



# PRISM

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Monthly

*The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge*

**JUNE 2017**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
4 10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller	5 7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's	6 7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting @ Lockhart's	7	8 7:00pm Mid- week Worship @ sammond's	9 Nightingales in Ithaca  6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	10 9:00am Meetinghouse Cleanup Day
11 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Rebecca Shillenback	12	13 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'	14	15	16	17 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
18 Father's Day  10:00am Meeting for Worship  11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business	19	20 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'	21	22 7:00pm Mid- week Worship @ Berggren- Thomas's	23 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	24 7:00pm Merrifield Concert - Kristen Graves
25 10:00am Children's Day - Meeting for Worship & Picnic	26	27 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	28 Deadline for PRISM submissions	29	30	

Birthdays: 1<sup>st</sup> Barbara Bowen, Mark Vorreuter; 3<sup>rd</sup> Annie Brennan; 5<sup>th</sup> Ann Burch, Anne Dalton, Jack Charles, Nancy Evangelista; 8<sup>th</sup> Ishi Buffam; 16<sup>th</sup> Rebecca Schillenback, Robin Grube; 17<sup>th</sup> Bruce Berggren-Thomas, George Hebben; 21<sup>st</sup> Tess Nelson, Delia Hallett; 22<sup>nd</sup> Bill Mullarney, William John Charles; 23<sup>rd</sup> Lucas Labatut Pronto; 27<sup>th</sup> Claire Benton; 30<sup>th</sup> Aden Weiss

Anniversaries: 8<sup>th</sup> Ron and Trudy Buxenbaum; 16<sup>th</sup> Micheal and Walter Foulke; 28<sup>th</sup> Paul and Jane Simkin; 29<sup>th</sup> Brenda Rose Simkin and Bill Mumma

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 MAY 21, 2017**

Participants: Suzanne O'Hara, Dill Otis, Sally Otis, Barry Kahn, Jane Simkin, and Andy Simkin (Many who would otherwise have attended were away at Spring Gathering)

After gathering with a moment of silence, the group decided not to review minutes from the April meeting, which was the annual meeting.

Dill Otis reported on behalf of the clearness committee regarding Connie Mather's application for membership in Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting. The committee, which consisted of Dill, Craig Kukuk, and Linda Simkin, after meeting with Connie, recommended approval, and the meeting for business approved Connie Mather as a member of the meeting.

Dill reported on some basement flooding that had occurred, originating along the south foundation wall, after a very heavy recent rain. Water had flowed down Poplar Ridge road and down the entry driveway, pooling against the south end of the meetinghouse. This was partly caused by the clogging of a roadside drain east of the entry driveway. Andy will clear that drain. Dill also noted that he and Larry Buffam had succeeded in removing the jammed sliding library door, and will repair some faulty hardware and put the door back in place.

There was some discussion of plans for the meeting's upcoming Children's Day picnic, to be held at Suzanne's house on June 25. Suzanne will be returning from out of town on the day prior, and may need someone to help get the yard mowed.

The group discussed plans for regular meetinghouse cleaning, and re-confirmed the decision to use a cleaning service on a pilot basis for the month of June. Andy and Bess will coordinate, using Jane's document outlining cleaning routines.

In further discussion of cleaning issues, the group decided to hold the annual Spring clean-up day for the meetinghouse on Saturday, June 10.

Notes prepared by Andy Simkin, serving as acting recording clerk



### **MEETING DIRECTORY UPDATES**

Laura Buffam is working on a new **Poplar Ridge Meeting Directory** and she wants to make sure all information is current. It has been several years since the last directory was printed and your contact information may have changed. Please notify us if anything in your household may have changed.

The information usually included in the directory:

- Names - include names of children and household members as appropriate.
- Address - home and mailing
- Phone #(s) - Please indicate if cell phone or landline. Indicate preferred contact number if you like
- Email address(es)
- Birthdays, Anniversaries (optional)

If you are **SURE** nothing has changed, you need do nothing. If you have any doubts, for example a newish email or phone, you have moved, there is a new household member, etc., please send your information. If you are a new attender or are not sure if you are in the directory please send your information.

You can send the information by replying to the PRISM ([pr.prism@gmail.com](mailto:pr.prism@gmail.com)) or by contacting Laura directly ([laurabuffam@gmail.com](mailto:laurabuffam@gmail.com)). Please let us know if you have any questions, and thanks for your cooperation!

Contact Joanne Rogers ( 315-673-7061, 607-345-8468 cell, [SCL42carryu@gmail.com](mailto:SCL42carryu@gmail.com), or [SCL42carryu.com](http://SCL42carryu.com)) for help with transportation.

## CHILDREN'S DAY

Another school year draws to a close, and that means Children's Day at Poplar Ridge Meeting! We will celebrate the children and youth of our Meeting and their milestones at our Meeting for Worship. Children are invited to take part in the service. We particularly would like children with musical interest/talent if they would like to play a piece; and we would like children who love to read, to help read some of the service! As usual, the children will be passing out marigolds to Friends toward the end of the program.

Afterwards, everyone is invited to the Annual Children's Day Picnic, once again hosted by Suzanne O'Hara at her farm! Thank you so much, Suzanne! Because some of our committee members will be traveling that weekend, we could use some extra helping hands! We need someone to rake up tree windfall/mow the grass where we eat our lunch, because Suzanne will also be out of town the week before and could use the help. We need someone with a pickup truck (or two someones) to transport chairs, tables, and the big tablecloth roll from the meetinghouse to Suzanne's home and then bring them back again. We need helpers to load and unload the truck!

Suzanne will provide a grill and jugs of water and lemonade, and ice cream. Scott Lockhart will provide Hotdogs, buns and condiments. Everyone please bring a dish to pass along with table service for yourself. Our usual attendance ranges between 40 and 50 people.

This is one of the highlights of our Poplar Ridge year, and is a great way to welcome summer. There will be a map to Suzanne's on the back of the program for the Children's Service to help you find your way. We hope you can join us!



## NO SUMMER COFFEE HOURS

There will be no coffee hour at the meetinghouse in June, July or August while people travel and rest. We look forward to catching up with all in September.

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

## MEETING THOUGHTS

Elizabeth Clarkson, a Poplar Ridge Friend, once said, "... we come to the meeting for what we need ..." Here are a few thoughts that may help you find what you need while in meeting.

Music, prayer, spoken word and silence are all an important part of Poplar Ridge Friends worship. People find that they benefit most by arriving in time to sit and become centered before the program starts at 10am. If you arrive at meeting late, it is best to enter after the prelude in the silence between the spoken messages or during the singing of hymns. You are always welcome to come to meeting no matter how or when you arrive. It is better to arrive late than not at all.

Cell phones have become such a part of our everyday lives that we don't even think about how they disrupt our time. It is best to turn your phone off so that it will not distract you, or others, during the hour of worship. If you must have your phone or other electronic device on during worship, please turn it to silent mode. Many of us have been surprised and embarrassed to have our pocket start jingling during the silence.

A wonderful Quaker tradition is that any of us may feel lead to speak out of the silence. We cherish these individual messages. Please stand and speak out loud and clear when sharing. Many people have expressed disappointment that they cannot hear all that is said during meeting. It is also best to leave a short period of silence between messages to allow all to think about what has been said.

These thoughts are not rules, but suggestions to allow each of us to find peace and light at our weekly gathering. Everyone is welcome in our Meeting. Each person's participation is a gift. Please join us on Sunday and in community throughout the week to find whatever you need.

## MEETINGHOUSE CLEANING DAY

Come to the meetinghouse on Saturday, June 10, 2017 for the annual inside cleanup. We will be washing windows, polishing woodwork, washing the kitchen and all the other tasks that are not done weekly. The cleaning will start at 9 am and continue until we are done.

Come and help for as long as you can. There are some cleaning supplies in the meetinghouse, but bring items that you like to use.

We always have fun cleaning and visiting with our friends.



## MERRIFIELD CONCERT

This month on June 17th Craig and A.T. will welcome Kristen Graves, who is a singer/songwriter and humanitarian from Fairfield, Connecticut. She was recently listed as part of the “new generation of folk music” in the *New York Times* and had a recent mention in *Rolling Stone* for her participation in the compilation album, 'Buy This Fracking Album', produced by Movement Music Records. With catchy songs, a penchant for story telling, and inspiring lyrics, Kristen delights audiences across the country. In addition to her touring and recording schedule, Kristen makes sure that there is always time to be part of the humanitarian organizations whose work she admires and is inspired by. For this reason, the signature chemistry of Kristen’s performances is noted as a stirring combination of music and social justice.

Have a listen to her music at [www.kristengraves.com](http://www.kristengraves.com) and come and join them, bringing any family or friends at 7pm at 2345 Center Road, Scipio Center, NY 13147 on the corner of Center Road and Black Street, with parking on Black. Feel free to come early to enjoy the garden then, or during our longish social

intermission time. Part of having this kind of music in an intimate home setting is about creating and sustaining community.

\$15 will be collected at the door to support the musicians.

Please notify Nance Simkin ([Donald.simkin@yahoo.com](mailto:Donald.simkin@yahoo.com)) to send a special note of remembrance from the meeting. Donations of cards and postage are welcome.

## NYYM SUMMER SESSIONS REGISTRATION

Dear Friends,

This summer, we gather for Summer Sessions to support one another in bringing the peaceable kingdom to a turbulent world. We have many wonderful opportunities for worship, work, and play. Our usual worship sharing groups will meet each morning, the highlight of the Summer Sessions experience for many. We will share time in nourishing extended worship during Meeting for Discernment; we'll swim in the lake, play intergenerational games on the lawn, and so much more. Junior Yearly Meeting is a wonderful opportunity for children and youth to get to know other Quaker children and the Quaker faith. We particularly welcome newcomers to this experience! Online Summer Sessions registration is now available if you are paying your registration fees electronically by credit card or by eCheck. You will be able to register yourself, additional family members, and pay your registration fee. Your registration will automatically be forwarded to [office@nyym.org](mailto:office@nyym.org).

If you choose to send your registration check via postal mail please download and print your registration forms, mail them with your check to New York Yearly Meeting, 15 Rutherford Place, New York, NY 10003.

Please visit the Summer Sessions Information Page at <http://www.nyym.org/?q=SummerSessions2017> for detailed information.

We have much to offer the world and to offer each other, Friends. We will be blessed to be together. In peace,

Lucinda Antrim  
Clerk

## MORE CONNECTIONS FROM EL SALVADOR

One of the very best things about being retired is having the time and flexibility to spend time with good people when the opportunity presents itself. Such was my good fortune this past week. First a little background. Several people in the Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting are part of a Sister Community Project in partnership with the Salvadoran NGO FUNDAHMER and the rural community of San Pedro, El Salvador. Since I took my first delegation trip in 2011, I have been a yearly visitor and this long-term relationship of accompaniment has taken a front seat in my life.

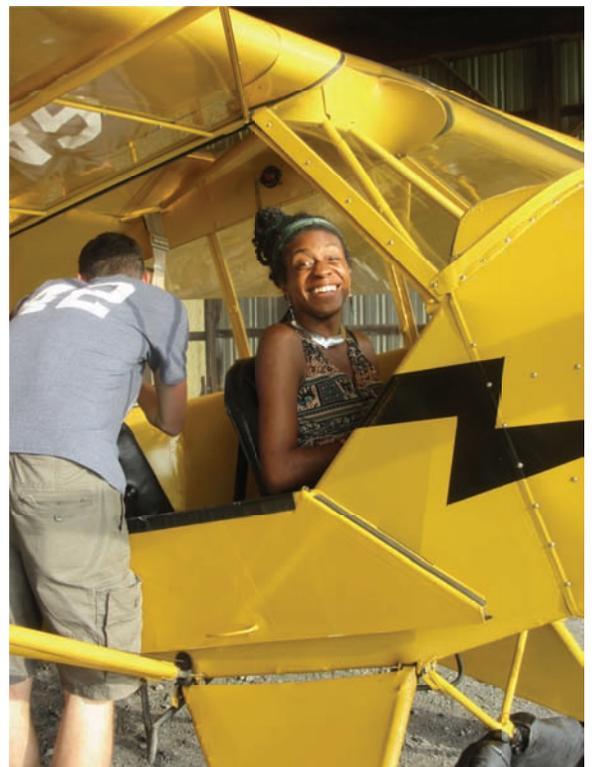
For the past two years, Rachel “Roja” Davis (Roja is Spanish for RED, Rachel’s initials) has been a volunteer/interpreter for FUNDAHMER, and she was our guide last July when Larry Buffam, Dan Renfrow, Sam Schneider, Aidan Tierney, and I visited San Pedro.



Since she returned to the U.S. a month ago, Roja has been touring the northeast visiting family and friends, and we are so glad she decided to include the Finger Lakes in her travels. Joined by Dan Renfrow, we visited the Harriet Tubman’s home, museum, and gravesite, hiked the gorge trail at Buttermilk Falls, saw the newest foals at Ledyard Farms, visited the Anne Frank Tree, and Trudy Buxenbaum gave us a private tour of the Howland Stone Store. Trudy and Ron also hosted supper for us and we were joined by Trudy’s grandson Sam, Dan Renfrow, and Jim and Kay Burkett who will be making their first delegation trip in June.

Two surprises awaited us at Trudy’s house! First, Sam offered to take Roja, then me up in the Piper Cub for a tour of the area from the air! So we gathered our nerve and sense of adventure, and up we went. Sam proved himself to be a fine and gracious pilot, taking me over the school, our house, Cayuga Lake, and Aurora. It was just spectacular! Then, at dinner, Roja and Jim discovered through their shared Mennonite background that they are good friends with the same people, even though Roja knows them from North Carolina and Jim knows them from Ohio! Small world! It was fun to enjoy some of the many area treasures while sharing time with such an interesting young lady who also holds our Salvadoran friends in her heart and in the light.

From Cathy Mullarney



## **NYYM JOB OPENING**

New York Yearly Meeting is looking for a new Young Adult Field Secretary. The Young Adult Field Secretary works with and supports the young adults in New York Yearly Meeting, serving as a locus for networking and disseminating information; assisting in multi-generational community development; doing mentoring, pastoral care, coordinating, and outreach; and helping young adult Friends to develop their gifts and to find a home in the Religious Society of Friends. In addition, the position will support young adult Friends' retreats and activities and opportunities for religious education and will serve as a support and focal point for college outreach efforts. This is a half-time position that requires ongoing ministry and considerable travel, including many weekend commitments, around the NYYM area.

Please see the [job announcement](#) and the [full job description](#) on our website. APPLY NOW: applications are being accepted until June 15. Position starts July 15th.

### **POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING**

Clerk – Andy Simkin

Assistant Clerk – Hannah Richter

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

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