



# PRISM

*The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge*

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Monthly*

## JUNE 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
3 10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller	4 7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's	5 7:00pm Peace and Social Action Committee @ Buxenbaum's  7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting @ Lockhart's	6	7	8 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	9
10 10:00am Meeting for Worship – unprogrammed  7:00pm HSSM Sunday Social – Jethro Wood	11	12	13 7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond/Rhudy's	14	15	16 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
17 Father's Day  10:00am Meeting for Worship - Query Sunday, Bess Simkin #14  11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business	18	19 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'	20 Deadline for PRISM submissions  7:30pm Quaker Worship in Spanish	21	22 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	23
24 10:00am Meeting for Worship - children's day  Children's Day picnic @ Richter's	25 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'	26 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	27 7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren- Thomas's	28	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)

## MINUTES FOR POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MAY 2018

There was no meeting for business in May.

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

## CHILDREN'S DAY

Mark Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> on your calendars for our end-of-the-school-year celebration of our children!

Children's Day is an annual Intergenerational Service at the usual 10am Meeting time. We invite children and their parents to join in the festivities, when we will mark the occasion of a year's growth for all, and special education milestones for some of our youth. There will be music, marigolds, and maybe some references to water, an ever-flowing stream. Just like time!

Immediately after the service is the Family Picnic. Hannah Richter graciously has agreed to host the picnic again this year at her home. Hots and Nots plus condiments will be provided, as well as water/lemonade and perhaps some ice cream! Please bring your own place service and a dish to pass with everyone. Also dress for the weather and be prepared for sunshine and mosquitoes. If it's quite warm out, you might be able to take a dip in Hannah's pool! We will provide a map/directions to Hannah's home at the Children's Day service. Rainy Day location will be at the Meetinghouse. Hope to see you there!

## NYYM SUMMER SESSIONS

Register now for New York Yearly Meeting Summer Sessions 2018 at Silver Bay YMCA on Lake George! Be sure to [visit the NYYM website](#) for detailed information, including:

- [Registration](#)
- [Week-at-a-Glance](#)
- [Youth Program](#)
- [Housing](#)
- [Transportation](#)
- and more!

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

## QUERY SUNDAY

June 17<sup>th</sup> will be Query Sunday. Bess Simkin will read the 14<sup>th</sup> query in NYYM [Faith and Practice](#) (2014).

*Do we make ourselves available in a tender and caring way when we sense a need for assistance in time of trouble? Do we trust each other enough to make our needs known to someone in our meeting?*

The current issue of Faith and Practice is online at <http://www.nyyim.org/book/faith-and-practice>.

Paper copies are available in the Meetinghouse library

For help with transportation contact Joanne Rogers at 315-673-7345, 607-345-8468 (cell) or [fron10ac@gmail.com](mailto:fron10ac@gmail.com)

## PLANNING FOR UPCOMING GATHERINGS

Poplar Ridge Meeting is hosting our Farmington Scipio Regional **Fall Gathering** on Saturday, September the 15<sup>th</sup>. We need to come up with a 1.5-2 hour morning program for adults. We will need to provide coffee and goodies for coffee hour upon arrival and then lunch. Childcare will need to be offered and a teen program if we desire. Friends will stay for regional business meeting in the afternoon. This will be a great way to meet Friends from our wider region. This will act as a dry run for the Spring Gathering on May 17-19, 2019 that our Meeting is responsible for coordinating at Watson Homestead in Painted Post!

Anyone interested in being on a planning committee for this event please contact Hannah Richter ([hannahrichter79@gmail.com](mailto:hannahrichter79@gmail.com)).



## NO SUMMER COFFEE HOURS

Coffee hours will take a break for the summer months. No coffee hours in June July or August

## **ROLAND THOMAS MICKLEM**

Roland Micklem, aged 89, died peacefully in Staunton, VA, on Sunday, May 6, 2018.

Roland was a naturalist, a writer, an avid bicyclist, an irrepressible joke and storyteller, and a musician who wrote humorous lyrics. He was a Christian who welcomed understanding and appreciation of other religions and sought to express his faith every day.

As a follower of St. Francis, Roland believed we were put on earth to be stewards of the natural world and its creatures. He crusaded against climate change decades before it became a common term. As an elder he protested mountaintop coal removal in West Virginia, hydro-fracking in New York, and the Atlantic Coast Pipeline in Virginia. Despite failing health, he continued his advocacy through his newsletter, *The Scrap Paper*, and letters to newspapers.

A celebration of his life will be held on Sunday, July 22 between 1:30 and 5 pm in the Rose Community Center, Rose New York. Contact Maryl Mendillo ([shunktaketcha@yahoo.com](mailto:shunktaketcha@yahoo.com)) for more information.

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 are welcome.

## **CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER**

*(Excerpt from Quaker Faith & Practice of the Religious Society of Friends in Britain*  
<http://qfp.quaker.org.uk/>)

All of us in the meeting have needs. Sometimes the need will be for patient understanding, sometimes for practical help, sometimes for challenge and encouragement; but we cannot be aware of each other's needs unless we know each other. Although we may be busy we must take time to hear about the absent daughter, the examination result, the worries over a lease renewal, the revelation of an uplifting holiday, the joy of a new love. Every conversation with another Friend, every business meeting, every discussion group, and every meeting for worship can increase our loving and caring and our knowledge of each other.

Loving care is not something that those sound in mind and body 'do' for others but a process that

binds us together. God has made us loving and the imparting of love to another satisfies something deep within us. It would be a mistake to assume that those with outwardly well-organised lives do not need assistance. Many apparently secure carers live close to despair within themselves. We all have our needs.

Careful listening is fundamental to helping each other; it goes beyond finding out about needs and becomes part of meeting them. Some would say that it is the single most useful thing that we can do. Those churches that have formal confession understand its value, but confession does not have to be formal to bring benefits. Speaking the unspeakable, admitting the shameful, to someone who can be trusted and who will accept you in love as you are, is enormously helpful.

Plain speaking is a longstanding Quaker testimony. It is not only that we hold a witness to the value of truth but also that straightforwardness saves us from many mistakes and much time wasted. On first acquaintance some Quakers can seem rather brusque; without the conventions of flattery and half-truths, we particularly need to make clear the steadfast love we have for one another.

Caring can take many forms. Some help will be beyond the resources of the local meeting, but it should not be beyond our resources to see when it is needed and to see that it is provided. Often it is what we are rather than anything we do which is of help to others. We should be wary of giving advice: a sympathetic ear, whilst a person finds their own way forward, will usually do more lasting good. Some people may not want to be helped, seeing our concern as an intrusion. Great sensitivity is called for.



## **HSSM SUNDAY SOCIAL – JETHRO WOOD**

On June 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, Robert Norton from the Ward W. O'Hara Agricultural and Country Living Museum will present "Jethro Wood, an Unsung Hero of American History". Learn about Wood's life and family, his contributions to farming and struggles to secure credit for his plow, and his influence on inventors of agricultural equipment that followed him, including Cyrenus Wheeler, E. D. Clapp, William Kirby, and the Brinkerhoff brothers.

The event will be held at Howland Stone Store Museum, 2956 State Route 34B, Hamlet of Sherwood, NY. Contact 315-364-5587 or [pwhite2299@aol.com](mailto:pwhite2299@aol.com) for more information.

### **POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING**

Clerk – Hannah Richter	Pastoral Care - Craig Kukuk ( <a href="tel:734-717-7719">734-717-7719</a> )
Assistant Clerk – Andy Simkin	Recording Clerk – David Connelly
Treasurer – Ruth Bradley	Ministry & Counsel Clerk – Charlie Weld
Musicians – Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney, Mary Jo Granger	

Poplar Ridge Friends meet every Sunday at 10 am for worship. The fourth Sunday of the month is an unprogrammed meeting. The fifth Sunday has a variety of formats. 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/poplaridgefriendsny>.

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