

PRISM

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Monthly

The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

SEPTEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
4 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Rebecca Shillenback	5 Labor Day	6 7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting @ Lockhart's	7	8 7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond's	9 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	10
11 10:00am Meeting for Worship – A.T. Miller 11:00am Coffee Hour 2:00pm Avenues to Christian Spirituality	12 7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's	13 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'	14	15	16 8:00pm Richter- Schlichtmann Bonfire @ Richter's	17 9:00am Genoa Food Pantry 2:00pm Richter- Schlichtmann Wedding 7pm Merrifield Concert
18 10:00am Meeting for Worship – Christopher Sammond 11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business	19	20 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'	21 7:30pm Quaker Worship in Spanish	22 7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren-Thomas's	23 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	24 6:00pm soup and sharing - San Pedro
25 10:00am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	26	27 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	28 Deadline for PRISM submissions 7:00pm Outreach Meeting @ Dalton's	29	30	

Birthdays: 1st Jim Frisch; 3rd Priscilla Berggren-Thomas; 7th Bryn Grube; 8th Bess Simkin; 9th Edward Hayes; 10th Wytan Gunderson; 11th Samuel Buffam; 15th Dorothy Lonsky; 18th Peter Charles; 19th Sarah Richardson Green; 27th Jim Burkett; 28th Paul Simkin, George Schillenback

Anniversaries: 14th Mary Lou and Jack Charles; 18th Jackie Dickinson and Ed Maassen

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

POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES FOR AUGUST 21, 2016

The Monthly Meeting opened with a period of worship about 11:40 a.m.; the minutes from the July 17 meeting were read.

Attending: Ruth Ann Bradley, Larry Buffam, David Connelly, Jim Frisch, Barry Kahn, Hannah Richter, Heidi Richter, Andrew Simkin, Jane Simkin, and Paul Simkin.

We approved Hannah Richter's request to use Meeting tables and whatever else they need at Heidi Richter's wedding Sept. 17.

Ruth Bradley reported for the Heidi Richter-Drew Schlichtmann marriage Oversight Committee a reminder that the Meetinghouse needs to be in usable order for the Sept. 17 wedding.

Andrew reported that a Clearness Committee was formed for Suzanne O'Hara's request for membership.

The annual report from the Youth Committee was read and attached here.

Larry Buffam reported for the Building Committee that the basement project is moving along and should essentially be done by the Richter-Schlichtmann wedding. He, Peter Dalton, Dave Eckhardt, Ron Buxenbaum, Dil Otis and Andy Simkin have been working on it. The framing and the electrical hookups have been installed and are ready for hanging, finishing and painting drywall during the next few weeks. Howard Nelson has been sanding the front porch area, and Mary Lou and Jack have done painting. Larry asks the Meeting to consider whether portions of the stuccoed stone wall should be retained for appearances or sheet rocked to be plumb.

We have been offered a door from the Benjamin Howland House, the only door believed to be original to the house, considered historically significant. Monthly Meeting agreed to accept it. It was the first Friends Meeting House in Cayuga County. An idea is being considered to use the door, only about 6-foot-two tall, is be displayed as a part of the wall downstairs. There is also considerable usable lumber, for instance to construct furniture, and we could have some of it.

Barry Kahn called attention to an area rug in front of the upstairs bathroom that could be tripped on. The Building Committee will address it.

Local volunteers led by Leah McGonagle will be organizing work on the plantings in front and rear of the Meeting House.

We closed the Monthly Meeting in silence about 12:30 p.m.

-- Submitted by David Connelly, Recording Clerk.

SOUP AND SHARING

On Sunday, October 2nd there will be a Soup and Sharing after meeting. It will be presented by A.T., Craig and Maryl on the "Ins and Outs of the Democratic Presidential Convention". A. T. Was a delegate and he will talk about the delegate process and convention highlights. Craig and Maryl were outsiders and will speak about the many diverse groups and their messages.

Contact Trudy (rbuxenbaum@gmail.com) for more information.

MEETINGHOUSE CLEANING



We need a volunteers for cleaning the meetinghouse. Contact Jane Simkin 315-364-8422 for information or to volunteer.

COFFEE HOUR

The social committee has been making plans for the upcoming year. Coffee hours will be held once again on most second Sundays following the rise of Meeting for worship. The first one will be September the 11th.

FAMILY NIGHT

Family Night suppers will commence in September. Cathy Mullarney, Aiden Tierney and Larry Buffam will present on their recent trip to San Pedro sister community in El Salvador to kick off our Family Night programs on September the 24th at 6:00. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. The program will begin around 7:15.

Contact Hannah (hannahrichter79@gmail.com) for more information.



YOUTH COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 6/15 – 6/16

'15 – '16 Active Members

Julie Lockhart – Committee Clerk
Kathleen Connelly
Rebecca Damiani
Scott Lockhart
Sally Otis
Charlie Weld
Rebecca Schillenback, Advisory Member
Alyssa Binns-Gunderson, Advisory Member

New Committee

Unchanged

Activities this year:

- The committee met the first Tuesday of each month, excepting August, at the Lockharts' house.
- Our primary objective is to support our youngest Friends in their life at Poplar Ridge. Maintaining a substantive curriculum is difficult because of the small numbers of children regularly attending and their wide range of ages. It is not unusual for no children to attend on any given week. This year we kept

to the simple schedule of 1) Introductions; 2) Sharing News; 3) Reading a Story; 4) Having a Snack; 5) Taking part in an arranged activity or in free play. The committee recognizes that we need to balance this reality with modeling Quaker values in First Day School, possibly keeping to a month-long "theme" throughout the year and choosing stories and activities that fit with it.

- Charlie Weld is our long-time primary First Day Leader with other helpers providing stories and activity ideas. We instituted a monthly helper schedule which was posted on the back wall of the Meetinghouse Room and also shared on DropBox.
- Fifth Sundays have become an additional way to provide program to the children through a multi-generational meeting run by the Youth Committee. Instead of doing all five 5th Sundays for this calendar year, because of scheduling conflicts, our committee ran two, in August and January. The January program involved the Syrian Refugee Care Kits the Schillenback family had been participating in, part of a larger regional Friends effort. During the program, the children made cards with messages to accompany the kits.
- Our annual Halloween party was on Saturday, October 24 from 4:30-7:30. About 50 people attended, and we made about \$150 for UNICEF. The amount of work involved means we need to have more volunteers next year, scheduled for different time slots. We were very grateful to have Tara Arpino as fortune teller again this year, with Hannah Richter and Larry Buffam making delicious pizza for the crowd.
- Our Christmas Pageant and Gifts from Santa evening fell on Sunday, December 20 at 5pm. Cathy Mullarney planned the pageant and provided music. After the pageant, the Youth Committee and Social Committee coordinated a simple supper followed by the visit by Santa, played by Craig Kukuk, and his chief elf Scott Lockhart. Twenty-five children received gifts from Meeting members.
- Easter Multigenerational Egg Hunt after Meeting on March 27, an annual treat for the children, went off as usual with eggs provided by Scott Lockhart and hiding provided by the children.
- YSOP this year was accomplished with guiding help from Sally Otis to get the ball rolling,

Alyssa Binns Gunderson as Point Person, Howard and Zack Nelson as chaperones, and three students taking part. They shared their experiences at Children's Day.

- Farmington-Scipio Regional Spring Gathering took place at Watson Homestead from May 14 to May 16. This year our Meeting was in charge of the Youth Program for the weekend. Our committee began its planning at Winter Gathering in January in Rochester. Kathleen Connelly and Julie Lockhart took the lead with full support of the rest of the committee. The program was designed for three age groups – nursery headed by Rebecca Damiani, Ruth-Ann Bradley and Karen Brennan; elementary run by Scott Lockhart, Charlie Weld and Alyssa Binns-Gunderson; and teens headed by Greg Lockhart and Rebecca Schillenback. We had many Poplar Ridge kids attending and adults helping, including a workshop for the teens on diversity by A.T. Miller, along with volunteers from other Meetings. Approximately 27 children took part in the program with the teens comprising the largest group.
- Children's Day took place on June 26. Sally Otis ran the Meeting and prepared a scrapbook for Ella Pearl Gunderson. Rebecca Damiani presented a Godly Play activity titled, "John Wolman Visits the Indians at Wyalusing." Cathy Mullarney played flute and piano with Patrick Connelly performing a cello solo. The YSOP participants shared their experience in New York City in April. Kathleen Connelly prepared the program. Dill Otis provided beautiful marigolds for the children to distribute among the Meeting participants. The Meeting Annual Picnic followed immediately at Suzanne O'Hara's farm



RICHTER-SCHLICHTMANN WEDDING

Heidi and Drew invite the Meeting community to their wedding, **September 17 at 2:00 pm** at the Meeting House. Everyone is also welcome to join us for a bonfire, Friday the 16th at 8:00 pm at the

Richter home. Contact Hannah (hannahrichter79@gmail.com) for more information.

AVENUES TO CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY

On Sunday, September 11, the churches of the Southern Cayuga Wider Parish will host "Avenues to Christian Spirituality: An Intergenerational and Family Day of Exploration." This event, held from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the United Ministry of Aurora, invites participants to experience some of the many ways of prayer, meditation, and closeness to God practiced by Christians of different traditions.

The experiences offered to guests of all ages include: walking the stone labyrinth as a way to focus personal prayer and meditation; joining in the songs, prayer and silence of a short Taizé worship service; creating religious art through rubbings; engaging with prayer through self-examination and spiritual poetry; and expressing worship through liturgical dance.

Guides from the Wider Parish churches will be on hand to welcome and assist guests. The activities continue throughout the time so that guests may come and go at will. The United Ministry is located at 337 Main St., Aurora.

MERRIFIELD CONCERT

This month we are hosting the wonderful Sara Beth Go at Merrifield on September 17th at 7pm. Come to 2345 Center Road, Scipio to hear this phenomenal artist. (www.sarabethgo.com). You don't have to meet Sara Beth to hear her story – her songs will tell you all about the Worst New Years she ever had or how she spends her time in the city. But, if you do meet her, she'll tell you tales that will have you laughing, crying, or connecting over an unexpected shared experience.

We'd love to have you join us in the intimate music setting of our house—come early to enjoy the garden, stay through our longish intermission for coffee, tea, and conversation with the artist and each other. Bring friends and family, or make new ones at the event! We collect \$15 at the door to support the artist.

Contact Craig and A.T. with any questions at [607-279-7515](tel:607-279-7515) or atmiller80@gmail.com.

EXPERIENCE AVENUES TO CHRISTIAN

SPIRITUALITY:

*An Intergenerational and
Family Day of Exploration*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER

11 2PM – 5PM



At the United Ministry of Aurora, 337 Main St.

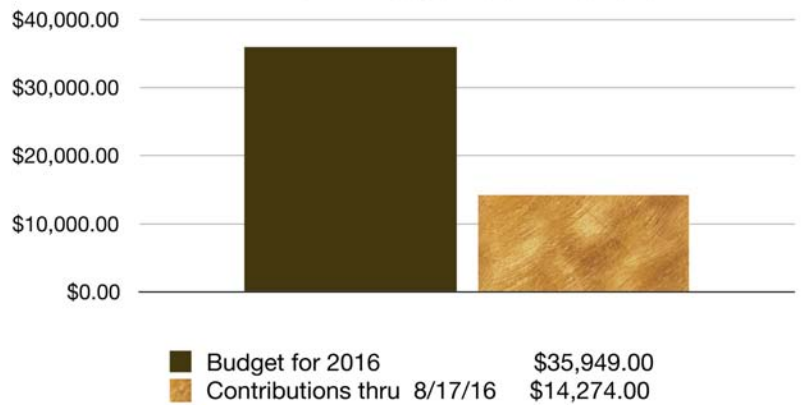
- ❧ *Walking the Labyrinth*
- ❧ *Song and Silence in Taizé Worship*
- ❧ *Religious Art through Rubbings*
- ❧ *Avenues to Personal Prayer*
- ❧ *Liturgical Dance*

**AN AFTERNOON OF INSPIRATION HOSTED BY
THE SOUTHERN CAYUGA WIDER PARISH**

Come and go as you like

All ages, everyone welcome!

2016 PR Budget vs Contributions



Budget for 2016	\$35,949.00	
Contributions for 2016	\$14,274.00	39.71%
Budget Deficit for 2016	\$21,675.00	

POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

Clerk – Andy Simkin
 Assistant Clerk – Anne Dalton
 Treasurer – Jeff Layton
 Musicians – Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney
 Pastoral Care - Craig Kukuk (734-717-7719)
 Recording Clerk – David Connelly
 Ministry & Counsel Clerk – Dill 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 1st day messages. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/poplarridgefriendsny>.

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