

# PRISM

*The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge*

*Poplar  
Ridge  
Information  
Sharing  
Monthly*

## AUGUST 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
5 10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller	6	7 7:00pm Peace and Social Action Committee @ Buxenbaum's  7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting @ Lockhart's	8 7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond/Rhudy's	9	10 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	11
12 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Anthony Gaenslen	13	14	15 7:30pm Quaker Worship in Spanish	16	17	18 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry  7:00pm Merrifield Concert - Marc Black
19 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Query Sunday Julie Lockhart #8  11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business at the rise of Meeting	20 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	21 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Richter's	22 Deadline for PRISM Submissions  7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren- Thomas's	23	24 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	25 3:00pm Perry City Summer Jams
26 10:00am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	27 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'	28	29	30	31	

**Birthdays:** 1<sup>st</sup> Eric Devin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ethan MacCormick; 9<sup>th</sup> Craig Kukuk; 15<sup>th</sup> Marlee Harris, Bradley Farrel; 24<sup>th</sup> Andrew Simkin, Shawn Grube; 28<sup>th</sup> Connie Mather; 31<sup>st</sup> Caroline Burch, Karen Menges

**Anniversaries:** 6<sup>th</sup> Scott and Julie Lockhart; 7<sup>th</sup> Tess Nelson and Perry Gorgen; 15<sup>th</sup> Helen and George Hebben; 16<sup>th</sup> Sarah Richardson and Aaron Green; 25<sup>th</sup> Gregory and Janet 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 JULY 15, 2018

The Monthly Meeting opened with a period of worship 11:43 a.m.; the minutes from the June 17, 2018, meeting were read.

Attending were Ruth Bradley, Phyllis Bunker, David Connelly, Anne Dalton, Barry Kahn, Julie Lockhart, Scott Lockhart, Dill Otis, Sally Otis, Hannah Richter, Christopher Sammond, Andy Simkin, Jane Simkin, and Paul Simkin.

- About Faith Days, LGBTQ Booth at State Fair 8/25 and 8/26, Phyllis Bunker has volunteered along with Barry Kahn to represent us.
- Reporting for the Ministry and Counsel committee, Hannah asked whether we wish to continue with the Worship programming of our Third Sundays. We decided to continue asking a member of our Meeting or a guest to offer a message, or to occasionally use Queries from Faith and Practice or Song and Silence.
- Julie Lockhart offered the annual report for the Youth Committee. It is attached.
- Larry submitted a Building and Grounds Report, as read by Andy: "In July, committee members are going to dig out the soil around the SW corner of the foundation and determine the best plan for repairing that corner. It is anticipated that some stones and mortar mix will need to be purchased for the repairs. It is anticipated that we will be able to do the work ourselves, however, not entirely at this point. Also in July, we plan on doing further research into a lift, starting by contacting Friends at Rochester meeting to ask about their experience with a lift. We intend to look at cost and reliability, talk further with Kathleen Connelly about possible locations, and also look for sources of funding support. We intend to have information for consideration in August."
- Andy added that looked at the foundation corner and thinks it is a small job.
- Ruth offered an updated Treasurer's report. We decided to pay Religious Education expenses this year out of the Meeting's Youth Fund. We will decide later whether to return \$200 to the Religious Education budget line for next year. Contributions received to date are \$10,221,

or nearly 28 percent of our \$36,839 budget. We have spent \$21,095.

- Reporting for the Library Committee, Sally said the committee has rearranged and straightened the Meeting's Library and found a number of possibly memorable items. They include a tiny 1862 book, "Christian Life of the Early Friends," and several framed pictures. We will label and keep some of the found items and hang some of the pictures.
- For Fall Gathering at our Meetinghouse Sept. 15, the theme will be "Reaching the Sacred Across the Divide," with Ruth Bradley as opening speaker. She will use the book, "The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are divided by Politics and Religion," by Jonathan Haidt.
- We are seeking Friends to coordinate Spring Gathering in May 2019.
- We approved Hazard Library's request to continue using the Meetinghouse for various Tuesdays and Thursdays this summer. We will ask the library to forward the dates by email to Jane.
- Andy will bring a sample of tables that we might purchase that are lighter and possibly safer than those we have now.

We closed with silence at 1:07 p.m.  
Submitted by David Connelly, the Recording Clerk

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

### QUERY SUNDAY

August 19th will be Query Sunday. Julie Lockhart will read the 15<sup>th</sup> query in NYYM Faith and Practice (2018).

*Have we confronted our own decisions about our use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, and do we encourage others to do likewise? Have we considered the cost in human suffering that might result from such use?*

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

## **YOUTH COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 6/17 – 6/8**

### ***'17 - '18 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 beginning in May 2018:***

Rebecca Damiani rotated off the committee. We thank her for her years of generous creative energy, ideas and problem solving skills. We now welcome Alyssa Binns-Gunderson and Annie Brennan to our committee.

### ***Activities this year:***

- The committee generally met the first Tuesday of the month at the Lockharts' home.
- We maintained our primary objective of supporting our youngest Friends in their life at Poplar Ridge. 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. We also used the Quaker Testimonies of S-P-I-C-E-S, Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality, and Stewardship one/month as a mindful way to plan stories and topics with the children. We set up a monthly schedule with two adults caring for the kids each week downstairs. Based on our attendance log, approximately 150 children (many repeating) participated in our programming Sundays downstairs or in special events between June 2017 and June 2018.
- Our annual Halloween party was on Saturday, October 28 from 4:30-7:00. Sixty-three children and 56 adults attended and we raised \$381 for UNICEF. A special thank you to Hannah and Heidi Richter for their pizza making, always a highlight for volunteers and visitors alike. Also thanks to Tara Arpino, our intrepid and immensely creative fortune teller, and to teens Alex Arpino, Patrick Connelly and Jackson Otis who assisted.
- Our Christmas Pageant and Gifts from Santa evening fell on Sunday, December 17 at 5pm.

As usual it was a popular event for young and old. Thank you to Cathy Mullarney and Robin Grube for their invaluable help.

- Easter Multigenerational Egg Hunt happened after Meeting on April 1, an annual treat for the children.
- YSOP this year took place on the weekend of March 17 with Alex Arpino from our Meeting, Alex Larsen, Nick Thurston, and Sam Perez taking part. A special thank you to chaperones Heidi Richter and Drew Schlichtmann. Drew and some of the boys shared their experiences at Children's Day.
- We oversaw one Fifth Sunday service, on April 29. The theme was Animal Friends in keeping with the Quaker Testimony of Stewardship and featured a special story and stuffed animal friends parade.
- Children's Day took place on June 24. The theme was "water" in keeping with Stewardship of the earth's resources. It also was a tangible way for children to think about the value of stillness and silence in our spiritual practice as Quakers. The Meeting presented Cyrus Schillenback, finished with fourth grade, and Aidan Tierney, graduated from 12<sup>th</sup> grade, with a Bible for Cyrus and a Quaker Faith and Practice for Aidan. Thanks to Cathy Mullarney for her musical guidance, Patrick Connelly and his cello performing a difficult tarantella, and Barry Kahn on guitar, and Dill Otis for the beautiful marigolds he shares at Children's Day every year. The Meeting's Annual Picnic followed immediately at Hannah Richter's barn.
- Beginning in 2019, the Youth Committee will submit its annual report in April along with the other committees, rather than waiting until the end of the school year as we have done the past few years.



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.

## QUAKERS AND ALCOHOL

*Excerpt from NYYM Faith and Practice:*

*The cares and pleasures of this life choke  
and destroy the seed of the kingdom and  
quite hinder all progress in the hidden and  
divine life.*

- William Penn N Cross N Crown 1682

The testimony of simplicity of detachment from possessions and worldly aspirations—arose from Friends' conviction that simplicity would enable us to grow in communion with God and to discern God's will for us.

When we open ourselves to God, we want to unclutter our lives, to free ourselves from dependence on our possessions and self-indulgences, or from encumbering details and self-appointed tasks and activities that consume and distract us. We endeavor to live free from the potential dangers involved in the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco; the practice of gambling; and excessive eating. We realize the tragic results of these practices, not only to the practitioner, but to family, friends, and others. Social custom often makes it difficult or embarrassing to decline to use or to serve intoxicants, and we may help others by our example of standing clear from the use of these substances. Simplicity releases us from that which drains and depletes us, and redirects our energy toward God.

*Simplicity clears the springs of life and  
permits wholesome mirth and gladness to  
bubble up; it cleans the windows of life and  
lets joy radiate.*

- Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice  
1955

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*Excerpt from [QuakerSpeak](#):*

Historically, Quakers are known for abstaining from drinking alcohol. What was the reason behind Quaker teetotalism? Was that always the case? View the video "[Do Quakers Drink Alcohol?](#)".

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*Excerpt from [Spirituality and Quaker Approaches to Substance Use and Addiction](#), Helena Chambers, Director of Quaker Action on Alcohol and Drugs:*

Some Quakers do drink alcohol, smoke tobacco or even occasionally use other drugs. But we are guided by one of the Quaker advices which says "In view of the harm done by the use of alcohol, tobacco and other habit-forming drugs, consider whether you should limit your use of them or refrain from using them altogether." Use of these substances could impair judgment and potentially cause harm to the user and others. – [Portland Friends Meeting, Portland, Maine, FAQ](#)

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) has held a consistent testimony of abstinence and moderation regarding alcohol and other substances. ... The association between low substance use and religiosity is established in the literature, but the role of spirituality is less defined. ... Results generally support Miller's suggestion that idiographic spirituality may have a role in resilience to higher substance use. However, spiritual practice through prayer/meditation emerges as having a more consistent role in the Quaker sample—a finding that is of interest and potential significance in considerations of resilience and recovery. The community dimension of shared spiritual attitudes towards substance use, and the spiritual values that underlie the interpretation of testimony, are also explored. The congruence that some Quakers find with the spiritual approaches of Alcoholics Anonymous is also discussed. It is concluded that spirituality is a significant factor in a Quaker balance that can mitigate immoderate use and support recovery from addiction, without, in general, excluding those who use at higher levels.



## FGC RACISM SURVEY

Dear Friends,

Below is the link to FGC Institutional Assessment on Racism Survey. We have an opportunity to take it now! Please, whether you are here at New York Yearly Meeting's Summer Sessions or home with your meetings, join us all in this important work this week, and please, if you are a contact person, pass this on to your lists.

We will hear a report on the survey this morning in business sessions, and as results come in the report will be updated. This is happening now! Join us in this Spirit-led work.

In peace,

Lucinda Antrim

Clerk, New York Yearly Meeting

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FGC\\_IA](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FGC_IA)



## MERRIFIELD CONCERT

This month Merrifield are hosting a concert with the wonderful Hudson Valley artist, Marc Black. Marc plays a finger style blues in the traditions of Mississippi Hurt and the great Tim Hardin. A proud road warrior, he was inducted into the New York Chapter of the Blues Hall of Fame in June of 2014.

Marc has performed and recorded with Art Garfunkel, Taj Mahal, Richie Havens, Rick Danko and Pete Seeger to name a few. He was recently named Folk Artist of the Year on ABC Radio, and a winner at the Kerrville Folk Festival. Marc's song, No Fracking Way, recorded with John Sebastian, has become a worldwide anthem for the

movement. His Pictures of the Highway CD has reached #6 on the Folk DJ Chart, and his youtube videos have been viewed more than 100,000 times! He has been very involved in several campaigns for social and environmental justice, including his multimedia campaign, Sing for the Silenced and his current call for political engagementment, We Will Sing and Beat the Drum.

In the words of folk legend, Happy Traum, "Marc is a master at spreading the joy of music." Check him out at [www.marcblack.com](http://www.marcblack.com) and then bring family and friends, or just yourself to enjoy an intimate concert at the home of A.T. Miller and Craig Kukuk. They are found at 2345 Center Road, Scipio, at the corner of Center Road and Black Street with parking on Black Street. The concert begins at 7pm on Saturday, August 18th, and there is plenty of time before the concert, during a generous intermission, and after to socialize, meet the artist, and enjoy the garden and the evening together. We collect \$15 at the door to support the artists.

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

## HOWLAND STONE STORE MUSEUM EVENTS

[HSSM](#) is holding a tour of Cobblestone Homes on August 5 from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. Tickets will be on sale on the day of the event at the Stone Store Museum in Sherwood from noon until 3:00 p.m. Take a look at the field stones, some of which Emily picked that make up the building material of the store and see how many kinds of stone you can identify.

On August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7PM Larry Bell, Board member, retired minister, historical researcher and window restorer will share his look at social and religious movements that led to the 1848 Declaration of Sentiments and the ongoing push toward Equality. The strength and size of the Quaker community, the unprecedented coming together of women of purpose in Seneca Falls and the work of the Howland family in support of abolition, education and suffrage will be highlighted.

# Farmington Scipio Regional Meeting Fall Gathering at Poplar Ridge

Sept 15, 2018



## Reaching the Sacred Across the Divide

As Friends, we affirm “that of God” in each person. Yet, many of us struggle to see and answer to the sacred in those with whom we disagree about the salient issues of our time.

Recent studies of morality, ethics and values across the political spectrum can help deepen our understanding of the current divisions among us and inform a constructive response.

Join us for an exploration of the moral matrices put forth in Jonathan Haidt’s book, [The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion](#), and let us see how the way forward opens for us together.

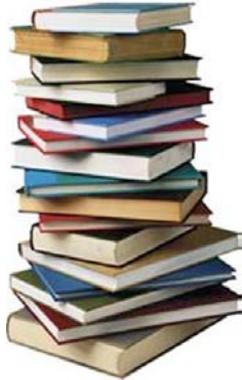
### Schedule:

9:00 am	Arrival, refreshments
9:30 am	Gather for program
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch, Soup and beverages provided. Bring your own sandwich
1:15 pm	Business Meeting
3:00 pm	Refreshments

The Poplar Ridge Friends Meetinghouse is located at 1868 Poplar Ridge Road, Poplar Ridge, NY. For more information email [pr.prism@gmail.com](mailto:pr.prism@gmail.com) or call 315-364-3531.

Contact Hannah Richter ([hannahrichter79@gmail.com](mailto:hannahrichter79@gmail.com)) to arrange overnight hospitality or childcare.

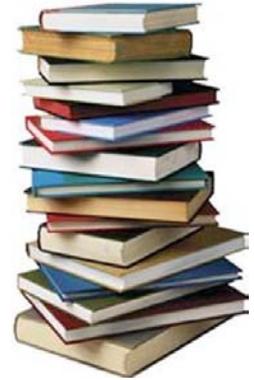
# Hazard Library



## BOOK SALE

July 28 – Aug 4

2018



<u>SATURDAY</u> JULY 28 9 AM 4 P M	<u>SUNDAY</u> JULY 29 NOON - 4 P M	<u>MONDAY</u> JULY 30 9 AM 4 P M	<u>TUESDAY</u> JULY 31 1 P M 8 P M
<u>WEDNESDAY</u> AUG 1 9 AM 4 P M	<u>THURSDAY</u> AUG 2 1 P M 8 P M	<u>FRIDAY</u> AUG 3 9 AM 4 P M	<u>SATURDAY</u> AUG 4 9 AM 2 P M \$4/BAG

Poplar Ridge Firehouse  
2423 Route 34B, Poplar Ridge

315-364-7975 [www.hazardlibrary.org](http://www.hazardlibrary.org)

## **FARM BOY AFTER SUMMER**

A seated statue of himself he seems.  
A bronze slowness becomes him. Patently  
The page he contemplates he doesn't see.

The lesson, the long lesson, has been summer.  
His mind holds summer, as his skin holds sun.  
For once the homework, all of it, was done.

What were the crops, where were the fiery fields  
Where for so many days so many hours  
The sun assaulted him with glittering showers.

Expect a certain absence in his presence.  
Expect all winter long a summer scholar,  
For scarcely all its snows can cool that color.  
- Robert Francis

## **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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