

PRISM

The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

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JUNE 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am Meeting for Worship - Song & Silence	2 7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson Home	3 7:30pm Peace & Social Action Committee @ Buxenbaum Home	4 7:15pm Southern Cayuga Book Club	5	6 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	7 10am King Ferry Food Pantry 10am Options for wellness 2pm 90th birthday of Ann Burch
8 10am Meeting for Worship - Kathleen Connelly 11am Coffee Hour	9	10 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel - Bradley/Weld 's	11	12 6:30pm Anne Frank Tree Project Celebration 7pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren- Thomas Home	13	14
15 10am Meeting for Worship - Rebecca Schillenback 11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business	16	17	18	19	20 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship	21 9am Genoa Food Pantry
22 10am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed – YSOP sharing)	23	24 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	25 7:30pm Outreach Meeting @ Dalton Home	26 7pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond Home	27	28 12pm Potluck Celebration for Joanne Rogers
29 10am Meeting for Worship - Multigenerational (Children's Day)	30					

Birthdays : 4th Virginia Hanson; 5th Ann Burch, Anne Dalton, Jack Charles; 6th David Weiss; 8th Ishi Buffam; 12th Andreas Richter; 16th Rebecca Schillenback; 17th George Hebben, Bruce Berggren-Thomas; 21st Delia Hallett, Tess Nelson; 22nd Bill Mullarney; 27th Claire Benton; 30th Aden Weiss

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

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 (315-364-8676).

POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES APRIL 27, 2014

The Monthly Meeting opened with a period of worship about 11:45 a.m. and approved the minutes from the March meeting.

Attending: Jay Ardai, Ruth Ann Bradley, Ann Birch, Larry Buffam, David Connelly, Anne Dalton, Jim Frisch, Jeff Layton, Howard Nelson, Suzanne O'Hara, Sally Otis, Dill Otis, Hannah Richter, Christopher Sammond, Andrew Simkin, Elizabeth Simkin, Jane Simkin, Linda Simkin, and Paul Simkin.

Five teenagers have been confirmed the YSOP trip May 16-18; Ruth Ann Brandly and Janet Otis are going as well. One teen requests scholarship money, \$99. Also being requested is reimbursement for gasoline and parking, \$150 to \$175 estimated. There has been a donation already of \$100 for this purpose. So request is for parking only. The Monthly Meeting approved, to come out of the Youth Fund.

Because of a date conflict with Spring Gathering, the Monthly Meeting rescheduled its May meeting for 7:30 p.m. Monday May 19.

Jeff Layton from the Finance Committee gave a snapshot of income and spending to date (4/25). So far, people seem to be responding to the request that they don't wait until the end of the year to contribute, setting a better pace than last year. Our operating fund to date is about \$4,000 higher than last year. Jeff continues to encourage more regular monthly or quarterly donations.

It was approved that the Funds Committee will be the clerks of the Ministry and Council, Peace and Social Action, Finance and Religious Education/Youth committees.

The Monthly Meeting approved a four-year clerking rotation. The expected rotation works this way: a person appointed clerk serves four years, the first and fourth years serving as assistant clerk. Two members stepped aside.

The Monthly Meeting appointed the Nominating Committee's slate of committee members, with the following exceptions. Laura Buffam is added to Telephone Tree / Directory Committee. The Nominating Committee itself will be expanded to four, from three members; Sally Otis is added for a term ending 2018.

The Monthly Meeting heard committee reports (attached):

- The Statistician Committee: reporting, Ann Burch.
- Building Committee: reporting, Dill Otis.
- Historical Materials Committee: reporting, Jane Simkin.
- Librarian Committee: reporting, Howard Nelson (for Stephanie Nelson)
- Ministry and Council: reporting, Howard Nelson.
- Outreach Committee: reporting, Anne Dalton.
- Prism Committee: reporting, Anne Dalton. Appreciation was expressed to Suzanne O'Hara for her extraordinary work on the Prism.
- Peace and Social Action: reporting, Andrew Simkin.
- Prison Oversight Committee: reporting for Auburn, Jim Frisch.
- Prison Oversight Committee: reporting for Cayuga, Dill Otis verbally. Prisoner attendance has dwindled to one person as members have been released or transferred out, and the meeting may need to be suspended or laid down.

- Religious Education / Youth Committee:
Report to be submitted after Children’s Day in June.
- Social Committee: reporting, Hannah Richter.
- Meeting Directory / Telephone Tree: reporting, Sally Otis, verbally. The committee is updating the telephone tree and directory, to be distributed soon.
- Wider Parish report: reporting, Ruth Ann Bradley.
- New York Yearly Meeting Representatives: reporting, Ruth Ann Bradley.

The Monthly Meeting expressed appreciation to Larry Buffam for clerking for so many years.

Minutes were approved and the meeting closed in silence at 2:15 p.m.

Submitted by David Connelly

MESSAGE FROM RUTH BRADLEY

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven...”

May 28, 2014

Dear friends,
I would like all of you to know, as announced at our last meeting for worship with a concern for business, that I will retire at the end of this contract year, December 31st. It became clear as I approached the summer that a vacation/sabbatical was not all that was necessary to answer the needs and desires at this stage of my life. Charlie and I have crossed that joyful and poignant line into grandparenting, and with the coming of a new generation comes the frequent reminder that life does not stand still. We, too, must change and grow into new life, leaving behind what must be left so that we can embrace fully what is here and now before us.

I am not leaving to take another job nor moving from the area, and I hope to be a continuing presence at Poplar Ridge as appropriate to

whatever situation follows my tenure. I expect to be around this summer, although you will not see me in the pulpit, as others bring their messages to our community.

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven...”

I began my pastoral ministry with this scripture from Ecclesiastes. It seems fitting to announce the ending of it with these ancient words of wisdom, as well. For over thirteen years as pastor, I have shared the many joys and challenges of our common life. I look forward to the coming months, as we live into what will be a new season, a new life, for our beloved Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting.

My best to you all,
Ruth
Ruth A. B. Bradley



ANN BURCH 90TH BIRTHDAY

Come celebrate the 90th birthday of Ann Burch on Saturday, June 7 in the Havana Room of the Phoenix Building, 2 South Street, Auburn. Drop by anytime between 2 & 5 PM. Enjoy light refreshments and live music. There is free parking downtown on Saturday. Please come. Ann would love to see you!

POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES MAY 19TH, 2014

The Monthly Meeting opened with a period of worship about 7:35 p.m. and heard the minutes from the April meeting.

Attending: Jay Ardai, Ruth Ann Bradley, Ann Birch, Larry Buffam, David Connelly, Anne Dalton, Jeff Layton, Suzanne O'Hara, Sally Otis, Dill Otis, Hannah Richter, Andrew Simkin, Elizabeth Simkin, Jane Simkin, and Paul Simkin.

Anne Dalton opened the meeting expressing gratitude for being asked to serve as clerk and gratitude for "the huge amount of support I have received."

Ruth Ann Bradley reported that she, Janet Otis and five teenagers returned yesterday from the YSOP program in New York City, the service project working with homeless. The group with them were 10 high school students and four adults from Virginia. Our group went to a food pantry and did well some very challenging work. Our youths will be asked to talk about their experience during unprogrammed worship on June 22; their schedules prohibit their attending together any other First Day for many weeks.

Ministry and Council reported the summer schedule is completed and is on the meeting calendar. The committee has appointed a new clerk, Sally Otis.

Jeff Layton's brother Bob Layton has volunteered to vacuum the Meetinghouse. Jane and Paul were given thanks for many, many years of doing that job.

Jeff Layton reported that we have received two \$500 contributions for our re-roofing project, thanks to a letter Larry drafted and mailed, for a total to date of \$18,600. Larry and Andrew Simkin recently inspected the roof and agreed it needs to be replaced but no visible rot or other serious deterioration would seem to require work done this summer, if it is necessary to wait a year. Money on hand may be enough to proceed now, so we decided to ask contractors for fresh bids and for more bid detail, and to seek referral information about the two bidders before

deciding which to accept and when. Dill Otis will ask New York Yearly Meeting about its fund for Monthly Meeting building repairs.

During Ruth's sabbatical in June, July and August we as a Monthly Meeting will need to be alert to services she ordinarily offers our community. The clerk Anne Dalton will serve as a clearinghouse for needs that crop up. Ruth reported that:

- She visits homebound people; only a family needs regular visits and are well known to some members who can step in.
- We will need to be alert to someone falls ill.
- Ruth pays particular attention to new visitors; our meeting is already good at greeting them, she said. People who visit a few more times should be asked how we can help answer questions and offer them literature.
- She very occasionally mediates disputes; there was discussion of other options if that comes up.
- She sporadically visits two midweek worship groups in Cortland County; they appreciate our attention and support.
- A letter on behalf of one of our meeting's members seeking parole will need to be written.

Dill reported that Cayuga Prison Worship Group will suspend its meeting. On the 23rd, he and others will meet with the one prisoner who remains there.

Ruth announced that she will step down as pastor at the end of the year, ending almost 14 years of service. We expressed appreciation "for many years of service to our community, sadness to lose her as our pastor and to recognize that we have a strong community and have faith we will be led on our next chapter," said one. "The way will open for us," said another.

Other comments: "Ruth has encouraged us to grow and take more responsibility for our community, to a larger extent now than when we depended on a pastor."

"Her leadership and strength has been invaluable."

"I will be glad we will still have Ruth around as part of our meeting."

Ann asks that we give some thought to how we want our Meeting to proceed in its new beginning.

— Submitted by David Connelly

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S DAY

Please join us for our annual Children's Day service on June 29th. The theme is "Rooted and Grounded in Love." A potluck picnic will follow the service at Jay Ardai and Suzanne O'Hara's Fingerlakes Woolen Mills farm in Genoa. All are welcome! For directions or more information call 315-497-1542 or email pr.prism@gmail.com.

2014 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The annual committee reports are online at <http://www.quaker.org/poplar/2014Committees.html> as they are completed.

There is also a paper copy of the original reports in the meetinghouse library. Please contact the PRISM (pr.prism@gmail.com) if you would like to receive a printed copy of the reports.

The reports currently online are Auburn Prison Meeting, Librarian, NYYM Representatives, Outreach, Peace & Social Action, PRISM (including telephone tree and directory), Statisticians and Wider Parish.



JOHN MENZEL'S MEMORIAL MEETING

John Menzel's Memorial Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2:00 to 3:30 at Rutgers Kirkpatrick Chapel at 81 Somerset Street, corner George Street in New Brunswick, New Jersey. For more information contact Helen Garay Toppins (office@nyym.org) or visit <http://www.masongross.rutgers.edu/performing-arts-center/venues/kirkpatrick-chapel>. If you plan to attend please let Helen know.

CELEBRATION FOR JOANNE ROGERS

It's the third anniversary since Joanne finishing chemo! Come help her celebrate another year of living with a potluck party at her home on Saturday, June 28th, noon to 6PM. Joanne Rogers and Barry Kahn's home is at 4323 Gypsy Road, Marcellus 13108. They will grill hotdogs and put out the basics. Bring something to add if you wish. Call 315-673-7061 for directions or additional information.

ANNE FRANK TREE PROJECT

The Southern Cayuga Anne Frank Tree Project 2014 Events continue through June. All Events are free and open to the Public. Visit www.facebook.com/scfranktree or email scfranktree@gmail.com for more information.

June 12: End of Year Celebration

Starting at 6:30pm, in Southern Cayuga High School Auditorium; featuring speaker Rhonda Fink Whitman (author of 94 Maidens); Music by local group "The Klezmer Kings"; Fold Dancing by Emily Howland Students and the 1st annual "Make a Difference" Awards (recipients: Debbie Patrick and Thomas Stiadle)

June: High School Art Display

OPTIONS FOR WELLNESS

Want to know if acupuncture hurt, if chiropractic helps, if what you are eating is good or bad for you, and if your knees can be better knees? Come to Options for Wellness in the social room of the United Ministry of Aurora Saturday, June 7 from 10 'til noon and all will be made clear. Short talks, demonstrations on real people and a time for your questions and the answers from experts in each field. UMA is 337 Main Street (route 90) Aurora. All are welcome to this free event. Call Mary Ellen Ormiston (315 364 8402) for questions or confirmation.

WIDER PARISH COOKBOOK

The Southern Cayuga Wider Parish will be putting together a soup cookbook and invites everyone to contribute. Please consider including your favorite soup recipe. Share your recipe with Ruth Bradley (rabadley33@hotmail.com) or send it directly to SCWP at Neil.Rotach@yahoo.com.

CAMP GREGORY'S 2014 CAMPING SEASON

We are pleased to provide you with Camp Gregory's schedule for our 2014 camping program on Cayuga Lake near Aurora, NY. Last year many of our campers returned a second or third week because they had so much fun and made so many new friends. In addition, more kids chose to attend overnight camp so they could have the opportunity to experience living in cabins with their friends, enjoying evening activities and songfests at campfires. Each evening, Camp Director Howard Hall had a special event, i.e. a guest speaker on reptiles, a camp wide scavenger hunt, a special dinner-dance or a talent show. This year we have scheduled two off-site adventure opportunities for campers to Greek Peek for zip-lining and rope climbing and to the Adirondacks for white water rafting for those campers who are age appropriate at an additional fee. Others will remain at camp where everyday is an adventure for both overnight and day campers. Day camp will be held each week simultaneously with overnight camp so everyone will have choices at the same camping fee.

Our activities include: swimming and fishing, canoeing and kayaking, hiking and nature studies, campfire sing-alongs, tie dying and boondoggles, lip-sync contests and rock and roll dances, four square tournaments and karaoke, archery and field games. Everyday campers have the opportunity to choose their day's activities. Traditions are an important part of Camp Gregory's past and cherished by today's campers too. Ice Cream for breakfast, Susie spoons and polar dips in the lake are always a part of a week at Camp Gregory. Finally, our goals include that each camper will go home with special memories, new friendships and newly achieved skills with the desire of returning another year for more challenges and fun.

Our website www.campgregory@hotmail.com provides a complete story of the history, location, facilities, camping schedule, rental opportunities, staff positions and a photo gallery of Camp Gregory. Register your child/ren early and join us for our **Camp Gregory Open House on Sunday, June 8th for a barbecue and tour** of the camp from noon until 3 PM. Registrations can be made on line or by sending your

application to our registrar, Virginia Green, 4197 Gilling Road, Scipio Center, NY 13147. Payments may be made by e-mail (Pay-pal), by check paid to Camp Gregory mailed to the registrar or charged to a Visa or Master card.

The schedule is listed below and the weekly fee is \$275 for both overnight and day campers.

1. July 6-11 - Overnight Camp (Day Campers July 7-11)
2. July 13-18 - Overnight (Day Campers July 14-18)
3. July 20-25 - Overnight Camp (Day Campers July 21-25)
4. July 27-Aug 1 - Overnight Camp (Day Campers July 28-Aug 1st)
5. Aug 3 - Aug 8 - Overnight Camp (Day Campers Aug 4 - Aug 8th)
6. Aug 11 - 15 - Overnight Camp (Day Campers Aug 12 - 15)

Optional Off-site Adventure Camp-

Week # 2 - Campers will ride the zip lines, do the high-ropes course and enjoy the mountain roller coaster at Greek Peek for campers age 8 -16 for an additional fee \$80.

Week # 5 - Campers, **ages 14-16**, can take a 1 day 5.5 hour rafting trip with the Whitewater Challengers. Snacks and a cookout will be provided during this excursion - additional fee \$100.

Staff positions are listed on our website so please check to find a summer job i.e.: counselors, certified waterfront safety instructors and lifeguards are always needed at www.campgregory@hotmail.com. In addition, Camp Gregory is a great place to hold a family reunion, picnics, retreats, anniversaries and receptions. Contact Chris Brozen at (315) [364-7635](tel:364-7635) at www.crissi0504@aol.com for information and availability.



SILENCE IN QUAKER TRADITION

Quaker tradition evolved from the Reform movements of seventeenth-century England. Decentralization was the original theme of the Protestant Reformation, paralleled by social and economic changes tending in the same direction.

In the volatile seventeenth century, Quakerism may be seen as the last formal expression of institutional Christianity in a chronology of devolving social and religious sectarianism. Alternatively, Quakerism may be considered the last logical manifestation in an historical devolution that ends with secular movements in the following century dominated by science and politics.

From the Roman Catholic apex of sacraments, ritual, dogma and clerical hierarchy under Catholic monarchs to the pragmatic Anglican power, to the low church Calvinism of Oliver Cromwell's Presbyterianism, to the emergence of the splintered sectarianism of the so-called Non-conformists rejecting the semblance of ritual and dogma for a minimal statement of Christian belief -- such was the historical process of the lengthy second-half of seventeenth-century England.

The Quakers were among the last sects to appear in this historical movement, suffering criticism and persecution as the restoration of monarchy

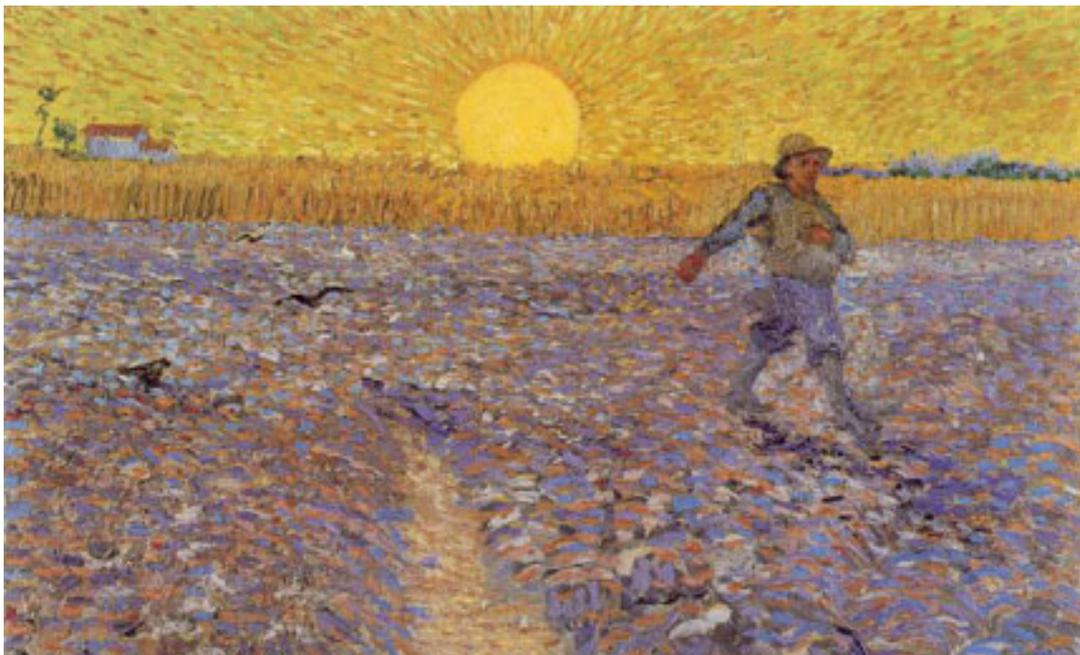
reasserted control up to the formal Acts of Toleration in 1689. By this time, many Quakers had immigrated to North America, where the tradition prospered for a time in William Penn's colony of Pennsylvania, later accommodating itself to a modest presence as the crown and the mainstream high church traditions reasserted their dominance in the North American colonies.

Quakerism is an evangelical expression of Christianity in the sense of basing spiritual authority on the New Testament gospels. Quakerism has produced no theologians like Aquinas or Suarez or commentators like Ulrich 1484-1531) or Phillip Melanchthon (1497-1560), no charismatic preachers like John Wesley in the eighteenth century.

Excluding itself from circles of power, the trajectory of Quakerism has been the individual and community on the one hand and social service on the other, the latter not as charity or duty but as advocacy born of the fullness of conviction in the example and teachings of Jesus. The framework for individual and community is silence. As one modern Quaker writer puts it succinctly, "Silence and witness are two pillars of Quaker spirituality."

from House of Solitude

http://www.hermitary.com/solitude/quaker_silence.html





POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

Clerk – Anne Dalton

Assistant Clerk – Larry Buffam

Treasurer – Jeff Layton

Musicians – Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney

Pastor - Ruth Bradley

Recording Clerk – David Connelly

Ministry & Counsel Clerk – Sally Otis

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/poplarridgefriendsny>.

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