

PRISM

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the Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

JUNE 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
2 10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller	3 7:00pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's	4 7:00pm Peace and Social Action Committee @ Buxenbaum's	5	6	7	8
9 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Rebecca Schillenback Coffee Hour	10 7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting @ Otis'	11	12 7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond/Rhudy's	13	14 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	15 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
16 Father's Day 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Christopher Sammond	17 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	18 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'	19 Paul and Jane Simkin's 50th Anniversary Celebration	20	21	22
23 10:00am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed) Monthly Meeting for Business at the rise of Meeting	24 7:00pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'	25	26 Deadline for PRISM submissions 7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren-Thomas'	27	28 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	29
30 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Children's Day Children's Day Picnic @ Richter's						

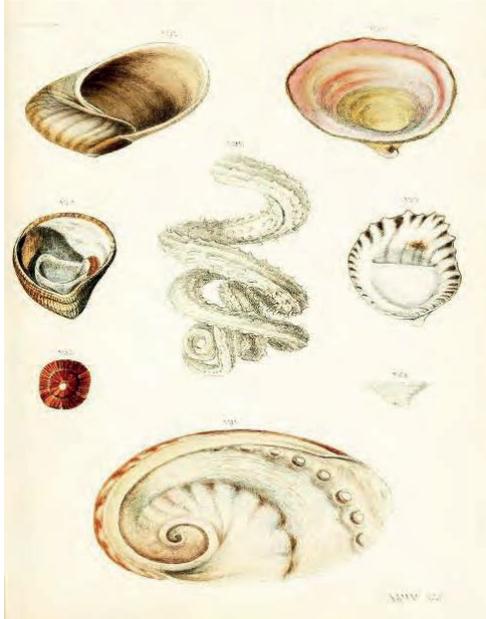
Birthdays: 1st Barbara Bowen, Mark Vorreuter, 3rd Annie Brennan, 5th Ann Burch, Anne Dalton, Jack Charles, Nancy Evangelista, 8th Ishi Buffam, 16th Rebecca Schillenback, Robin Grube, 17th Bruce Berggren-Thomas, George Hebben, 21st Tess Nelson, Delia Hallett, 22nd Bill Mullarney, William John Charles,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

Anniversaries: 8th Ron and Trudy Buxenbaum; 16th Micheal and Walter Foulke

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

**MINUTES FOR POPLAR RIDGE
MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS
MAY, 2019**

There was no business meeting in May 2019.



CHILDREN'S DAY

Mark Sunday June 30th 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.

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!

PENDLE HILL PAMPHLETS

The Poplar Ridge Monthly Meeting has renewed its subscription to the Pendle Hill Pamphlet series, and

the first of the six that we will receive this year has just arrived. It is "On the Spirituality of Lightheartedness" by Helen Steere Horn, and "lays out a view of how to balance the internal refreshment of the light heart with the work needed to address suffering, hunger, and injustice in the world."

But what is a Pendle Hill pamphlet? This is how Pendle Hill, the Quaker study and retreat center outside Philadelphia, describes them:

"Pendle Hill pamphlets, like the early Christian or the early Quaker tracts, present a variety of viewpoints, all in some way derived from a fundamental idea. Variety is evidence of life; cold uniformity presages death. But why pamphlets? Why not more books, or magazine articles, or posters? The typical pamphlet has certain characteristics which make it an apt vehicle for experimental thought. It should be the right length to be read easily at a single sitting. It should portray a single thesis without wandering from it. It must be concerned with a topic of contemporary (though not necessarily topical) importance. And a Quaker pamphlet, like a Quaker sermon, must embody a concern."

The new pamphlet will be on the shelves in the rear of the Meeting House.

**CELEBRATE JANE & PAUL SIMKIN'S
50TH ANNIVERSARY**

Save the Date for Wednesday June 19th at Camp Gregory right next to the Simkin Cottage on Cayuga Lake, for an afternoon and evening of celebration! It will be a come when/as you can and stay as long as you want and can, everyone is welcome!!!

More details to come soon and PLEASE pass this along to others as well! Contact Claire Benton <ccbenton@gmail.com> for more information.

**KING FERRY FOOD PANTRY
REQUESTS PERSONAL ITEMS**

The food pantry would like donations of personal items like hand soaps, shampoos, tooth paste, brushes, tissues, toilet paper, feminine products, condoms, etc. These are not provided through the food bank and have to be purchased. Contact Debbie Patrick purpleinmoravia@yahoo.com or 315-497-2049 for more information about the King Ferry Food Pantry.

YOUTH COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

7/18 – 6/19

'18 – '19 Active Members:

Julie Lockhart – Committee Clerk

Alyssa Binns-Gunderson

Kathleen Connelly

Scott Lockhart

Sally Otis

Charlie Weld

Annie Brennan, child care support

Rebecca Schillenback, Advisory Member

New Committee beginning in May 2019:

The Nominating Committee, as of now, has not made any recommendations for new Youth Committee members. We need at least two regular members who can commit to once a month child care downstairs.

Julie Lockhart is stepping down as Clerk of the committee after 3 years but will continue to serve as a regular member. No one has been identified yet as the new clerk.

Activities this year:

- The committee generally met the second Monday of the month at Sally Otis's home. About halfway through the year, because of individual committee member needs, the committee began meeting every other month unless there was a specific program upcoming that needed more attention.
- 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 set up a monthly schedule with two adults caring for the kids each week downstairs. We had children attending on a fairly regular basis from four families, with a total of eight children ages 4 to 11 in the group.
- Our annual Halloween party was on Saturday, October 27 from 4:30-7:00. Fifty-five children and 72 adults attended and we raised \$416.15 for UNICEF. A special thank you to Hannah Richter and Larry Buffam for their pizza making. Special thanks also to Tara Arpino, our creative and longtime fortune teller, and to teens Alex Arpino, Patrick Connelly and Jackson Otis who assisted. Thanks to members of the Arpino/Damiani family

who stored décor, brought it to the meetinghouse, and took it back again. Alyssa Binns-Gunderson was a big help getting the news out to the Southern Cayuga school district. Thank you to Trudy Buxenbaum and the Social Committee for their support with snacks and volunteer help.

- Our Christmas Pageant and Gifts from Santa evening fell on Sunday, December 23 with musical and theatrical contributions from many of the children. Thank you to: Charlie Weld and Scott Lockhart who shepherded children through practice and costume choices and served as elves; to Kathleen Connelly who oversaw matching each child from the Meeting with a Secret Santa; to Cathy Mullarney and Robin Grube for their invaluable creative help; and again thanks to the Social Committee for handling the downstairs supertime.
- YSOP this year took place on the weekend of March 15 with Dill Otis and Greg Otis providing chaperone care, and Jackson Otis and Sam Perez as teen volunteers. Thank you all for the love and care you show for others in need. They shared their experience at the 5th Sunday Intergenerational service on March 31. Cost was \$115 YSOP fee per participant, plus expenses for a second night's stay, travel costs and extra meals.
- Our 5th Sunday Intergenerational Service was March 31. Rosa and Robin Grube ran the program, with Cathy Mullarney providing the music. Thank you to all! The theme was how each person is unique and special. Activities included an active song Rosa wrote years ago, a story read by Robin, and a quiet group activity creating a bouquet on paper made up of many beautiful individual flowers.
- Easter Multigenerational Egg Hunt happened after Meeting on April 21, an annual treat for the children.
- Children's Day will take place on Sunday, June 30. Last year's Children's Day was included in the 207-2018 annual report. This year's will be included in the 2019-2020 report, as we are now submitting our annual reports in May, along with the other committees.

Annual Report Respectfully Submitted by Julie Lockhart

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER

April 28, 2019

Sixty- three individuals/households gave donations to Poplar Ridge MM in 2018. Contributions totaled \$42,729, surpassing our budgeted needs for the year by \$5,890.

In addition, \$450 was received in memorial gifts, and \$996 was collected in anonymous cash donations in our collection plate.

A breakdown of the individual/household contributions follows.

Gift Level of Contributions	Number of Individuals/ Households
\$50 or less	8
\$51- 100	6
\$101 -250	13
\$251-500	14
\$501-750	1
\$751-1000	4
\$1,001-1,500	7
\$1,501-2,000	3
\$2,001-2500	5
More than \$2,501	2

BULLETIN BOARDS

April 2019

The committee attempts to keep current newsworthy items on display. On the back wall there are newspaper clippings of Friends in the news. On the East wall board is posted Powell House conference information and FCNL news as well as announcements of wider range activities. On the West wall there are a number of pictures of local Friends.

The committee has started a scrap book to save pictures and articles from the Board when they are taken down.

Stephanie Nelson, Clerk, Sally Otis, Phyllis Bunker

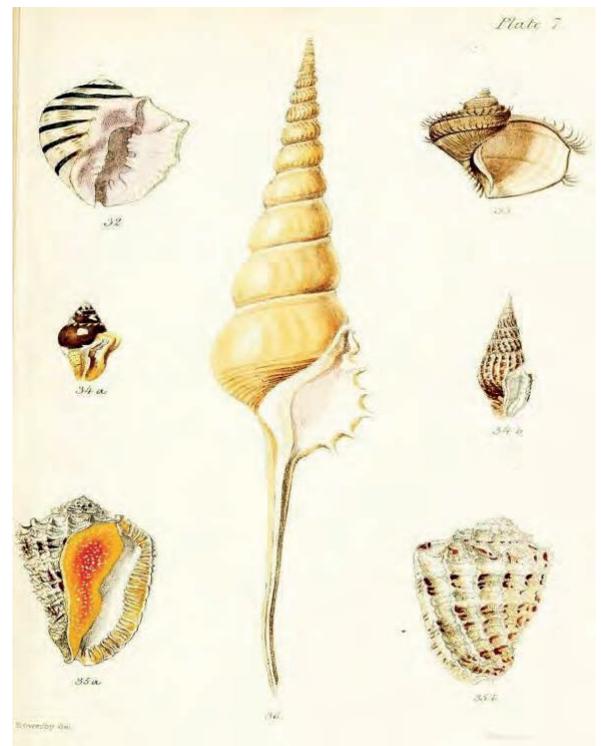
Pastoral needs or questions:
Call Craig Kukuk at 734-717-7719.

PEACE AND SOCIAL ACTION ANNUAL REPORT

We met regularly throughout the year, generally on the first Tuesday evening of each month. Typically, 6-8 committee members would attend. We did not have a formal clerk of the committee, but one member typically hosted and led the discussion.

Activities of the committee included a monthly movie night and discussion during the winter months, with five such events this year. Films included "RBG", "The Post", "Hologram for a King", "Won't You Be My Neighbor?", and "I Am Not Your Negro". We also put together a Soup and Sharing presentation /discussion on "Embracing our Neighbors", focused on welcoming our immigrant neighbors and understanding the challenges they face. A second Soup and Sharing event, on energy-efficient design and alternative energy for the home, will be scheduled later this year.

In addition to the activities of the committee as a group, committee members found the group to be a source of support and encouragement for various forms of individual actions, such as letters to the editor, political activism, participation in demonstrations, and supporting farmworkers. Members of the committee also participated in the annual clean-up of a section of Cayuga Lake shoreline.



OUTREACH COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Outreach Committee met five times this past year, four of them in conjunction with Ministry and Counsel, and one on our own. After our workshop with Chad Dell on Outreach, Inreach and Upreach, the Outreach Committee and Ministry and Counsel were clear to meet together to see how we might be able to give structure to our sense that outreach was not just the responsibility of one committee, but really of the whole meeting. We began trying to meet jointly on a monthly basis, but found that less than half of each committee was often able to meet each time, and that with different Friends being absent each time, that we had too little continuity to be effective. Eventually, we agreed to try meeting quarterly instead. We have had one quarterly meeting which was very well attended by both committees, and very effective, drawing on insights not only from our two committees, but also from Youth Committee and Social Committee, members of which were present.

As a committee, we have been working on the following questions:

- If, after the Chad Dell workshop, we are clear as a meeting that our overall effort should be inreach, and that the Outreach Committee should be working jointly with M&C, then what should our focus as an outreach committee be?
- Should PRMM focus its outreach efforts on trying to bring new people into what we are doing, or should we become even more active in our local community with the aspiration that our neighbors would see what we are doing, and want to be a part of a group doing this kind of work?
- Given stated limited energy for doing outreach in our community, what should our priorities be?

There have been several pleas for our doing more outreach to attract young families. Should this be our number one priority, and if so, then how should we approach that work?

Respectfully Submitted,
Christopher Sammond, Convener

Please notify Donald Simkin (Donald.simkin@yahoo.com) to send a special note of remembrance from the meeting. Donations of cards are welcome.

POPLAR RIDGE MEETING STATISTICIAN REPORT

April 28, 2019

From April 15, 2018 to April 28, 2019 the Poplar Ridge Friends Monthly Meeting accepted 2 full memberships:

Donald Simkin 2/17/2019

Sigrid Mortensen 4/28/2019

There were two deaths:

Charles Reynolds 9/21/2018

Roger Simkin 11/17/2018

The membership for 4/15/2018 to 4/28/2019 is:

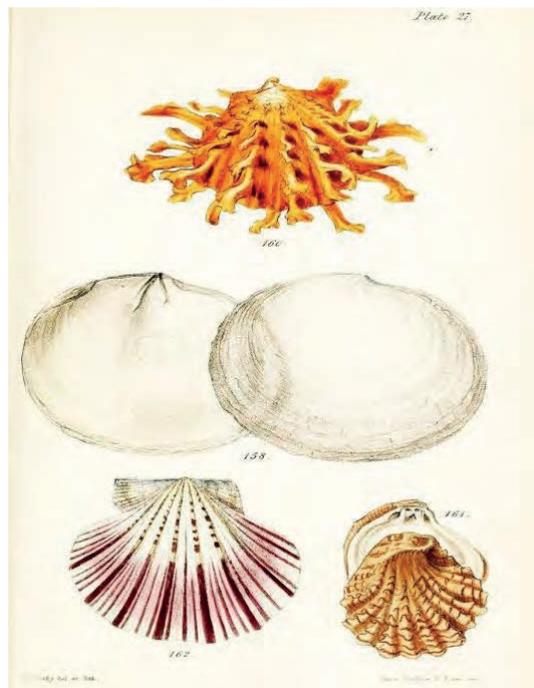
79 Full Members

16 Associate Members, of which 11 are youth

95 Total Members

No one has moved from Associate Member to Full Member.

Karen Simkin - Statistician



WEBSITE CHANGES

We are planning to update the Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting website. Please review the existing site, <http://quaker.org/legacy/poplar>, and let Suzanne (sohara@ldeo.columbia.edu) know if you find any incorrect content. The new pages will be based on what is on our current site.

CAYUGA CF STATE OF THE MEETING

Siddhartha Gautama, the Buddha, said it's all about change. He called it impermanence. His prophetic words apply to prison, too. The Cayuga worship group has undergone much change this year. Two of our members, Trini Chavez-Flores and Mike Messina, were released. Chavez, unfortunately, was deported to Mexico. However, Messina, after 27 years of incarceration, was set free and is at home with his family.

As grateful as we are that they are no longer in prison, we must admit that we struggled with just two inmate members of our worship group. Some nights, we had a very small meeting. But the vacant seats did not remain empty for long. Three new members have joined us. Chad Walker, Mike Ferguson, and Dana Gilmore are now faithful members of our group. We shared issues of *The Friends Journal* with them. Its articles provide inspiration for all of us.

Our outside volunteer, Phyllis, often reads pieces from books and magazines that guide us in prayer: and teach us about mindfulness. Anne encourages us to reflect on the stoic life of George Fox - his dedication and insight. Anne's husband, Jeff, teaches us the value of music in our lives. And Dill regales us with stories of his life at home - chopping wood, entertaining his grandchild^{re}11; and helping his neighbors tap hundreds of maple trees. We admire his strength and stamina.

The examples set by our volunteers have inspired us to strive for further achievements. Two of our members, Dean and Chad, are participating in CPEP, the Cornell Prison Education Program. They are working toward associate degrees. Chad is also a group leader in the Alcohol & Substance Abuse Treatment program. Jerry braves the rain and snow to help men in the yard get what they need to lift weights and exercise. And Dana helps him recover from the elements.

We owe our volunteers gratitude for motivating us, and supporting us, in our efforts to embrace change. Perhaps we should thank the Buddha, too.



CAYUGA CORRECTIONAL FACILITY WORSHIP GROUP REPORT

Our worship group meets at 6:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Friday's of each month.

Participation varies from one insider meeting with one from outside of the facility to our present level of 5 inside men meeting with 4 Friends coming from the outside. We hope this growth will continue.

During this past year two men from our group have been released from prison. We have maintained some contact with them.

A deep level of sharing takes place during our check-in time. This period is followed by 20 minutes of silent worship. Our time together concludes with sharing tea and cookies.

We are exploring titles of books we could read together.

Dillwyn Otis contact person.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT April 2019

This year the Library committee worked on organizing the room. A number of books of interest have been donated, but are not for our collection. Our library offers books about early Quakers, current social issues, local history, devotional guides, and information about other religions. The books donated that do not fall within those categories are on the shelf to the right of the black board. Everyone is welcome to borrow or take these titles.

We continue to catalogue books that have been donated through the Mosher Fund. Several books were signed out this year, but more may have been unofficially borrowed.

We also reorganized the cabinets. There are several historical items in the cupboards below the glass closed shelves.

In the back of the Main Room the Pendle Hill Pamphlets have been organized by number and a list of the titles can be found on the bulletin board the right of the shelf.



EXTENDED MEETING FOR WORSHIP

The Buffalo Friends will be hosting extended meeting for worship on Saturday June 22, 2019 at Clarence Center, NY. The convener is Kenn Harper. Contact Sue Tannehill (sue.tannehill@gmail.com) for more information.

ONLINE MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH BUFFALO FRIENDS

7:30 p.m., May 22, June 12 & 26

All are invited to the Buffalo Friends Meeting Online Mid-Week Meeting for Worship, held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. with a welcome message from the Outreach Committee, followed by worship for about 30 minutes. Afterwards, there is time for check-in/follow-up amongst the participants. The meeting ends about 8:15 p.m. This virtual meeting is held using Zoom, a free video conferencing service. You can join the meeting via computer or phone!

For instructions to the meeting, please contact [Buffalo Meeting](#)

LAST CHANCE TO MATCH!

Commit to a Recurring Gift Before Summer Sessions

An enthusiastic supporter is offering a match to encourage us all to make sustaining contributions to New York Yearly Meeting. \$50,000 is available to match new and increased recurring gifts offered before Summer Sessions 2019. For your contribution to be eligible, all you have to do is indicate that your gift is recurring (monthly, yearly, etc.). Your gifts help support all of the work of NYYM, work that strengthens our communities and helps us continue to bring our Quaker faith to the world. Donate online by clicking the "Donate" button on nyym.org and selecting the General Fund. You can also donate by calling 212-673-5750.

JUNE BUDS

"On this June day the buds in my garden are almost as enchanting as the open flowers. Things in bud bring, in the heat of a June noontide, the recollection of the loveliest days of the year - those days of May when all is suggested, nothing yet fulfilled."

- Francis King

Nominations for 2019 Poplar Ridge Friends Committee Assignments

Clerk - Hannah Richter

Assistant Clerk – Christopher Sammond

Recording Clerk - Howard Nelson

Treasurer – Ruth Bradley

Musicians - Mary Jo Granger, Claire Howard,
Jeffrey Layton, Cathy Mullarney

Building and Grounds

Larry Buffam

Kathleen Connelly

Peter Dalton

Dave Eckhardt

Stef McGonagle (as needed/heavy equipment)

Dill Otis

Paul Simkin

Scott Lockhart-consultant

Mark Ferrari

Andy Simkin

Sigrid Mortensen

Gardens Committee

Ruth Bradley

Anne Dalton

Peter Dalton

Claire Howard

Leigh McGonagle

Linda McGonagle

Hannah Richter

Rebecca Schillenback

Bulletin Boards

*Stephanie Nelson

Anne Dalton

Sally Ot

Craig Kukuk

Finance

Ruth Bradley

Andy Simkin

Larry Buffam

Suzanne O'Hara

Paul Simkin

Historical Materials

*Jane Simkin

Anne Dalton

Librarians

Phyllis Bunker

*Stephanie Nelson

Sally Otis

Ministry & Counsel

*Charlie Weld ('20)

Dill Otis ('21)

Suzanne O'Hara (22)

Phyllis Bunker ('23)

Claire Howard (22)

Christopher Sammond (*ex officio* as MM Asst.
Clerk)

Hannah Richter (*ex officio* as MM. Clerk)

Craig Kukuk (*ex officio* as pastoral care provider)

Music

Rebecca Damiani

Claire Howard

Barry Kahn

Sigrid Mortensen

*Cathy Mullarney

Nominating

Christopher Sammond (2021)

Suzanne O'Hara (2020)

Larry Buffam (2022)

Outreach

Anne Dalton

A.T. Miller

Rebecca Schillenback

*Christopher Sammond

Bess Simkin

Paul Simkin

Peace & Social Action

Janet Reohr
 Dil Otis
 *Trudy Buxenbaum
 Mary Jo Granger
 Andy Simkin
 Jane Simkin
 Paul Simkin
 Suzanne O'Hara

Prison Worship Group Contacts

Jim Frisch (Auburn CF)
 Dill Otis (Cayuga CF)

Religious Education/Youth

Kathleen Connelly
 *Julie Lockhart
 Scott Lockhart
 Annie Brennan
 Sally Otis
 Charlie Weld
 Robin Grube
 Rosa Grube
 Janet Shea

Remembrances

Ruth Bradley
 Don Simkin

Social

Laura Buffam
 Susan Weisand
 Susan Deacon
 Mary Jo Granger
 Joanne Brumm - on call
 *Trudy Buxenbaum
 Jim Frisch
 Cathy Mullarney
 Hannah Richter
 Andy Simkin - set up
 Howard Nelson

Statisticians

*Karen Simkin

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Laura Buffam
 Scott Heinekamp
 Suzanne O'Hara
 Jane Simkin
 Sally Otis

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Laura Buffam
 David Connelly
 *Sally Otis
 Jane Simkin

Webmaster

Suzanne O'Hara

Facebook Contact

Julie Lockhart

Trustees

Dill Otis
 Hannah Richter
 Andy Simkin

Wider Parish Representative

Craig Kukuk
 Sally Otis

Meetings for Discernment Reps

Christopher Sammond

Yearly meeting Representatives

Phyllis Bunker

Fmittee

- Clerk or designee of M&C
- Clerk or designee of RE/ Youth
- Clerk or designee of Finance
- Clerk or designee of Peace & SA



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Pastoral Care - Craig Kukuk ([734-717-7719](tel:734-717-7719))

Recording Clerk Howard Nelson

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

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