Electronic Communication and the Poplar Ridge Monthly Meeting," a document submitted by Suzanne O'Hara. These guidelines have evolved because editors are often uncertain about the many messages they receive requested to be publicized.

People who wish to post on Facebook but do not subscribe themselves can send an email to PopFriends.Facebook@gmail.com or contact Julie Lockhart.



Ministry and Council expresses concern that Friends' late arrival to Meeting can disturb worship. Monthly Meeting discussed how to encourage practices that encourage worship to be more gathered. Ministry and Council will further discuss this concern.

We agreed to publicize in Prism a link to an article or articles in Spark about gathered meetings and a Prism text box called "The Gathered Meeting" to discuss the topic.

Monthly Meeting discussed the three New York Yearly Meeting queries for the annual State of the Meeting report. These are the queries:

1. How has your meeting deepened and grown in the Light in the past year? What are the particular gifts of our meeting?
 2. How has worship been meeting your members' and attenders' spiritual needs?
 3. How do Friends' historical testimonies of simplicity, integrity, and equality inform your meeting's response to emerging economic, ecological, and political crises in our time? Are new practices and testimonies emerging?
- Ministry and Council has approval to use notes from discussions and draft a report and send it directly to New York Yearly Meeting.

We listened to a reading of a draft of the state of the Cayuga Correctional Facility.

The meeting closed after a period of silence at 1:57 p.m.

COFFEE HOUR

Please note that coffee hour this month will be after the rise of meeting on March 3rd, the first Sunday in the month rather than the 2nd Sunday. Soup and sharing will be on the 2nd Sunday.

We look forward to seeing everyone on March 3rd to share conversation and coffee. Thanks to the social committee members for arranging the coffee hours and to all the folks who bring the wonderful, tasty treats.

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

The Family Night Supper for March will be on the 16th. 5:30 potluck and program at 7:00. Come to hear Bev and Bob Miller share their travels to Kenya. Beverly is Howard Nelson's sister. This will be a great evening!

March will be our last Family Night until September. No family night in April due to a conflict with Spring Gathering.

2012 ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting will be on April 21st after the rise of meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Committee clerks will be presenting their annual reports. Bring a sack lunch or finger foods that can be eaten during the meeting if you wish.



SOUP & SHARING

The topic of climate change will be discussed during this month's soup and sharing. A fact sheet will be provided to start the discussion and the attendees will divide into groups to discuss the following topics.

- Resistance to belief in climate change as our current reality—why does the resistance exist?
 - What's happening here in Cayuga County—how much greenhouse gas production—methane from dairy farms—burning of fossil fuels—how much methane is converted to electricity? What are the by-products?
 - What are our personal carbon footprints? What's next? What to expect with climate change and how can we adapt?
 - The large-scale global political approach
- All are welcome. Soup will be served after the rise of meeting and the discussions will follow.

MOVIE NIGHT

Please join the Peace and Social Action Committee in viewing **The City Dark** on March 15th at 7pm. A discussion will follow.

“Is darkness becoming extinct? When filmmaker Ian Cheney moves from rural Maine to New York City and discovers streets awash in light and skies devoid of stars, he embarks on a journey to America’s brightest and darkest corners, asking astronomers, cancer researchers and ecologists what is lost in the glare of city lights. Blending a humorous, searching narrative with poetic footage of the night sky, **The City Dark** provides a fascinating introduction to the science of the dark and an exploration of our relationship to the stars. *Winner, Best Score/Music Award, 2011 SXSW Film Festival. Produced in association with American Documentary |POV*”.

The movie will be viewed in the basement of the meetinghouse. Our folding chairs are available. You are welcomed to bring your own seating (cushions, bean bags, folding sling chairs, etc.) if they will make you more comfortable.

Movie night is open to all.



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.

FEBRUARY 2013 INFOSHARE

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Funding Our Ministry

The Yearly Meeting will finalize its 2013 budget during Spring Sessions on April 5–7. The Provisional Budget approved at Fall Sessions cuts a number of items from the budget and provides for their funding ONLY IF the Yearly Meeting projects sufficient income.

The ministries cut in the Provisional Budget have been designated in three tiers of priority. They include funding for Powell House (First Tier Priority), Young Friends in Residence Program (Second Tier Priority), and a number of other items in the Third Tier. (See the file <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?shva=1#inbox/13cd3f50ea488101> for a table giving the details.) All together, these projects total about \$24,000.

We do not have the income to fund these ministries. In fact, it is already a bit of a stretch to meet the approved budget. We need gifts or pledges of gifts payable any time during 2013 in order to fund this important work. Please [make a gift now](#) or [pledge a gift](#) to be made later in 2013, so that Financial Services Committee can know by March 31st the expected 2013 revenue in order to finalize a budget to be recommended at Spring Sessions.

Please consider making your own gift or pledge and raising the possibility of a re-consideration of your meeting’s level of support as well. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Sandra Beer
Clerk, Financial Services Committee

To read the complete InfoShare for February, visit the NYYM web site at <http://www.nyyym.org/infoshare>.

ON FAITH & FRACKING

Faith leaders from across New York State talk about our role as guardians of the Creation, our responsibility to each other, and our obligation to future generations. View the short film at <http://vimeo.com/58828810>.

2013 YSOP

Join us in wishing well to this year's participants in YSOP. This year, 6-8 high school students and 3-4 adults connected with Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting or the Scipioville Presbyterian Church plan to make the trip. We look forward to hearing from them upon their return. For those unfamiliar with this program, here is a description from www.ysop.org.

“The Youth Service Opportunities Project (YSOP) is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in New York City by Quakers in 1983. In April of 2003, YSOP expanded to Washington, DC.

YSOP is committed to helping young people become part of the solution to societal problems by showing them how even their smallest actions can make a difference in the lives of others. While YSOP was created for young people, we welcome people of all ages to YSOP.

YSOP is a nationally recognized leader in providing high-quality volunteer service experiences. YSOP has been a pioneer in the field of service, leading thousands of young people and adults in programs to encourage community participation and engaged citizenship through direct service to homeless and hungry people.

Last year (2011-2012) 3,774 participants served more than 526,599 hungry and homeless men, women and children in New York City and Washington, DC. YSOP hosts middle school and high school groups, college students, faith-based groups serving on mission trips and community organizations.”

CONCERT AT MERRIFIELD

This month at Merrifield will be Bruce Mandel a Folk/Americana Singer/songwriter from Otis, Massachusetts (<http://brucemandel.com/>). The concert will begin at 7pm at Merrifield, 2345 Center Road, Scipio Center, NY. \$10 collected at the door.



PRAYER LIST

Julia Giordano is reviving the New York Yearly Meeting Prayer List on a monthly basis. Our list will include prayer requests as well as thoughts about prayer and how to approach it.

If you have a request for prayer by Friends who feel led to this practice, your name can be added to the list (1) by itself with no explanation, or (2) with a brief description as to why, or (3) with an asterisk, which indicates that you don't want to be contacted or asked why you are on the list. Please do not submit someone else's name without that person's permission.

If you feel a leading to deepen your walk with God through prayer, the Prayer List will explore the many ways in which Friends hold a person or concern in the light. Some of us are comfortable with the term "prayer"; some of us are not. However we experience our connection to the Spirit, the List should serve as a monthly reminder to continue our practice.

To subscribe, please send an email to nnympayerlist@gmail.com. If you have a prayer request for our first letter, send it along.

Built into the soul of every person is an awareness of God. Prayer...is a vital part of our walk with God. ~ Mary Glenn Hadley, Come Pray

SOUTHERN CAYUGA WIDER PARISH 2013 LENTEN SERIES *Repentance and Forgiveness*

The Lenten series will continue on Sundays from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Please bring a sandwich and a mug or bowl; soup and beverages will be provided

- 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

These presentations are free and open to the entire community. A free-will offering to aid the food pantries in Genoa and Union Springs is welcome.



ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND THE POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING

The Poplar Ridge Monthly Meeting is considering the roles of PRISM, Facebook and the email announcements list in our community. We are receiving more requests to distribute announcements and information and feel that we need to define how these various forms of communication to the community should best be used.

The primary focus of our PRISM Newsletter is to share information that is directly related to the Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting and the wider community of Friends. We are also pleased to include events and announcements that may be of interest to our members. Poplar Ridge Meeting and Quaker related items have priority. Community events will be included as space allows. The space limitations are due to the cost for printing and mailing the PRISM and will become less important as more people choose to receive the newsletter electronically. Everyone is welcome to submit items for the PRISM.

Sometimes people find that they know of an event or wish to share some information that did not make it into the PRISM. The various forms of communication on the Internet are useful for doing this. The PRISM editors maintain a list of people who have requested to be informed of announcements by email. Messages that are directly sponsored by the Meeting or one of its committees will be sent out to this list from the PRISM email account. We do not wish to overwhelm our readers with too many messages, thus dulling their impact. Announcements that do not fit into this category, or that did not make it into the monthly PRISM, can be posted on the Poplar Ridge Friends Facebook page. Announcements can also be made at the rise of Meeting.

As our members follow their different leadings they often get very involved in issues. We encourage all who have strong leadings in social, environmental, or other issues pursued in the spirit of our beliefs, to share this information with the wider Poplar Ridge Friends Community through the various methods that we have available. We feel that this strong interest and activity is an important part of our Meeting and suggest that those who have a leading collect contact information from individuals who wish to receive their announcements directly. Requests for contact information could be made during the announcements at the rise of Meeting, or through one of the other communication tools.

We hope this policy meets the needs of the members of our community. A summary of contact and resource information is included at the end of this month's PRISM.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND THE POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING SUMMARY:

Information directly related to Meeting or one of its committees

- Verbal announcement following meeting
- Mail or email an item for inclusion in the monthly PRISM (deadline for contributions is Wednesday before last Sunday in each month)
- Request via email to send out to the Meeting announcements list
- Place an announcement on the Meeting Facebook page

Community information of interest to the Meeting

- Verbal announcement following meeting
- Mail or email an item for PRISM (included if there is room)
- Personally send an email to friends/Friends
- Place an announcement on the Meeting Facebook page

Electronic Calendars

- View the PRISM Events Calendar at <http://www.quaker.org/poplar/Calendar.html>
- Request to add an item to the Event or Birthday/Anniversary calendars by sending an email to pr.prism@gmail.com
- Include the PRISM events in your own electronic calendar (*Contact pr.prism@gmail.com if you would like additional information.*)
 - Public Events - <https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=OHBqZmpjM3M2aWY2c3FtNjVla3BiYjFzNnNAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXIuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbQ>
 - Birthdays & Anniversaries - <https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=cHIucHJpc21AZ21haWwuY29t>

Contact Information

- Email: pr.prism@gmail.com
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/poplarridgefriendsny
- Send email to PopFriends.Facebook@gmail.com or contact Julie Lockhart to have something put onto the Facebook page if you do not have your own account
- Mail: Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting: Attn. PRISM, PO Box 146, Aurora, New York 13026
- Phone: Contact any of the PRISM committee members



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
Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting: Attn PRISM
PO Box 146, Aurora, New York 13026
Our Facebook address is www.facebook.com/poplarridgefriendsny.

To change or correct a mailing label please contact Mary Lou Charles at 364-7391 or Scott Heinekamp at 364-7676. You can request PRISM electronically and save the Meeting the expense of postage by emailing pr.prism@gmail.com.

Visit our web site at <http://www.quaker.org/poplar/> for more information

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