

PRISM

The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

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Monthly*

MARCH 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10am King Ferry Food Pantry
2 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley 11am Soup & Sharing	3 7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's	4 5pm Shrove Pancake Dinner 7:30pm Peace & Social Action @ Buxenbaum's	5	6	7 7:30pm Movie Night - Solar Mamas @ TBA	8 Deadline for San Pedro Benefit Dinner
9 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley 11am Coffee Hour 5pm Lenten Series	10	11 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Bradley/Weld 's	12	13 7pm Mid- week Worship @ Sammond's	14 6:15pm Cayuga Prison Worship Group	15 9am Genoa Food Pantry 6pm San Pedro Benefit 7pm Merrifield Concert
16 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley 11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business 5pm Lenten Series	17	18 7:15pm Women's Spiritual @ Otis'	19	20	21	22
23 10am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed) 5pm Lenten Series	24	25 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	26 Deadline for PRISM submissions	27 7pm Mid- week Worship @ Berggren- Thomas's	28 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	29 6pm Family Night Supper - David Eckhardt reporting on his trip to Tanzania
30 10am Meeting For Worship - Multigenerational 11am Multigenerational Dish to Pass Brunch 5pm Lenten Series	31					

Birthdays: 2nd Elizabeth McGonagle, Eleanor Joy Simkin Mumma; 4th Jacob Vorreuter; 8th Jill Charles Gomez; 9th Maryl Mendillo; 12th Ed Maassen, Mia Boynton, Carter Robert Otis; 16th Linda Simkin; 18th Henry Brice; 21st Sue Weisend; 23rd Phyllis Bunker, Linda McGonagle; 28th Heidi Richter; 29th Mary Fairhurst

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

POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2014

Present: Linda Simkin, Anne Dalton, Jane Simkin, Sally Otis, Christopher Sammond, Paul Simkin, Jim Frisch, Hannah Richter, Dill Otis, Howard Nelson, Ruth Bradley

In the absence of Clerk Larry Buffam, Asst. Clerk Anne Dalton clerked the meeting. In the absence of Recording Clerk David Connelly, Howard Nelson took minutes.

The meeting began with a little silence. The minutes from the January meeting for business were Anne read the State of Society query from NYYM: "How are faith, love, and ministry evidenced in your meeting?" The following responses were given by various Friends:

- Bill Sims at Cayuga Correctional Facility continually affirms that his connection to Poplar Ridge Friends helps sustain him and is an indication that our love extends to him. We also maintain a connection to the worship group in Auburn Correctional Facility.
- Another expression of loving concern is the care committees for various individuals which we oversee.
- Loving concern for children, their parents, and young adult Friends in our meeting is expressed through the First Day School program, multigenerational services, brunches, and other activities.
- We are blessed by our pastor's ministry to our community. **Many ministries known and unknown take the form of small tasks performed and helps to one another given.
- There is a sense of love manifested at the rise of meeting as we reach out in conversation to each other and to newcomers and visitors.
- Two on-going and vital Spiritual Nurture groups fill a need and help build community.
- One aspect of faith is the faith that "the meeting will be here" and will provide support in various ways.
- The pastor's messages and other vocal ministry encompass a faith community that contains a lot of variety. **The pastor and Ministry & Counsel Committee strive with

"pro-active intentionality to build and nurture the fabric of our community"; M&C was cautioned to maintain openness and inclusiveness to the meeting as a whole.

- Poplar Ridge MM has been supportive of the recently formed Brooktondale Worship, which is under our care

After those present have a chance to review this summary and any suggestions and changes are incorporated, it will be sent to NYYM.

Next taken up was the letter from NYYM Priorities Working Group, which Christopher described as an effort to get a sense of monthly meetings' views of the work of NYYM. The following responses were given by various Friends:

- From reading SPARK, it is apparent that NYYM is already responsive to monthly meetings.
- NYYM's effort to be in communication with monthly meetings is appreciated, as is its efforts in ministering Quakerism in many ways.
- Also appreciated is financial support in purchasing books used in a prison worship group.
- Other funds available through NYYM have been used by our meeting and these resources are appreciated. It was noted that an effort to make all monthly meetings more aware of these funds would be beneficial.
- There is usefulness in attending yearly meeting sessions, and this is more easily done when they are held in our region.
- It is good that the location of NYYM gatherings rotates from place to place.
- It is accurate to say that the focus of our energy of our monthly meeting is on our own worship and community life.
- We are grateful for the work of NYYM in administering aid to monthly meetings and in being a public voice for Quakerism.

Howard spoke for the Nominating Committee. Nominating Committee proposes a new committee to maintain the bulletin boards at the

back of the meeting house, to keep material displayed up to date and uncluttered. Adding Bulletin Boards to the list of committees was approved. The Nominating Committee has completed its work for 2014. A roster of committees and proposed membership will be made available on paper at the rear of the meeting house and through PRISM. These committee lists are suggestions; approval takes place in Monthly Meeting for Business in April. Friends with comments or suggestions should make them to members of the Nominating Committee (Anne Dalton, Paul Simkin, Linda Simkin, Howard Nelson).

Anne reported that several young people are interested in attending FCNL's Lobby Weekend (March 22-25) and are requesting financial support from the Meeting. After discussion, it was approved to provide from the Houck Fund up to 85% of costs for individuals attending, with a maximum of \$1200 total contribution for the group. Ruth will follow up with the individuals considering attending. Christopher noted NYYM's Fund for Young Adults; Ruth will inform

Howard reported for M&C that there has been another response to the letter sent to Associate Members: Heidi Richter has chosen to become a full member.

Meeting closed with a period of silence.
Respectfully submitted,
Howard Nelson



HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED?

From Seeking the Spirit in Silence, Faith and Practice NYYM 1998

“Early Friends] made the discovery that silence is one of the best preparations for communion [with God] and for the reception of inspiration and guidance. Silence itself, of course, has no magic. It may be just sheer emptiness, absence of words or noise or music. . . . But it may be an intensified pause, a vitalized hush, a creative quiet, an actual moment of mutual and reciprocal correspondence with God.”

--Rufus M. Jones, "Spiritual Message of the Religious Society of Friends," 1937

We value our times of waiting silently in holy expectancy. Many of us have quiet periods alone regularly; we share quiet before or after meals or with others in our meetings; silence is the context of our worship. Silence is also the context in which we come to inward reliance upon God. It brings us to our true commitment, our concerns, and our leadings.

MULTIGENERATIONAL BRUNCH

The meeting is sponsoring a pot-luck brunch for all ages following the multigenerational service on March 30, 2014.

An invitation is extended to the entire community gives us a chance to know each other better in a casual setting. Child friendly food choices, such as small sandwiches, finger foods, cookies, muffins, carrots sticks and the like are ideal for this brunch.

During the brunch we hope to hear from some of our young friends about their experiences attending the FCNL lobby weekend (March 22-25).

TRAVELS IN TANZANIA

Dave Eckhardt will present the Family Night program at the Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting on Saturday evening, March 29. The topic will be his recent travels to Tanzania, East Africa, where he served as an interim manager for a drinking water well drilling program funded through the World Bank. Dave will discuss aspects of the drilling program and share his experiences with the culture and people of Tanzania, African wildlife at Mukumi National Park, and the World Heritage Site of Stone Town on the island of Zanzibar.

Join us for a potluck at 6:00pm with the presentation to follow at 7:00. All are welcome.

SOUP & SHARING

On March 2nd after the rise of meeting, Craig Kukuk will be presenting the Oprah Donahue show. His guests are to be a surprise, but the theme of the show is "Relationships, What Makes Them Tic". So come ready to share in the fellowship of soup and in the television audience as we present our own talk show. This event is sponsored by Ministry & Counsel. A light meal of soup will be provided. All Welcome.

SAN PEDRO BENEFIT DINNER

The San Pedro Sister Community Group is pleased to invite all who are interested to come and bring family & friends for a delicious Salvadoran meal prepared by Chef Rupert Robbins of Wells Dining on March 15, 2014, 6:00 PM at the Wells College Dining Hall. The proceeds will be used to support projects in the community of San Pedro in rural El Salvador. The dinner will be accompanied by Latin American music and a slide show, and followed by a short presentation focused on the current scholarship recipients and an oral history example.

Dinner Prepared by Chef Rupert Robbins of Wells Dining

Appetizer: Atol de Elote (Corn and milk soup with fried yucca garnish)

Entrees:

- Pavo Salvadoreño (Salvadoran roasted turkey with roasted vegetable sauce),
- Casamiento (traditional simmered black beans and rice)

- Salpicon (grilled then shredded beef topped with marinated tomatoes and avocados)
- Curtido (spicy cabbage salad),
- Platanos fritos (fried plantains)

Dessert: Flan de leche (rich custard and caramel)

Reservations are required. Deadline is March 8th. Please contact Sally Otis (315-364-8102, sotis3067@gmail.com) to make a reservation. Recommended donation: \$25.00 per person. If you cannot attend the dinner, but would like to contribute or participate in the Sister Community Project in some other way, please contact Larry Buffam (larrybuffam@gmail.com, 315-730-2498).



SHROVE PANCAKE DINNER

The Scipioville Presbyterian Deacons invite you to attend our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on March 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. There will be sausages and more kinds of pancakes than you can possibly consume: regular, buckwheat, pina colada, chocolate chip and blueberry are some of the tempting varieties. Maple syrup is provided by Swayze Farm, and there will be other toppings, as well.

Our Sunday school students will be serving beverages and clearing tables at what is sure to be a good time for the entire family. Suggested donation is \$6 per adult, \$3 per child or \$15 per family.

The First Presbyterian Church of Scipioville is located on 3428 Rt. 34B, in Scipioville. Should you have any questions, please call the church directly at 315-364-5110. Thanks and we hope to see you there!

NYYM SPRING SESSIONS

Friday–Sunday, April 4-6, 2014

Welcome! Farmington-Scipio Regional Meeting welcomes everyone to Spring Sessions, to do the business of the Yearly Meeting and to expand the life and witness of our Society. This is an opportunity to bring our meetings' concerns to the attention of the Yearly Meeting and to report back the decisions of the sessions. We encourage as many Friends as possible to come and share the worship and the fellowship of the gathered Yearly Meeting.

Locations:

Friday evening and Sunday morning: Rochester Meetinghouse (84 Scio Street, Rochester NY).
Saturday all day and evening: Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School (CRCDS) (1100 South Goodman Street, Rochester, NY 14620).

Friday evening: Jennifer Perry and Willie Bontrager of Farmington Friends will lead us in an intergenerational evening on Friday from 7:30 – 9:00 pm at Rochester Meetinghouse following a light supper. All youth and adults are encouraged to attend. We encourage Friends to meet their hosts at the Meetinghouse or to get directions for travel before arriving. The Host Committee asks that those requesting hospitality, pick-up, youth program, or childcare return their registration forms no later than March 21.

Hospitality: Hospitality is available with local Friends for Friday and/or Saturday nights by request on a first-to-ask, first-assigned basis. A list of motels will be sent to anyone requesting this information on the registration form. Those using a motel will need their own transportation.

Registration: The registration deadline is March 21, 2014. Please submit your registration as soon as possible. A registration form is attached. Please return one form for each household. You may mail the registration to the registrar, Bronwyn Mohlke at: 52 Gray Road, Ithaca, NY 14850. Registration checks should be made payable to New York Yearly Meeting and mailed to Bronwyn Mohlke or you may pay online via PayPal at www.nyym.org. To register online, please go to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mpeG0fjaV->

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Youth Program.

Intergenerational evening: All youth are invited, **with** their adults, to an Intergenerational evening with Jen Perry and Willie Bontrager from Farmington Friends on Friday April 4th from 7:30 – 9:00 pm at the Rochester Friends Meetinghouse.

Children in grades 1-6: Sarah Fitts-Romig will lead an experiential program centered on Civil Rights that includes games, community building, creative activities, and may include a field trip as weather permits.

Grades 7-12: A residential program, held at the Rochester Friends Meetinghouse, will be available for those in grades 7 – 12, on both Friday and Saturday nights by pre-registration only and is limited to seventeen spaces. The residential program will utilize the Powell House guidelines. The full day program, built on the testimonies of integrity and peace, centers on AVP led by Stuart Bartram and Nick Rozard and will include a range of activities.

Questions may be addressed to the host committee: Bridget Bower, Deb First, Rima Segal, Bronwyn Mohlke. You may call [\(607\) 220-3219](tel:6072203219) or email nyym.ss.2014@gmail.com.



MOVIE NIGHT – "SOLAR MAMAS"

The Peace and Social Action committee is sponsoring the viewing of the movie "Solar Mamas". Please join us for a viewing of the movie, snacks and discussion. Location will be announced. . All are welcome

" The Barefoot College in India was founded by Bunker Roy to provide knowledge and training to the rural poor to empower them to make their communities self-reliant and sustainable. The solar course at Barefoot College has women from Kenya, Burkina Faso, Columbia, and Guatemala.

And now Rafea from Jordan. She is the first Jordanian woman ever to attend such a program, and she dreams of returning to bring much-needed income and talents to support her family and village.

In her journey away from home, back, and then away once more, Rafea goes through a profound transformation, returning as an educated woman with the skills to earn an income and achieve for her community what others could not."

<http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/solar-mamas/>

EVENTS AT MERRIFIELD

Ryan Tennis, a young and highly talented singer/songwriter from Philadelphia (www.ryantennismusic.com) will be performing at Merrifield on March 15 at 7pm. There is a charge at the door. Sunday the 16th there will be a drumming circle at Merrifield at 1pm. All are welcome. For information or directions contact A.T. (atmiller@cornell.edu).



QUAKER HISTORICAL SITES

Information from the Quaker Information Center of Earlham School of Religion.

(http://www.quakerinfo.org/historical/us_sites)

David Barker Home

Barker, NY

([website](#))

Baker was a founder of the Quaker community in Barker, New York and is believed to have been a "conductor" on the Underground Railroad. The Quakers, as a group, were very active supporters of the Underground Railroad network. The Barker Home is located on Quaker Road in Barker, New York.

Creek Meeting House Exhibit Center

Clinton Historical Society

Hudson Valley, NY

Phone: 845-266-3819

Hours: May – October, weekends

([website](#))

This former Quaker meeting house, built in 1777, hosts art exhibitions and railroad exhibits.

Farmington Meeting House

Farmington, New York 14425

([website](#))

As the site of Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends, the 1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse was a national crucible for major reform movements in the nineteenth century. It stood at the crossroads –symbolically as well as geographically--of activism for African American rights, women's rights, and Native American rights.

Nine Partners Meeting House

Millbrook, New York

Hours: by appointment.

([website](#))

The meeting house, c.1780, was built by Quakers and could hold 1,000 people.

Village of Pleasant Valley, New York

Pleasant Valley, New York

Phone: 845-266-5494

([website](#))

Quakers and Presbyterians from New England and Long Island first settled here in the 1740s where the Wappinger Creek was easily forded. Late 18th c. maps refer to a "great bridge," and open bridge near the fording site, south of the present structure. A covered bridge built over the creek was replaced in 1841 and 1911. This area is the site of former textile mills.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2014 POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

This list has been prepared by the Nominating Committee. If there are any suggestions in response to this list, Friends are invited to make them to a member of the Nominating Committee (Anne Dalton, Paul Simkin, Linda Simkin, Howard Nelson). The list will be presented for approval at the April Monthly Meeting for Business. It is suggested that the first person listed act as the convener of the committee.



Clerk – Anne Dalton
Asst. Clerk – Larry Buffam
Recording Clerk – David Connelly
Treasurer – Jeff Layton

Pastor – Ruth Bradley
Musicians – Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney



Building

Dill Otis
Scott Heinekamp
Paul Simkin
Kathleen Connelly
Jay Ardai
Bill Tyler
Dave Eckhardt
Peter Dalton
Brian Gregory
Claire Howard

Bulletin Boards

Anne Dalton
Stephanie Nelson
Sally Otis

Finance

Andy Simkin
Jeff Layton
Suzanne O'Hara
Paul Simkin
Chris Babcock
Larry Buffam

Funds – clerks of:

Ministry & Counsel
Peace & Social Action
Finance
Religious Ed./Youth

Historical Materials

Jane Simkin
Anne Dalton

Librarian

Stephanie Nelson

Ministry & Counsel

Hannah Richter (15)
Sally Otis (16)
Karen Brennan (17)
Bess Simkin (18)
Jim Frisch (19)
Anne Dalton (ex officio as MM Clerk)
Larry Buffam (ex officio as MM Asst. Clerk)
Ruth Bradley (ex officio as Pastor)

Music

Cathy Mullarney
Claire Howard
Jeff Layton
Barry Kahn
Rebecca Damiani
Stephanie Nelson
Ruth Bradley (ex officio as Pastor)

Nominating

Anne Dalton (15)
Paul Simkin (16)
Linda Simkin (17)

Outreach

Anne Dalton
Ruth Bradley
David Connelly
Paul Simkin
Hannah Richter
Julie Lockhart
Christopher Sammond
Suzanne O'Hara
Bess Simkin

Peace & Social Action

Trudy Buxenbaum
Larry Buffam
Dill Otis
Jane Simkin
A.T. Miller
Suzanne O'Hara
Eric Devin
Andy Simkin
Brian Gregory
Tony Gaenslen

Prism

Mary Lou Charles
Suzanne O'Hara
Jane Simkin
Laura Buffam
Scott Heinekamp
Kathleen Connelly

Prison Oversight

Jim Frisch (Auburn CF)
Dill Otis (Cayuga CF)

Religious Education/Youth

Kathleen Connelly
Charlie Weld
Sally Otis
Scott Lockhart
Rebecca Damiani
Rebecca Schillenback
Ruth Bradley (ex officio as Pastor)

Remembrances

Julie Lockhart

Social

Hannah Richter
Laura Buffam
Trudy Buxenbaum
Janet Shea
Linda Simkin
Jim Frisch
Ann Burch
Kathleen Connelly
Craig Kukuk
Suzanne O'Hara
Jay Ar dai

Statisticians

Karen Simkin
Ann Burch

Telephone Tree/Directory

Mary Lou Charles
David Connelly
Sally Otis
Jane Simkin

Trustees

Larry Buffam
Dill Otis
Linda Simkin

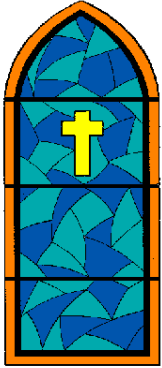
Wider Parish Representatives

Ruth Bradley
Sally Otis

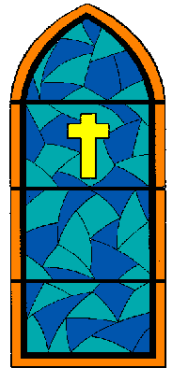
Yearly Meeting Representatives

Ruth Bradley
Rebecca Schillenback





Southern Cayuga Wider Parish 2014 Lenten Series



The Path of Spiritual Transformation

Sundays from 5:00 – 7:00 pm

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

✠ **March 9 ~ What is sin? Am I a sinner?**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. George Heyman, Catholic Diocese of Rochester, Professor of Old Testament at St. Bernard's Seminary
Place: Scipioville Presbyterian Church, 3428 Rt. 34B, Scipioville
Contact: Rev. Barbara Wright at 364-5110 or 282-7025

✠ **March 16 ~ Repentance and Forgiveness**

Speaker: Rev. Matthew Binkewicz, Hospice pastoral care counselor & Russian Orthodox priest
Place: Aurora United Ministry Church, Main Street, Aurora
Contact: Rev. Bob French at 364-5836

✠ **March 23 ~ Personal Transformation**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Wayne Gustafson, Licensed Therapist with Family Counseling Ministry
Place: First Presbyterian Church, Rt. 90, King Ferry
Contact: Neil Rotach at 607-273-6697

✠ **March 30 ~ Transforming Community / Society**

Speaker: Shirley Way, Alternatives to Violence Project, Ithaca
Place: United Church of Genoa, 10070 State Rt. 90, Genoa
Contact: Esther Thurston at 607-533-0093

✠ **April 6 ~ My Will to Thy Will**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Mark Lawson, Pastor of Bayberry UCC, Liverpool & Adjunct Professor at LeMoyne College
Place: Trinity UCC, 163 South Cayuga St., Union Springs
Contact: Pastor Shelley Pantoliano, 315-889-7302 or 889-3508

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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. 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. Visit us on Facebook at <http://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.

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