

# PRISM

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Monthly

*The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge*

**DECEMBER 2014**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's	2 7:30pm Peace & Social Action Committee @ Buxenbaum's	3	4	5 5pm Finger Lakes Land Trust at Auburn 1st Friday @ Phoenix Building	6 9am King Ferry Food Pantry
7 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley  6pm Horizon Community Chorus Concert	8	9 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'	10	11 7pm Mid- week Worship @ Sammond's	12 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship	13
14 10am Meeting for Worship - Christopher Sammond  11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business	15	16 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'	17	18	19 7:30pm Movie Night - Voices Across the Divide @ Meetinghouse	20 9am Genoa Food Pantry  7pm Shepherd's Play @ Meetinghouse
21 Christmas Program @ Meetinghouse  10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley	22	23 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	24 Deadline for PRISM submissions	25 Christmas  7pm Mid- week Worship @ Berggren- Thomas'	26 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	27
28 10am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			

Birthdays: 1<sup>st</sup> Vivian Cunningham; 2<sup>nd</sup> Charles Reynolds; 4<sup>th</sup> Arlo Temelko-Post; 10<sup>th</sup> Cazimer George Schillenback; 11<sup>th</sup> Joe Dosch; 12<sup>th</sup> Walter Moora; 13<sup>th</sup> Walter Foulke; 14<sup>th</sup> Beverly Rejman; 16<sup>th</sup> Bethea Brice; 20<sup>th</sup> Ruth Ann Bradley; 22<sup>nd</sup> Benjamin Otis, Kay Burkett, Tina Post; 25<sup>th</sup> Skyler Dickinson Maassen; 26<sup>th</sup> Nils Nobben; 29<sup>th</sup> Mary Lou Charles, Cathy Mullarney

Aniversaries: 29<sup>th</sup> Bruce and Priscilla Berggren-Thomas; 31<sup>st</sup> Benjamin and Kristin 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 MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**

The meeting opened with a moment of silence. The minutes were read from the last meeting, of October 19.

Sally gave a report from Ministry and Counsel regarding plans for filling Ruth’s position. We have in place and it has been approved for Rebecca and A.T. each to give one message per month for six months beginning in January. In addition to preparing and delivering messages at meetings for worship, the other part of Ruth’s position is her role in providing pastoral care - visits and individual attention to persons in need of support. This role occupies approximately half of the time that she dedicates to the Meeting. A job description for pastoral care and a recommendation of a person to fill this position were proposed.

*The job description and compensation were accepted as follows:*

**DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR INTERIM PASTORAL CARE POSITION**

This agreement is between \_\_\_\_\_ and Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting.

**Job description:**

- Establish relationships with meeting members and attenders. Nurture both members and attenders, with a special emphasis on those who are new to the meeting or who have returned after a long hiatus. Visit with individuals and families as requested by them, and as led.
- Provide pastoral care for those who are ill or in difficulty. Be a visible and available presence in the life of the Meeting.
- Attend monthly meetings on a regular basis with Ministry and Counsel
- Communicating his/her vacation/travel schedule to Ministry and Counsel, or the clerk of Ministry and Counsel, in ample time to make other arrangements for coverage.

Compensation shall be negotiated between the pastoral care provider and the Finance Committee, subject to approval of Monthly Meeting.

Upon submission of itemized accounting, the pastoral care provider is entitled to reimbursement for, mileage, related phone and postage expenses, and other job-related expenses, the total of which shall be within the budgeted amount for those expenses.

Professional development expenses.

The pastoral care provider is entitled to two weeks of paid vacation annually, to be scheduled in advance. Non-paid time off is possible when negotiated with advance notice to the Ministry and Counsel Committee.

This agreement shall be reviewed after six months by the pastoral care provider and Ministry and Counsel, in consultation with the Finance Committee and subject to approval by Monthly Meeting. Either the pastoral care provider or the Monthly Meeting may terminate this agreement with eight weeks notice.

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Pastoral Care Provider  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Date

***Proposal for pastoral care position:***

Position to start January 1, 2015. Expectations are that this will be a part time position of approximately 10 hours per week, or 1/4 time. It is anticipated that the demands will vary, perhaps greatly from week to week. Compensation is suggested as starting at \$1,000 per month, which shall include salary and retirement (if desired). An expense account of \$250 per month is also suggested, mainly for mileage, but also to include postage and other expenses. Itemized expenses will be submitted to the treasurer for reimbursement at intervals agreeable to both parties. The pastoral care provider will be treated for tax purposes as an independent contractor and will be responsible for his/her own social security taxes.

Sally then presented the ministry and counsel committee’s recommendation that the position to

be offered to Craig Kukuk. Copies of a message from Craig expressing interest in providing pastoral care were distributed. We reached unity to offer the interim pastoral care position to Craig Kukuk.

NYYM invited our participation in the annual performance review for Christopher Hammond as General Secretary of the New York Yearly Meeting. Anne read a letter for the review. The letter was accepted

At the October meeting for business, we reaffirmed that the meeting would not send funds due to our discomfort with FUM's hiring policy. The clerk was asked to compose a response. Anne read aloud a letter to FUM expressing our meeting's views, and the letter was accepted.

Dill gave the building committee report. He had received a reply from the NY Yearly Meeting to our request for funds to help pay for the recent roof replacement on the meetinghouse. The reply indicated that our request would be considered and that more information on potential funding sources would be sent to us in the near future, but that no final decision on our request would be made until spring. Dill also completed an online survey regarding the Meeting House and potential building improvements.

Jeff gave a financial report as treasurer. He reported that the roof fund is now within approximately \$5,500 of the level needed to pay off the remainder of the bill from the recent replacement of the meetinghouse roof. He also reported that as of Nov. 10, contributions this year to the meeting's operational fund amounted to \$24,746, which represents 56.83% of this year's budget figure (\$43,545). It is hoped that end-of-year giving over the next several weeks will close the remaining gap.

The third Sunday in December will fall on 12/21, the day of the children's Christmas program. The December monthly meeting for business will be on 12/14.

The program for the upcoming 11/22 family supper will be changed. Instead of a presentation by Scott and Julie, Kathleen Connelly will be giving a talk.

The meeting then considered a request from Maryl Mendillo to use the meetinghouse for a training session on nonviolent direct action, related to protesting at a facility for natural gas storage under Seneca Lake. There was a consensus to approve this request, at a time to be scheduled after Maryl consulting with the trainers.

The Meeting closed in silence

Submitted by Bess Simkin, acting recording clerk



### **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The annual Poplar Ridge Friends Christmas Program will be on Sunday December 21 at 5PM. Following the Christmas story program there will be a supper of sandwiches, cookies and beverages before the arrival of Santa with gifts for the children.

All are encouraged to bring finger food (sandwiches, cookies, etc.) to be shared for a light supper following the children's performance and Santa's arrival. The Social Committee will provide hot chocolate.

## MOVIE NIGHT

On December 19<sup>th</sup> at the meetinghouse *Voices Across the Divide*

(<http://voicesacrossthedivide.com/documentary/>)

will be shown. This movie concerns the Israeli/Palestinian conflict and is sponsored by the Peace and Social Action Committee. All are encouraged to attend.

## PASTORAL CARE POSITION CREATED

With the approaching retirement of our pastor, our Meeting has created an interim pastoral care position which has been offered to Craig Kukuk.

The new position will start January 1, 2015.

A complete job description and discussion about the creation of this position is in this issue of the PRISM in the minutes of our November 16, 2014 Monthly Meeting for Business.

## NEW BABIES

Alyssa and Jody Gunderson along with Leif and Wystan welcomed Ella Pearl into their family on November 18, 2014.

Sarah Richardson and Aaron Green along with Piper Emily welcomed Larkin Aela into their family on November 20, 2014.

## AUBURN 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY EVENT

The Phoenix Building in Auburn will be holding an open house for Andy Zep of the Finger Lakes Land Trust on December 5<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm in the Havana Room. The presentation will include a short film about donation of conservation easements. They will be asking the community for input on where the Land Trust should concentrate their efforts. Contact Andy or Bess Simkin [absimkin@gmail.com](mailto:absimkin@gmail.com) for more information.

## IN MEMORY

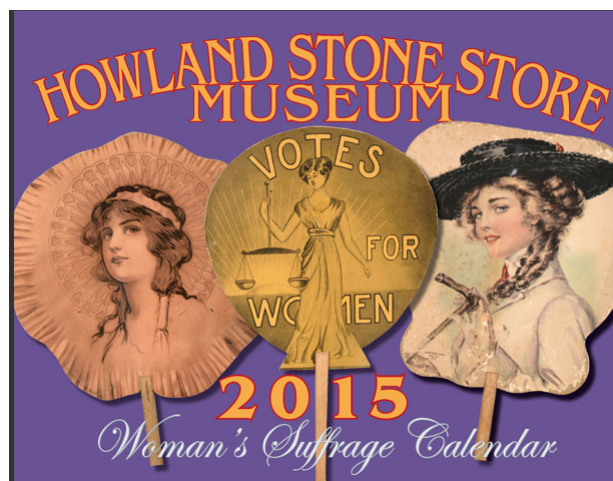
Marguerite E. Nedrow who had been a faithful attender until her health prevented her from

attending passed away on November 11, 2014. She was 96 years old.

## WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE 2015 CALENDAR

The all-new [Howland Stone Store Museum](#) 2015 Woman's Suffrage calendar is now available. Each month of the calendar shows an image of original woman's suffrage ephemera including posters, a car hood ornament, a paper drinking cup, and an umbrella.

Calendars are \$16 and Trudy will have them at meeting until Christmas for you to buy.



[You may also order this calendar online with PayPal](#) or purchase it by calling Pat White at 315-364-5587 ([pwhite2299@aol.com](mailto:pwhite2299@aol.com)). There is \$3.50 charge for shipping. These are much more than an ordinary calendar, as they tell about the local role in a major national historic effort. They are a great gift item.

## THE SHEPHERD'S PLAY

Come to the Shepherds' Play on Saturday December 20th at 7:00 pm at the Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting House.

The Shepherd's Play is a musical rendition of the Christmas Story well loved in this community and performed by folks from our Meeting and the surrounding community. A 35 year tradition in this community and yet it has its origin traced back to the Middle Ages. For many it simply is not Christmas with out the Shepherds' Play. The performance lasts an hour and is appropriate for children, young and old.

**PUBLIC HEARING IN  
SYRACUSE ON THE NEW YORK  
HEALTH BILL FOR UNIVERSAL,  
SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE**

On Thursday, Dec 4th at 10am at the Medical Alumni Auditorium, Weiskotten Hall, Upstate Medical University, 766 Irving Avenue, Syracuse, NY the New York State Assembly Health Committee is hosting an official public hearing to receive testimony from New Yorkers about the need for a universal, single-payer health care system.

We need your help! Speak out for a health care system that puts patients over profits!

If you have a story to share about how the health care system affects you, please attend and testify at this hearing. Testimony must be submitted a week in advance. For more information about the hearing and submitting your testimonial, contact Ursula Rozum at [\(315\) 414-7720](tel:3154147720) [ursula@nyhcampaign.org](mailto:ursula@nyhcampaign.org) or visit [nyhcampaign.org](http://nyhcampaign.org)

If a person is unable to testify in person a written testimony may be submitted by email to Misha at [sogutm@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:sogutm@assembly.state.ny.us) or mail to Misha Sogut, LOB 822, Albany, NY 12248. Questions call [518-455-4941](tel:5184554941). Please include your name, address, and phone number.

If you need a ride to Syracuse, we will be forming carpools. Contact Barbara Harrison, [bharrison21@yahoo.com](mailto:bharrison21@yahoo.com), , [607-279-6429](tel:6072796429) or Rebecca Elgie at [erelgie@earthlink.net](mailto:erelgie@earthlink.net).



**CHRISTMAS MORNING, 1997  
OLYMPIA MEETING HOUSE**

Five of us waited in the cool, still air  
Surrounded by a small sea of unfilled chairs  
We came in response to an impromptu call  
To gather on Christmas Morning

Mostly we sat, not much was spoken  
And waited for hearts to open  
Daughter and her mother  
Enfolding each other  
Feeling blessed to share the day together  
And honoring their bond

Another felt the world in pain  
Brought to focus by a homeless man  
Passed on the way to meeting  
Alone

Shown our gifts and what needs giving  
Found in the stillness as we listened  
Feeling the Spirit moving  
And softening our hearts

We held each other as we ungathered  
Brought together  
On this day like any other

-- Vince Schueler, Olympia (WA) Friends Meeting

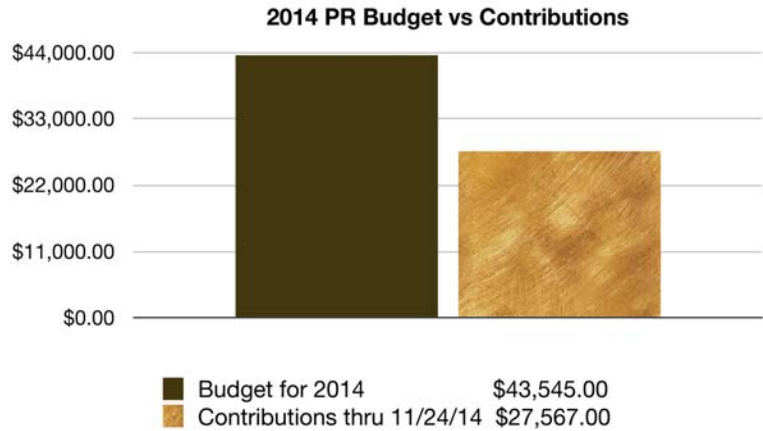
**GRINCHMAS!**

The Auburn Players are offering a free holiday show for the entire family... GRINCHMAS! A Tribute to Dr. Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" on December 6 & 7, 2014 at 11AM & 2PM at the Irene Bisgrove Theater, Cayuga Community College, 197 Franklin St, Auburn. For more information contact (315) 702-7832 or <http://www.auburnplayers.org/>.

**CANDLE LIGHT TOURS**

Celebrate the holiday season with a candlelight tour of the Seward House Museum. Experience the history of the festively adorned Seward House as various Seward family members and servants, portrayed by costumed characters, share their holiday memories and traditions. Reservations are required as space is limited. Sales will start on November 18 - make your reservations early as spaces fill quickly. Please call 315-252-1283 to make your reservations. Admission: Adults \$12, Children under 12 \$10 <http://sewardhouse.org/>

<b>Budget for 2014</b>	\$43,545.00	
<b>Contributions YTD</b>	\$27,567.00	63.31%
<b>Budget Deficit for 2014</b>	\$15,978.00	



### 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/poplarridgefriendsny>.

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