

# PRISM

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Monthly

the Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

## SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Unprogrammed	2 Labor Day 7:00pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's	3 7:00pm Peace and Social Action Committee @ Buxenbaum's	4	5	6	7 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
8 10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller  Coffee Hour	9 7:00pm Youth Commitee Meeting @ Otis'	10	11 6:00pm potluck supper @ sammond/Rhudy's  7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond/Rhudy's	12	13 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	14
15 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Clare Grady	16 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	17 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'	18	19	20	21 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
22 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Rebecca Schillenback	23 7:00pm Ministry & Counsel @ Weld's	24	25 Deadline for PRISM submissions  7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren-Thomas'	26	27 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	28 4:00pm Fall Festival @ Merrifield
29 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Multigenerational, Cathy Mullarney	30					

Birthdays: 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Frisch; 3<sup>rd</sup> Priscilla Berggren-Thomas, Tony Gaenslen; 7<sup>th</sup> Bryn Grube; 8<sup>th</sup> Bess Simkin; 9<sup>th</sup> Edward Hayes; 10<sup>th</sup> Wystan Gunderson; 11<sup>th</sup> Samuel Buffam; 15<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Lonsky; 18<sup>th</sup> Peter Charles; 19<sup>th</sup> Sarah Richardson Green; 21<sup>st</sup> Auden Ferrari; 27<sup>th</sup> Jim Burkett; 28<sup>th</sup> Paul Simkin, George Schillenback

Anniversaries: 14<sup>th</sup> Mary Lou and Jack Charles; 18<sup>th</sup> Jackie Dickinson and Ed Maassen

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  
AUGUST 18, 2019**

Present: Dill Otis, Sally Otis, A. T. Miller, Jane Simkin, Christopher Sammond, Craig Kukuk, Suzanne O'Hara, Paul Simkin, Hannah Richter, Larry Buffam.

Meeting began with a period of silent worship. The July minutes were read. The clerk noted that due to the absence of the recording clerk, Larry would fill that role today.

**Treasurer's Report...** Larry reported in Ruth's absence. Donations to date have been \$15,585. Expenses to date have been \$26,833. The budgeted amount for 2019 was \$46,706. The major activity this month was payment to C Janssen Excavation for \$13,470. for his work on regrading the parking lot and the additional job of removing the old septic tank and installing a new tank.

**Ministry and Counsel...** First item: Craig will be away and unavailable one week per month, beginning in September, for the foreseeable future. He will continue to provide pastoral care to meeting of approximately the same amount of hours per month for the same compensation. Ministry and Counsel will be aware of Craig's schedule and will fill in as necessary. Ministry and Counsel recommends approval. Meeting approved.

Friends raised some issues regarding the clarity of the language of the contract. It was pointed out that it should be clear that Craig is an independent contractor, not an employee. Hannah will work with Andy to rewrite to insure this clarity is achieved.

Second item: Ministry and Counsel is organizing a 4 or 5 week adult education series to be scheduled from mid-October through mid-November, 2019. The discussion topic will be Women and Friends. It will focus on the accomplishments of one or more Quaker women and the role of women in the Religious Society of Friends.

Third item: Ministry and Counsel would like to organize a weekend workshop for the late winter or early spring 2020. They have been in preliminary conversation with Jonathan Vogel-Bourne and Kristina Keefe-Perry of New England YM regarding

leading such a workshop. The costs of bringing them to Poplar Ridge would be transportation and \$600/leader. The exact topic of the weekend is to be determined, but would generally be intended to focus on community building and continued discernment of our future. Lengthy discussion ensued with concerns expressed about cost and potential for underattendance. Meeting approved.

Fourth item: Does meeting want to make a donation to Nikki Holland's ministry in Belize? She recently led meeting in worship. Meeting approved a one- time \$100 donation.

Fifth item: Christopher reported from discussions he had at Yearly Meeting recently concerning a proposal before yearly meeting to approve alternate pathways to membership in the Society of Friends. This proposal was recently received by monthly meetings for their consideration. The proposal was discussed extensively in recent Ministry and Counsel meetings as well as in the July business meeting at Poplar Ridge. As a result of those discussions, Hannah was asked to send a response stating some concerns that we had. No response was received yet. Hannah will reach out to seek a response.

**Building Committee...**Larry reported for the committee. Chris Janssen finished his work on the parking lot. the work included installing a new septic tank as the old tank was rusted out. The work on the vestibule is proceeding. the steps and the old concrete slab have been removed and soil was removed down to 8". Then 4" of gravel followed by 4" of cement were placed and cured. the next step is the installation of inner and outer doors. There will be additional landscaping just outside the vestibule, including short retaining walls on either side, some additional soil and gravel in spots, and probably a solid landing outside the outer door.

**Announcements...** Hannah reported that she sent a letter to Imam Saad regarding Dean Faiello's request for membership.

Larry reported that Peace and Social Action is considering how best to support Kristen Brennan's request for us to help in her church's sanctuary project.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Buffam, acting Recording Clerk

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

### MULTIGENERATIONAL WORSHIP

The theme of our intergenerational Meeting for Worship on Sept. 29th, we will be "Thankfulness". Cathy Mullarney will lead worship with lots of music and a story about Thankfulness. We hope to have enthusiastic participation by the youth of our Meeting. All are welcome and we encourage you to invite friends who would enjoy our family friendly worship.



### CLARE GRADY

Our scheduled speaker for September 15th Meeting will be Clare Grady from Ithaca. Clare has been a long time Catholic Worker Peace Advocate. She is one of the [Kings Bay Plowshares 7](#) who were arrested on April 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 for participating in an act of civil disobedience at Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base in St. Mary's, Georgia, the Navy's Atlantic Ocean Trident Nuclear Weapons port. Her They are now awaiting trial that is scheduled for November. Clare is devoted to transforming hearts and the religious belief "Thou shall not kill".

### COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour will resume starting this month on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Join Friends in our library on every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the rise of meeting for delicious treats and good company.

### FALL FESTIVAL

Our Saturday Supper for this month will be the Fall Festival at Merrifield (2345 Center Road, Scipio Center, New York 13147) on September 28<sup>th</sup>. We hope that you are able to come join Craig and A.T. for their annual Fall Festival on Saturday, We will be celebrating Craig being able to speak again after a month of silence! He has vocal chord surgery on August 16th and will have to remain quiet for all that time--he's preparing the flash cards and teaching the dog hand signals...

The fall festival includes a pot luck dinner, a harvest waltz, a celebratory ritual, music, a parade, pumpkin carving, a bonfire, drumming, and lots of fun. We start gathering around 4pm, but you can come and go as late as you'd like! Craig and A.T. have been doing this for twenty years! Merrifield is at the corner of Center and Black, with parking on Black Street. Bring family, friends, or just your wonderful self!

We hope to see you then! Contact A.T. ([atmiller80@gmail.com](mailto:atmiller80@gmail.com)) or Craig ([craigkukuk@gmail.com](mailto:craigkukuk@gmail.com)) for more information.

### WORLD QUAKER DAY IS OCTOBER 6, 2019

Join the Quaker family around the world in worship and celebration! This year's theme is **Sustainability: Planting seeds of renewal for the world we love.** Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) invites you to join Quakers around the world for the 6th annual [World Quaker Day](#). Across our churches, meetings, countries and sections, we feel the power of God connecting us into a faithful family. We celebrate all expressions of Quaker worship. See <http://www.worldquakerday.org/> for more information.

### SAVE THE DATE FOR THE NIGHTINGALES WEEKEND!

Please mark your calendars for October 11-13, for a Nightingales weekend in Ithaca, NY. This is a weekend for everyone who loves to sing. More details to follow as time gets closer. If you would like to be part of the organizing effort, please let us know!

If you know of other Friends who would like to receive messages about upcoming Nightingales weekends, or if you would like to be added to the email list, please send email addresses to Bronwyn Mohlke ([BJQMohlke@gmail.com](mailto:BJQMohlke@gmail.com)).

## ITHACA SANCTUARY CHURCH ASKS FOR HELP

Dear Friends and Family,

Like many of you, we have been struggling with the injustices of our current immigration system—policies of detention, deportation, and separation of families. As a family, we are choosing to take action by participating in our local church's efforts to be a Sanctuary Church. In May, after a year of discussion and debate, the [First Congregational Church of Ithaca](#) overwhelmingly voted to become a [Sanctuary Church](#), backed by many Ithaca community organizations.

What is a Sanctuary Church? There are many definitions, but we specifically are seeking to help immigrants who are already working within the legal system to gain legal status, and who need time and a place of refuge to see their cases through. Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) has not, to date, entered a church to apprehend an immigrant while in sanctuary.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

In order to properly host an immigrant seeking legal status, our church needs to install a security system and arrange a living space complete with a full bathroom. We have volunteers to donate time and services, but we need to raise \$25,000 to make it happen. That is where we need your help!

Secure, tax-deductible donations can be made online at our [Go Fund Me](#) site, or contact us if you prefer directions on how to donate by check. No gift is too small.

We hope you'll join us in this small effort to reject the current rhetoric of fear and hate and recognize the dignity of all humans. If you have friends and/or family who you believe would support this effort, please share our Go Fund Me site!

Thank you,

Kristen, Michael, Samuel and Isaiah  
<[kmb.ithaca@gmail.com](mailto:kmb.ithaca@gmail.com)



## WELLS COLLEGE CENTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

<https://www.wells.edu/academics/center-sustainability-environment/events>

Fall 2019 Events

Monday, September 9 12:20 – 1:20PM, deWitt Lecture Room 106, Zabriskie Hall  
*Sustainability Perspectives* series: ***What is a Waterway, anyway?***

Daniel Rinn, Ph.D. candidate, Department of History, *University of Rochester*

Mr. Rinn will ask his audience to reflect on the terms we use to describe our environment.

[https://www.wells.edu/sites/default/files/public/center\\_sustainability/Sustainability\\_Perspectives\\_flyer\\_-\\_Daniel\\_Rinn\\_September\\_9\\_2019.pdf](https://www.wells.edu/sites/default/files/public/center_sustainability/Sustainability_Perspectives_flyer_-_Daniel_Rinn_September_9_2019.pdf)

Wednesday, September 11 7:00 – 8:30PM, deWitt Lecture Room 106, Zabriskie Hall  
*Sustainability Film* series: ***Once Was Water***

Las Vegas, in the middle of the Mojave Desert, is the driest city in America, yet it leads the United States in sustainable water conservation. The efforts of Las Vegas, in its search for sustainability, have produced promising solutions--technological, political, and financial-- providing an on-going global model for any city creating their own sustainable water system. Running time: 55 minutes.

[https://www.wells.edu/sites/default/files/public/center\\_sustainability/Sustainability\\_Film\\_-\\_Once\\_Was\\_Water\\_-\\_September\\_11\\_2019.pdf](https://www.wells.edu/sites/default/files/public/center_sustainability/Sustainability_Film_-_Once_Was_Water_-_September_11_2019.pdf)

Monday, September 16 12:20 – 1:20PM, deWitt Lecture Room 106, Zabriskie Hall  
*Sustainability Perspectives* series: ***Protecting and Promoting Water Resources of the Finger Lakes***

Please notify Donald 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.

Lisa Cleckner, director, *Finger Lakes Institute*  
Water resources and natural capital such as landscapes and agriculture are the heart of the Finger Lakes and economy

[https://www.wells.edu/sites/default/files/public/center\\_sustainability/Sustainability\\_Perspectives\\_flyer\\_-\\_Lisa\\_Cleckner\\_September\\_16\\_2019.pdf](https://www.wells.edu/sites/default/files/public/center_sustainability/Sustainability_Perspectives_flyer_-_Lisa_Cleckner_September_16_2019.pdf)

Thursday, September 19 7:00 – 8:30PM, deWitt  
Lecture Room 106, Zabriskie Hall

*Sustainable Business* series: **Financing the Clean Energy Transition and the Role of State and Local Green Banks**

Curtis Probst, co-CEO, New York City Energy Efficiency Corporation (NYCEEC)  
Financing the transition to a clean energy economy represents both an enormous challenge and an unprecedented opportunity.

[https://www.wells.edu/sites/default/files/public/center\\_sustainability/Sustainable\\_Business\\_flyer\\_-\\_Curtis\\_Probst\\_Sept\\_19\\_2019.pdf](https://www.wells.edu/sites/default/files/public/center_sustainability/Sustainable_Business_flyer_-_Curtis_Probst_Sept_19_2019.pdf)

Monday, September 30 12:20 – 1:20PM, deWitt  
Lecture Room 106, Zabriskie Hall

*Sustainability Perspectives* series: **Our Changing Menu: What Climate Change Means to the Foods We Love and Need**

Mike Hoffman, executive director, *Cornell Institute of Climate Smart Solutions*

The challenges that face our local to global food system will be discussed along with solutions, including research and educational efforts underway at Cornell University.

[https://www.wells.edu/sites/default/files/public/center\\_sustainability/Sustainability\\_Perspectives\\_flyer\\_-\\_Mike\\_Hoffman\\_September\\_30\\_2019.pdf](https://www.wells.edu/sites/default/files/public/center_sustainability/Sustainability_Perspectives_flyer_-_Mike_Hoffman_September_30_2019.pdf)

Thursday, October 17 7:00PM – 8:30PM Phipps  
Auditorium, Macmillan Hall

*Sustainability Speaker* series: **Drawdown Rising: Solutions, Leadership, and a Path Forward for the Climate Crisis**

Katherine Wilkinson, Vice President of Communication & Engagement, *Project Drawdown*  
Humanity has faced urgent threats in the past, but never one as all-encompassing as the climate crisis. Our collective wisdom is vast; now is the time for collective will to match it.

[https://www.wells.edu/sites/default/files/public/center\\_sustainability/Katherine\\_Wilkinson\\_poster\\_October\\_17\\_2019.pdf](https://www.wells.edu/sites/default/files/public/center_sustainability/Katherine_Wilkinson_poster_October_17_2019.pdf)

Monday, October 21 12:20 – 1:20PM, deWitt  
Lecture Room 106, Zabriskie Hall

*Sustainability Perspectives* series: **Purpose-Led Careers: Fact or Fiction?**

Monica Touesnard, associate director, *Center for Sustainable Global Enterprise*

Do you want to work for a company that has values that align with yours. Monica will share with you a framework for thinking about sustainability jobs and provide some tips to get you started.

[https://www.wells.edu/sites/default/files/public/center\\_sustainability/Sustainability\\_Perspectives\\_flyer\\_-\\_Monica\\_Touesnard\\_October\\_21\\_2019.pdf](https://www.wells.edu/sites/default/files/public/center_sustainability/Sustainability_Perspectives_flyer_-_Monica_Touesnard_October_21_2019.pdf)

Tuesday, October 22 7:00 – 9:00PM, deWitt Lecture  
Room 106, Zabriskie Hall

*Sustainability Film* series: **A Fierce Green Fire**

This is the first big-picture exploration of the environmental movement, spanning fifty years from conservation to climate change. The film tells vivid stories about people fighting - and succeeding - against enormous odds.

Running time: 101 minutes. Free organic popcorn and butter.

[https://www.wells.edu/sites/default/files/public/center\\_sustainability/Sustainability\\_Film\\_-\\_A\\_Fierce\\_Green\\_Fire\\_-\\_October\\_22\\_2019.pdf](https://www.wells.edu/sites/default/files/public/center_sustainability/Sustainability_Film_-_A_Fierce_Green_Fire_-_October_22_2019.pdf)

Monday, November 4 12:20 – 1:20PM, deWitt  
Lecture Room 106, Zabriskie Hall

*Sustainability Perspectives* series: **Regenerative Agriculture in Action**

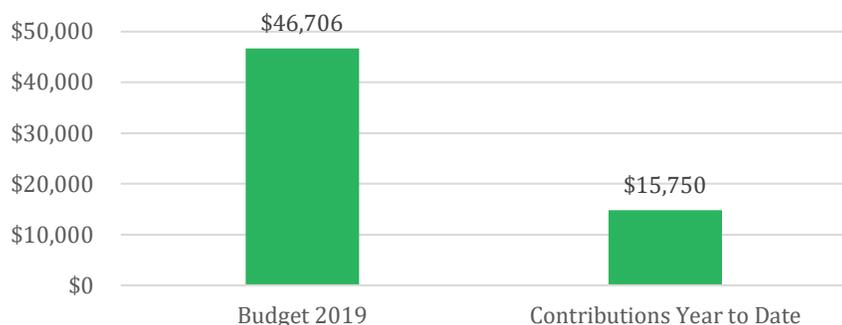
Rebecca Haag '74, executive director, *Island Grown Initiative*

The mission of the *Island Grown initiative* is to build a regenerative and equitable food system on Martha's Vineyard that engages, informs, and integrates the community.

[https://www.wells.edu/sites/default/files/public/center\\_sustainability/Sustainability\\_Perspectives\\_flyer\\_-\\_Rebecca\\_Haag\\_November\\_4\\_2019.pdf](https://www.wells.edu/sites/default/files/public/center_sustainability/Sustainability_Perspectives_flyer_-_Rebecca_Haag_November_4_2019.pdf)



### July 21, 2019 Poplar Ridge MM Budget vs Contributions



33.7% of our 2019 Budget has been met

#### POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

Clerk – Hannah Richter

Assistant Clerk – Christopher Sammond

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 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, Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/poplarridgefriendsny>.

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