



PRISM

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The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

FEBRUARY 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry |
| 5 10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller | 6 7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's | 7 7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting @ Lockhart's | 8 | 9 7:00pm Mid- week Worship @ sammond's | 10 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group | 11 |
| 12 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Rebecca Shillenback 11:00am Coffee Hour | 13 | 14 Valentine's Day 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis' | 15 7:30pm Quaker Worship in Spanish | 16 | 17 | 18 9:00am Genoa Food Pantry 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry 7:00pm Merifield - Alison and Zoe |
| 19 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley Monthly Meeting for Business at the rise of Meeting | 20 Presidents' Day | 21 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis' | 22 Deadline for PRISM submissions | 23 7:00pm Mid- week Worship @ Berggren- Thomas's | 24 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group | 25 |
| 26 10:00am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed) | 27 | 28 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group | | | | |

Birthdays: 8th Mary Ann Nobben, Karen Brennan; 9th Miranda Cady Hallett, Deanna Nance; 10th Steff McGonagle; 12th Nick Dosch Rozard; 13th Thea Grube; 17th Janet Shea; 18th Patrick Connelly; 20th David Eckhardt, Bruce Culver; 25th Sarah Mandolang Rozard;

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

POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES JANUARY 15, 2017

The Monthly Meeting opened with a period of worship about 12:05 p.m.; the minutes from the Dec. 11, 2016 meeting were read. In Andrew Simkin's absence, Anne Dalton served as clerk.

Attending were Ruth Ann Bradley, David Connelly, Anne Dalton, Jim Frisch, Barry Kahn, Jeff Layton, Suzanne O'Hara, Joanne Rogers, Christopher Sammond, Jane Simkin, and Paul Simkin.

We approved the 2017 Operating Budget as reviewed at last Monthly Meeting and published in PRISM.

A concern at Monthly Meeting for Worship was brought up about actions to take to make our voices heard. Suggestions include a letter-writing basket as suggested by FCNL and a Minute from Monthly Meeting to Yearly Meeting. Friends could also engage with AFSC initiatives. Christopher will prepare a blurb for PRISM summarizing possible action. It's also effective to know our local representative, Congressman Katko and his staff; it is a way we have been able to be heard in the past.

We closed with a moment of silence about 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by David Connelly, Recording Clerk.

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



FRIENDLY SUPPERS

All local members and attenders should receive an invitation for a friendly supper by mid February. If you have not received an invitation and would like to attend a potluck meal in a home please contact Hannah at hannahrichter79@gmail.com or [315-364-3531](tel:315-364-3531). We try our best to include everyone but mistakes do happen so PLEASE bring it to Hannah's attention. Thanks from the Social Committee

NYYM MEETING FOR DISCERNMENT

Poplar Ridge Meeting is hosting the NYYM meeting for Discernment on March 11. All are invited to attend the day long event. More information will follow about the schedule.

Poplar Ridge Friends are needed to provide lodging for out of town guests. Please contact Hannah Richter or Anne Dalton if you are willing to host overnight guests, Friday and /or Saturday.

EMAILS FROM NYYM

New York Yearly Meeting (NYYM) is the body of Friends from the eighty monthly meetings and worship groups across New York State, Northern New Jersey, and Southwestern Connecticut. As an organization, NYYM seeks to nurture our meetings, and to represent us in the wider body of Friends and in the world. The NYYM organization, typically sends a letter from the yearly meeting clerk after each of Spring, Summer and Fall session, naming the work done in all our names, and providing links to documents for further information. About twice a year they send out notices of times when NYYM speaks as a body for all Friends in the yearly meeting, either in letters directed to public officials or in press releases. Several times a month, or less, they also send out messages and information to the body of Friends in the yearly meeting which they feel would be useful, informative, or nurturing in some way. Once or twice a year, they send out an email fundraising appeal.

Only a few of these emails are included in our PRISM. You may request to receive emails directly from NYYM by emailing communications@nyym.org.

NYYM PRAYER LIST

The New York Yearly Meeting (NYYM) Prayer List is a list, periodically sent out to subscribers, of Friends who ask to be prayed for, or loved ones of Friends for whom prayer is asked. You can ask for prayers for God's healing, or for God to strengthen you in faithfulness, courage, discernment, the ability to forgive, or whatever it is you feel the need of. And Friends who get the prayer list will pray for you. If you want to say what it is that you want prayer for, you can be as specific as you want, and we will print it on the prayer list, like this:

Jane Doe asks prayer for relief from arthritis, for perseverance in prayer, and for deliverance from a spirit of self-glorification;

or if you'd rather not tell the world what you want prayer for, you may list yourself with an asterisk, which will signal the reader not to inquire at all about what you might want prayer for, like this:

*Jane Doe**

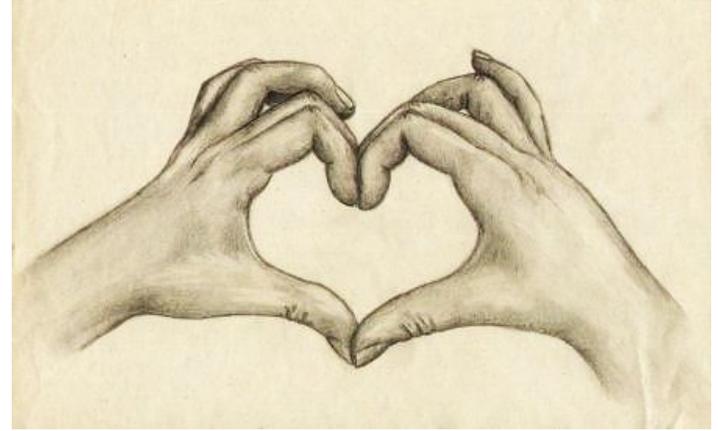
Prayer requests will be kept posted for three months; unless the requester asks to have theirs renewed or pulled. We only accept requests for prayer *for yourself or for someone who you know consents* to being put on the prayer list. Exceptions are made only for your own minor children or for family members who may be comatose, or legally incompetent, but even then – please think! We don't want anyone hurt or embarrassed to discover that a well-meaning friend has given us their name without obtaining permission, in effect telling the world behind their back, "So-and-so needs prayer." It could be taken as suggesting that So-and-so is somehow defective, and at the very least it could be felt to be a violation of privacy.

We also ask that you refrain from using this list to ask for prayers for collective groups like "*the children of Syria*," "*the prisoners at Guantánamo*," etc., not because these groups don't need our prayers, but in order to allow us to help keep the scope of this prayer list manageable.

After we have worked out the mechanics of organizing our reactivated Prayer List, Lucy Sikes (Brooklyn Meeting) will take over as Prayer List Coordinator. You will send all of your prayer requests and/or your interest in being a Prayer List subscriber directly to Lucy. In the interim, if you would like to request prayers or subscribe to the NYYM Prayer List, please let me know by reply

email. (You may also unsubscribe from the Prayer List at any time.) You will *always* get the prayer list as a *blind courtesy copy* (bcc). This will protect you from unwanted e-mail from Friends who might write back by hitting "reply all."

Helen Garay Toppins



SEED EXCHANGE

The *Wells College Seed Exchange* is open for 2017, loaded with nearly 1,400 packets of many varieties of vegetable, flower and herb seeds. The Seed Exchange is completely free and open to the public. Our Seed Exchange cabinet is accessible whenever the Wells College Long Library is open: Sunday: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight; Monday through Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 midnight; Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Note that library hours change during academic breaks; you are advised to check the Wells College Library website for current operating hours. The Seed Exchange cabinet is located on the 2nd floor of the Long Library, around the corner from the circulation desk in the Learning Commons area.

In order to stretch our seed quantities and support as many local gardeners as possible, we ask Seed Exchange patrons to please take only as much seed as you need for this growing season; we provide smaller seed envelopes for this purpose. We also welcome saved seed from our area growers; please use the pre-labeled seed envelopes to provide information about your donation.

Thanks in advance.

Marian Brown, director
Center for Sustainability and the Environment
Wells College [315-364-3304](tel:315-364-3304)

ACKNOWLEDGING, AFFIRMING AND CONTINUING TO BUILD A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE AROUND YOUTH WORK

The Farmington-Scipio Region Youth Institute is sponsoring this event on March 4, 2017 at Rochester Meeting.

A “group of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do and who interact regularly to learn how to do it better. Members engage in joint activities and discussions, help each other, and share information. They build relationships that enable them to learn from each other. Members of a community of practice are practitioners. They develop a shared repertoire of resources: experiences, stories, tools, ways of addressing recurring problems—in short, a shared practice.”
—Etienne Wenger

This will be a daylong conference for reflecting on, celebrating and strengthening youth work and youth workers throughout the Farmington-Scipio region, facilitated by Melinda Wenner Bradley, Chris DeRoller and Mike Clark and sponsored by the region.

As a group we will:

- Share what we are passionate about: why we do this work and what of our own experience with Friends we wish to share with our children. The “why” of the work. (Goals)
- Describe the current and hoped-for youth program culture within the Farmington-Scipio region: the characteristics, values, behaviors, knowledge and skills that define it. (Our Condition)
- Explore how expectations of families, of youth, and of youth workers intertwine or collide and identify ways of creating and communicating shared expectations among participants. (Expectations)
- Develop a plan for sustaining a community of practice around youth work in the Farmington-Scipio Region. (Scaffolding)

In the process, our hope is that individual participants will gain new tools and learning to bring back home to their meetings. Plus experience joyful, spirit-filled, deep community.

For more information see

<http://www.quakercloud.org/cloud/western-ny-quakers/events/regional-youth-institute>



EROSION

It is morning. I am mourning.

And the river is before me.

I am a writer without words who is struggling to find them.

I am holding the balm of beauty, this river, this desert, so vulnerable, all of us.

I am trying to shape my despair into some form of action, but for now, I am standing on the cold edge of grief.

We are staring at a belligerent rejection of change by our fellow Americans who believe they have voted for change.

The seismic shock of a new political landscape is settling.

For now, I do not feel like unity is what is called for.

Resistance is our courage.

Love will become us.

The land holds us still.

Let us pause and listen and gather our strength with grace and move forward like water in all its manifestation: flat water, white water, rapids and eddies, and flood this country with an integrity of purpose and patience and persistence capable of cracking stone.

I am a writer without words who continues to believe in the vitality of the struggle.

Let us hold each other close and be kind.

Let us gather together and break bread.

Let us trust that what is required of us next will become clear in time.

What has been hidden is now exposed.

This river, this mourning, this moment — may we be brave enough to feel it deeply.

By Terry Tempest Williams
November 9, 2016

MERRIFIELD CONCERT

In the Merrifield concert series at their home, Craig and A.T. are delighted to welcome back a local favorite, the young artists and sister group, Alison and Zoë! They grew up steeped in Celtic tradition and then returned to the U.S. and our beautiful Finger Lakes. They sing sweet and compelling harmonies in the folk tradition, rendering familiar songs and original tunes in profound and moving simplicity. They assure us that they have plenty of new songs to share, but of course we'd also love to hear some old favorites as well. Take a listen at alisonzoe.bandcamp.com or www.facebook.com/alisonandzoe and then plan to come on Saturday, February 18th at 7pm to 2345 Center Road, Scipio Center, NY 13147. Plenty of parking on Black Street and enjoy the community warmth of music together in an intimate home setting. We collect \$15 at the door to support the artists.

Contact Barry Kahn (SCL42carry.com) for help with transportation.

HELP REFUGEES LIVING IN OUR AREA

The web site

<http://www.ithacawelcomesrefugees.org/> provides information on how to help refugees living in our area. Contact Trudy <rbuxenbaum@gmail.com> for more information.

AREA ACTIVITIES

February 1st:

- **Presentation: "Healthy living for your brain and body,"** 4 p.m., The Athenaeum of Skaneateles, 150 Genesee St., Skaneateles. Presented by the CNY chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Call (315) 472-4201.
- **Presentation: "Know the 10 signs: Early detection matters,"** 5 p.m., Cayuga Community College, 197 Franklin St., Auburn. Presented by the CNY chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Call (315) 472-4201.

February 2nd :

- **Cayuga Lake Waterfowl Tour,** 2 to 4:30 p.m., Montezuma Audubon Center, 2295 Route 89, Savannah. Visit north part of lake to see up to 30 species of ducks, geese and swans. Cost \$8 children, \$15 adults. Call (315) 365-3588 or email montezuma@audubon.org.

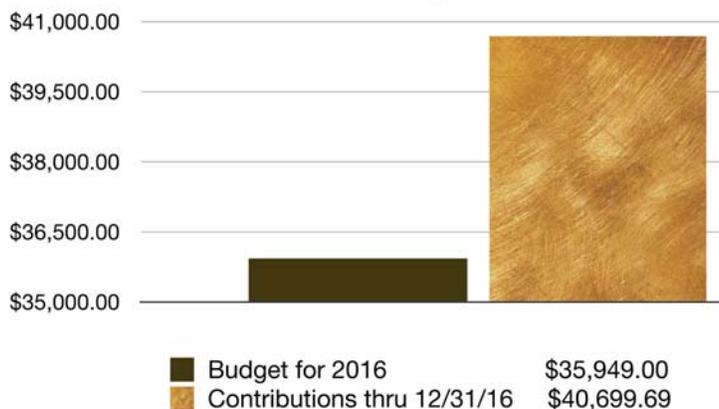
February 8th :

- **Heroin epidemic talk with pastor Damon Gagnier and graduates of Adult and Teen Challenge Syracuse,** 6 p.m., Auburn Public Theater, 8 Exchange St., Auburn. People passionate about ending the heroin epidemic are invited. Free and open to the public. Email pastor@unitedchurchofauburn.org or call (315) 252-4397.



2016 PR Budget vs Contributions

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| Budget for 2016 | \$35,949.00 | |
| Contributions for 2016 | \$40,699.69 | 113.22% |
| Budget surplus for 2016 | -\$4,750.69 | |



POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

Clerk – Andy Simkin
 Assistant Clerk – Anne Dalton
 Treasurer – Jeff Layton
 Musicians – Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney
 Pastoral Care - Craig Kukuk ([734-717-7719](tel:734-717-7719))
 Recording Clerk – David Connelly
 Ministry & Counsel Clerk – Dill 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 or 1st day messages. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/poplarridgefriendsny>.

To change or correct a mailing label please contact Mary Lou Charles at 364-7391 or Scott Heinekamp at 246-7151. You can request PRISM electronically and save the Meeting the expense of postage by emailing pr.prism@gmail.com.

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