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The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

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Information
Sharing
Monthly

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
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Daylight Saving Time ends 9:00am Quaker Basics Meeting for Worship - Charlie Weld	4:00pm Ministry & Counsel	Election Day 10:30am Worship at Kendal	7:00pm Midweek Worship			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller Social Hour	7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting	10:30am Worship at Kendal	7:00pm Midweek Worship		Reservations deadline for Northville Arts Center supper	9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:00am Meeting for Worship - Rebecca Schillenback Monthly Meeting for Business at the rise of Meeting		10:30am Worship at Kendal 7:30pm Women's Spiritual Nurture	7:00pm Midweek Worship	7:00pm Men's Spiritual Nurture	5:00pm Social Supper at Northville Arts Center	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:00am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed) 2:00pm Wider Parish Thanksgiving Service		10:30am Worship at Kendal	7:00pm Midweek Worship	Thanksgivin g Day 7:00pm Peace and Social Action		

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

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

**MINUTES FOR POPLAR RIDGE
MONTHLY MEETING (PRMM)
OCTOBER 20, 2024**

1. Meeting began at 11:50 with some silence. Present were: Larry Buffam, Howard Nelson, Scott Lockhart, Julie Lockhart, Sally Otis, Dill Otis, Donald Simkin, Anne Dalton, Sigrid Mortensen, Liz Johnson, Andy Simkin, Hannah Richter, Ruth Bradley, Charlie Weld, Caroline Burch, Maryanne Burch, John Reed, Janice Burton.
2. Larry Buffam invited Tony Gaenslen to comment on a possible minute we will be taking up today regarding the situation in the Middle East. Tony and Annie Wexler have read the proposed text of the minute, and they suggest a phrase be added regarding “ongoing and relentless destruction,” and that the “immediate release of the hostages” also be included.
3. Minutes from the September business meeting were read.



4. Treasurer's Report: Sigrid Mortensen reported: We remain in good fiscal health. Total contributions are on par with YTD contributions for the previous two years and fall only slightly below YTD spending. Spending remains below target. Full report will be in Prism and a paper copy will be placed in the library. The \$500 donation to Ithaca Welcomes Refugees approved last month has

been made. Larry asked about projections for the rest of the year, and Sigrid responded that given patterns of previous years, it is projected we will meet our goals.

5. Ministry & Counsel Committee: Julie Lockhart presented the report prepared by Anne Dalton:

Ministry council met with Rebecca Schillenback in September. She would like to continue giving six messages a year and is very content with the remuneration. Christopher Sammond is officially recorded by NYYM as a minister in the Religious Society of Friends. Christopher's travel minute is being updated to include his new workshops and this recording as a minister.

The Library Committee has a large collection of George Clarkson's messages. They would like to keep one copy and have the rest distributed to members who would like them.

The Quaker Basics series is being well attended and shall continue. Memorial remembrances are being written for Walter Foulke, Mary Lou Charles, and Ann Burch. These will be written for our own meeting's benefit and archived with our minutes.

Larry asked for clarification regarding memorial minutes. Anne responded that M&C has created another kind of minute, called a memorial remembrance, for people who have passed who were known within the monthly meeting, but not in the wider Quaker community.

6. Social Committee: Hannah Richter reported:

The Social Committee has been busy making cookies for various occasions: Monthly coffee hours and memorial celebrations of life for Ron Buxenbaum and Ann Burch. A dinner was provided for each of the families during their gatherings around the memorial services. We also assisted in the 100th birthday celebration for Ann Burch in June.

The committee met in August to brain storm events and activities for the coming year. We are continuing the monthly restaurant dinners for anyone who is interested in a group meal that doesn't require our own cooking. Our next meal out will be on the 22nd of November at the Northville Art Center in King Ferry. Reservations are due by the 18th—this is a great way to support a local business!

A questionnaire was created to find out if Friends prefer Saturday night potlucks or Sunday noon potlucks. Out of the 9 responses it was split 5-4 respectively.

Suggestions for programs were requested with travel presentations a frequent request. The Elisons hosted a September potluck at their home. We will help with the October Halloween carnival and treat ourselves to a restaurant meal in November. December brings various Christmas focused events. Once again we will help facilitate the finger food meal after the Christmas pageant and before

Santa's visit. We hope to provide gifts once again for Bronwyn's preschool for refugee families. Programs for the next year are still under negotiation.

Hannah plans to replace the two 10 cup coffee makers which are no longer working . It is helpful to have options for making small, medium, and large amounts of coffee.

7. Larry noted that Safe and Warm and Youth Committee will report next month



8. Andy Simkin reported for the Building Committee that it has been determined to go ahead with installation of five west-facing windows with two having built-in screens. Hiring a contractor to do the replacement of sash weights is being considered. Fuel oil has been delivered which should take us through the winter.
9. Proposed minute regarding violence in the Middle East: Larry presented a possible text, which has been drawn from a group of statements made by other meetings which Larry has circulated. One that seemed to be favored was from Rochester, NH, meeting, on which the proposed minute was based. Larry proposed the minute be amended to include the two suggestions made by Tony and Annie. There was discussion. Should conflicts in

other parts of the world be included? Should specific countries and peoples be named, or just use the phrase “Middle East”? Larry noted the comment made that minutes without action are of limited value. To whom should the minute be sent? Should “innocent political prisoners” be added to the sentence about “hostages”? Should “property” and “livelihoods” be added in addition to “lives” lost?

The minute was approved as amended:

'We seek a world free of war and the threat of war' is a foundational principle of Quaker Public Policy. Our Quaker faith and practice compels us to speak.

We affirm the worth and dignity of all human beings. We are appalled by the ongoing and relentless destruction of human lives, properties and livelihoods in the Middle East.

Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting hopes that the following steps would lead to peace:

- a permanent ceasefire with humanitarian access to Gaza,
- an immediate release of the hostages by Hamas and of innocent political prisoners by Israel,
- adherence to international law by all parties
- immediate cessation of weapons shipments to all combatant groups
- diplomacy to create a just peace, including a two state reality

10. Hannah announced that Powell House is seeking donations. She suggested that we add Powell

House to our annual donations. It was approved for Peace & Social Action Committee to consider this for next year. She suggested that a donation be made also to Friend's Journal to support the “Quaker Speaks” video series. Ministry & Counsel Committee will discuss this and make a recommendation. Hannah reported that Farmington Scipio Regional Meeting has established three regions, and they are looking for a Nominating Committee representative for our region. She will look for someone to fill this role.

11. Charlie Weld requested use of meeting house for Shepherd's Play rehearsals. Approved.
12. Larry has a conflict for January business meeting. He asks that we meet on January 12 rather than January 19. Approved.
13. Meeting closed at 1:40 with some silence.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard Nelson, Recording Clerk



PRMM ZOOM MEETINGS

You can join any meeting by phone by calling the number **(646) 558 8656**. You will then need to enter the Meeting ID and Password for the meeting listed below. Join using a zoom app or website with the information below.

First Day Meeting for Worship:

Sundays 10am

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85813646235?pwd=OGxRTlcyL3pUcVVVeU9IczJ6YzlnZz09>
- Meeting ID: 858 1364 6235
- Passcode: 135575

Midweek Worship: Every Wednesday at 7pm. Meeting begins with check-in and support.

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87873154230?pwd=SHhPOWxHbG1FYU9xR093eFpXNXo0UT09>
- Meeting ID: 878 7315 4230
- Passcode: 584140

Spiritual Nurture group for men:

Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85813646235?pwd=OGxRTlcyL3pUcVVVeU9IczJ6YzlnZz09>
- Meeting ID: 858 1364 6235
- Passcode: 135575

Spiritual Nurture group for women:

Every 3rd, Tuesday at 7:30p.m.

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85813646235?pwd=OGxRTlcyL3pUcVVVeU9IczJ6YzlnZz09>
- Meeting ID: 858 1364 6235
- Passcode: 135575

QUAKER BASICS DISCUSSION SERIES FOR FALL

Our last fall Quaker Basics discussion in our fall series Will be 9am on November 3rd. Our final topic is “How Quakers Talk about God”.

The discussions will take place in the hour prior to meeting for worship, 9 AM, in the basement, and on Zoom using the same link as for Sunday worship..

There will be a facilitator for the discussion, but these are intended to be open forums and participants are invited to share their own views,

experiences, and questions. For background, participants are encouraged to watch a few short videos from the Quaker Speaks series created by *Friends Journal*, available on-line. The video for the November 3rd discussion is:

How Quakers Talk about God

- [What Do Quakers Believe about God?](#)
- [When We Touch God, and God Touches Us](#)
- [Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe](#)

It is hoped that many friends new and old to Quakerism and our meeting will join in for lively and informative discussions.

2025 BUDGET

The Finance Committee will be meeting soon in preparation for next year's budget. All committees should review their 2024 spending and email 2025 budget requests to our treasurer, Sigrid Mortensen, at poplarridge.treasurer@gmail.com.



NOVEMBER SOCIAL ACTIVITY

The November social activity is a special meal catered by [Northville Arts Center](#) in King Ferry, 999 NY 34B.

This center is located in a quaint, old church that has been remodeled into a cafe that also hosts community events. Our social committee is looking forward to supporting this local business. Our

event is a great opportunity to visit the center.

Purchase your tickets online or at the center by November 15th. The event is limited to 30 people. The cost is \$25 per person

Tickets are purchased online at:
<https://www.northvillearts.com/product/fri-ends-supper-november-22/218>

Date: Friday November 22, 5:00 pm
Menu:

- Winter Green Salad with Apple Balsamic Dressing
- Beef Bourguignon with Root Vegetable Puree
- Homemade Bread
- Warm Spice Apple Tart Tatin

The Vegetarian option is the same except for Mushroom Bourguignon.

If you wish, red wine, coffee and tea are available for an additional charge.

Cancellations can be made up until Monday November 18. After this date there will be no refund.

[Friends Peace Teams Online Global Gathering](#)

TREASURER’S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 20, 2024

Summary

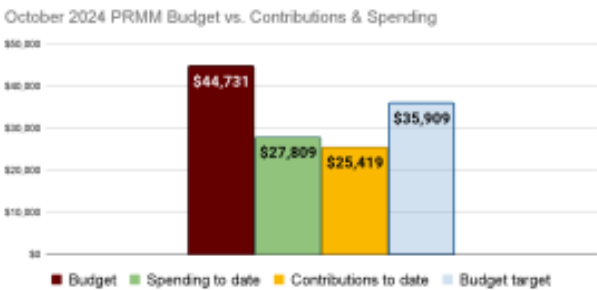
We remain in good fiscal health. Total contributions are on par with YTD contributions for the previous two years and fall only slightly below YTD spending. Spending remains below target.

Contributions

So far in 2024, Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting has received contributions of \$25,419 or 57% of our 2024 budget and 91% of our year-to-date spending. This

compares to \$19,618 in contributions up through mid-October of 2023 (48% of the 2023 budget; 80% of spending) and \$25,508 by this time in 2022 (49% of that budget; 97% of spending).

At 80% of our way through 2024, the following chart shows our contributions (yellow) and spending (green) relative to a year-to-date target (blue) and the total proposed budget (brown). If our contributions were on target with our progress through the year, we would have received \$35,909.



Spending

We have spent 62% of our 2024 budget so far (\$27,809), still primarily falling into the Building, External Contributions, Ministry, and Music categories. The total spent compares to the mid-October spending of \$24,530 (60% of budget) in 2023, and \$26,211 (51% of budget) in 2022. Like our contributions, our spending is less than our budget target (\$35,909) for this point in the year.



Additional information:

- [Full Budget report](#)
- [Monthly Report Chart](#)

POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS DIRECTORY

Dear Friends,

The current [Poplar Ridge Friends Directory](#) can be accessed online.

Please check your information and let me know if there are errors or changes needed.

Also, if you notice any errors or omissions, or have questions about any other entries, please let me know. It helps me keep the meeting directory error-free (hopefully) and up to date.

Thanks,
Laura Buffam

Wider Parish Thanksgiving service
Sunday November 24, 2024 at 2 pm at
King Ferry Presbyterian Church. All
welcome. To join the choir come at 1pm.
Soup provided. Refreshments to follow
the service.

PENDLE HILL 2025 RESIDENT STUDENT PROGRAM

Dear Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting,
Pendle Hill is excited to share that applications for our [2025 Spring Term Resident Student Program](#) are now live! This program has been a resource for Friends and other seekers since Pendle Hill's founding in 1930. The term runs from March 1 to May 10, with the option for participants to attend for the first two weeks, first four weeks, or the full 10 weeks. Here are some useful links regarding this program:

- [Program Flyer](#) (also attached)
- [The 2025 Schedule & Syllabus](#)

- [FAQs](#)
- [Free Online Info Session](#)
- [Program Costs and Financial Assistance](#)

We would be grateful if you could publicize this opportunity to your congregation as it suits the life of your meeting, whether through a newsletter, a rise-of-meeting announcement, or by posting the program flier on your bulletin board or info desk.

In fellowship,
Lucas Meyer-Lee
Education Associate at Pendle Hill

P.S. Knowing that distance may be a barrier for some Friends to attend Pendle Hill's in-person activities, we offer many [upcoming events](#) that are online or hybrid and free to attend, and we also have a page dedicated to our [online learning](#) offerings.



Join an Upcoming NYYM Budget Discussion

The Budget Development Committee is offering two presentations of the Preliminary 2025 Budget:

- **Wednesday, November 13, 4:30 p.m**
- **Friday, November 15, 12:00 p.m.**

At these discussions, the Budget Development Committee will consult with NYYM Friends to:

- identify needs and priorities of the yearly meeting
- how those may change
- how those may need to be reflected in the budget

Details at mailchi.mp/nyym.org/2024-budget

FRIENDS PEACE TEAMS ONLINE GLOBAL GATHERING

Dear Friends,

Justice and peace are possible. What sustains your faith in the face of violence and war?

This is the question Friends Peace Teams poses to ourselves and our meetings and people working for peace everywhere.

[Friends Peace Teams Online Global Gathering, November 13-16](#)
Please join us: [Register here](#)

Meetings and individuals are invited to prepare a 2 minute video or up to 240 words in response to the query that may be shared during the gathering. Please send to peaceministries@friendspeaceteams.org with Subject: FPT Theme Response.

Friends Peace Teams responded to the query in our annual newsletter, [PeaceWays](#).

The gathering will be an opportunity for the five regions African Great Lakes, Latin America, Asia, West Pacific, North America, Europe and Middle East to present their responses to the query and there will be space for questions and comments and prepared videos from meetings or Friends in response to the query.

The gathering will be held in the following languages with simultaneous interpretation: English, French, Russian, Ukrainian, Spanish, Indonesian, and Korean.

[Please register here](#). We are looking forward to seeing you there!

in faith,
Shirley Way and Nadine Hoover



KING FERRY FOOD PANTRY UPDATES

Hello friends,
Judy Bower has stepped down as the King Ferry Food Pantry Outreach Team Coordinator, and I have stepped into her very big shoes. My name is Cathy Mullarney, a familiar name, perhaps. It has been my privilege to be involved with the Pantry for over 10 years now and it is a pleasure to work with this caring and efficient organization under the leadership of Debbie Patrick and a dedicated Board of Directors. There are so many ways to help. If anyone in your congregation is interested in volunteering, give Debbie a call or text (see below).

We have begun our 2024 Holiday Meal donation drive to bring some joy to our neighbors' tables in the upcoming season. Please use the attached flyer in reaching your congregation and their wider outreach to support the KFFP in our goal to "provide a safety net for our neighbors that are struggling".

The King Ferry Food Pantry is able to provide our community in need with healthy food and resources. If anyone you know needs assistance, please suggest they contact Debbie Patrick at 315-497-2049 for more information.

While the Pantry will not transport people, they can deliver to those who are homebound, or someone may pick up food

on their behalf. Debbie should be contacted for information in this regard.

By continuing the Pantry's mission in your church's announcements, bulletins, publications, etc., you are helping pass the word to those who are struggling with food. Thank you!

I'll be back in touch soon with the 12 Days of Christmas campaign and next year's "fishbowl" lists. Your congregation's kind support is deeply appreciated.

Cathy

The King Ferry Food Pantry Outreach Team is reaching out to you for assistance. We have begun our 2024 Holiday Meal donation drive to bring some joy to our neighbors' tables in the upcoming season. We are reaching out in our goal to "provide a safety net for our neighbors that are struggling".

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By sharing this in your worship community you are helping pass the word to those who are struggling with food. There are so many ways to help. If anyone in the Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting community is interested in

volunteering, give Debbie Patrick a call or text.

With Sincerest thanks from Cathy Mullarney, Outreach Team Coordinator

Participate in this month's events. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/KingFerryFoodPantry/>.

This month's theme is 'Giving Thanks!'.

- stuffing mix
- can of gravy
- vanilla or chocolate pudding mix
- canned fruit pie filling

You can drop off donations at the food pantry. Your donation may be dropped off at the food pantry.

The mission of the King Ferry Food Pantry is to provide access to healthy food and resources for our neighbors in need. If you or anyone you know is in need of assistance with obtaining food, please suggest they contact Debbie Patrick at 315-497-2049 for further information.

Donations may be dropped off at the pantry (2384 State Rt 34B, Aurora, by the SC High School greenhouse) on Thursdays between 2:30-3:30 or call to schedule a drop off time (315) 497-2049. There is also a food collection box at the Aurora Library.



Help your neighbors enjoy a celebration – Donate a Holiday Meal



The holidays are a time of celebration for many, when family and friends come together. Often the festivities are shared around the dinner table. At the King Ferry Food Pantry, we know that the holiday table can look different in each household, but we understand that this time of being together nurtures not only the body, but also the spirit. We want everyone who comes to us for assistance to find the ingredients needed to prepare and enjoy a nutritious and festive meal as part of their celebration.

Who are we serving? Hunger affects people from all walks of life. Many people are just one job loss, missed paycheck, or medical emergency away from becoming food insecure. Hunger most often affects our neighbors who live in poverty and it's closer than you think. Your next door neighbor, child's classmate or even coworker may be struggling to get enough to eat. Some people are forced to make tough choices between buying food and paying for medical bills, rent, childcare, or transportation.

With grocery prices that continue to rise, it is not easy for individuals and families experiencing poverty to make ends meet. For some, the pantry is a necessary strategy to supplement monthly food budget shortfalls. Seniors, who so often are limited by fixed incomes, are among the most consistent clients. At our pantry clients find fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products, frozen meats, processed foods and personal care items.

How can you help? You can share the comfort of the holiday season with struggling neighbors by making a financial contribution. A \$30 donation will help us offset the cost of a Holiday Meal. Frozen turkeys are also welcome and can be dropped off on November 16 from 8-12.

We serve those residing in the Southern Cayuga School District. Anyone in need of food may come to the pantry, conveniently located at Southern Cayuga High School on Route 34B in Poplar Ridge. The pantry is open for drive-thru service from 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon on the first and third Saturdays of each month, and you will have the opportunity to select the foods your family needs and likes. You can reach us at (315) 497-2049, or kingferryfoodpantry1@gmail.com.

We want to donate to "Holiday Meals"!

Amount Enclosed: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Send this form and your donation to:
King Ferry Food Pantry, PO Box 242, King Ferry, NY 13081
or make a donation via PayPal at our website - <https://kingferryfoodpantry.org>

SAY 'YES' TO MORE

A SCHOOL OF THE SPIRIT ZOOM GATHERING

NOV 9, 2024 ~ 1:00 PM TO 4:30 PM (EST)

JOIN ADRIA (GULIZIA) DICAPUA AND JOANN
NEUROTH FOR AN AFTERNOON INVITATION TO
EXPLORE THE "MORE" THAT IS POSSIBLE TO
THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO LIVE IN SPIRIT'S
EMBRACE.

We'll share some contemplative practice, listen to each other with our
whole beings, and witness each other's spiritual journeys.

Adria and Joann are co-teachers of the upcoming School of the Spirit program
"God's Promise Fulfilled: Encountering and Embodying Grace in the Shadow of
Empire" and will be glad to share information about that year-long opportunity
to explore the same topic.

Register for the event here:

<https://forms.gle/cPcDT3qFYzQ6k9NU7>



Contact a care committee member if you could use support in your spiritual life or life situation, they can be there to listen or help point you to the resources you need. The committee seeks to be present for our community and their families in whatever ways we can in times of both joy and trouble, and with help in each other's practical lives.	Poplar Ridge Friends Pastoral Care Committee	
	Merrie Elisens	315-515-3776, merrie.elisens@gmail.com
	Craig Kukuk	734-717-7719, craigkukuk@gmail.com
	Andy Simkin	315-237-3978, simkinat@msn.com
	Hannah Richter	315-729-3784, hannahrichter79@gmail.com
	Rebecca Schillenback	607-227-7462, rschillenback@nyym.org

Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting

Clerk – Larry Buffam

Assistant Clerk – Claire Howard

Ministry & Counsel Clerk – Anne Dalton

Recording Clerk - Howard Nelson

Treasurer – Sigrid Mortensen

Musicians – Claire Howard, Mary Jo Granger, Cathy Mullarney

Poplar Ridge Friends meet every Sunday at 10 am for worship. The fourth Sunday of the month is usually 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

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