



PRISM

The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

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Monthly*

DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
3 10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller 11:00am Coffee Hour 1:00pm Camp Gregory Annual Meeting	4 7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's	5 7:00pm Peace and Social Action @ Buxenbaum's 7:00pm Youth Committee @ Lockhart's	6	7	8 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	9 2:00pm Renaissance Faire
10 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Query #2 by Jim Frish 11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business	11	12 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'	13	14 7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond/Rhudy's	15	16 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry 7:00pm Shepherds' Play
17 10:00am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed) 5:00pm Children's Holiday Program	18	19 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'	20	21	22 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	23
24 Christmas Eve 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley	25 Christmas	26 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	27 Deadline for PRISM submissions	28 7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren-Thomas's	29	30
31 New Year's Eve 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Song and Silence						

Birthdays: 1st Vivian Cunningham; 2nd Charles Reynolds; 4th Arlo Temelko-Post; 10th Cazimer George Schillenback; 11th Joe Dosch; 12th Walter Moora; 13th Walter Foulke, Susan Deacon; 14th Beverly Rejman; 16th Bethea Brice; 20th Ruth Ann Bradley; 22nd Benjamin Otis, Kay Burkett and Tina Post; 25th Skyler Dickinson Maassen; 26th Nils Nobben; 29th Mary Lou Charles, Cathy Mullarney; 31st Addison Young Otis

Anniversaries: 29th Bruce and Priscilla Berggren-Thomas; 31st Benjamin and Kristin Otis

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

POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2017

The Monthly Meeting opened with a period of worship about 11:35 a.m.; the minutes from the October meeting were read.

Attending were David Connelly, Jim Frisch, Robin Grube, Rosa Grube, Barry Kahn, Craig Kukuk, Elaine McKnight, Dill Otis, Sally Otis, Hannah Richter, Christopher Sammond, Andy Simkin, Jane Simkin, Linda Simkin, Paul Simkin, and Charlie Weld.

Camp Gregory's annual meeting will be here at 1p.m. December 3.

The Outreach Committee is considering the first Sunday in February, instead of January as mentioned last month, for a Soup and Sharing led by Chad Dell, of Manasquan, about an outreach program inspired by Quaker Quest.

Winter months' Meeting music will be coordinated by Mary Jo Granger and Claire Howard.

Dill reported that Building Committee has completed the exterior trim on the west side of the Meetinghouse and added ice and snow stoppers on the east roof, and discussed fixing the accessibility ramp. The fire extinguishers have been serviced and the batteries replaced on the smoke detectors.

The costs have been considered for additional basement work and estimated at about \$7,500, or \$10,000 if the windows are replaced.

December's Business Meeting will be on the 10th, coffee hour scheduled for the 3rd. We will begin considering the 2018 budget at the Business Meeting.

We accepted Robin Grube's request for membership to Poplar Ridge Monthly Meeting.

Ministry & Counsel had ordered fifteen copies of Faith and Practice; there are still some copies available in our Library.

Ministry & Counsel and Peace & Social Action have been informally rotating responsibility for Soup & Sharings monthly, and Outreach

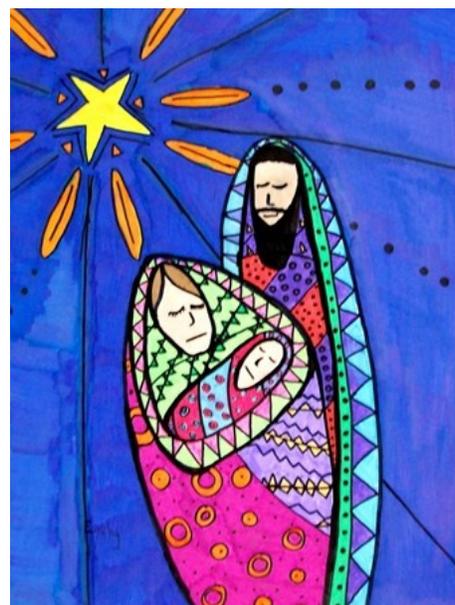
Committee is now considering being part of the rotation. The original goal was four of them between September and May.

The Outreach Committee has purchased "Quaker Speak" videos, a Friends Journal project of interviews on subjects related to Quakerism. They will be available at a later date at our Library.

Ministry & Counsel is exploring ideas for adult education programs for people who wish to know more about Quaker faith and practice. The Meeting supported the committee's continued exploration of adult education.

We closed with a period of silence at 12:18 p.m.

Submitted by David Connelly, Recording Clerk



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

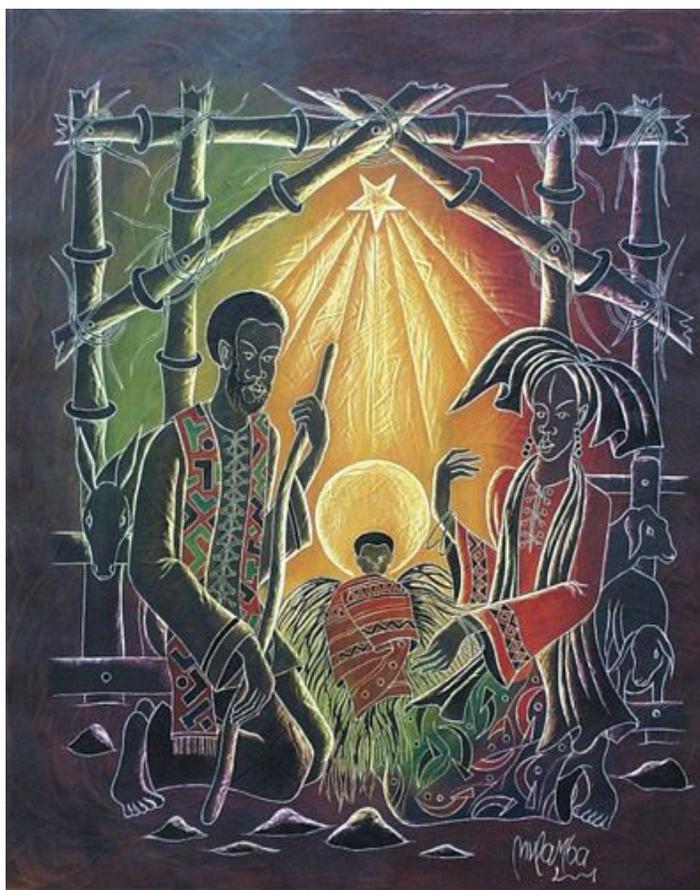
CAMP GREGORY ANNUAL MEETING

Camp Gregory Annual Meeting will be at the Poplar Ridge Meeting House at 2:00pm on Sunday December 3.

This is a time when interested people from the community are encouraged to learn more about Camp Gregory and become members. Input and participation from Friends is encouraged.

Camp Gregory, a rustic camp on the Eastern shore of Cayuga Lake between Long Point Winery and Long Point State Park has been providing a camping experience for local children since the 1940's. It depends on volunteer activity to keep the cost to campers affordable. When children are not at camp, community groups may rent the camp during available weeks. Many different kinds of skills and contributions are welcomed. Do consider coming and becoming a member. For more information ask Karen Simkin, Trudy Buxenbaum, Dill Otis, Paul Simkin or me. Of these Friends I am the only one who did not move from being a camper to participation in providing program or caring for the property.

Jane Simkin



THE SHEPHERDS' PLAY

The annual Shepherds' Play performance will be on Saturday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m in our Meetinghouse. We hope you will all be able to attend this special musical rendition of the Christmas Story. For many in this community it is the true beginning of Christmas!

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Lights, action, Christmas! Please join us on Sunday, December 17 at 5pm for our annual Christmas Pageant, simple supper, and visit from Santa. The celebration begins as people of all ages, particularly children, perform the story of Jesus's birth in story and song. If you have little ones, please encourage your children to take part! We will begin discussing roles with the kids a couple of weeks before the big day, downstairs during worship time.

After the pageant on Sunday the 17th, we will adjourn downstairs for a simple supper. Families, please bring easy to clean up finger foods to share. Cookies are always welcome. Hot chocolate will be provided.

The excitement returns upstairs with Santa's anticipated arrival. With help from his elves, Santa will visit with the children and give each child a small gift to celebrate a season of good will and sharing with others. The evening should be complete by 7:30. Please contact Julie at gem6183@gmail.com with questions regarding the holiday program.

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

QUERY SUNDAY

December 10th will be Query Sunday. Jim Frish will read the 2nd query in NYM Faith and Practice (2014).

"Do we make opportunity in our daily lives for communion with God and the opening of our hearts to an awareness of the Christ Within? Are we thankful for each day as an opportunity for a new adventure of life with God?"

The current issue of Faith and Practice is online at <http://www.nyym.org/sites/default/files/NYYMFaithandPractice-2016Edition.pdf>. Paper copies are available in the Meetinghouse library.

For help with transportation contact
Joanne Rogers at 315-673-7345, 607-345-8468
(cell) or fron10ac@gmail.com

RENAISSANCE FAIRE

Dear Friends,

We're excited to share that we'll be hosting a Holiday themed Renaissance Faire during Christmas in Aurora, from 2-4:45 PM on Saturday, December 9. We'll have food, drinks, and several Renaissance themed holiday crafts along with simple gifts for sale, and a Father Christmas photo booth. Please help us spread the word - this should be fun for people of all ages. Tickets will be sold at the door and will be used as payment for food and activities. Come in costume if you'd like (Barb, Mary Ann and I will all be in ours)!

The official Christmas in Aurora schedule should be coming out soon, but you may appreciate knowing that we're wrapping up at 4:45 so we can carol with Father Christmas as we walk to the Village tree lighting at 5:00. There will be all kinds of events going on in Aurora that afternoon and evening, so keep an eye out and feel free to pass this message along.

Alyssa

<<mailto:alyssa.peachtownschool@gmail.com>>



THE CHRIST WITHIN

Excerpts taken from the NYYM Faith and Practice.

The Religious Society of Friends arose from personal experience of direct spiritual encounter with God as revealed in Jesus Christ. The conviction that God can and does speak to the condition of all persons emerged from that experience and spread with great rapidity among religious seekers of the seventeenth century. They became convinced that God strengthened, directed, and worked through them, and this conviction has remained at the center of Friends' faith and practice.

In speaking of God, we use various words, but we need to hear the truth beyond those words. The Divine Spirit, which Friends have variously called "The Inward Light," "The Christ Within," "The Seed," and "That of God in Everyone," has the power to raise up the good and to overcome the evil in our hearts. It can also render us capable of carrying out God's will in individual and social life. The source of Friends' testimonies and concerns is found in hearing and obeying this Spirit.

The Spirit heals, renews, uplifts, encourages, shelters. It illuminates Friends' unceasing search for Truth. We believe the Spirit calls us to answer to that of God in every person; as we do so, it unites us in a community of God.

Calling themselves "Friends of Truth" and "Publishers of Truth," early Friends used "Truth" to refer to the nature of God and God's purposes, to Christ Jesus, to something beyond themselves and not susceptible to complete comprehension. Our manner of worship reflects what we hold about Truth: It continues to reveal itself to all who listen for it tenderly in silence, in the Bible and other writings, in each other, in diverse religions, cultures, times, and disciplines.

"There is a principle which is pure, placed in the human mind, which in different places and ages hath had different names. It is, however, pure and proceeds from God. It is deep and inward, confined to no forms of religion nor excluded from any, where the heart stands in perfect sincerity. In whomsoever this takes root and grows, of what nation soever, they become brethren."

– John Woolman,

"Considerations on Keeping Negroes," 1746



Holiday Renaissance Faire

Ornament Making
Candle Dipping
Food and Drinks
Gifts
Fun for all Ages

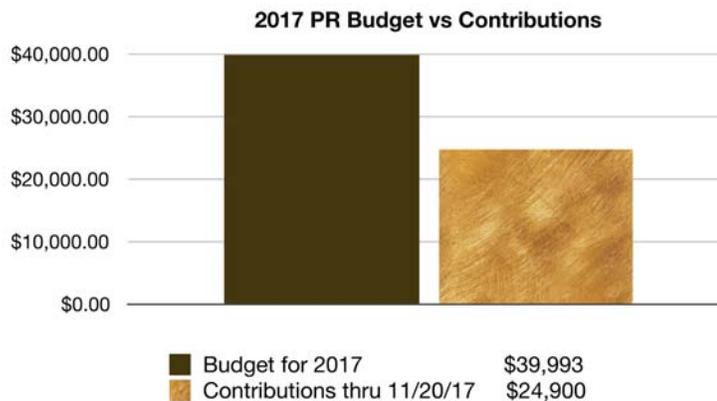
Peachtown Elementary School
22 Dean's Road, Aurora

Saturday, December 9
2:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Tickets available at the door or online

www.peachtownschoool.com

Budget for 2017	\$39,993.00	
Contributions for 2017	\$24,900.00	62.26%
Budget deficit for 2017	\$15,093.00	



POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

Clerk – Andy Simkin	Pastoral Care - Craig Kukuk (734-717-7719)
Assistant Clerk – Hannah Richter	Recording Clerk – David Connelly
Treasurer – Jeff Layton	Ministry & Counsel Clerk – Charlie Weld
Musicians – Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney, Mary Jo Granger	

Poplar Ridge Friends meet every Sunday at 10 am for worship. The fourth Sunday of the month is an unprogrammed meeting. The fifth Sunday has a variety of formats. 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>.

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