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The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 9:00am Affirming ... Youth Work 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
5 10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller 5:00pm Lenten Program @ Trinity United Church of Christ, Union Springs	6 7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's	7 7:00pm Peace and Social Action @ Buxenbaum's 7:00pm Youth Committee @ Lockhart's	8	9 7:00pm Mid- week Worship @ sammond's	10 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	11 Meeting for Discernment
12 Daylight Saving Time 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Craig Kukuk 11:00am Coffee Hour 5:00pm Lenten Program @ United Church of Genoa	13	14 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'	15 7:30pm Quaker Worship in Spanish	16	17	18 9:00am Genoa Food Pantry 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry 7:00pm Merrifield Concert - Sabrina Murdaugh
19 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Rebecca Shillenback 11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business 5:00pm Lenten Program @ United Minstry of Aurora	20	21 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'	22 Deadline for PRISM submissions 7:00pm Outreach Meeting @Dalton's	23 7:00pm Mid- week Worship @ Berggren- Thomas's	24 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	25 6:00pm Family Night - Costa Rica Travels
26 10:00am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed) 5:00pm Lenten Program @ King Ferry Presbyterian	27	28 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	29	30	31	

Birthdays: 2nd Elizabeth (Leigh) McGonagle, Eleanor Joy Simkin Mumma; 8th Jill Charles Gomez, Trey Anthony Otis, Luther Hallett; 9th Maryl Mendillo; 10th Emily Parker; 12th Ed Maassen, Mia Boynton, Carter Robert Otis; 16th Linda Simkin; 18th Henry Brice; 19th Bill Tyler, Richard Loosemore; 21st Susan Weisend; 23rd Phyllis Bunker, Linda McGonagle; 26th Meghan Charles; 28th Heidi Richter; 29th Mary Fairhurs; 30th Kylee McCleary

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

POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES FEBRUARY 19, 2017

The Monthly Meeting opened with a period of worship about 11:45 a.m.; the minutes from the January 15 meeting were read.

Attending were the following: Ruth Ann Bradley, Joanne Brumm, David Connelly, Barry Kahn, Suzanne O'Hara, Dill Otis, Sally Otis, Hannah Richter, Heidi Richter, Joanne Rogers, Andrew Simkin, Jane Simkin, and Paul Simkin.

The Meeting has received a request for membership from Connie Mather of Locke and referred it to Ministry & Counsel.

We approved the creation of a Gardens Committee separate from the Building and Grounds Committee.

Hannah reported for the committee arranging our hosting of the New York Yearly Meeting's Meeting for Discernments March 11. Kendra's will cater the event's lunch. We have fourteen registered so far for the event, nine requesting overnight accommodations. We will need help directing people for parking and greeters at the door. Other volunteers are helping with food arrangements and hospitality and transportation.

Andrew reported that our electric heating bill seems to have jumped compared to last year's bill. The oil tank is still half full. We have yet to determine whether to proceed using fuel oil rather the electricity to heat the Meetinghouse's basement.

We approved use of the Meetinghouse for a program in March for farmworkers.

We began a discussion about our Monthly Meeting's and independent roles in support of our farmworkers in our area.

We approved a small group to discuss issues involved in Friends to participate in meetings telephonically.

On our brochure, we agreed list Anne Dalton as a contact for questions.

We decided to cosponsor the Justice for All Concert at the Ithaca Unitarian Universalist Church at 7:30 p.m. Friday April 7. Its topic is racial justice concerns. It's a fundraiser for the new Center for Racial Justice in Ithaca.

We were reminded that not everyone can hear the voices of some who speak during Meeting. We resolved to stand while speaking and to speak louder.

We closed with a period of silence at 1:15 p.m.

Submitted by David Connelly, Recording

BIENVENIDOS

We are pleased to include a welcome for our Spanish-speaking friends on the meetinghouse sign. Thank you to Mary Lou for creating and to Dill for hanging the sign.



FAMILY NIGHT

The March Family Night supper will be on March 25 at 6:00. Please bring a dish to pass and your own place setting. Ron and Trudy Buxenbaum, Dill and Sally Otis and Hannah Richter will present the program "Shared Memories from our trip to Costa Rica with a focus on Monteverde and the Quaker Community". All are welcome.

QUAKER KIDS

Melinda Wenner-Bradley, NYYM Children and Youth Field Secretary, suggested Friends check out the website www.kidsquake.org. It has a lot of great resources for working with children. Adults may learn something by visiting the site as well.



QUAKER OUTSIDE THE LINES

What does it mean to Quaker Outside the Lines? It means to take your Quaker faith out into your community in meaningful ways.

If you have a project in mind that would engage your neighborhood community, we have an opportunity for you! From now until October, Friends in New York Yearly Meeting can receive up to \$200 reimbursement for a project that:

- Involves Quakers and non-Quakers doing something together;
- Is a manifestation of Quaker faith;
- Is meaningful to people living in your town or city;
- Happens somewhere other than your meetinghouse (libraries/schools/parks/etc.);
- And is documented at least once on social media, using #Quakeroutsidethelines.

This is open to all of us in NYYM - individuals, whole meetings, small groups, First Day Schools, everybody!

Watch the introductory video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZ0DewhVUs&feature=youtu.be>

And apply (or get more information)

here: www.tinyurl.com/quakeroutsidethelines/

Attachments area

[Preview YouTube video Quaker Outside the Lines Announcement](#)

MERRIFIELD CONCERT

This month, on March 18th, Merrifield will be hosting a wonderful African American singer-songwriter from Nashville, TN, Sabrina Murdaugh. She sees herself as somewhere in the mix of Tracy Chapman, Bonnie Raitt, and Joan Armatrading, but you can listen for yourself at <https://www.reverbnation.com/sabrinasongs> and hear what a great artist she is. She shares hope and encouragement through her well-crafted and heartfelt pieces, and experience them in an intimate house setting is the best place to be with her music! Craig and A.T. hope you will join them at 7pm at their home, 2345 Center Road, Scipio Center, 13147 with parking on Black Street. There will be a long intermission to share as a community, and you are welcome to come early or stay after. Feel free to bring friends and family. \$15 is collected at the door to support the artist. Contact A.T. atmiller@cornell.edu for more information.

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

MEETING FOR DISCERNMENT AT POPLAR RIDGE

Poplar Ridge Friends are urged to mark their calendars to attend all or part of this special event on **March 11** at our Meeting House. (9:30 - 12:00 and 1:30 - 4:00) Lunch will be included, reservations would be helpful with either Hannah or Andy.

Can you offer overnight lodging for out of town guests?(Friday night and possibly Saturday night) Please contact: Anne Dalton

Meeting for Discernment

The next gathering of the Meetings for Discernment will take place at the Poplar Ridge meetinghouse on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 9:30am to 3:30pm, hosted by Poplar Ridge Meeting. (Alternate date in case of bad weather: Saturday, March 18, same time and place.) Friends are invited to arrive between 8:30 and 9:15 (coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided), with the Meeting for Discernment to begin at 9:30. Lunch will be provided between sessions.

Meetings for Discernment are a time when the yearly meeting gathers for extended worship without the weight of an agenda for business. Because Meetings for Discernment offer an occasion for the yearly meeting community to hear what is rising up among us, monthly meetings and worship groups are asked to appoint at least one person to attend. Appointees are not asked to bring prepared messages, but rather to speak as moved in the moment by Spirit, by God, by the Inner Christ. By meeting this way in the fullness of our community, we hear that which might not be heard in the midst of committees and attending to business.

God is present in our relationships with one another, animating our interactions with extended families, meeting members, friends, and neighbors. All of these relationships are part of God's covenant with us, written in our hearts.

—NYYM *Faith and Practice*, p. 37

The Meeting for Discernment will focus on the following queries and also the theme for Summer Sessions 2017:

Bringing the Peaceable Kingdom to a Turbulent World.

*How do our meetings nourish the Light within the meeting, the Light within those in the meeting, and the Light in others?
How do I nourish the light within myself?
How do I stay centered, ready to be open to new insights and experiences? How can I become ready to listen for Spirit in those people with different opinions and beliefs?
How do I face my fears? How do our meetings help with this?*

Your prompt registration will facilitate our planning. To register for day attendance, possible pick-up from the airport or train station, and for hospitality and/or childcare, please complete the online registration form at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=6fb937> (link available at nyym.org) by March 3, earlier if possible, especially if you want hospitality. A good will donation of \$10 per person, paid on-site, will help defray the cost of childcare, a simple lunch, and other necessities. For information regarding financial assistance for travel expenses, contact Jeffrey Aaron: (732) 247-9430 or jephreyaaron@aol.com. For those planning

overnight stays at nearby hotels, there are various options in Aurora, Auburn, and Ithaca. The Poplar Ridge meetinghouse is at 1868 Poplar Ridge Rd, in the hamlet of Poplar Ridge, Aurora, NY. It is about 100 yards east of the intersection of Poplar Ridge Rd. and State Route 34b. Note that some online maps erroneously place the meetinghouse west of State Route 34b. Winter weather advisory: If the weather seems questionable, please check your e-mail on Friday, March 10 (if you have provided us with your email address), or call the NYYM office at (212) 673-5750. For information about local arrangements, you may reach Andrew Simkin, clerk of Poplar Ridge Meeting, by cell phone at [\(206\) 390-4286](tel:2063904286) or by email at simkinat@msn.com.



JUSTICE FOR ALL SINGALONG CONCERT

Poplar Ridge Meeting has agreed to cosponsor the **Justice For All Singalong Concert** with the Ithaca Meeting. Mark your calendars for this Upcoming concert

The **Justice for All Singalong Concert** will be in Ithaca on Friday, April 7, 7:30 at the Unitarian Universalist Church. This singalong concert will focus on racial justice issues. We will join together in songs that emphasize the struggles for equal rights and dignity and safety for people of all races, genders, sexual orientations, and national origin. The concert will feature:

- Lea Gilmore - is a blues, gospel, and jazz-singing civic activist who has lent her voice, literally and figuratively, to advocacy for the underserved of the world for many years. Essence Magazine named her one of the "25 Women Shaping the World" in 2005. She has worked tirelessly to advance racial justice and bridge divides in her native Baltimore,

particularly since the death of Freddie Gray in 2015 (www.leagilmore.com).

- Annie Patterson & Peter Blood - creators of the songbooks Rise Up Singing Professor Louie - award-winning blues pianist and vocalist (www.professorlouie.com).

This concert is a benefit for the new Friends Center for Racial Justice in Ithaca. Tickets are available at Green Star and at the door. At the door tickets will be sold as a suggested donation of \$20 for adults and \$5 for children ("Be generous! Be affordable!") There will be a Silent Auction and refreshments available.



LENTEN PROGRAMS

The ten churches of the Southern Cayuga Wider Parish representing Catholic, Presbyterian, Friends, Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist and Adventist traditions, have come together for the past fifteen years to create a series of five Sunday afternoon Lenten programs that cover a wide diversity of topics and speakers. In 2016, the Lenten series focused on some of the practices of Christian spiritual life that our various traditions share. This led to a well-attended day of exploring these practices, often called spiritual disciplines, on September 11th. Because of the interest and wide participation expressed, the theme chosen for Lent 2017 is "Avenues to Spirituality: Continuing the Journey." This year's topics include *Service*, *Worship and Celebration*, *Obedience*, *Solitude and Silence*, and *Simplicity*, with speakers from the immediate area and wider community.

The series takes place on successive Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm, March 5th through April 2nd, with a simple meal of soup provided. Our first program, "Spirituality Leading to Service" will be

held on March 5. Charlie and Polly Guy, members of Scipio Community Church traveled to Kyrgyzstan in the fall of 2016 and will share their spiritual journey to this eastern European Muslim country. The mission where they volunteered is called Act of Kindness Asia. They showed their love of Christ by their acts of kindness rather than preaching or saying words. The Act of Kindness Asia mission focuses on the local orphanages and elder care.

Trinity United Church of Christ 163 Cayuga St, Union Springs, NY 13160 will host the program which begins with a soup meal at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Guys' presentation. Soups and beverages are provided but bring your own soup bowl, mug and spoon.

On March 26th at the King Ferry Presbyterian Church, Jane Simkin, a member of Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting, plans to explore solitude and silence as spiritual disciplines and to look at interference from distractions, electronic and otherwise with a focus on youth as well as elders.

Date	Topic	Presenter(s)	Location
March 5 th	<i>Spirituality Leading to Service</i>	Charlie & Polly Guy	Trinity United Church of Christ, Union Springs
March 12 th	<i>Worship and Celebration</i>	Dr. Joan Hillsman & Shelia Beers	United Church of Genoa]
March 19 th	<i>Challenge of Obedience</i>	Fr. Bill Moorby & Linda Schwab	United Ministry of Aurora
March 26 th	<i>Solitude and Silence</i>	Jane Simkin	King Ferry Presbyterian Church
April 2 nd	<i>Simplicity</i>	Banu & James Moore	Scipioville Presbyterian Church

Contact Barry Kahn (SCL42carry.com) for help with transportation.



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](tel: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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