



# PRISM

*The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge*

*Poplar  
Ridge  
Information  
Sharing  
Monthly*

## JANUARY 2014

| Sun  | Mon                                     | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat   |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|---|
|  |   |   | 1<br>New Year's Day   | 2  | 3<br>6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship                                      | 4<br>10am King Ferry Food Pantry  |
| 5<br>10am Meeting for Worship - Song & Silence   | 6<br>7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's | 7<br>7:30pm Peace & Social Action Committee @ Buxenbaum's | 8<br>7pm San Pedro Sister Community meeting @ Buxenbaum's                       | 9<br>7pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond's          | 10<br>7:30pm Movie Night - "Homefront" @ Poplar Ridge Friends Meetinghouse | 11  |
| 12<br>10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley<br><br>11am Coffee Hour  | 13                                      | 14<br>7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Bradley/Weld's          | 15  | 16<br>7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group     | 17<br>6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship                                     | 18<br>9am Genoa Food Pantry<br><br>7pm Merrifield Concert Series - Up the Chain |
| 19<br>10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley<br><br>11:30am Monthly Meeting for<br><br>1pm Merrifield Drumming Circle | 20<br>Martin Luther King Day            | 21<br>7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Claire's         | 22<br>Deadline for PRISM submissions<br><br>7:30pm Outreach Meeting @ Richter's | 23<br>7pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren-Thomas's | 24   | 25<br>6pm Family Night - Talent Show  |
| 26<br>10am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)  | 27                                      | 28  | 29  | 30   | 31<br>6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group                               |   |

Birthdays: 4<sup>th</sup> Jackie Dickinson, 7<sup>th</sup> David Connelly, 10<sup>th</sup> Sarah Nelson Weiss, 12<sup>th</sup> Suzanne O'Hara, 13<sup>th</sup> Trudy Buxenbaum, 16<sup>th</sup> Garrett Hanson, 25<sup>th</sup> Kristin Trapane Otis, 28<sup>th</sup> Greg Otis

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 FOR DECEMBER 2013**

No December 2013 meeting for business.

### **HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED?**

*What do Friends mean when they refer to the sense of the Meeting?*

**SENSE OF THE MEETING** - A perception of Truth that emerges from the corporate business process as Friends seek God's will. After full consideration of a matter and allowing for the development of new insights and wisdom with God's leading, if the clerk feels that a decision has been reached, she/he states the sense of the meeting as a minute for the meeting's approval. No vote is taken. Unity is sought, but if it is not attained to a reasonable degree, the clerk can hold the item over for reconsideration at a later time. The clerk must decide on the degree of unity required, basing that judgment on the importance of the subject and the experience and wisdom of those who speak to it.

-- NYYM glossary

### **MOVIE NIGHT – “HOME FRONT”**

The Peace and Social Action committee is sponsoring the viewing of the movie “Home Front – Portraits from Sheikh Jarrah” at the Meetinghouse on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. This movie is a series of four video portraits chronicling the resolve of a neighborhood, and the support it receives from the most unexpected of places. For a description of this movie visit <http://www.justvision.org/homefront>.

All are encouraged to attend. A discussion will follow the movie.

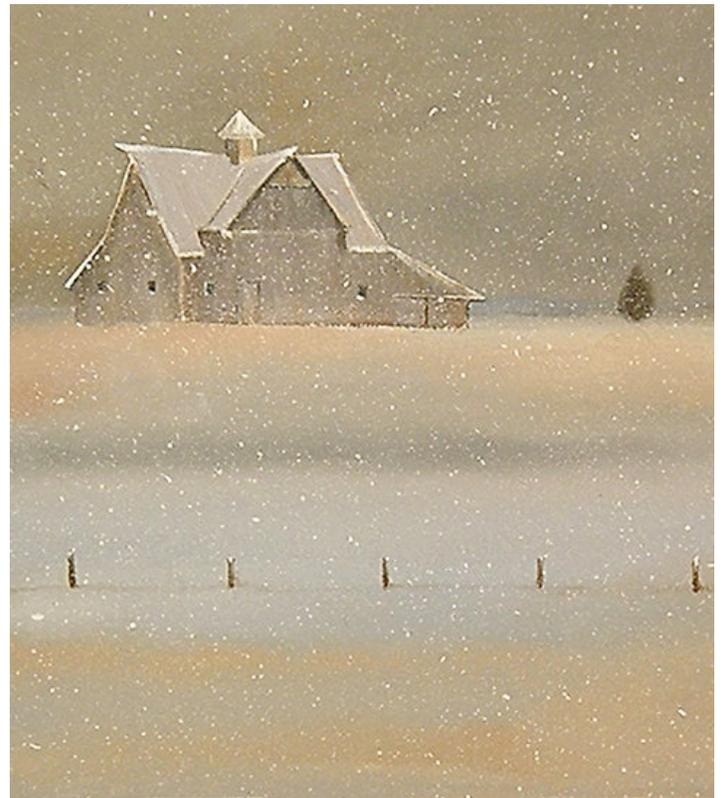
### **FRIENDLY SUPPERS IN FEBRUARY**

Hosts are needed! Please let Hannah (315/364-3531) know if you would be willing to host a group of people in your home for a potluck supper at a date of your choosing toward the end of February.

### **TALENT NIGHT**

This month's Family Night Super will be a Talent Night on January 25<sup>th</sup>. This will be an evening of sharing your special talent, from music to poetry reading to juggling. Family Nights are held in the Meetinghouse. The meal starts at 6pm and entertainment will follow. Bring a dish to pass. All are welcome!

Please contact Suzanne (315/497-1542), Kathleen (315/247-4320) or email [pr.prism@gmail.com](mailto:pr.prism@gmail.com) to let us know that you wish to share a talent.



### **PRISM CALENDAR**

The PRISM calendar can be found online at <http://www.quaker.org/poplar/Calendar.html>. You can also include this calendar on the digital calendar on your computer or mobile using [https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=8pjfc3s6if6sqm65ekpbb1s6s%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New\\_York](https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=8pjfc3s6if6sqm65ekpbb1s6s%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York). If you would like to receive this link in an email or if you need it in a different format, contact [pr.prism@gmail.com](mailto:pr.prism@gmail.com).

**WAR TAX  
WITNESS/RESISTANCE  
GATHERING AND  
COUNSELOR'S TRAINING**

Gandhi House  
929 South Plymouth Avenue, Rochester, NY  
Friday, February 7, 2014, 7-9:30pm  
Saturday, February 8, 2014, 10am-6pm

This gathering is both for people who want to explore war tax witness/resistance and for those who want to be able to counsel others. Friday evening will be a gathering to share our stories. There will be people who have decided to redirect their taxes away from the military and there will be those who are exploring these issues for the first time. Saturday will be a step-by-step process of learning how to counsel people exploring war tax resistance. At the same time, it will help people newer to this peace witness learn about it. People are strongly encouraged to attend the full gathering. There is no charge to attend (lunch will be provided Saturday); please come and explore this approach to noncooperation with war making.

This gathering is sponsored by the Conscience And War Committee, a western/central New York Regional Quaker committee. Facilitators will be Ruth Benn and Ed Hedemann from the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (NWTRCC). Ruth Benn has been the part time coordinator of NWTRCC for the past eight years. She spends much of her time in communication with war tax resisters across the country and the world and at regional meetings of people exploring these crucial issues. Ed Hedemann is a long-time tax resister who knows all or most of the “ins and outs” of this witness against war.

Please contact Tom Joyce – 607-277-7426 or [tomjoyce51@aim.com](mailto:tomjoyce51@aim.com) (please put war tax witness in the subject line) to register, for overnight housing in Rochester, directions to the meetinghouse, or further information. Please register by January 24, preferably as soon as possible so that we know how many meals to prepare, the needs for childcare and for overnight hospitality, and the number of resource materials to produce.

**EVENTS AT MERRIFIELD**

All are invited to attend the house concert at Merrifield on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Up The Chain (<http://upthechain.com>) will be performing. Lead by philadelphia folk artist Philadelphia folk artist Reed Kendall Up The Chain has some of Philly's finest musicians in a collective of moving original song writing. There is a charge at the door.

There is also a drumming circle on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Contact A.T. Miller at [atmiller@cornell.edu](mailto:atmiller@cornell.edu) for directions or more information on either event.



**YESHU: A NOVEL FOR THE  
OPEN-HEARTED**

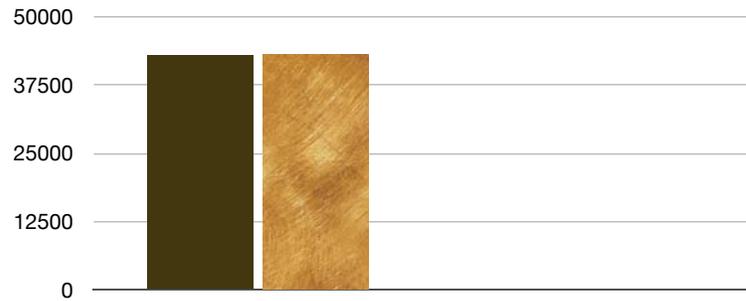
Award-winning Quaker author, Charles David Kleymeyer, has recently published a book—*YESHU: A Novel for the Open-Hearted*—that retells the New Testament saga from a Quaker point of view ([www.YeshuNovel.com](http://www.YeshuNovel.com)).

Written for readers and listeners of all ages, this book was designed partly for use in youth and adult religious education. Through historical fiction and storytelling, the book portrays a Jesus who would have been very familiar to early Quakers, and it illustrates such Quaker values as peace and non-violence, silent contemplation, love for all, spiritual community, social justice, gender equality, and a direct connection with God. It also has a strong environmental message regarding the bond between nature and the spirit.

This book is available at <http://www.quakerbooks.org/new-books> and a portion of all profits from book sales will be donated to five Quaker organizations.

### Current PR Budget vs Contributions

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| ■ Budget for 2013          | \$42,875.00 |
| ■ Contributions thru 12/22 | \$43,112.55 |



### POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

Clerk – Larry Buffam  
Assistant Clerk – Anne Dalton  
Treasurer – Jeff Layton  
Musicians - Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney  
Pastor - Ruth Bradley  
Recording Clerk – David Connelly  
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. The meetinghouse is located at 1868 Poplar Ridge Road, Poplar Ridge, NY 13139.

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

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