



# PRISM

*The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge*

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Monthly*

## JULY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller	2 7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's	3 7:00pm Peace and Social Action Committee @ Buxenbaum's  7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting @ Lockhart's	4 Independence Day	5	6	7 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
8 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Robin Grube, Query Sunday #15	9	10	11 7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond/Rhudy's	12	13 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	14 3:00pm Rebecca's Graduation Celebration @ Richter's
15 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Anne Dalton  11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business at the rise of Meeting	16 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	17 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'	18 7:30pm Quaker Worship in Spanish	19	20	21 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
22 10:00am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	23 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'	24	25 Deadline for PRISM submissions  7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren- Thomas's	26	27 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	28 3:00pm Perry City Summer Jams
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**Birthdays:** 5<sup>th</sup> Scott Lockhart; 12<sup>th</sup> Carl McCaffery; 14<sup>th</sup> Sigrid Mortensen, Piper Emily Green; 18<sup>th</sup> Brenda Rose Simkin; 19<sup>th</sup> Zachary Nelson; 23<sup>rd</sup> Bill Fairhurst, Erika Richter; 26<sup>th</sup> Silas Warren-MacCormick, Jeffrey Layton; 28<sup>th</sup> Dillwyn Otis; 29<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Brice; 31<sup>st</sup> Charles Weld

**Anniversaries:** 8<sup>th</sup> Dillwyn and Sally Otis

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 JUNE 17, 2018, POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING.**

The Monthly Meeting opened with a period of worship about 11:50 a.m.; the minutes from the April meeting were read.

Attending were Ruth Bradley, Phyllis Bunker, David Connelly, Barry Kahn, Dill Otis, Hannah Richter, Christopher Sammond, Andy Simkin, Jane Simkin, Paul Simkin, and Charlie Weld.

- Ruth, our Treasurer, passed out a record of our year-to-date expenses. We have spent nearly \$18,000 on our \$36,839 annual budget. We have received \$8,800, about 24 percent of our annual budgeted contributions.
- Charlie reported for Ministry and Council that we purchased 15 copies of the current New York Yearly Meeting "Faith and Practice." The copies will be placed in our library. The book may also be read online. "Quaker Speaks" DVDs are also now available for newcomers in the Library.
- Reporting for the Building and Grounds Committee, Andy said the Committee is considering work this summer on needed Meetinghouse foundation repair, new siding and other projects.

Kathleen Connelly has made drawings for possibilities to improve accessibility to the Meetinghouse's basement for mobility impaired people. The Building Committee will be reviewing and discussing the drawings. Kathleen will make a more detailed presentation. Beforehand, the drawings will be sent to everyone on our email list.

- Hannah has been reaching out to form a committee to plan for our responsibilities at Fall Gathering next Sept. 15 at our Meetinghouse. Several people have volunteered to serve on that committee, Ruth, Ann Dalton, Jane Simkin, and Christopher.
- It was approved to participate in the Faith Days of the LGBTQ Booth at the State Fair on 8/25 and 8/26. It was approved to pay \$50 for a quarter-page ad in the LGBTQ Pride magazine publicizing our Meeting and its welcoming nature to all people. Ruth as treasurer will write a check and submit

the registration. The Outreach committee has been asked to work on the ad. Barry Kahn agreed to represent the Meeting at the Fair. Other volunteers are welcome.

We ended with a period of silence about 12:45 p.m.

Submitted by David Connelly, Recording Clerk

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

### **QUERY SUNDAY**

July 8<sup>th</sup> will be Query Sunday. Robin Grube will read the 15<sup>th</sup> query in NYYM Faith and Practice (2014).

*Do we partake of the joy of the love of God and make our lives a celebration of the sharing of this love? Do our daily lives so demonstrate Friends' testimonies as to commend them to others?*

The current issue of Faith and Practice is online at <http://www.nyym.org/book/faith-and-practice>. Paper copies are available in the Meetinghouse library



### **CELEBRATE REBECCA'S GRADUATION**

The Meeting family is invited to celebrate Rebecca Shillenback's graduation from Divinity School. All are invited to come to Hannah Richter's home on July 14th. Come early for swimming around 3:00 and potluck supper at 5:30. Water and lemonade will be provided. Bring your own place setting. Hope you can come! Contact Hannah for more information, [hannahrichter79@gmail.com](mailto:hannahrichter79@gmail.com).

## **FINANCIAL AID FOR NYYM SUMMER SESSIONS**

Do you want to attend NYYM Summer Sessions but need financial assistance?

The deadline to apply for financial aid is JULY 2. Click [here](#) for information on requesting aid from the Equalization Fund. We want everyone to be able to come to Summer Sessions, no matter their financial need. The financial aid request is part of the registration form: do please register [here](#).

Please spread the word about this deadline and announce it at your meeting this First Day. We look forward to being with you in the beloved community of Friends!

## **PERRY CITY SUMMER JAMS**

Perry City Meeting is hosting a series of Summer Jams the last Saturday of each month - June 30, July 28, and August 25. There will be ice cream, there will be a yard sale, there will be tours of the nature preserve, there will be a bottle and can drive...and there will be an acoustical jam session, so bring your instruments, if you play!

The Jam Sessions will be 3:00 - 7:00 at the meetinghouse, 6324 Rt.227 in Perry City. (If anyone from the Syracuse region would like to attend, there are two Friends who would like to ride with you.) Contact Donna Beckwith <[dbeckwith@yahoo.com](mailto:dbeckwith@yahoo.com)> for more information.



## **ANNUAL BRIDGING THE URBAN RURAL DIVIDE CONFERENCE**

There is still time to register for the New York State Council of Churches' summer conference, "The Church as a Catalyst for Community Renewal: An Urban-Rural Dialogue". This exciting event will be held at the First Presbyterian Church

of Johnstown, NY from Tuesday, July 10th to Thursday, July 12th. Please register today at [WWW.NYSCOC.org](http://WWW.NYSCOC.org) --and invite a friend to join you!

This event follows on last year's successful conference, "Bridging the Urban-Rural Divide," which drew participants from business, labor, government and nonprofits alongside religious leaders. This year's program will focus on the role churches can play in the economic revitalization of their communities, an issue that crosses some of the political divisions that increasingly characterize our country and our state. Visit <http://nyscoc.org/events/the-church-as-a-catalyst-for-community-renewal-an-urban-rural-dialogue/> for more information.

## **THE SPIRIT**

*(Excerpts from NYYM Faith & Practice)*

The Religious Society of Friends arose from personal experience of direct spiritual encounter with God as revealed in Jesus Christ. The conviction that God can and does speak to the condition of all persons emerged from that experience and spread with great rapidity among religious seekers of the seventeenth century. They became convinced that God strengthened, directed, and worked through them, and this conviction has remained at the center of Friends' faith and practice...

The Spirit heals, renews, uplifts, encourages, shelters. It illuminates Friends' unceasing search for Truth. We believe the Spirit calls us to answer to that of God in every person; as we do so, it unites us in a community of God.

*It is an overwhelming experience to fall into the hands of the living God, to be invaded to the depths of one's feelings by His presence, to be, without warning, wholly uprooted from all earthborn securities and assurances, and to be blown by a tempest of unbelievable power which leaves one's old proud self utterly, utterly defenseless, until one cries, "All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me." Then is the soul swept into a loving center of ineffable sweetness, where calm and unspeakable peace and ravishing joy steal over one.*

– Thomas R. Kelly, "Holy Obedience,"  
in A Testament of Devotion, 1941

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.

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

### **POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING**

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

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/poplarridgefriendsny>.

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