



# PRISM

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*The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge*

## MARCH 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller  5pm Lenten Series	2 7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's	3 7:30pm Peace & Social Action Committee @ Buxenbaum's	4	5	6	7 9am King Ferry Food Pantry  9am Meeting for Discernment  6pm San Pedro Benefit Dinner
8 10am Meeting for Worship - Rebecca Shillenback  11am Coffee Hour  5pm Lenten Series	9	10 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'	11	12 7pm Mid- week Worship @ Sammond's	13 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	14
15 10am Meeting for Worship - Maryl Mendillo  11:30am Monthly Meeting for  5pm Lenten Series	16	17 St. Patrick's Day  7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'	18	19 7:30pm Spanish Worship in Meetinghouse	20 Starts: ARCH training Session	21 9am Genoa Food Pantry  7pm Merrifield Concert - Rupert Wates
22 Ends: ARCH training Session  10am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)  5pm Lenten Series	23	24 States 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	25 Deadline for PRISM submissions	26 7pm Mid- week Worship @ Berggren- Thomas'	27 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	28 6pm Family Night Supper _ Lockhart's trip to Italy
29 10am Meeting for Worship - Multigenerational	30	31				

**Birthdays:** 2nd Elizabeth (Leigh) McGonagle, Eleanor Joy Simkin Mumma; 8th Jill Charles Gomez, Trey Anthony Otis, Luther Hallett; 8th Maryl Mendillo; 10th Emily Parker; 12th Ed Maassen, Mia Boynton, Carter Robert Otis; 16th Linda Simkin; 18th Henry Brice; 19th Bill Tyler, Richard Loosemore; 21st Susan Weisend; 23rd Phyllis Bunker, Linda McGonagle; 26th Meghan Charles; 28th Heidi Richter; 29th Mary Fairhurst; 30th Kylee McCleary

For more information about calendar events, check the PRISM or contact [pr.prism@gmail.com](mailto:pr.prism@gmail.com)

## **FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER**

Family Night Supper will be on the 28th of March at 6:00 in the meetinghouse. Bring a dish to pass and your own place setting. Scott and Julie Lockhart will be sharing slides from their trip to Italy. Come and enjoy good food, company and entertainment!



## **MEETING FOR DISCERNMENT**

Old Chatham Friends Meeting and Powell House are hosting a meeting for discernment on Saturday, March 7, 9am-5pm.

“Presence in the Midst”, Doyle Penrose  
Meetings for Discernment are a time when the Yearly Meeting gathers for extended worship without the weight of an agenda for business, but with prepared queries discerned to help elicit what is rising and tender in our monthly meetings and worship groups. Because Meetings for Discernment offer an occasion for the Yearly Meeting community to hear what is rising up among us, monthly meetings and worship groups are asked to send at least one person to participate. Appointees are not asked to bring prepared messages, but rather to speak to the queries as moved in the moment by God, by the Inward Light of Christ, by Spirit. By meeting this way, we may hear that which might not be heard in the midst of committees and attending to business. This Meeting for Discernment will focus on the following queries. As preparation, we invite Friends to consider the queries in light of the life of your monthly meeting or worship group.

What is happening in your monthly meeting that the rest of us need to hear?

What is happening in your monthly meeting that the rest of us might hold?

Your timely registration will facilitate our planning. To register for day attendance, possible pick-up from the train station in Hudson, and for hospitality and/or childcare, please complete the registration form available on the NYYM website in the Spirit among Us Section, under Meeting for Discernment ([www.nyyym.org](http://www.nyyym.org)). Please then email the form to [dianne.leung@fairpoint.net](mailto:dianne.leung@fairpoint.net). or send via U.S. mail c/o Dianne Leung, 52 Silvernail Rd., Valatie, NY 12184 to arrive no later than February 20. Do not mail it to the Yearly Meeting office. Please come prepared to pay a registration fee of \$15 per person, to help defray the cost of childcare, a simple lunch, and other necessities. We ask everyone to contribute something, even if they cannot afford the full \$15. The Old Chatham meetinghouse is located across from Pitt Hall Road and the sign to Powell House, at 539 County Route 13, Old Chatham, NY. For directions, go to <http://www.oldchathamquakers.org>.

Winter weather advisory: If the weather seems questionable, please check your e-mail on Friday, March 6th (if you have provided us with your e-mail address).

## **ARCH TRAINING**

ARCH (Aging Resources, Consultation and Help), a program of New York Yearly Meeting will hold a training session on March 20-22 in Syracuse, NY. Contact Barbara Spring for an application at [bkspring70@gmail.com](mailto:bkspring70@gmail.com) or call 518-441-6405. The weekend is FREE. This experience and ministry has been meaningful for outreach to new attenders and young adults as well as aging Friends.

## **THANK YOU FROM RUTH**

Dear friends,  
Thank you for the lovely party held on behalf of my retirement from pastoral ministry at Poplar Ridge. We have journeyed together these years with mutual care, respect, and affection, and I am deeply grateful for having been able to be of service as pastor to our community.

It was such a joyful celebration with family, friends, food, surprise gifts and dancing - what could be better?

With much love and thanks,  
Ruth

## **CAMP CASPER GREGORY**

On July 5, 2015 as the sun lights the eastern shore of Cayuga Lake, Camp Gregory will celebrate 75 years of providing outdoor experiences for the area's children. Camp Gregory is a small rustic camp built on an idyllic camp setting with forest, lake shore, gorges, hiking trails, sports fields and campfire pits. The main lodge and sleeping cabins provide the indoor shelter for eating, sleeping, activities, quiet time and time for the campers to turn strangers into friends. The well-trained staff prepares a dynamic and energetic program including nature study, athletics, team building, evening game shows, social skills building, crafts, music and many other fun activities. The waterfront provides opportunities for swimming, boating, aquatic habitat study, campfires or just enjoying the view of Cayuga Lake.

The camp began in 1941 by Caspar Gregory. His vision became the Camp's Mission, which is to offer opportunities for campers to live and work together in nature to experience the physical, emotional and environmental dimensions of life. The Resident Camp and the Day Camp stimulate campers to develop new skills in working together, in protecting the environment and in enjoying the outdoors. The fun-filled and educational week create camaraderie among staff and campers, creating relationships that last a lifetime.

The camp is located just south of the Village of Aurora near Long Point State Park. It is open for interested groups for rentals. For more information, see the website at [www.campgregory.org](http://www.campgregory.org). The Camp looks forward to the next 75 years of creating fun-filled education for our youth.

We are looking for counselors and other staff for this summer. If you are interested in a fun-filled and rewarding summer job, go to our website.

Church organizations are invited to use the facilities and property during the summer months for services and other gatherings. Campers leave Friday evening and return Sunday afternoon leaving most of the weekend free for Church services. Check us out at our website. Rental is free for Church groups.

## **EVENTS AT MERRIFIELD**

The March concert at Merrifield is with Rupert Wates on Saturday the 21st—he's the third of the three artists named "Artist of the Year" by Concerts in Your Home in January of 2014—the other two, Ian Mcferon and Jesse Terry—came to Merrifield in the past year, so this is the trifecta! Listen at [www.rupertwatesmusic.com](http://www.rupertwatesmusic.com) or you can actually read his published short fiction in the book "City of Lights" set in Paris. Born in London and started songwriting there, moved to Paris in 2001, and came to be USA based in 2006. Rupert is really creative and engaging, a great song writer and singer, so bring friends and family or just come yourself at 7pm to 2345 Center Road, Scipio Center, NY 13147. We provide a long intermission with coffee and tea for fellowship and collect \$15 at the door. Contact [atmiller@cornell.edu](mailto:atmiller@cornell.edu) or [craigkukuk@gmail.com](mailto:craigkukuk@gmail.com) for more information.



## **NYYM & THE TRANSITION MOVEMENT**

*Three Events Celebrate The Intersection of Quaker Earthcare - Eco-Justice and The Transition Movement - A New York and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Collaboration*

**Mid-Atlantic Transition Neighborhoods Workshop Intensive** is jointly hosted by New York Yearly Meeting's (NYYM) Earthcare Working Group, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's (PYM) Eco-Justice Working Group and the Mid-Atlantic Transition Hub (MATH). Friends and Mid-Atlantic Transitioners from the New York metropolitan, Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, Central New Jersey and Baltimore areas are invited for an in-depth exploration of the Transition movement's worldview, development, and pragmatic resilience-building application in the Mid-Atlantic region. Sunday, March 1, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm: Friends Center, Philadelphia, PA (Meeting for worship on site is part of the schedule.) Free of charge. Information: (646) 241-8386

First Monday's Series, talk and discussion: **Transition in the City: The Transition Movement in the Mid-Atlantic Megacity Corridor** How is the Transition movement developing in the densely populated Mid-Atlantic megalopolis corridor, which stretches from New York, Newark, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Baltimore, and Washington, down to Richmond? Together Transitioners and Quaker Earthcare Eco-justice advocates are working to implement the Mid-Atlantic Transition Neighborhoods, bringing F/friends and neighbors together to discover and map "resilience assets" hidden in plain sight right in their neighborhoods as they visualize a more resilient future for their communities and consider ways to realize their vision. Pamela Boyce Simms, Lead Trainer Transition US, Convener will facilitate the conversation. Monday, March 2, 7:30-9:30 pm – Pendle Hill Retreat Center, Wallingford, PA Free of charge. Information: [610-566-4507](tel:610-566-4507), ext. [12](#)

**Earthcare, Eco-Justice, and Inner Transition Retreat** hosted by New York Yearly Meeting's (NYYM) Earthcare Working Group, and the Mid-Atlantic Transition Hub (MATH). What are "God and the Earth" calling Quakers to do in the face of unprecedented environmental degradation and exploitation? Friends in New York, Pennsylvania, and around the world are meeting the challenges of the times through resilient community-building in the Transition movement. We have a vision of a world of peace, equality, resilience and justice. Through discussion, interactive activities, and contemplation, this retreat will explore the intersection of social justice, eco-justice and the

inner transition that will be necessary to fully and constructively engage with the reality of accelerated climate change and resource depletion. Weekend Retreat Program Tuition: \$108 w/scholarships available and plenty of work study opportunities for discounts leading up to May 1. Friday – Sunday, May 1-3: Powell House Retreat Center, Old Chatham NY. Powell House lodging fees: [www.powellhouse.org](http://www.powellhouse.org) or by calling [518-794-8811](tel:518-794-8811). (Meeting for worship on site is part of the schedule.)



### **NYYM PEACE & PLANET NPT MARCH**

The NYYM Witness Coordinating Committee is forwarding this invitation to join the Peace & Planet NPT Mobilization & March.

From Joseph Gerson, Director of Programs AFSC, Northeast Region:  
The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which went into force in 1970, rests on three pillars. Non-nuclear states foreswore ever developing or possessing nuclear weapons. In return the P-5 nuclear powers (U.S., U.K., Russia, China and France,) committed to engage in good faith negotiations for the complete elimination of their nuclear arsenals and recognized the right of non-nuclear weapons states to generate nuclear power for peaceful purposes, a flaw in the treaty. (India, Pakistan and Israel are not treaty signatories, and

North Korea withdrew from the Treaty.) Every five years, a “Review Conference” is held at the U.N., providing the opportunity for nations and civil society to press for full implementation of the Treaty. This year’s Review conference, begins April 27, and is critically important in the new era of U.S.-Russian confrontation.

The International Planning Group for the 2015 NPT Review Mobilization: For Abolition, Climate and Justice is organizing a Peace and Planet NPT Review mobilization with two primary goals: impact the Review Conference and build broader and more issue-integrated movements for the longer-term. Primary themes of our mobilization are nuclear weapons abolition, peace, moving the money from military spending to meeting human needs, social justice and creating an environmentally sustainable world. Activities will include:

- **International conference April 24-25** - The conference is being organized on the basis of five themes: nuclear weapons abolition, move the money (cutting military spending to prevent wars and fund essential human needs), climate change and environmental justice, the new era of global military tensions and wars, and racism and militarism.
- **Interfaith service rally, march, festival and petition presentations, Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup>**
- “Fact-a-day count down” social media campaign
- Petitions
- Global peace wave.

For additional information about these events and to become involved, see [peaceandplanet.org](http://peaceandplanet.org). To volunteer contact Stephen Polk, AFSC Disarmament Associate, at [SPolk@afsc.org](mailto:SPolk@afsc.org).

## **NYYM VISITING**

The following is an extract from a message from the clerk of New York Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friend,

As I write to you, the thermometer outside reads 10 degrees Fahrenheit. Hard to believe, but spring is only a month away. As we look toward entering the spring thaw and moving into the warmer months, I invite you to think about visiting another monthly meeting or worship group and sharing in their regularly scheduled worship.

Some Friends may have heard me offer this invitation before. Other Friends may be hearing it for the first time. Friends receive word among ourselves unevenly in our Yearly Meeting, even as we do our best to see that you and other Friends throughout NYYM receive the latest information. Did you know, for instance, that Friends have been taking part in a Yearly Meeting-wide initiative of visiting between monthly meetings? Many Friends have been visiting other monthly meetings and worship groups. How many in total? I can’t say. But I can say for a fact that at least 73 Friends have reported making 174 visits between them since 2014. Friends have been recording visits online at [NYYMvisit.org](http://NYYMvisit.org). Check it out. Here’s a [summary of visits](#).

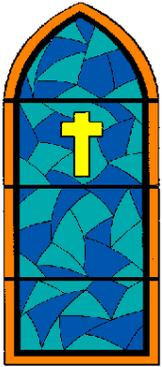
Has your meeting received a visit? [Check this report](#). How many visits have Friends from your meeting made? [Look here](#). And here is a list of the [actual visits made](#).

So you see, Friends in NYYM are beginning to get under the weight of visiting each other and sharing worship with our sister meetings and worship groups. Many are finding it’s really not such a great weight to carry after all.

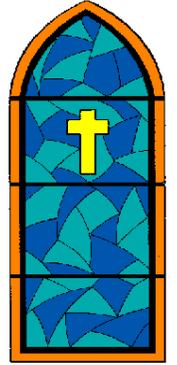
Jeffrey L. Hitchcock  
clerk, NYYM

More information on visiting within NYYM can be found here at [Meeting Visitation Initiative](#) & [Download the visitation flyer](#)





# Southern Cayuga Wider Parish 2015 Lenten Series



## *The “3 R’s of Lent: Reflection, Repentance, Reconciliation”*

**Sundays from 5:00 – 7:00 pm**

Please bring a sandwich and a mug or bowl; soup and beverages will be provided

### **✠ March 1 ~ Jesus’ “Lenten Path”**

*Speaker:* Dr. Kenneth Hover, Professor and Weiss Presidential Fellow, Cornell University; Certified Lay Speaker in United Methodist Church

*Place:* United Church of Genoa, 10070 State Rt. 90, Genoa

*Contact:* Esther Thurston at 607-533-0093

### **✠ March 8 ~ Lenten Practices of Faith**

*Panel Discussion with representatives from different traditions*

*Place:* Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 40 Spring St., Union Springs

*Contact:* Andrea Starr-Tagalog at 237-2346

### **✠ March 15 ~ Practices of Reconciliation**

*Speaker:* Representatives from Women Transcending Boundaries

*Place:* First Presbyterian Church, Rt. 90, King Ferry

*Contact:* Neil Rotach at 607-273-6697

### **✠ March 22 ~ Reconciling With the Earth**

*Speaker:* Rev. Linda Schwab, Professor Emerita of Wells College and Free Methodist chaplain

*Place:* Scipioville Presbyterian Church, 3428 Rt. 34B, Scipioville

*Contact:* Rev. Barbara Wright at 364-5110 or 282-7025

***Free and open to the entire community***

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***Free-will offering to aid Health Tapestry ministry.***

# San Pedro Benefit Dinner



Dionysia's cooking for a crowd and SO IS RUPERT!

## You're invited!

The San Pedro Sister Community hopes that you, your family, and your friends can join us for our fourth annual San Pedro benefit dinner. Come join us for a delicious Salvadoran meal, Rupert-style, and learn more about some of our projects.

**Saturday, March 7 -- 6 PM**  
**Wells College Sommer Center (Aurora, NY)**

**Please call or email to reserve your seat by Saturday,  
February 28!**

**Contact Cathy Mullarney 315-364-6744 or  
[bcmull@hughes.net](mailto:bcmull@hughes.net)**

**Recommended Donation: \$25 per person**  
**Wells students and children 12 and under -- \$10**

## Menu

Prepared by Chef Rupert Robbins of Skillet & Embers/Inns of Aurora

**Appetizer:** Pinto Bean Soup w/ Fried Corn Tortillas

**Entrées:** Pollo Frito (crispy fried chicken lightly dressed w/ pimento & farmers cheese)  
Chicharron w/ Salsa Roja (roasted pork shoulder, simmered in a fresh tomato sauce w/ fried cracklin's)

Yucca and Sweet Pepper Salad

Curtido (spicy cabbage salad)

Sweet Corn and Green Beans

**Dessert:** Chocobananos (bananas dipped in chocolate)



### **POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING**

Clerk – Anne Dalton

Assistant Clerk – Larry Buffam

Treasurer – Jeff Layton

Musicians – Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney

Pastoral Care - Craig Kukuk

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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