

# PRISM

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Monthly

*The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge*

## DECEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7p Youth Committee @ Lockhart's  7:30p Peace & Social Action @ Buxenbaum's	2	3	4 7:30p Movie Night – Planet Ocean @ Phoenix Building	5 9a King Ferry Food Pantry
6 10a Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller  11a Coffee Hour  6p Horizon Community Chorus @ Christ United Methodist Church	7 7:30p Meditation Group @ Nelson's	8 7:30p Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'	9	10 7p Mid-week Worship @ Sammond's	11 6:15p Cayuga Prison Worship	12
13 10a Meeting for Worship - Rebecca Shillenback  11:30a Monthly Meeting for Business	14	15 6:30p End of Life Concerns @ United Ministry of Aurora  7:15p Women's Spiritual @ Otis'	16 7:30p Worship in Spanish	17	18	19 9a Genoa Food Pantry  7p Shepherds' Play
20 White Gifts Sunday  10a Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley  5p Children's Holiday Program	21 10:30a White Gifts Packing	22 7:30p Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	23 Deadline For PRISM	24	25 Christmas  6:15p Cayuga Prison Worship	26
27 10a Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	28	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 and Tina Post; 25<sup>th</sup> Skyler Dickinson Maassen; 26<sup>th</sup> Nils Nobben; 29<sup>th</sup> Mary Lou Charles, Cathy Mullarney

Anniversaries: 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 15, 2015**

The Monthly Meeting opened with a period of worship about 11:55 a.m.; the minutes from the October 18, 2015 meeting were read.

Attending were: David Connelly, Anne Dalton, Jim Frisch, Stephanie Nelson, Howard Nelson, Dill Otis, Sally Otis, Hannah Richter, Christopher Sammond, Andrew Simkin, Jane Simkin, Linda Simkin, and Paul Simkin.

Anne Dalton read a letter from Marlee Harris who thanks us for supporting her to this year's trip to our sister community in El Salvador.

Sally Otis offered a report from the Ministry and Counsel Committee.

- Faith and Practice has been revised and is now available for purchase.
- In two weeks, the fifth Sunday in November, the Youth Committee will not do an intergenerational meeting. We will read a query or two queries to an unprogrammed meeting.
- Deb First who has visited our meeting and talked about her Palestine and Israel work, will return to New York state in April and has contacted us offering some form of workshop or to share her new insights. We will contact her to ask her to join us for a Soup and Sharing or other program. She suggests that Poplar Ridge Friends read an article she wrote for the October 2015 Friends Journal. Anne Dalton will make copies for Friends unable to go online to read it.
- On January 3, the Ministry and Counsel Committee will offer a Soup and Sharing with Christopher Sammond talking about his Yearly Meeting and other work.
- A.T. Miller and Rebecca Schillenback have been invited as ex officio members on the Ministry and Counsel Committee.
- Brooktondale worship group should be suspended for now, Rebecca Schillenback writes. The Monthly Meeting approved.

Hannah Richter reporting for the Social Committee said the committee feels a need to be flexible by not always having Family Night Supper on the last Saturdays monthly. Coming up in January, for instance, is a fifth Sunday, when a brunch is planned and there is a Merrifield Concert, which conflicts for some Friends. Easter in March, also,

conflicts and also includes a concert. The Monthly Meeting approved leaving it to the Social Committee to be flexible about Family Night Suppers.

The Monthly Meeting accepted Howard and Stephanie Nelson's offer of a print of the Peaceable Kingdom by Edward Hicks. They have been gifted the print. It will be hung in the library.

Stephanie Nelson offers to begin assembling an informal group singing rounds for a trial period in January. The Monthly Meeting approved. It will meet a half-hour before meetings in the Library.

We will hold the Monthly Meeting for Business the second Sunday in December, the 13th, instead of the third Sunday. The Coffee Hour will be on the first Sunday, the 6th.

The meeting ended after a period of silence about 1 p.m.

— Submitted by David Connelly, Recording Clerk.



### **CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Join the Poplar Ridge Friends community for the Christmas Children's program and Santa's arrival on the 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00PM.

Our Christmas program begins at 5pm with a presentation of the Christmas story including participants of all ages acting in a pageant, giving readings, and singing. At 6pm we will move downstairs for a simple meal together. Families should bring finger foods to share, especially things appropriate for young children. Cookies are never turned down! Hot Cocoa will be provided.

Once the word comes that Santa has been spotted in the area, the action moves back upstairs. Santa will make his grand entrance and will present each child with a small gift in honor of the Giving Season. Things should be "wrapped up" by 8pm

Come and enjoy the festivities. Contact Hannah at 315-729-3784 for more information.

**POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 18, 2015**

The Monthly Meeting opened with a period of worship about noon; the minutes from the September meeting were read. Attending were Andrew Simkin, Anne Dalton, Barry Kahn, David Connelly, Dill Otis, Hannah Richter, Jim Frisch, Larry Buffam, Linda Simkin, Melinda Grube, Robin Grube, Sally Otis, and Suzanne O'Hara,

A Ministry and Counsel Committee report: The clerk read a letter requesting that Heidi Richter and Drew Schlichtmann be married under the care of the Monthly Meeting. Ministry and Counsel Committee appointed Karen Brennan, Ruth Bradley, Dill Otis, and Bess and Andy Simkin as their clearness committee for marriage under the care of the meeting.

Andrew Simkin reported that he spoke with Judith Wellman who said that the Friends Historical Association may be touring our area May 20 to 22 and would visit the Stone Store Museum on May 22. We will offer a luncheon on the 22nd.

Robin Grube read to us his statement why he is a conscience objector. We accepted it into the minutes; it is as follows:

Statement of Conscientious Objection: Robin Grube  
*"I am a conscientious objector because I refuse to take lives of those who did or did not do harm to anyone.*

*In my personal point of view I think that all violence is an affront to life itself. As a Quaker I mean to do no harm to anyone and if I cause harm, it would not only hurt them, it would hurt me physically and spiritually.*

*To participate in war of any kind or to support war of any kind is a mistake that we all have to realize and I can see with clarity that all wars are wrong and nether Democrat or Republican will tell me otherwise.*

*True peace does not come from a gun or any other form of weapon we possess. True peace comes from love and understanding one another to solve problems that one cannot face alone.*

*All of this is why I am a conscientious objector.*

*I acquired my beliefs through the years of my childhood and through the teachings of my mother and recently read books on peace and peace studies along with watching news reports on the devastation of what war can do to people and how it can harm others on both sides of the conflict.*

*I have been in many Quaker meeting houses for about a decade learning everything I can to support my beliefs and I don't think I am going to stop now. I plan to learn about peace as much as I can from my friends at Poplar Ridge Quaker Meetinghouse and at home."*

We approved Charley Weld's request to use the Meeting House for this year's Shepherds Play's seven consecutive rehearsals, 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday evenings beginning on November 1, and for the performance at 7 p.m. Saturday Dec. 19.

We closed with silence at 12:42 p.m.

**SHEPHERDS' PLAY**

The Shepherds' Play will be performed on December the 19th at 7:00p.m at the Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting House; 1868 Poplar Ridge Road, Poplar Ridge, New York. This holiday pageant of fun and song, has been performed in Poplar Ridge since 1978, tells the story of the birth of Jesus through the eyes of rollicking shepherds. Admission is free and all are welcome. Contact Hannah at 315-729-3784 for more information.



**HOLIDAY CONCERT**

The Horizon Community Chorus will be presenting their annual Holiday Concert on December the 6th at 6:00 PM at the Christ United Methodist Church in Moravia. Refreshments will be served following the concert. Contact Hannah at 315-729-3784 for more information.

## MOVIE NIGHT

Peace and Social Action movie night will be on Friday Dec. 4 at 7:30PM, featuring "Planet Ocean" on a large screen at the Havana Room, Phoenix Building, 2 South St., Auburn.

This movie was filmed by directors Yann Arthus-Bertrand and Michael Pitiot, along with an outstanding team of international underwater cinematographers in partnership with OMEGA and with the scientific support of Tara Expeditions. The film aims to explain some of the planet's greatest natural mysteries, while reinforcing how essential it is that mankind learns to live in harmony with our oceans. Planet Ocean serves as a reminder of the bond between humans and nature, and the duty that exists to protect and respect our planet. Yann Arthus-Bertrand, Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Environment Program, presented this film to the leaders of Rio+20 conference, in June 2012. (Run time 93 minutes.)



## END OF LIFE CONCERNS

The United Ministry of Aurora, 337 Main Street Aurora, NY, is sponsoring a series of meetings addressing questions older citizens may have about their legal, medical and spiritual options concerning "End of Life." Our first meeting will be **Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30** in the church social room to address the legal aspect.

Representatives of the law firm Karpinski, Stapleton & Tehan PC, members of the Elder Law Section of the New York State Bar Association and of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, will first speak from their great knowledge and then answer your questions on Health Care Proxy, Power of Attorney, etc. They have presented together locally but not in Southern Cayuga.

All ages are welcome and light refreshments will be served. RSVP's appreciated (RSVP at 315-364 8543) If you need transportation, call 315-364-7231. Contact Mary Ellen Ormiston (315-364 8402, [gusomeo@gmail.com](mailto:gusomeo@gmail.com)) with questions.

## WHITE GIFTS SUNDAY

Sunday December 20th is White Gift Sunday. Please bring small food or gift items that can be packed into boxes to be shared with people in our community. Items can be left downstairs in the meetinghouse anytime before Monday morning.

Boxes will be packed on Monday, December 21st at 10:30am downstairs in the Meetinghouse. Many hands make light work. All are welcome.

Contact Ann Burch ([highfieldpippi@gmail.com](mailto:highfieldpippi@gmail.com)) for more information.

## QUAKER WORSHIP IN SPANISH

Quaker Worship in Spanish is held in our meetinghouse at 7:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in each month. Everyone is welcome to join this worship. This month, on December there will be a celebration of the one-year anniversary of our Spanish language meeting. Refreshments will be served. Contact Jane at [simkinjab@gmail.com](mailto:simkinjab@gmail.com) for more information.

## ISRAEL-PALESTINE AND THE CALL TO FAITHFUL ACTION

On April 17<sup>th</sup> Deb First lead us in a workshop with a message inspired by her travel in Israel and Palestine. To prepare she has suggested that we read her article [Israel-Palestine and the Call to Faithful Action](#), published in the October 2015 Friends Journal. This can be found online at: <http://www.friendsjournal.org/israel-palestine/>

## MERRIFIELD EVENTS

With Craig and A.T. appearing in "The Shepherd's Play" this year along with all the other holiday events, they are taking a break in December from the Merrifield Concert series. They return in January on the 16th with a concert from Bridgewater—the folk duo composed of Craig and A.T. themselves! Then they are booked all through 2016 with lots of fantastic groups, typically (but not quite always) on the third Saturday of the month. We'll keep you posted here in the PRISM.

## ROUND SINGING

In January everyone is invited to sing simple rounds. We will meet in the Meetinghouse Library at 9:30 AM for about half an hour before Meeting for Worship. No performances. Just for the fun of it! Contact Stephanie ([stephnel315@gmail.com](mailto:stephnel315@gmail.com)) for more information.

Pastoral needs or questions:  
Call Craig Kukuk at 734-717-7719.

## **POWELL HOUSE UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

Parents may attend a program for half price when they bring a child to a youth program the same weekend. New members of our meeting may attend free if you joined in the past 12 months. Check out <http://www.powellhouse.org> or call: 518-794-8811 for more programs, more information and online registration.

### *New Year's Celebration 2015/2016*

A multigenerational conference. There are activities for all ages, including making snow people, ice skating, yogaPilates, cookie making origami, storytelling and sharing. A caberet after the evening meal on the 31st. Bring your instruments, poems, stories or skits. A Quaker midnight feast and brunch on January 1st.

Event date: 12-30-2015 6PM to 01-01-2016 12PM  
Individual Price adult \$200, Family:\$400.00

### *Dwelling Deep, a Contemplative Retreat*

During this extended weekend, Friends are invited to enter more fully into the silence and to experience the deeper rhythms in which we might live. This retreat will include the opportunity for solitude, individual and corporate worship, silent meals, and "active" silence. There will also be opportunities for individual and group reflection. Come and simply BE with God; listen and attend to the Divine stirrings of the soul.

Event date: 01-15-2016 6PM to 01-18-2016 2PM  
Individual Price \$300

### *Clerking: Serving the Community with Joy & Confidence*

Clerking: Serving the Community with Joy & Confidence, with Arthur M. Larrabee

This will be an opportunity for new, experienced, and potential clerks of Friends' meetings and committees to meet and think together about the role of presiding clerk. It is expected that each person will leave the weekend with new energy and enthusiasm for being a clerk, feeling well grounded in both the theoretical and the practical. There will be handouts, exercises, and opportunities for experience sharing.

Event date: 02-05-2016 6PM to 02-07-2016 2PM  
Individual Price \$230.00

### *Creativity & Spirituality 2016*

If art leads you to a deeper spiritual journey or your spiritual journey leads you to be more creative, or if you just want to explore the relationship between creativity and spirituality, this retreat is for you.

Through all forms of creativity we find opportunities for deepening our spiritual journey. In a creative community we will delve into the interrelationship between creativity and spirituality through a variety of art forms: quilting, weaving, sculpting with clay, painting with watercolors, knitting, crochet, upholstery, music, and photography. Each area will be lead by a specialist, and the time will be rich with worship and creating. Last year we added baking - yum! We're doing it again this year. The weekend culminates with a whole group sharing of our creative process and our creations.

Event date: 02-19-2016 6PM to 02-21-2016 2PM  
Individual Price \$230.00

### *Healing - Annual FIPSH weekend*

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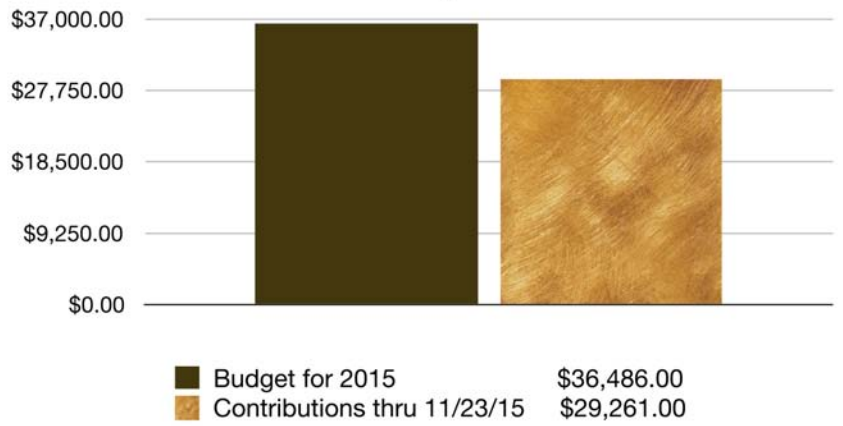
March 11-13, 2016

There is a spiritual and energetic basis for healing in many traditions. You know that. You are involved in healing work - whether it is a vocation or Meeting for Worship for Healing. Come and be with us. It is an opportunity for us to gather and support one another in this work, this ministry. We'll share insights and stories, new learnings and leadings. Are you curious about spiritual and energetic healing? Feeling drawn to this work? In the beginning stages of doing this work for yourself or in Meeting? Come, see, hear, and experience. Two Friends will share their modality with us to start us off.

Event date: 03-11-2016 6PM to 03-13-2016 2PM  
Individual Price \$230.00



**2015 PR Budget vs Contributions**



Budget for 2015	\$36,486.00	
Contributions for 2015	\$29,261.00	80.20%
Budget Deficit for 2015	\$7,225.00	

### **POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING**

Clerk – Anne Dalton  
 Assistant Clerk – Andy Simkin  
 Treasurer – Jeff Layton  
 Musicians – Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney  
 Pastoral Care - Craig Kukuk ([734-717-7719](tel:734-717-7719))  
 Recording Clerk – David Connelly  
 Ministry & Counsel Clerk – Sally Otis

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 or 1<sup>st</sup> day messages. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/poplarridgefriendsny>.

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