



# PRISM

*The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge*

*Poplar  
Ridge  
Information  
Sharing  
Monthly*

## OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller</p> <p>11:30am Soup &amp; Sharing - Pat Sewell</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00pm Peace and Social Action Meeting @ Andy's</p> <p>7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting @ Lockhart's</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry</p> <p>4:00pm Lacrosse, The Creator's Game - Ithaca Meetinghouse</p>
<p>8</p> <p>10:00am semi-programmed (Query &amp; Music) - Query #5 Karen Simkin</p> <p>11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Columbus Day</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:30pm Ministry &amp; Counsel @ Otis'</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ sammond's</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>10:00am Meeting for Worship - Caroline Burch</p> <p>11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business at the rise of Meeting</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:30pm Movie Night - Which Way Home @ Buxenbaum's</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry</p> <p>7:00pm Merrifield Concert - Claude Bourbon</p>
<p>22</p> <p>10:00am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Deadline for PRISM submissions</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren-Thomas's</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group</p>	<p>28</p> <p>4:30pm Family Night - Halloween Carnival</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10:00am Meeting for Worship - Song and Silence</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Halloween</p>				

Birthdays: 3<sup>rd</sup> Jennifer Parker; 4<sup>th</sup> Kathy Tyler; 5<sup>th</sup> Lydia Benton Simkin; 9<sup>th</sup> Soren Mortensen; 13<sup>th</sup> Riley Dickinson Maassen, Laura Bradley Sullivan and Perry Gorgen; 14<sup>th</sup> Claire Howard; 17<sup>th</sup> Karen Simkin; 18<sup>th</sup> Helen Hebben; 22<sup>nd</sup> Gabe Myers Hayes; 23<sup>rd</sup> Jane Simkin; 27<sup>th</sup> Melinda Grube; 28<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Nelson

Anniversaries: 11<sup>th</sup> Eddie and Carly Richter, Jesse and Kara Otis

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

## **POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES FOR SEPT 17, 2017**

The Monthly Meeting and Annual Meeting opened with a period of worship about 11:45 a.m.; the minutes from the Oct. 20 meeting were read.

Attending were: Ruth Bradley, Larry Buffam, David Connelly, Anne Dalton, Jim Frisch, Barry Kahn, Suzanne O'Hara, Dill Otis, Sally Otis, Hannah Richter, Joanne Rogers, Christopher Sammond, Andy Simkin, Jane Simkin, Linda Simkin, and Paul Simkin.

Jeff has said he will step down as treasurer after next April. Anne of the nominating committee said the committee recommends Ruth Bradley as Treasurer-designate starting now and Treasurer effective in April. The meeting approved.

### ***From Ministry & Counsel:***

The clearness committee to consider Robin Grube's request for membership meets on Sunday Oct. 23 after the rise of meeting.

Suzanne sought feedback after this morning experimental query format during worship. We felt the query format was working. Some expressed concern that the meeting felt more like discussion than worshippers speaking as led out of silence. Others said that it didn't feel like a discussion. There was a general feeling that more time for reflection between messages would be desirable.

There was also a wish for another hymn at the end. Ministry & Counsel will consider the suggestions to try for next month's format.

We considered also that at times discussion is necessary, and we should find the time to enable it outside of worship.

### ***Building Committee:***

The committee will consider how to finish the trim on basement windows.

After this meeting, interested persons will consider concerns about the safety of the ramp on the east side for handicap accessibility.

Ruth is taking custody of a children's bicycle abandoned in the parking lot a while ago. Anyone who knows about it may contact her.

We closed after a period of silence at 12:45 p.m.

**SUBMITTED BY DAVID CONNELLY, RECORDING CLERK**



### **QUERY SUNDAY**

Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> will be a semi-programmed meeting with a concentration on the 5<sup>th</sup> query in NYYM Faith and Practice (2014).

*Do we keep to moderation and simplicity in our daily lives? Have we allowed the acquisition of possessions to interfere with God's purpose for us? Are our homes places where the presence of God is felt by those who live there and those who visit there? Do we choose such recreations as are wholesome and consistent with Christian character? Are we careful in our choice of ways to use our time and energy?*

The meeting will include several hymns, a time for joys and concerns and the reading of the query by Karen Simkin. The music and query will be followed by a time of silence. The Ministry and Counsel Committee is considering some changes to the format based on input received during September's Meeting for Business.

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

### **SOUP & SHARING**

On October 1<sup>st</sup> after the rise of Meeting, Pat Sewell, a member of Citizen's Climate Lobby and the Ithaca Meeting, will make a presentation for support of a bi-partisan solution to cut carbon emissions drastically in the coming years. A light meal of soup and snacks will precede Pat's presentation. The Peace and Social Action Committee sponsor this event. Contact [pr.prism@gmail.com](mailto:pr.prism@gmail.com) for more information.

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

## **QUAKER MEETING IN SPANISH**

Quaker Meeting in Spanish continues to meet on one evening each month. The small size of the group does not reflect the large value to the native Spanish speakers who attend. The attenders include two regulars and four others from two households who come irregularly. There is also a core group of English speakers, who speak or understand Spanish, which provide transportation for attenders who do not have cars. They would welcome suggestions on outreach to native Spanish speakers, particularly from anyone who would offer to help implement their suggestion. The meeting begins with a reading in Spanish, which is distributed in written form, followed by sharing from the silence. Sometimes music is included or there is food to share afterwards, but always the fellowship seems to be rich and meaningful to all.

The schedules of regular participants and other meeting events are consulted to plan the night each month. Usually, the third Wednesday of the month has been the best night to meet, but the actual night may vary each month. Schedule changes are communicated in English by e-mail and as an announcement following Meeting for worship on the Sunday preceding Quaker Worship in Spanish. If you would like to be added to the e-mail list please notify Jane Simkin at [Simkinjab@gmail.com](mailto:Simkinjab@gmail.com) or call 315-364-8244. Spanish speakers are notified by text message. Since the day of this meeting is often decided after the publishing of the PRISM, it will no longer be listed on the calendar.

Bienvenido al proximo Reunion Religiosa de la Iglesia Cuakera para los que hablan espanol.

## **POPLAR RIDGE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL FOR UNICEF**

Mark your calendars for the annual Poplar Ridge Friends Halloween Carnival, coming to you Saturday, October 28 from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Our meetinghouse will be transformed into a spooky, fun, and yummy place for area children, and raise money for UNICEF. The carnival aims towards younger children from toddlers to mid elementary age, but can be a great way for older kid and teen helpers to support their communities. Teens can even count their volunteer hours towards school-required community service.

The carnival takes a lot of time and effort, but is by far the most successful outreach to families and children in the community that we do as a Meeting. It is much more than a fundraiser. So, the Youth Committee could really use your help! Teens are great, but we love adult helpers too. We need volunteers to help set up the space both indoors and out, starting at 2pm, and help with clean up until about 8pm. We need volunteers to run noisy games, but our ever-POPular balloon pop game is more bearable now that technical innovation has resulted in a softer, yet still satisfying, POP. There are quiet games too, like pumpkin painting and Move-the-M&Ms-With-a-Straw. We need volunteers to guide little ones through the haunted house, tell spooky stories, get visitors ready for a session with the fortune teller, help kids buy pizza and treats, and trade in game credits for prizes. We need help keeping track of the game tickets and the money earned for UNICEF.

We need volunteer bakers of healthy and spooky treats! The goodie table is always popular.

We need clementine wood boxes or shoe boxes to transport freshly painted pumpkins home without making a mess in the car.

We would love enough volunteer help to schedule two shifts to share the fun. The more hands we have, the lighter the work for all. It really is a fun evening for everyone. If you can help, please contact Julie Lockhart at [gem6183@gmail.com](mailto:gem6183@gmail.com), (585) 755-7028, or Sally Otis at [sitis3067@gmail.com](mailto:sitis3067@gmail.com), (315) 364-8102. Thanks!



## **MERRIFIELD CONCERT**

The Merrifield House Concert this month features an extraordinary artist of medieval and Spanish blues! Ready for a unique and talented take on a wide range of musical traditions? Claude Bourbon is known throughout Europe and America for amazing guitar performances that take blues, Spanish, Middle Eastern, and Russian stylings into uncharted territories. Each year Bourbon plays more than 100 shows around the world. Some of this guitarists' influences allow us a fascinating insight into this remarkable musician; Paco De Lucia; Deep Purple's Richie Blackmore; Joaquin Rodrigo; JJ Cale; JS Bach...One reviewer once even noted that although "Claude's roots were in blues, that is like saying Leonardo da Vinci was a painter". Intrigued?

Experience an evening of exploration in the unique ambiance of the intimate house concert! The event starts at 7pm on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Merrifield is located at 2345 Center Road, Scipio Center, NY 13147 at the corner of Center and Black, with parking on Black Street. It is a setting of community and camaraderie for all friends and family as they seek a cozy space while the days darken. \$15 is collected at the door to support the artist. For more information contact A.T. ([atmiller@cornell.edu](mailto:atmiller@cornell.edu)).



## **STORY HOUR**

Join Miss Lisa every week for stories, songs and crafts at the Hazard Library Story Hour. Story Hour is each Tuesday at 9:30am when SCCS is in session at the Hazard Library, 2487 Route 34B, Poplar Ridge, NY. Contact the library at 315-364-7975 for more information.

Contact Joanne Rogers (315-673-7345, 607-345-8468 cell, [SCL42carryu@gmail.com](mailto:SCL42carryu@gmail.com), or [SCL42carry.com](http://SCL42carry.com)) for help with transportation.

## **PASTORAL LETTER FROM HIS EXCELLENCY MONSIGNOR SALIEGE, ARCHBISHOP OF TOULOUSE**

On "human dignity", read out from the pulpit on August 23, 1942 without comment.

My very dear Brothers,

There is a Christian morality, a human morality, which lays down duties and recognizes rights. These rights and duties stem from the nature of man; they come from God. One can violate them... [but] no mortal has the power to do away with them.

Children, women, men, fathers and mothers being treated like a lowly herd; members of a single family being separated from each other and carted away to an unknown destination - it is our age which was destined to see this dreadful sight.

Why is there no longer any right of asylum in our churches?

Why are we the defeated?  
Lord, have pity on us.  
Our Lady, pray for France.

In our diocese, moving scenes have occurred in the camps of Noe and Recebedou. The Jews are men; the Jewesses are women. The foreigners are men and women. One may not do anything one wishes to these men, to these women, to these fathers and mothers. They are part of the human race; they are our brothers, like so many others. A Christian cannot forget this.

France, beloved Fatherland; France, which bears in the consciences of all your children the tradition of respect for human dignity; chivalrous and generous France - I have no doubt that you are not responsible for these errors.

Yours devotedly, dear Brothers,  
(Signed) Jules Gerard SALIEGE  
Archbishop of Toulouse

Source: AIU, CC-26, CDJC, CCXVIII-72  
-- suggested by Christopher Sammond

## MOVIE NIGHT

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm the Peace and Social Action Committee will be presenting the movie **Which Way Home** at the Buxenbaum's Home. A discussion will follow the movie. All are welcome to attend.

*The film follows several unaccompanied child migrants as they journey through Mexico en route to the U.S. on a freight train they call "The Beast." There is a copy within the meeting that cannot be found.*

*Dill will purchase a copy if necessary.*

--<http://www.whichwayhome.net/>

## POWELL HOUSE YOUTH PROGRAMS

Powell House is actively trying to connect with more children and families.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VfRPDWYhsZ0&feature=youtu.be>

Please share the Youth Program with families and youth in our communities who may not be connected directly to our meeting. They have plenty of available spaces in all age groups - 4th grade to 12th grade. They think that the experience of gathering with other youth interested in social justice and finding a community is even more important for youth in these times.

They also have two events this year for young adults (including 11th -12th graders):  
Give Thanks and Pass The Frisbee Nov 3 - 5, 2017  
When You Are Alone Feb 2-24, 2018.

Contact Mike Clark & Chris DeRoller [518-794-8811](tel:518-794-8811) ext 13 for more information.

## LACROSSE, THE CREATOR'S GAME

There will be a presentation on **Lacrosse, the Creator's Game**, Saturday October 7th, 4 PM at the Ithaca Friends Meeting House: Alfred Jacques of the Onondaga Nation will share his knowledge and wisdom on the history of and information about lacrosse and other ball games played in Native Nations. The talk will be followed by a traditional Corn Soup supper: The meal will consist of Haudenosaunee corn soup, corn bread, salad, and strawberry drink. Meat and vegan soup will be provided. Please RSVP with Hannah Richter (315-364-3531) so that they can plan the meal.



## LESS OF ME

Let me be a little kinder,  
Let me be a little blinder  
To the faults of those about me,  
Let me praise a little more.  
Let me be when I am weary,  
Just a little but more cherry,  
Think a little more of others  
And a little less of me.

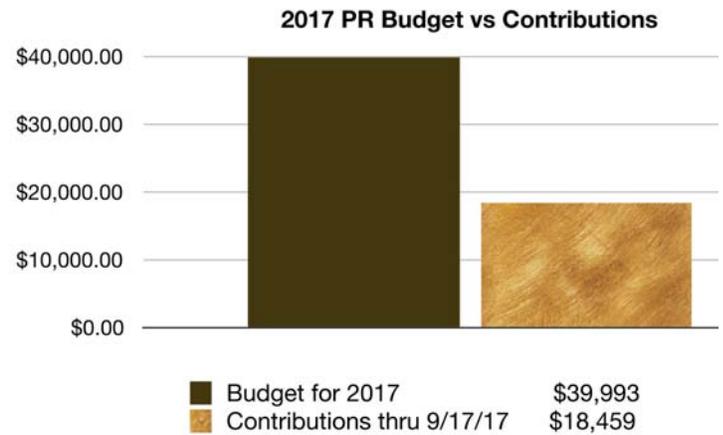
Let me be a little braver  
When temptation bids me waver,  
Let me try a little harder  
To be all that I should be.  
Let me be a little meeker  
With the brother who is weaker,  
Let me be more of my neighbor  
And a little less of me.

Let me be when I am weary,  
Just a little bit more cheery,  
Let me serve a little better  
Those that I am striving for,  
Let me be a little meeker  
With the brother who is weaker,  
Think a little more of others  
And a little less of me.

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By Bill Staines

<b>Budget for 2017</b>	<b>\$39,993.00</b>	
<b>Contributions for 2017</b>	<b>\$18,459.00</b>	46.16%
<b>Budget deficit for 2017</b>	<b>\$21,534.00</b>	



### **POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING**

Clerk – Andy Simkin	Pastoral Care - Craig Kukuk ( <a href="tel:734-717-7719">734-717-7719</a> )
Assistant Clerk – Hannah Richter	Recording Clerk – David Connelly
Treasurer – Jeff Layton	Ministry & Counsel Clerk – Charlie Weld
Musicians – Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney	

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 1<sup>st</sup> day messages. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/poplarridgefriendsny>.

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