



PRISM

The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

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MAY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 10am King Ferry Food
4 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley	5 7:30pm Meditation Group -@ Nelson's	6 7:30pm Peace & Social Action Committee @ Simkin Cabin	7 7pm Southern Cayuga Community Read	8 7pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond's	9 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Moravia, NY	10
11 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley 11am Coffee Hour	12	13 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Bradley/Weld's	14	15 1:15pm Anne Frank Tree Project Play	16	17 9am Genoa Food Pantry
18 10am Meeting for Worship - Trudy Buxenbaum 11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business	19	20 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'	21	22 7pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren-Thomas 's	23 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	24
25 10am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	26	27 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	28 Deadline for PRISM submissions	29 7pm San Pedro Sister Community Group	30	31

Birthdays: 3rd Charlotte Jane Mumma; 7th Elizabeth (Amy) Brice; 19th Armando Zumaya; 20th Jennifer Hebben; 26th Eve Moora; 27th Laurel Hanson; 28th Brendan & Jesse Chandler; 29th Miles David Weiss; 30th Carmen Reynolds & Jessie Otis; 31st Jackson Otis

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

CHANCE TO VISIT SAN PEDRO

Greetings, friends of San Pedro -
As many of you know the San Pedro Sister Community Projects sponsors a yearly delegation to El Salvador. This year the trip date will be August 23-30, 2014.

This is a wonderful opportunity to experience El Salvador and to meet and accompany the people of San Pedro.

The program will be based on the needs and wishes of the participants. During our stay in San Salvador you will stay in Fundahmer guesthouse. It usually includes visits to historical/ cultural sites, educational & orientation sessions, and visits to an artisan markets.

In San Pedro you will participate in daily life as guests of the community, meet with scholarship students, the women's group, and farmers to hear about how community projects are going. It also may include side trip to local sites of interest.

The cost is \$100.00/day per person, (\$700 for the week) plus airfare. This includes all lodging, meals, transportation within the country, and translation, all of which is provided by Fundahmer, the Salvadoran NGO which facilitates our Sister Community relationship.

This is a very rich experience. We encourage anyone interested to consider joining with the delegation.

If you may be interested, please let us know now. No commitment is necessary at this early date, but we do start planning these trips ahead, so as to get plane tickets, and for itinerary planning.

Contact Larry Buffam (315-730-2498, larrybuffam@gmail.com) for more information.

Thank you!
Laura Buffam
for the San Pedro Sister Community project

We are pleased that our pastor Ruth Bradley will be enjoying a sabbatical during the months of June, July, and August. If you have need of pastoral care during this time, please contact Anne Dalton (315-246-3447).



HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED? *How to Simplify Your Life?*

"Much of our acceptance of multitudes of obligations is due to our inability to say No. We calculated that the task had to be done, and we saw no one ready to undertake it. We calculated the need, and then calculated our time, and decided maybe we could squeeze it in somewhere. But the decision was a heady decision, not made within the sanctuary of the soul. When we say Yes or No to calls from service on the basis of a heady decision, we have to give reasons, to ourselves and to others. But when we say Yes or No to calls, on the basis of inner guidance and whispered promptings of encouragement from the Center of our life, or on the basis of a lack of any 'rising' of that Life to encourage us in the call, we have no reason to give, except one - the will of God as we discern it. Then we have begin to live in guidance."

Thomas Kelley, A Testamony of Devotion,
Chapter entitled
"The Simplification of Life" 1941



REPORT ON SPRING SESSIONS

Dear Friends,

This past weekend 126 Friends gathered in Rochester, NY for our Spring Sessions. The [minutes](#) are now available. Here are some things that took place as we did business.

- The Priorities Working Group will conclude their work this summer. They gave us a [detailed report](#), and will deliver an updated version in a few weeks.
- We endorsed [three travel minutes](#) from Rochester MM, Syracuse MM, and Fifteenth Street MM respectively.
- We heard a report of [AVP work](#) in El Salvador.
- Friends also heard a report that NYYM joined PhYM in an [amicus curiae brief](#) in support of religious freedom.
- The Clerk encourages Friends to [visit your sister monthly meetings and worship groups](#) this year. He [described his belief](#) that this is essential to the vitality of our meetings.
- The Meetings for Discernment Steering Committee reported on the [Winter Sessions](#) of Meetings for Discernment recently held at Purchase.
- Our treasurer reported on our financial condition, which is stable for the time being. Treasurer reports are available on the

password-protected portion of NYYM.org (Contact Steven Davison if you need access).

- Handbook pages for the [Advancement Committee](#) and for the [Sessions Committee](#) were given first readings.
- The Trustees reported on [their activities](#), which include working toward greater transparency.
- The General Services Coordinating Committee has been working on [many things](#).
- Changes have been made to [the way our budget is reported](#), although the underlying expenditures are not changed. The revised budget clarifies the [contributions](#) from Trustee managed funds. Mention was made that our 2014 Annual Appeal has reached half its goal for the year.
- [Several Friends](#) were appointed to committees and two were released.
- *Faith & Practice* [has been revised](#) to include a new definition of worship groups.
- The Ministry Coordinating Committee plans to publish responses Friends have made available to them regarding the recently distributed queries from the Task Group on Racism following up our Fall 2013 Apology to Afro-descendants.
- The Sessions Committee provided us with some [logistics and statistics](#) from our weekend.

Please let me express my appreciation to the Farmington-Scipio Region, to Friends serving on the local host committee, to our Sessions Committee, and particularly to the Friends of Rochester Monthly Meeting who all gave graciously of their time to accommodate us and make our sessions joyful and fulfilling.

Jeffrey L. Hitchcock, clerk
New York Yearly Meeting



SHREWSBURY MEETINGHOUSE ON OLD MONMOUTH HISTORICAL TOUR

The 1816 Quaker Meetinghouse in Shrewsbury is among the popular historic sites featured in the annual Weekend in Old Monmouth tour, which will be held this year on May 3 and 4.

An active house of worship throughout its almost 200 year history, it is the newest of at least three meetinghouses that have served the Friends (Quaker) Meeting in Shrewsbury, the oldest going back to 1672, a few short years after the first Quaker settlement here in 1665. The current meetinghouse property at the northeast corner of Route 35 and Sycamore Avenue, which includes an active burial ground, has been in service to the meeting since 1689.

The Weekend in Old Monmouth tour is a catalog of noteworthy sites organized by the Monmouth County Historical Commission which local residents and other guests are invited to visit at their leisure, and in the order they choose, all day on Saturday (10-5) and on Sunday afternoon (12-5). More information on the overall tour can be found at

<http://co.monmouth.nj.us/page.aspx?ID=3464>.

Additional information on the Meetinghouse, its history, and the Friends Meeting that worships there can be found at

<http://shrewsburyquakers.org/>



SPRING GATHERING

The Farmington Scipio Regional Meeting's *Spring Gathering*, a family-oriented weekend of worship, connection, exploration and play will be held **May 16 to 18** at **Watson Homestead, Painted Post, NY**. The weekend will feature conversations with **Lloyd Lee Wilson** on **Radical Hospitality, Covenant Community**, and **Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys**. For more information, contact Kathy Slattery at kathyslattery62@gmail.com.

SOUTHERN CAYUGA COMMUNITY READ 2014

Join the Aurora Free Library and Hazard Library for a discussion on the book *In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer* by Irene Gut Opdyke on May 7th at 7pm at the Emily Howland Elementary School Library. (<http://www.hazardlibrary.org/communityread2014/>) Contact Hazard Library for more information.



SOUTHERN CAYUGA

Anne Frank

TREE PROJECT

2014 Schedule of Events

Monday, April 28: Movie Night

Speaker Lisa Mundy and movie, *Nicky's Family*
6:30 PM, Southern Cayuga High School Auditorium

Wednesday, May 7: Southern Cayuga Community Read

In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer by Irene Opdyke
7 PM, Emily Howland Elementary School Library

May 15: Play

"Conversations with Anne: Growing Up in Hiding"
1:15 PM, Southern Cayuga High School Auditorium

May 15-June 15: Traveling Display

From the Children, About the Children, For the Children:
Art of the Holocaust
Southern Cayuga High School Cafeteria Hallway

Thursday, June 12: End of Year Celebration

Featuring speaker Rhonda Fink Whitman (author of *94 Maidens*)
6:30 PM, Southern Cayuga High School Auditorium

June: High School Art Display

All Events Free and Open to the Public



POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

Clerk – Larry Buffam

Assistant Clerk – Anne Dalton

Treasurer – Jeff Layton

Musicians – Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney

Pastor - Ruth Bradley

Recording Clerk – David Connelly

Ministry & Counsel Clerk – Howard Nelson

Poplar Ridge Friends meet every Sunday at 10 am for worship. The fourth Sunday of the month is an unprogrammed meeting. The fifth Sunday is a youth centered service. 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. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/poplaridgefriendsny>.

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