



# PRISM

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*The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge*

## NOVEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am King Ferry Food Pantry  10am Camp Gregory White Elephant Sale @ SCCS
2 10am Meeting for Worship – Ruth Bradley	3 7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's  7:30pm San Pedro @ Buxenbaum's	4 7:30pm Peace & Social Action Committee @ Buxenbaum's	5	6 7pm SCCS Fall Play - Irena's Vow	7 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group  7pm SCCS Fall Play	8 7pm SCCS Fall Play - Irena's Vow States
9 10am Meeting for Worship – Ruth Bradley  11am Coffee Hour	10	11 Veterans Day  7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'	12 7pm Howard Nelson Poetry@ Schweinfurth	13 7pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond's	14	15 9am Genoa Food Pantry  7pm Merrifield Concert - Carey Murdock
16 10am Meeting for Worship – Barbara Rhudy  11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business	17	18 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'	19	20	21 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	22 6pm Family Night - The Lockhart's trip to Italy
23 10am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	24	25 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	26 Deadline for PRISM submissions	27 Thanksgiving  7pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren- Thomas'	28	29 7pm Merrifield Concert - Shari Kane and David Steele
30 10am Meeting for Worship - Multigenerational						

Birthdays: 7<sup>th</sup> Hannah Richter; 11<sup>th</sup> Zehan Henry Lama Nelson , Ted Rejman; 12<sup>th</sup> Sara Charles Seifert; 17<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Connelly; 18<sup>th</sup> Patsy Myers; 19<sup>th</sup> Kevin Sullivan; 22<sup>nd</sup> Scott Heinekamp; 29<sup>th</sup> Graham Hanson , Gopini Lama Nelson

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 FOR THE OCT. 19, 2014**

The Monthly Meeting opened with a period of worship about 11:55 a.m. and approved of the minutes from the February meeting.

Attending: Ann Burch, David Connelly, Anne Dalton, Jim Frisch, Sally Otis, Dill Otis, Jane Simkin, Linda Simkin, and Paul Simkin.

The minutes from last months were clarified that our interim arrangement is for other people to lead worship monthly. Rebecca Schillenback and A.T. Miller will each lead other worship monthly.

The Monthly Meeting approved Erica Richter's request to change her membership status from associate member to full membership.

The Monthly Meeting approved the request from the Shepherd's play to reserve the Meeting House for rehearsals 6 to 8 p.m. Sundays in November and December and for the performance the evening of Dec. 20.

The Monthly Meeting approved Camp Gregory's request to use the Meetinghouse for its annual meeting at 3 p.m. Sunday Nov. 16.

We approved a midweek worship for Spanish speakers to be formed under the care of the Meeting possibly beginning Thursday Dec. 18. The first services will be downstairs and include singing, some introduction of Quaker worship, about a half-hour of unprogrammed worship, and refreshments. Organized by Jane and Paul Simkin, and Beyla Lopez, it will be at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays. Ministry and Council Committee report back on the new worship meeting's progress to Monthly Meeting after a few months.

Monthly Meeting will not contribute as a meeting to FUM (Friends United Meeting, a national yearly meeting) because of its restrictive stance on LGBT, but individual members are free to respond to FUM's request for donations. A letter to that effect will be sent to FUM.

The Treasurer reports that to date contributions are 49 percent of our \$43,545 budget with two

more months to the fiscal year to go. A request letter will go out within a few weeks.

The Monthly Meeting did not approve a generous offer to add an inflated 12-by-12 "Bounce House" for the UNICEF Halloween Carnival next week. There was concern it might detract from the other, home-made events of the carnival, and uncertainty about liability insurance and adequate supervision.

### **FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER**

Our next Family Night Supper will be held on November 22 at 6:00 at the Meetinghouse. Join your friends in a dish to pass meal followed by a slide presentation by Scott and Julie Lockhart of their recent trip to Italy.



### **THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

*"Eternal God, source of all created things, we would give substance to our thankfulness by resolving to make right use of the gifts we have received from thy bounty.*

*With thy gift of the senses we would fashion and preserve a world of beauty for all.*

*With thy gift of reason we would engage in a responsible search for truth.*

*With thy gift of compassion we would build a world of justice and mercy.*

*And with thy gift of being we would walk together in peace." -- Robert R. Walsh*

## MERRIFIELD EVENTS

We are happy to invite all Poplar Ridge Friends and affiliates and their friends and families to a concert at our house with Carey Murdock on Saturday, November 15th at 7pm. Carey's distinctive voice and style as an accomplished Nashville-based young singer/songwriter with Georgia roots is infectious, innovative and compelling. Listen in at [www.careymurdock.com](http://www.careymurdock.com) and hear how his heartfelt lyrics weave stories into his great acoustic songs. Then come to enjoy community and music in an intimate setting at 2345 Center Road, Scipio Center. Come early to enjoy the garden if it's warm, or hot cider and company if it's cool, and stay through a longish social intermission bounded by some wonderful music on both sides! We collect \$15 at the door.

What to do on that Saturday after Thanksgiving when you've had enough turkey and the family is still all around? Load everyone in the car to go and hear some fantastic blues guitar and classic sounds of gospel, swing and ragtime at A.T. and Craig's for a return performance of Shari Kane and David Steele. When they were here in July, we all had such a good time then, that when they mentioned performing in Saratoga Springs on the Friday of Thanksgiving weekend, we invited them for Thanksgiving Dinner at our house. Well, one thing led to another, and now they'll be performing Saturday, November 29th at 7pm. Come and enjoy!

[www.sharianddaveblues.com](http://www.sharianddaveblues.com)

Merrifield is at 2345 Center Rd., Scipio Center, NY. Contact your hosts A.T. Miller and Craig Kukuk for information or directions ([atmiller@cornell.edu](mailto:atmiller@cornell.edu), 315-364-8532)



## DID YOU EVER WONDER?

### *The Quaker Testimonies*

Quaker practice is rooted in our traditional testimonies, guides to the living out of our faith. Friends are encouraged to seek a better understanding of the testimonies and to lovingly support each other in living them out.

Briefly stated, these are testimonies that have guided Friends:

**Community** - a unifying bond created by shared worship and nurturing each other's gifts.

**Equality** - a respect for that of God in everyone, and hence the dignity and value of each person.

**Integrity** - a genuineness in speech and conduct that brings all parts of life into a consistent whole and leaves no room for deceit or artificiality.

**Peace** - a commitment to nonviolence and reconciliation that addresses the misuse and abuse of power in all spheres of life.

**Simplicity** - moderation in our possessions and our daily lives that leaves us free to follow the leadings of the Spirit.

Quakerism as a lived faith finds expression in our testimonies and our practices. Both spring from a belief that there is that of God in every person. This principle, referred to as the Inward Light or the Christ Within, illumines for us every aspect of life.

To bring all areas of our lives under the ordering of the Spirit, we try to follow these practices in relationships and in society at large.

Source: New York Yearly Meeting

## CAMP GREGORY WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

There will be a White Elephant sale to benefit Camp Gregory. The sale will be held 10am-3pm on November 1st. at Southern Cayuga Central School, Route 34B in Poplar Ridge. Contact Trudy ([rbuxenbaum@gmail.com](mailto:rbuxenbaum@gmail.com)) for more information.

## POETRY READING

Howard Nelson will be giving a reading of his poetry at the Schweinfurth Art Center, 205 Genesee Street, Auburn, NY, on Wednesday, November 12, at 7 pm.

## CHRISTMAS FAMILY

Stay tuned for details about our annual collaboration with Auburn Prison Friends to contribute to the Christmas Spirit in our community. Contact a member of the Peace and Social Action Committee if you wish to be involved in this activity.



## THANKSGIVING REVEALS MORE THAN TURKEY

Thanksgiving Dinner is tomorrow, but here's today's little conversation that puts a new twist to the old "What are you Thankful for?" "Do Quakers celebrate Thanksgiving?" she asked, as she placed the pins in my almost-finished-skirt's hem.

Before I could reply, she continued, "Oh sure. I bet Quakers think that it's like Christmas. Being thankful every day, not just once a year."

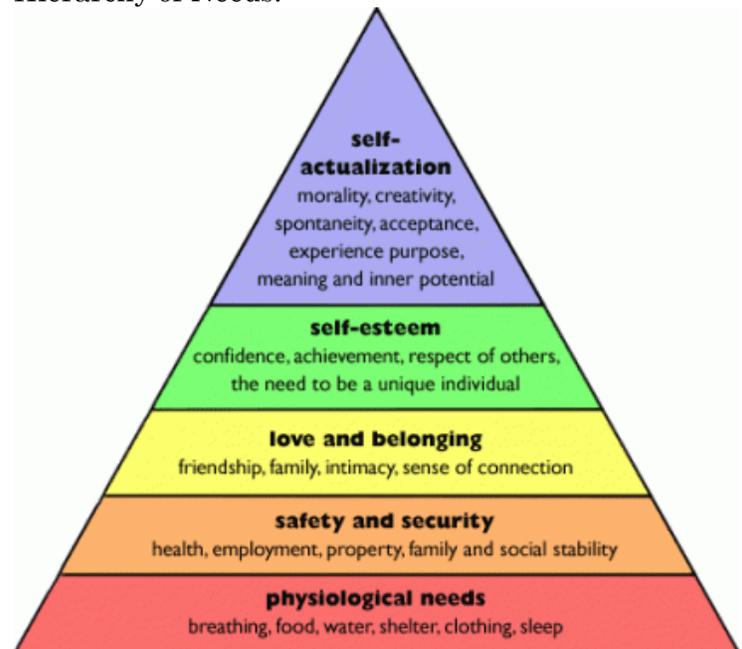
I had to smile. My wonderfully, kind (gardening guru and now seamstress/neighbor is quickly adapting to my "Quakerism.")

Quakers do have regular roast turkey and all the fixings on Thanksgiving (well, I've had salmon and home-made Chinese food for a couple of Thanksgivings), but all-in-all, it is a day of rather unsimplified eating for most of us. But her comments did bring forward the idea that Thankfulness is an everyday expectation

and expression. Perhaps I should keep a journal of my daily acknowledgments of Thanksgiving. I've noticed my thankfulness always has to do with RELATIONSHIPS.

Lately, I've thought that with all the economic downturn and the sense of hopelessness and helplessness being pervasive throughout a large segment of our citizens (and don't forget our "world citizens"), that perhaps our relationship with Money and Security and Equality has been raised in our personal hierarchy of needs.

Think Maslow. Think of his pyramid for the Hierarchy of Needs:



When we silently or verbally express our Thanks, perhaps we can be aware of those folks who's need for Safety and Security overshadow the higher needs of Love and Belonging (think: RELATIONSHIPS with others); Self-Esteem (think: RELATIONSHIP with SELF); and Self-Actualization (think: RELATIONSHIP with a HIGHER POWER).

So when we go around the Thanksgiving table this year, with everyone saying what he or she is Thankful for, I'll be thinking RELATIONSHIPS—what will you be thinking?

Be gentle with yourself and kind to others.

<http://dearfriendsblog.wordpress.com/2011/11/23/thanksgiving-reveals-more-than-turkey/>

# *Irena's Vow*

*November 6, 7, 8 in the  
Southern Cayuga High School  
Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.*

*Tickets:  
Students and Senior Citizens: \$7  
Adults: \$8*

*Based on the life of Irena Gut  
Opdyke, set during WWII, this is  
the story of a young Polish  
woman protecting Jewish refugees  
during the Holocaust.*

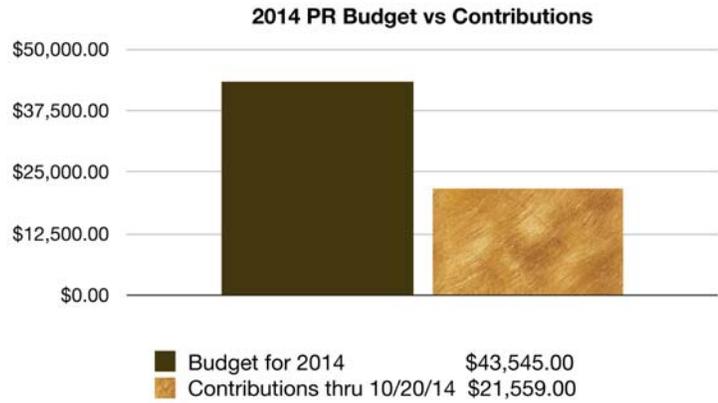
*This play addresses adult themes  
and is not recommended for  
younger children.*



*Also: Jeannie Opdyke Smith, the daughter of  
Irena Gut Opdyke will present a talk-back  
session after each show. For more information  
on Irena Gut Opdyke, please visit:  
<http://www.ireneopdyke.com>*

Through the eyes of a strong-willed woman comes the remarkable true story of Irena Gut Opdyke and the triumphs of the human spirit over devastating tragedy. 19-year-old Irena Gut is promoted to housekeeper in the home of a highly respected Nazi officer when she finds out that the Jewish ghetto is about to be liquidated. Determined to help twelve Jewish workers, she decides to shelter them in the safest place she can think of: the basement of the German commandant's house. Over the next two years, Irena uses her wit, humor, and courage to hide her friends until the end of the German occupation, concealing them in the midst of countless Nazi parties, a blackmail scheme, and even the birth of a child. Her story is one of the most inspiring of our time. This play concerns some adult themes and is not necessarily appropriate for younger children.

<b>Budget for 2014</b>	\$43,545.00	
<b>Contributions YTD</b>	\$21,559.00	49.51%
<b>Budget Deficit for 2014</b>	\$21,986.00	



### POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

Clerk – Anne Dalton	Pastor - Ruth Bradley
Assistant Clerk – Larry Buffam	Recording Clerk – David Connelly
Treasurer – Jeff Layton	Ministry & Counsel Clerk – Sally Otis
Musicians – Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney	

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/poplaridgefriendsny>.

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