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the Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
4 Daylight Saving Time ends 9:00am Adult education 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Jane Simkin 11:00am SERRV Shopping	5 7:00pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's	6 7:00pm Peace and Social Action Committee @ Buxenbaum's	7	8	9 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	10
11 Veterans Day 9:00am Adult education 10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller Coffee Hour	12 Veterans Day 7:00pm Youth Commitee Meeting @ Otis'	13	14 7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond/Rhudy's	15	16	17 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry 5:00pm Saturday Supper - music & dance
18 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Rebecca Schillenback 11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business at the rise of Meeting	19 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	20 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'	21 7:30pm Quaker Worship in Spanish	22 Thanksgiving	23 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	24
25 10:00am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed) 11:30am Joint Meeting Outreach/M&C	26 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'	27	28 Deadline for PRISM submissions 7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren-Thomas'	29	30 7:30pm Movie Night - RGB, Ruth Bader Ginsburg @ meetinghouse	

Birthdays: 7th Hannah Richter; 11th Zehan Henry Lama Nelson , Ted Rejman; 12th Sara Charles Seifert; 17th Kathleen Connelly; 18th Ella Pearl Gunderson, Patsy Myers; 19th Kevin Sullivan; 20th Larkin Aela Green; 22nd Scott Heinekamp; 29th Gopini Lama Nelson

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

**MINUTES FOR POPLAR RIDGE
MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS
OCTOBER 21, 2018**

The Monthly Meeting opened with a period of worship about 11:45 a.m.; the minutes from the September 9 meeting were read.

Attending were Ruth Bradley, Larry Buffam, David Connelly, Julie Lockhart, Howard Nelson, Suzanne O'Hara, Hannah Richter, Andy Simkin, Jane Simkin, Paul Simkin, Charlie Weld.

- Reporting for the Building Committee, Larry said the committee met with a contractor for an estimate to carve our parking lot down, about 20 inches, to allow level access to the basement. The contractor, Chris Janssen, estimated about \$12,000, including gravel, and would be able to do it this fall.

Larry also met with a contractor about placing a lift in the Meetinghouse. He thinks it would require more thought as to where it would go. It may require modification of the roofline at some expense. He offered that we have more to learn and talk about. We will also investigate installing a stair chair. We hope to decide by next spring how to make our Meetinghouse more accessible.

Andy added that additional snow guards have been installed with hopes that they will prevent snow from falling onto the ramp. The basement furnace is acting up so we're now seeking help with it. We will be taking in our clock for repairs.

- For Ministry and Council, Charlie Weld reported updates:
The clerk of the music committee attended Ministry and Council last month and brought a concern about late comers entering during the prelude and the distraction it causes to the musicians and their musical gift of ministry. Moving the piano has been helpful and Ministry and Council is taking the responsibility to appoint greeters to remind latecomers to enter worship after the prelude. The Music Committee is forwarding to Ministry and Council drafts of messages that could be affixed to the door as a reminder to wait to enter after the prelude.

Craig had rescinded his request for a leave of absence.

A memorial service was held for Nance Simkin at our Meetinghouse on Sept. 30. Rebecca Schillenback served as the officiant.

The New York Yearly Meeting committee considering the recording of Rebecca's gifts in Ministry visited our Meeting and worshiped with us under Rebecca's leadership. They will report their findings to New York Yearly Meeting.

Sixty-five people attended the Regional Farmington Scipio Fall Gathering held in Poplar Ridge. . The topic: "Reaching the Sacred Across the Divide" was timely. Poplar Ridge and the Regional Meeting will be in discernment to determine whether it will be the topic for Spring Gathering.

A Farmington-Scipio Regional Extended Meeting for Worship was held at the Meetinghouse Oct. 13. Six Friends from regional meetings attended, including two from our meeting.

- Ruth, our Treasurer, reported that we received a \$200 contribution from the Hazard Library thanking us for our continued support for space for their summer programs.

Ruth will provide copies of the operating budget quarterly, rather than monthly, but she will continue with an updated chart in the monthly Prism.

- We approved the Poplar Ridge Players' request to use the Meetinghouse for the Shepherd's Play and its rehearsals. They will use the Meetinghouse for practice 6 to 8 pm for six consecutive Sundays starting Nov. 11. The play will be Dec. 22.

- The Meetinghouse will be used for the birthday gathering of Jane Simkin and Gerson Lopez, Beyla Lopez's son, on Wednesday, Oct. 24. The whole Meeting is invited.

We ended with a period of silence about 1:15 pm.

Submitted by David Connelly, Recording Clerk.

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

ADULT EDUCATION

The Ministry and Counsel sponsored series of discussions based on the Pendle Hill pamphlet 306, **FOUR DOORS to MEETING for WORSHIP** by William Taber continue on Sundays 10/28, 11/4 and 11/11 from 9:00 to 9:45 am in the Meeting library. The text explores what Quaker worship is, and how we can prepare ourselves to participate in it as individuals and as a Meeting. Each of the weeks will focus on one the "four doors" that William Taber describes.

All are encouraged to participate. For more information contact Charlie Weld (ccameronweld@gmail.com).

FALL GROUNDS CLEAN-UP

Building and grounds committee has set fall grounds clean-up day for November 3rd starting at 9 am and continuing until completion. In case of inclement weather, backup day is November 10th. Please come when you can and stay as long as you can. Contact Larry (larrybuffam@gmail.com) for more information.



NOVEMBER SATURDAY SUPPER – CALL FOR ENTERTAINERS!

Come one, come all for a Music and Dance Night Saturday Supper on Saturday, November 17! **WE ARE STARTING THIS ONE AT 5:00 PM** with food at 5pm and song and dance starting right around 6pm.

Maybe you would like to perform a song or instrumental music that does not quite fit in the Meeting setting (or does). Maybe you would like to lead the group in a favorite of yours -- maybe a round

or with harmonies. Maybe you have a dance to perform or to teach us. Poetry could fit. Sure!

TO GET ON THE PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT CATHY MULLARNEY AT 315-730-9039 (call or text) or cathy.mullarney@gmail.com.

(Note: Cathy has gotten rid of their land line.) Don't be afraid! Jump right in!



Bring a dish to pass, table settings for each of you, and be ready for a night of fun, beauty, and laughs. Spread the word!

FAIR TRADE SHOPPING

The [SERRV](#) items will be for sale at the Scipioville Craft Fair on Saturday, November 3. Items not sold will be available in our meetinghouse after Friends Meeting for Worship, November 4th. Mark your calendar and bring your check book.

SERRV is a fair trade nonprofit since 1949 which empowers marginalized artisans and farmers to earn a fair living from their work, breaking the cycle of poverty and building stronger communities worldwide.

Stephanie Nelson, Cathy Mullarney and Sally Otis have taken over this project from Jeanne Herst and her sister, Vivian Hughes. SERRV is under the Wider Parish umbrella. We appreciate all that have volunteered to be at the table at the craft fair.

MOVIE NIGHT - RGB, RUTH BADER GINSBURG

Join the Peace and Social Action Committee on November 30th, 7:30pm to view the film *RGB - Ruth Bader Ginsburg*. (<https://www.rbgmovie.com/>).

“The exceptional life and career of U.S. Supreme Court Justice [Ruth Bader Ginsburg](#), who has developed a breathtaking legal legacy while becoming an unexpected pop culture icon.”

- <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt7689964/>

All are welcome. Contact Trudy (rbuxenbaum@gmail.com) for more information.

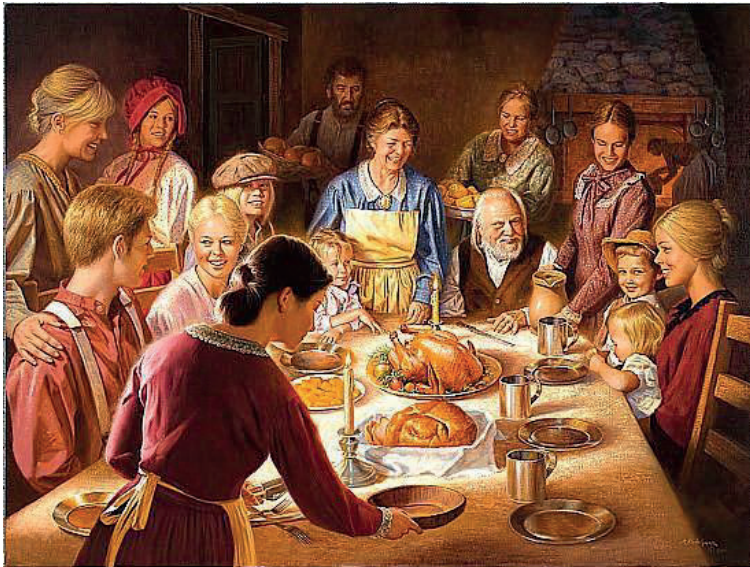
NYYM LARGE PRINT FAITH & PRACTICE

Friends,

We are preparing to publish a large print *Faith & Practice* and we do not want to print more than necessary. Each meeting will receive a complimentary copy. Additional large print copies will be available for \$7.00 if picked up and for \$10.00 if mailed.

If you think that you would be interested in having a copy please let me know by phone (212-673 - 5750) or email (office@nyym.org).

Helen Garay Toppins



THANKSGIVING PRAYER

"Eternal God, source of all created things, we would give substance to our thankfulness by resolving to make right use of the gifts we have received from thy bounty.

With thy gift of the senses we would fashion and preserve a world of beauty for all.

With thy gift of reason we would engage in a responsible search for truth.

With thy gift of compassion we would build a world of justice and mercy.

And with thy gift of being we would walk together in peace."

~ Robert R. Walsh

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

FCNL ANNUAL MEETING, NOV. 28-DEC. 2, 2018

Prophetic. Persistent. Powerful. As FCNL celebrates our 75th year, join Quakers and friends for four days of community, celebration, and advocacy.

Your voice. Our power.

Be a part of the 75-year legacy of prophetic, persistent, and powerful Quaker advocacy. Join FCNL November 28-December 2, 2018 for [Annual Meeting and the Quaker Public Policy Institute](#).

Just weeks after voters elect a new Congress, join us to

- Lobby to advance peace and justice.
- Establish FCNL's lobbying priorities for the upcoming congressional session.
- Celebrate FCNL's 75-year history and look forward to the next decades of our work together.
- Hear from exciting and inspiring speakers—policy experts, faith leaders, and more—about how you can engage your community for policy change in the coming year.
- Worship together and make new connections with committed people from across the country.

Quaker advocacy has never been more important. We hope you'll join us.

HOWLAND STONE STORE MUSEUM SUNDAY SOCIAL

On November 4th at 4:00 p.m. C. J. Koeppe, Professor of History at Wells College will share **Reflections on a Forgotten Pandemic: Influenza, 1918-19**. The influenza epidemic of 1918-19 stands as the most significant epidemic of the twentieth century, yet it disappeared from human memory for decades. Given the concerns about newly emerging diseases such as SARS and Ebola, historians are finally taking a serious look at this massive calamity: who was affected? What were its causes and consequences? How did people and governments respond? What are the lessons of the pandemic for our globalized world today?

This event will take place at the museum, 2956 State Route 34B, Aurora, NY. For more information, contact 315-345-3210 or hssmsherwood@gmail.com.

12-STEP QUAKER WEEKEND: LONESOME NO MORE!

Powell House - Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, 2018

Before attending or joining a 12-step group, many people describe the feelings of loneliness or separation that plagued them. One of the biggest gifts 12-step groups offer individuals is an end to that isolation and a feeling of being part of something greater than themselves. During our retreat we will share the experience, strength, and hope we gained by joining our respective fellowships. Be it spirituality, miracles in action, a feeling of receiving grace, or a soothing sense of serenity, we will plan to share aspects of our personal journeys, along with how we stay connected to hope, joy, love, and each other.

Facilitator Annie R first encountered the image and concept of Lonesome No More (from Kurt Vonnegut's book, *Slapstick*) when just a teenager, and knows it is part of the cosmic alignment that guided her into the AA fellowship more than 27 years ago. From the start, Annie's theme song has been "Amazing Grace." She looks forward to sharing another Quaker Retreat at Powell House with her fellow travelers as they come together in love.

Register by November 16: \$280-240/adults; \$125/ages 13-22; \$70/infants-12; \$175/commuters; After November 16: \$260/\$145/\$90/\$195 Childcare with 3 weeks notice.

Contact Powell House <http://powellhouse.org/>, 518-794-8811 or sharon@powellhouse.org for more information.

QUAKER EARTHCARE WITNESS MINI-GRANTS

[QEW has grants](#) available for Friends' organizations who want to enhance their physical/spiritual relationship with the Earth. We offer matching grants of up to \$500 each to support projects consistent with QEW values. You can apply throughout the year.

We are now accepting applications for Friends projects which:

- Improve your immediate environment
- Involve, inform, and educate members young, old and in between

- Create opportunities to improve and learn about your own local ecosystems
- Provide spirit-led, meaningful work and create fun for all participants

Past grant recipients have used QEW Mini-Grant funds by creating an edible garden for their meeting; adding a composter for a Friends' school; and completing a meeting solar energy project. We welcome your project ideas and energies!

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

SEEKING THE SPIRIT IN MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS

Friends are not to meet [in meetings for business] like a company of people about town or parish business ... but to wait upon the Lord.

– George Fox, *Letters*

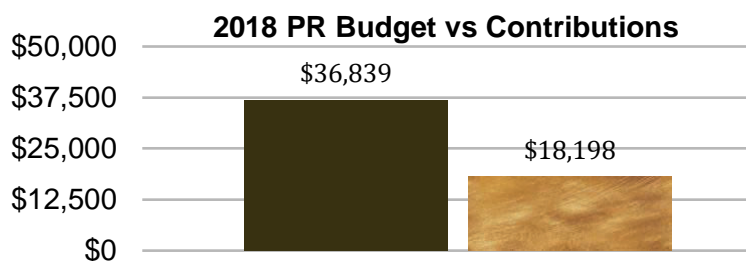
We look with tender hearts, especially during meetings for worship with a concern for business, for one another's spiritual vision. Truths of the Spirit may come from any of us.

In each of us the Spirit is manifested in one particular way, for some useful purpose.... But all these gifts are the work of one and the same Spirit, distributing them separately to each individual at will. For Christ is like a single body with its many limbs and organs, which, many as they are, together make up one body.

– 1 Corinthians 12:7, 11–12 (NEB)

Our belief that people can continually discover more about the will of God makes us eschew dogma. We search for ways to meet human need in shared worship and open ourselves to disagreement as a path to God's higher truths. The Spirit leads our community to creative action, occasionally in ways that transcend reason, as we listen for God's voice in our prayers and in the messages we have for each other.

~ NYYM Faith & Practice



Budget for 2018	\$36,839.00	
Contributions 10/20/2018	\$18,198.00	49.40%
	\$18,641.00	

POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

Clerk – Hannah Richter
 Assistant Clerk – Andy Simkin
 Treasurer – Ruth Bradley
 Musicians – Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney, Mary Jo Granger

Pastoral Care - Craig Kukuk ([734-717-7719](tel:734-717-7719))
 Recording Clerk – David Connelly
 Ministry & Counsel Clerk – Charlie Weld

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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