

# PRISM

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Monthly

the Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

## OCTOBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00pm Peace and Social Action Committee @ Buxenbaum's	2	3	4	5 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
6 World Quaker Day  10:00am Meeting for Worship - Rebecca Schillenback	7 7:00pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's	8	9 6:00pm potluck supper and 7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond/Rhudy's	10	11 Nightingales 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	12
13 10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller  11:15am Coffee Hour	14 Columbus Day  7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting @ Otis'	15 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'	16	17	18 Movie Night - Paris to Pittsburgh	19 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
20 9:00am Adult Education  10:00am Meeting for Worship - David Connelly	21 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	22	23 Deadline for PRISM submissions  7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren-Thomas'	24	25 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	26 4:30pm Halloween Carnival for UNICEFD
27 9:00am Adult Education  10:00am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	28 7:00pm Ministry & Counsel @ Weld's	29	30	31 Halloween		

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)

**MINUTES FOR POPLAR RIDGE  
MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2019**

**Present were:** Larry Buffam, Rosa Grube, Suzanne O'Hara, Phyllis Glover, Hannah Richter, Jim Kerrigan, Charlie Weld, Ruth Bradley, Stephanie Nelson, Howard Nelson, Dill Otis, Andy Simkin.

Meeting began with some silence. August minutes were read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Contributions through 9/14: \$19,273, 41% of our budget. Payments were made for the parking lot excavation job, reducing our capital expense fund to \$12,291. 61.6% of our annual budget has been spent so far this year. Check has been sent to Nikki Holland to support her ministry in Belize; a thank you note has been received.

**Ministry & Counsel Report** was given by Charlie:

- Adult education will be a 5 week program, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17. The topic is "Women in Quakerism." Pendle Hill pamphlets are being reviewed by M&C; probably two will be chosen for readings. Major figures will also be focused upon. Sufficient copies of pamphlets will be ordered for distribution to participants.
- There has been some follow-up with Kristina Keefe-Perry regarding the spring program she and Jonathan Vogel-Bouren will present.
- Phyllis said that Hannah has sent a letter regarding to Dean Faiello's request for membership, and we are awaiting a response from the Superintendent of Cayuga Correctional Facility.

**Building Committee Report** was given by Andy: The parking lot project proceeds, and various specific points are being addressed. A second-hand door was donated by Howland Stone Store and has been installed in the rear entryway. Dill offered a window; Building Committee will look at it and see if it is appropriate.

**Travel Minute for Christopher Sammond:** Hannah stated that it is time for Christopher's existing minute to be considered for renewal. She read the minute aloud, and there was some discussion about some points in the minute's wording. The Meeting

approved renewal. Hannah will forward the minute and information about where Christopher has traveled under this minute to Regional Meeting. Hannah read aloud statements from people who have attended Christopher's workshops; these comments endorsed his work with appreciation.

**Updates:**

- Ruth spoke on going, along with Laura Buffam, to the NY State Fair for "Faith Days," representing the Fairness Alliance supporting civil rights for LGBTQ people. Brochures, bumper stickers, and flags were distributed and conversations were had. Ruth said that it was a worthwhile program to participate in.
- Hannah spoke on the "Alternative Pathways to Membership" initiative. She has sent our statement of concerns to the NYYM committee. A response was received from Merissa Badgeley acknowledging receipt. We await further response and information on the continuing discussion.

Meeting closed with a few moments of silence.

Respectfully submitted,  
Howard Nelson, Recording Clerk



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

## POPLAR RIDGE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL FOR UNICEF

It's that time of year again, so mark your calendars for the Poplar Ridge Friends Halloween Carnival, coming to you Saturday, October 26 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 caters toward 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 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 fund raiser. So, the Youth Committee could really use your help! 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 a variety of games and crafts in the basement all-purpose room. We need volunteers to guide little ones through the haunted house and upstairs to 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 a couple of gallons of cider, and one of water. We need shallow cardboard 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. And, it really is a fun evening for everyone. If you can help, please contact Scott Lockhart at [rslockhart@gmail.com](mailto:rslockhart@gmail.com), (585) 690-1454, or Sally Otis at [sitis3067@gmail.com](mailto:sitis3067@gmail.com), (315) 364-8102. Thanks!

## NOVEMBER FRIENDLY SUPPERS

The November Saturday night Supper we will be Friendly Suppers in individual homes. The social committee is looking for people to host the suppers in their homes. Please contact Trudy <[trudybuxenbaum@gmail.com](mailto:trudybuxenbaum@gmail.com)> or Hannah <[hannahrichter79@gmail.com](mailto:hannahrichter79@gmail.com)> if you would like to be a host/hostess.



## FALL ADULT EDUCATION

Poplar Ridge Monthly Meeting's Ministry and Counsel committee will be conducting a series of 5 adult education discussion sessions on "Women And Quakerism with a focus on Lucretia Mott's Ministry" from 9 a.m. until 9:50 a.m. downstairs in the Meeting House on 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17. On 10/20, there will be an introductory overview, based on the Pendle Hill pamphlet *Women and Quakerism* by Hope Elizabeth Luder, and discussions during the following four weeks will be based on the Pendle Hill Pamphlet *Lucretia Mott Speaking: Excerpts from the Sermons & Speeches of a Famous Nineteenth Century Quaker Minister & Reformer* by Margaret Hope Bacon. Both pamphlets will be available on 9/29 at the Meeting House and after for those interested in attending the adult education series. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact any member of Ministry and Counsel (Phyllis Bunker, Claire Howard, Suzanne O'Hara, Dill Otis, Charlie Weld.)

## MOVIE NIGHT

The Peace and Social Action Committee is sponsoring a movie night on October 18<sup>th</sup> at, 7:30 in the Meetinghouse. The movie is "[Paris to Pittsburgh](#)".

*"From coastal cities to America's heartland, Paris to Pittsburgh celebrates how Americans are demanding and developing real solutions in the face of climate change.*

*And as the weather grows more deadly and destructive, they aren't waiting on Washington to act."*

Join your friends in viewing this inspirational video and following discussion. All welcome.

Please notify Donald 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.

## WORLD QUAKER DAY IS OCTOBER 6, 2019

Join the Quaker family around the world in worship and celebration! This year's theme is **Sustainability: Planting seeds of renewal for the world we love.** Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) invites you to join Quakers around the world for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual [World Quaker Day](#). Across our churches, meetings, countries and sections, we feel the power of God connecting us into a faithful family. We celebrate all expressions of Quaker worship. See <http://www.worldquakerday.org/> for more information.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE NIGHTINGALES WEEKEND!

Please mark your calendars for October 11-13, for a Nightingales weekend in Ithaca, NY. This is a weekend for everyone who loves to sing. If you would like to be part of the event, please let us know!

If you know of other Friends who would like to receive messages about upcoming Nightingales weekends, or if you would like to be added to the email list, please send email addresses to Bronwyn Mohlke ([BIQMohlke@gmail.com](mailto:BIQMohlke@gmail.com)).



## REPORT ON NYYMN YOUNG ADULT SPIRITUAL NURTURE SERIES

At NYYM's 2019 Summer Sessions we received a report on the Young Adult Spiritual Nurture Series, a series of retreats and workshops held for young adults over the past year. The report includes a list of things young adults need to feel welcome in the yearly meeting. That report is available [online](#). Friends are invited to read the report and consider its recommendations.

## HOWLAND STONE STORE MUSEUM AND OPENDORE OPEN HOUSE

The Howland Stone Store Museum Fall Open House has been rescheduled to Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 -4:00 pm at both the Stone Store and Opendore. Please plan to visit both facilities. Opendore interior painting is complete and work is progressing on trim and other finishes. The building is taking on a very finished interior appearance!! There have been more than 5250 volunteer hours on Opendore since October of 2016. Stop by and see what is happening.

The 2020 HSSM Woman's Rights Centennial Calendar replicates a historic week-by-week version from our collection and will be available for sale at the Open House for \$20, with member price of \$15 for first copy. They will be available in June and can also be purchased at our Open House, on our website [www.howlandstonestore.org](http://www.howlandstonestore.org) or by contacting Carolyn Littlejohn at 315-364-7694.

## NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING HIRES INTERIM YOUNG ADULT FIELD SECRETARY

New York Yearly Meeting is excited to announce that Marissa Badgley has agreed to serve as Interim Young Adult Field Secretary starting September 15, 2019. Marissa will be building on her work organizing the year-long Young Adult Spiritual Nurture Series of workshops and conferences that ended in July. The workshops addressed topics of Quaker faith and practice, including clerking, integrity and courage, discernment, and living faithfully. The series culminated in a report on how the yearly meeting can better welcome and serve its young adults.



Friends can reach Marissa by emailing [yafs@nyym.org](mailto:yafs@nyym.org) and can stay in the loop on the work that is happening at [youngadultfriends.weebly.com](http://youngadultfriends.weebly.com).

### UPCOMING CONFERENCES AT POWELL HOUSE

**Powell House** is the conference and retreat center for New York Yearly Meeting.

#### *Conferences for adults and families:*

#### Fall Work, Contra Dance, and Storytelling Weekend **October 25-27**

Enjoy learning new skills? Like to work among 57 acres of God's creation in Columbia County, NY? Bring your favorite tools, old clothes and hearty appetites. Our cooks will have lots of good, nutritious & yummy food for us. We have plenty of work projects, both inside and outside our buildings. The contra dance band and storyteller are experienced and talented!

#### Peace Witness: Turning Quaker Testimony into Action **November 15-17**

There are many ways to foster the harmonious world we seek, and this conference will explore ways that we, as Quakers and non-Quakers, can be for peace and bring about peace through both upstream work and direct action. This conference is for anyone who is ready to develop, deepen, and share their peace witness with the world.

#### Quaker 12-Step Weekend **November 22-24**

Led by facilitator Juliet Wright, the weekend will include many 12-step activities including 12-stepping a problem, the patterns of codependency and characteristics of recovery, meeting in a bucket, gratitude boxes, individual sharing, writing and sharing on program literature from your 12-step program, singing and more!

#### *Upcoming youth programs:*

#### FutureScape — **9th to 12th grade, September 27-29**

A Quaker practice is to ask queries rather than give answers to seekers. So we'll practice that practice. During this conference we will work on developing better questions for ourselves and our communities. Questions like, "how do you want to be in the world?" instead of "what do you want to be?" With the right questions, we can start to focus our visions for our future selves.

#### Tag, Not Tag — **4th-5th grade, October 4-5**

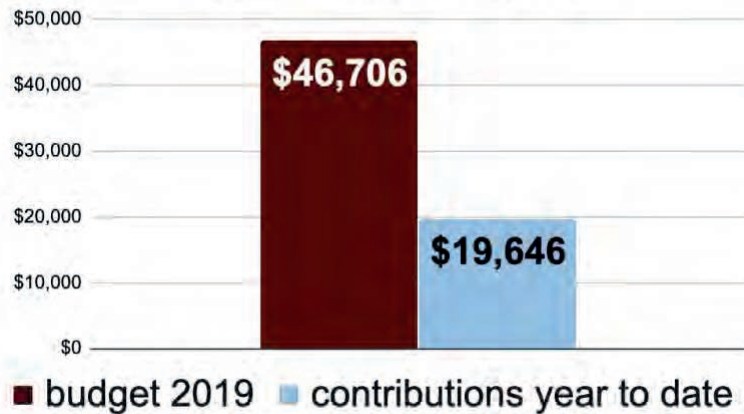
Tag games can be fun, but they can also turn "not fun" pretty quick. Small groups will invent and teach a new tag game to the rest of us. How will we settle disputes? How will we adapt to the needs of the other players? How do we win, yet not have losers? Come find out!

#### Falling Up — **6th-8th grade, November 15-17**

Falling down is seldom fun, so what if we could choose to fall up instead? How far would you fall up? How would it feel? We will practice some ways to keep our bodies safe even when we are unstable and trip, as well as ways to help our minds and spirits fall up instead of down in times of trouble or turmoil.



## September 24, 2019 Poplar Ridge MM Budget vs Contributions



42% of our 2019  
Budget has been met

### POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

Clerk – Hannah Richter

Assistant Clerk – Christopher Sammond

Treasurer – Ruth Bradley

Musicians – Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney, Mary Jo Granger

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Recording Clerk Howard Nelson

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, Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/poplarridgefriendsny>.

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