

PRISM

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Monthly

the Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

NOVEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
3 Daylight Saving Time ends 9:00am Adult Education 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Rebecca Schillenback 1:00pm Interfaith Peace	4 7:00pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's	5 7:00pm Peace and Social Action Committee @ Andy's	6	7	8 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	9
10 9:00am Adult Education 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Tony Gaenslen 11:15am Coffee Hour	11 Veterans Day 7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting @ Otis'	12	13 7:00pm Mid- week Worship @ Berggren- Thomas'	14	15	16 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
17 9:00am Adult Education 10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller	18 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	19 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'	20	21	22 6:00pm AVP Basic Workshop 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	23
24 10:00am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	25 7:00pm Ministry & Counsel @ Weld's	26	27 Deadline for PRISM submissions	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

Birthdays: 7th Hannah Richter; 11th Zehan Henry Lama Nelson , Ted Rejman; 12th Sara Charles Seifert; 17th Kathleen Connelly; 18th Ella Pearl Gunderson, Patsy Myers; 19th Kevin Sullivan; 20th Larkin Aela Green; 22nd Scott Heinekamp; 29th Gopini Lama Nelson

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

**MINUTES FOR POPLAR RIDGE
MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS
OCTOBER 20, 2019**

Gather: present were: Sally Otis, Jim Frisch, Christopher Sammond, Paul Simkin, Jane Simkin, Barry Kahn, Ruth Bradley, Claire Howard, Charlie Weld, Suzanne O'Hara, Dill Otis, Stephanie Nelson, Linda Simkin, Hannah Richter, Andy Simkin, Howard Nelson

September minutes were read. Name corrections: Phyllis Bunker (not Glover); Sally Otis was present but not listed.

Treasurer's report: Ruth reported that we've spent \$31,791 (68%) of our budgeted amount for the year. \$21,695 received so far in contributions (46.5%). The annual fund-raising letter will go out at the beginning of November. Finance Committee met this week and expects to have a draft budget for 2020 to bring to the November Business Meeting. Committees should be in touch with Ruth or Andy, Clerk of Finance Committee, if they anticipate a change in their budget needs for the coming year.

Andy reported that the Finance Committee met and suggests we consider placing \$30,000 of our total cash assets in an interest-bearing account, possibly a money market account or a certificate of deposit. More research will be done to make sure the kind of investment is acceptable and the institution chosen is reputable. He asks for approval for the Finance Committee to go forward with research and make the investment. Friends Fiduciary and Capitol One were suggested as other possible investment mechanisms. Finding a local institution was also suggested. It was also suggested that we might increase the percentage of money invested as time goes on. The request was approved.

Garden Committee: Ruth reported the committee met and decided to request a dedicated fund. Hannah gave personal testimony about past experience with a memorial garden not being well maintained. She feels it would prudent to make provision for maintaining our own garden on into the future. Proposal was brought to Finance Committee. It was discussed at some length in both committees. There was concern about funds being needed for other expenses, and that the garden should be a line item in the general budget. Ruth said that the meditation garden has been

meaningful to some, but not all. She asks that we begin discernment about how to proceed. Hannah spoke on her vision of the project, which includes soliciting funds from within and outside the meeting. There was some discussion about the importance of the garden, volunteer vs. professional maintenance, and the consideration of competing humanitarian needs. Discussion will continue.

Ministry & Counsel: Charlie reported no items needing attention today. He mentioned that the adult study group has begun and the first session was well attended. Also, the committee has begun the annual review process with Craig Kukuk, A.T. Miller, and Rebecca Schillenback.

Barry asked permission to park his trailer in the meeting lot. Dill offered his place as an alternative. Meeting felt it would be preferable to park at the Otis's' to save space in the meeting lot. This was agreed upon.

Charlie requested use of the meeting house for Shepherd's Play rehearsal and performance in coming weeks. Approved.



Alternative Pathways to Membership: We pick up a discussion from the June meeting. Hannah read aloud our statement drafted at that time. She asked Christopher to review threshing sessions on the issue at NYYM Summer Sessions. He spoke on difficulties expressed by younger people around membership in monthly meetings, which made him feel more open to alternative pathways, though he still has questions. Many agreed that there was too much time pressure regarding providing input. There was extended

discussion. Hannah in consultation with Christopher and Phyllis will draft a letter asking that no final action be taken at Fall Sessions. Phyllis will be attending, possibly along with others from PRMM. It was noted that financial support for attending is available.

Next Business Meeting will be on Nov. 17; Christopher will lead the meeting as Hannah will be away.

Building Committee: Andy reported that back entry work will soon be finished. He is procuring snow guards for the east side of the building. Hannah asked that miscellaneous items from the construction project be removed from the kitchen. Dill said he will be doing some backfilling in the parking lot area.

Meeting closed with some silence.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard Nelson, Recording Clerk

MOVIE NIGHT – BEFORE THE FLOOD

Peace and Social Action will be showing the movie *Before the Flood* on November 15th at 7:30 in the Meetinghouse.

If you could know the truth about the threat of climate change — would you want to know? Before the Flood, presented by National Geographic, features Leonardo DiCaprio on a journey as a United Nations Messenger of Peace, traveling to five continents and the Arctic to witness climate change firsthand. He goes on expeditions with scientists uncovering the reality of climate change and meets with political leaders fighting against inaction. He also discovers a calculated disinformation campaign orchestrated by powerful special interests working to confuse the public about the urgency of the growing climate crisis. With unprecedented access to thought leaders around the world, DiCaprio searches for hope in a rising tide of catastrophic news.

- <https://www.beforetheflood.com/>

Join friends for this film with a discussion to follow.

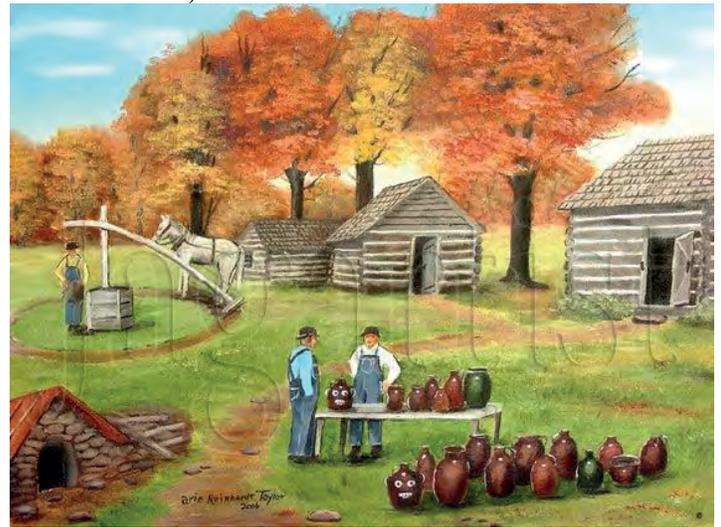
Pastoral needs or questions:
Call Craig Kukuk at 734-717-7719.

NOVEMBER FRIENDLY SUPPERS

We are all looking forward to this month's Friendly Suppers in individual homes. Your host/hostess will be contacting you soon, if not already, to confirm the exact date and time. If you wish to be included and have not received an invitation, please contact Trudy <trudybuxenbaum@gmail.com> or Hannah <hannahrichter79@gmail.com>. Additional contact info is in Church directory.

FALL ADULT EDUCATION

Our adult education discussion sessions on "Women And Quakerism with a focus on Lucretia Mott's Ministry" are continuing this month. Sessions will be 9 a.m. until 9:50 a.m. downstairs in the Meeting House on 11/3, 11/10, 11/17. Discussions during the will be based on the Pendle Hill Pamphlet *Lucretia Mott Speaking: Excerpts from the Sermons & Speeches of a Famous Nineteenth Century Quaker Minister & Reformer* by Margaret Hope Bacon. Pamphlets are available at the Meeting House. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact any member of Ministry and Counsel (Phyllis Bunker, Claire Howard, Suzanne O'Hara, Dill Otis, Charlie Weld.)



WHITE ELEPHANT SALE TO SUPPORT CAMP GREGORY

There will be a white elephant table to support Camp Gregory during the annual craft fair at Southern Cayuga Central School on November 2nd 10am-4pm. Please bring items to be sold to the table between 9-11am. Contact Jane Simkin (simkinjab@gmail.com) for more information.

CAYUGA CLIMATE ACTION

Cayuga Climate Action is seeking members. Open to ALL Join us as we discuss steps we will take locally and globally to protect our planet.

The global climate crisis requires us to take urgent action. This group will meet twice a month to discuss challenges that we face transitioning to an eco-conscious lifestyle individually, agriculturally, industrially and politically, and the actions we can take at home and elsewhere. We have much to discuss.

Join us November 4th at 7pm and Nov 26th at 6pm at in the Phoenix Building, Auburn, NY. Meetings last about an hour.

Learn more at [Cayuga Climate Action](#) on Facebook.



INTERFAITH PEACE FORUM

Sunday, November 3rd at 1 pm at Farmington Friends Meeting, 187 Co Rd 8, Farmington, NY 14425

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee of Farmington Friends Meeting and the 1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse are coordinating an interfaith forum on how the peace positions of the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian faiths are influenced or grounded in their beliefs. Soup, bread and cheese will be served after meeting for worship (around noon) with the program beginning at 1 pm. The speakers are:

- Tricia Pethic has an MA in Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations from Hartford

Seminary. She served as a prison chaplain to women before moving to her current role in a local organ donation organization where she provides support to organ donor families in hospitals all over the Finger Lakes region.

- Curtis Book is the MCC East Coast Peace and Justice Coordinator, having served in that position since 2008. As a Christian, Curtis seeks to connect current peace and justice issues with faith, Anabaptism and service. Before working with MCC, he worked internationally doing theological education and leadership development with the Brethren in Christ in England, Zimbabwe, Nicaragua and Colombia. Curtis lives with his wife in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. They have three grown daughters.
- Karen Elam is the director of the Levine Center to End Hate, an initiative of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester to unite the diverse communities of greater Rochester in an amplified effort to challenge intolerance through education, dialogue, and action. They partner with local and national organizations to develop programming that explores differences, develops skills for dialogue, and activates cooperative and collaborative responses to hate in all its forms. She is the mother of teenage triplets.

Additional Events that weekend:

Curtis Books will speak about his work with Mennonite Central Committee on gun violence 7 pm Saturday 11/2 at Farmington Friends Meeting House. Curtis will also bring the message at Farmington Friends' Meeting for Worship Sunday morning 11/3 at 11 am.

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



Basic Workshop

November 22-24, 2019 in Rochester, NY

Ages 13 and up welcome.

Let's Create Cultures of Peace Together.

Connect with Others, with Meaning, Creativity and Fun.

Learn new tools for living non-violently.

This workshop is led by trained volunteers who are currently facilitating workshops in prisons and communities.

Schedule: Friday, November 22: 6pm—9pm (optional dinner at 5pm)
Saturday, November 23: 9am—5pm (optional breakfast at 8am)
Sunday, November 24: 9am—4pm (optional breakfast at 8am)
Please arrive 15 minutes prior to start times.
Lunches, coffee/tea and snacks provided.
Please plan to attend all sessions.

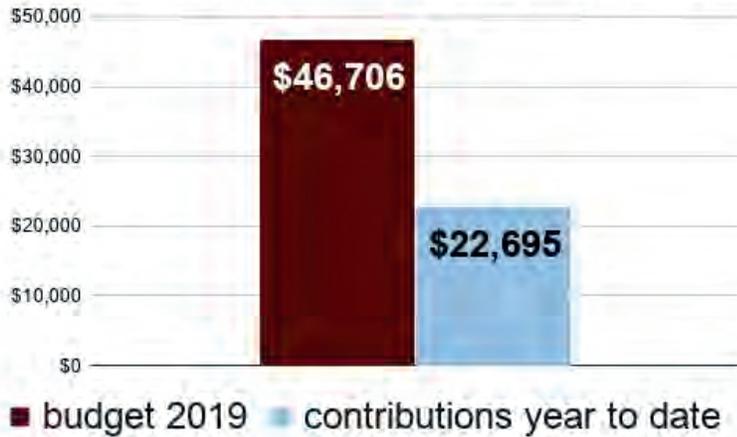
Location: The Gandhi Institute
929 Plymouth Ave South
Rochester, NY 14608

Suggested fee: \$25.
No one turned away for lack of funds.

Registration and information:
Stuart Bartram: 585-369-7744 or
email: sturtyb@gmail.com



October 20, 2019 Poplar Ridge MM Budget



46.5% 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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