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The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

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Information
Sharing
Monthly

March 2025

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						King Ferry Food Pantry
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10:00am Meeting for Worship - Rebecca Schillenback	3:00pm Ministry & Counsel	10:30am Worship at Kendal	7:00pm Midweek Worship			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller Social Hour	7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting	10:30am Worship at Kendal	7:00pm Midweek Worship			King Ferry Food Pantry
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10:00am Meeting for Worship - Christopher Sammond Meeting for Business		10:30am Worship at Kendal 7:30pm Women's Spiritual Nurture	7:00pm Midweek Worship	7:00pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:00am Quaker Basics 10:00am Meeting for Worship unprogrammed		10:30am Worship at Kendal	7:00pm Midweek Worship	7:00pm Peace and Social Action Committee		
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9:00am Quaker Basics 10:00 Worship - intergenerational						

Birthdays: 2nd Elizabeth (Leigh) McGonagle, Ellie Mumma; 8th Jill Charles Gomez, Trey Anthony Otis, Luther Hallett; 9th Maryl Mendillo; 12th Ed Maassen, Mia Boynton, Carter Robert Otis; 16th Linda Simkin; 18th Henry Brice; 19th Bill Tyler, Richard Loosemore; 21st Susan Weisend; 23rd Phyllis Bunker, Linda McGonagle; 26th Meghan Charles; 28th Heidi Richter, Kara Otis; 29th Mary Fairhurst; 30th Kylee McCleary

MINUTES FOR POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS FEBRUARY 16, 2025

1. The meeting, taking place via Zoom due to bad weather, began at 11:30 with some silence. Present were: Larry Buffam, Howard Nelson, Dill Otis, Sally Otis, Andy Simkin, Sigrid Mortensen, Rob Howard, Claire Howard, Hannah Richter, Liz Johnson, Anne Dalton, MaryAnn Burch, Merrie Elisens, Julie Lockhart, Scott Lockhart, Cathy Mullarney, Caroline Burch.
2. Minutes from the January business meeting were read.
3. Treasurer's Report: Sigrid Mortensen reported: Contributions and spending are largely near target for this time of year. So far in 2025, Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting has received contributions of \$5,548 or 11% of our 2025 budget of \$49,326, and 64% of our year-to-date spending. This compares to \$1,656 in contributions in the first two months of 2024 (4% of budget) and \$2,128 up to this point in 2023 (5% of that budget). Full report will appear in Prism.
4. M&C Report: Julie Lockhart read the report prepared by Anne Dalton:

We met on February 3, 2025, via Zoom. We discussed the New York Yearly Meeting state of the meeting query: "How does your meeting listen to and respond to spirit in your community?"

Quaker Basics continues this spring.

March 23: How Quakers speak about God. Trudy Buxenbaum
March 30: Vocal ministry during meeting for worship. Sigrid Mortensen and Christopher Sammond.
April 6: Quakers in the wider community. Andy Simkin
We shall meet before worship at 9 AM downstairs

The Lenten series will be from 4 to 6 PM at various churches in the area. Several of our members are involved. Check the schedule in the February PRISM.

River Voorhis will guide us in a soup and sharing on April 27 after meeting for worship. We will be discussing The Parable of the Sower by Octavia Butler. It is not necessary to read the book before attending, but it is a worthwhile book.

Ministry and Counsel has been seeking a way to facilitate speakers for our meeting. There are currently about 20 openings each year. Our searching led us to the idea of finding a third regular speaker in addition to A.T. Miller and Rebecca Schillenback. Fortuitously, Ruth Ann Bradley is interested in leading worship more frequently. M&C asks the meeting to consider the proposal that Ruth Ann be our third regular speaker.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Dalton, Clerk



There was discussion of Ruth becoming a worship leader on a regular basis. Reaction to this proposal was positive; the proposal was approved. When this arrangement will begin, and the precise number of times she will speak, will be determined in consultation with Ruth.

5. Larry mentioned the called meeting that occurred on January 19, regarding a request for use of the meeting house for a tai chi class on Thursday, from Rebecca Ruggles. The request was approved.



6. The State of Society Query was taken up. "How does your meeting listen to and respond to spirit in your community?"

Responses were given:
Our role in helping to organize workshops and outreach in conjunction with the Cornell Farm Workers program to help immigrants in our community in facing current challenges.

Our openness to diversity of spiritual values.

Our partnering with AME Zion Church and other churches to assist the homeless. The increased frequency of our work with other local churches in other areas of common interest. It was further

mentioned that "...people worshiping, working, and playing together enhances feelings of community, trust, and respect."

Our adopting of Zoom technology has expanded accessibility to our meeting and its various activities. One person said: "This has made a huge difference in my life!" Another said: "I believe this is a significant accomplishment."

Spiritual Nurture groups continue, with a new group "Spiritual Nurture for All," initiated to enhance inclusiveness. Other worship groups under our care include the Kendal at Ithaca worship group and a mid-week worship group. One person commented: "It is very significant to have these safe places."

The Pastoral Care Committee is an effort to reach out to people and their physical and spiritual needs.

We are intentional about our community, always attempting to reach out to our own community and the broader community beyond. Our Sunday morning Quaker Basics discussions were especially mentioned.

Monthly gatherings to eat together at local restaurants is a new idea/practice to promote social interaction.

We have welcomed activities in the community such as tai chi classes to be held in the meeting house.

The Quaker Basics programs respond to the spirit and promote understanding of Quaker principles and practices. Sessions offered on

membership have also been helpful in this regard.

The San Pedro Sister Community project has grown to include many people beyond our Meeting.

A wide assortment of activities beyond meeting for worship promote a sense of community and trust.

Celebrations such as the Christmas pageant, the Shepherds Play, the Halloween carnival, and memorial services are important to us and reach the community beyond our Meeting.

Matter and energy; spirituality and action: In action, we can find spirit moving through it.

One of our members is active in leading workshops in the wider world on spiritual growth. We support his efforts, and he has been recently recorded as a traveling minister.

We maintain connection with NYYM and FSRM.

We have connection with and have given financial support to the Global Roots Pre-School for children of refugees in Ithaca.

Youth Committee continues to experiment with new ways to include our young people interactively in our worship.

The format of our meetings for worship varies from week to week, allowing for inclusion of different voices and personal leadings. One Friend said, "Our inclusive style is

welcoming, invitational, and values all."

Music is a significant force in helping us center in spirit.

After the points above were offered, Larry Buffam closed the discussion, commenting that Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting is a thriving community. After consultation between the Recording Clerk, the Clerk, and a representative of M&C, a document will be brought back for approval at next month's business meeting.



7. Larry presented a proposal to co-sponsor, with the Racial Justice and Reconciliation Commission from Skaneateles St. James Episcopal Church, a showing of the film, "Undivide Us," at Auburn Public Theater on April 10. There was support for this, but reservation was expressed about supporting programs the content of which we are not really familiar with. There were volunteers to watch the film and make recommendation to the Funds Committee, which is authorized to make a decision on donating and co-sponsoring.
8. Larry reported that there has been a request from Sara Seifert for use of the meeting house for a memorial service for Marylou Charles, on May 17, at 2 o'clock. Approved.

Meeting closed with some silence at 12:52.

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 SPRING 2025

We will be continuing our Quaker Basics discussion series this spring. The discussions will take place at 9 AM, in the basement and on Zoom.

There will be facilitators for the discussions, but these are intended to be open forums and participants are invited to share their own views, experiences, and questions. The themes are as follows:

- March 23: “How Quakers Talk about God.”
- March 30: “Vocal Ministry during Meeting for Worship.”
- April 6: “Quakers in the Community.”

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



MARCH 15 FAMILY NIGHT

Come to the Potluck March 15th at 6:00 following the program presented by Richard Loosemore(Sigrid's husband). His theme will be AI (artificial intelligence). He will share the basics and we will come away with a whole new understanding of this 21st century phenomenon!

Hannah (for the Social Committee)

YOUTH COMMITTEE

A brief Youth Message will be given on March 2nd during the regular Meeting followed by working on cheer boxes and snacks downstairs.

Cheer Boxes:

The Youth Committee will be packing and delivering cheer boxes on March 16th in Meeting if a recipient is in attendance, or in person if he/she/they are not in attendance. The committee is working on decorating boxes for our cheer boxes during our time downstairs with youth. We understand it is a busy time for many of our youth and families and we are wondering if any of our youth might like to decorate a box at home to bring to The Meeting House. Let us know if you can do so with an email to jbrummcac@gmail.com. Thanks so much in advance if you can help us out in this way!

Our next Intergenerational Meeting will be on March 30th. Our focus will be stewardship and how helping others gives us hope during difficult times.

FOOD PANTRY EASTER BASKETS

Hello neighbors and friends of the King Ferry Food Pantry,
It's time for the much-anticipated annual Easter Basket Project at the Food Pantry. Those gorgeous baskets are a sight to see as they hop out the door to our neighbors who need assistance. Just this past Saturday the Pantry served 103 families!

Pre-assembled Easter Baskets OR candy and supplies to make baskets are welcome, to be dropped off at the pantry on April 17 between 2:30 and 5:00 pm at the north end of the school (the Ag Wing, near the greenhouse).

Thanks to you and your congregation, the Food Pantry continues to keep our community fed, healthier, and cared

about when circumstances are not the best.

See the attached flyer for more details and ideas for basket-fillers. Remember to Spring Ahead this weekend, and please help us out by jumping up to announce the project for the next few weeks to your congregation (and include it in your publications). Thank you for being a caring part of this community.

Cathy Mullarney
KFFP Outreach Coordinator



NIGHTINGALES WEEKEND

Here are more details about our Spring 2025 Nightingales weekend:

We will gather at Steve's & my home Friday night, March 14 for a dish-to-pass supper and evening of singing (address & directions will be sent to everyone who signs up). We will gather at the Ithaca Third Street Meetinghouse Saturday morning, afternoon, and evening, and again Sunday morning before Meeting for Worship which starts at 10:30 a.m. [120 Third Street, Ithaca, NY] You are welcome the entire time, or whatever portion(s) you choose.

Here is a link to sign up, so that we have an idea of how many Friends to look forward to singing with!

<https://forms.gle/F243bV3vCMKDwdy56>

There will be some home hospitality, and I can send details on other options in the area.

A suggested contribution of \$10 per person for the weekend helps defray

expenses, as well as bringing food to share. If you have Rise Up Singing, Rise Again, and/or song sheets/lyrics of songs to share, bring them along!

If you have any questions, you are welcome to write to me via email, or call/text me at 607-220-3219.

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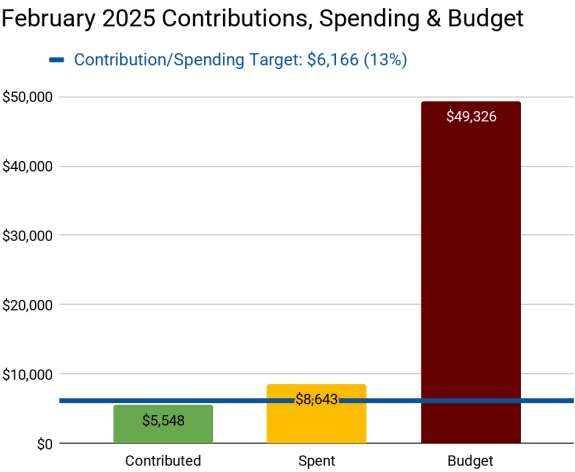
**TREASURER’S REPORT FOR
FEBRUARY 16, 2025**

Summary

Contributions and spending are largely near target for this time of year.

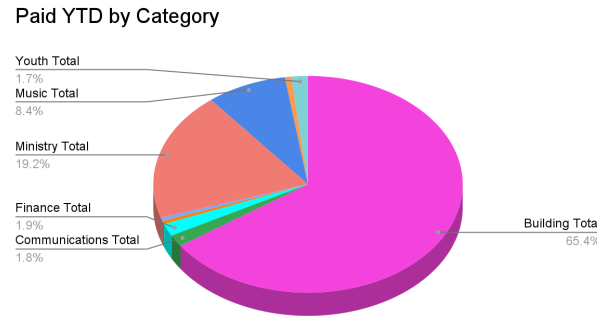
Contributions

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Spending

We have spent 18% of our proposed 2025 budget so far (\$8,643). This includes our annual \$5,000 budgeted contribution toward our Gen/Cap Fund, putting our spending in the building category far above all the other categories. The other main spending categories are ministry and music. The total spent compares to the mid-February spending of \$7,703 in 2024 (17% of budget) and \$8,208 in 2023 (20% of budget). The Gen/Cap Fund contribution had been made by mid-February in both of those years also.



SPRING SESSIONS 2025

Friday, April 4, 2025 - 7:00pm to Sunday, April 6, 2025 - 2:00pm

The next gathering of New York Yearly Meeting Friends is Spring Sessions, April 4-6, 2025. This will be a hybrid gathering, accessible both online and in person at Oakwood Friends School in Poughkeepsie, NY. [Registration is now OPEN!](#)

What is Spring Sessions?

Spring Sessions is one of the three times a year that members of the New York Yearly Meeting community gather to worship, conduct business, and have fellowship together. New York Yearly Meeting encompasses all of the Quaker meetings within New York State and parts of Connecticut and New Jersey. These gatherings are open to anyone who is interested in Quakerism or the Quaker meetings in our area.

SAN PEDRO SISTER COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER

COME ONE, COME ALL! Let's kick off this year's fundraising with a great dinner cooked by Cookie Wheeler at Dugan's. Send Cathy Mullarney your reservations (text 315-730-9039; cathy.mullarney@gmail.com). Pay at the door. Art, a new quilt, and our friend Wendy from FUNDAHMER will speak.



Join Us!

SAN PEDRO SISTER COMMUNITY DINNER AT DUGANS

27 | March 2025 | **\$60**
5 PM | Per Person

Dugans Country Grill, Rt. 34B, Aurora, NY

~SPECIAL GUEST~
Wendy Hernandez
Representing our Salvadoran NGO partner
FUNDAHMER

**Art Auction
&
Quilt Raffle!**

**Chef
Cookie
Wheeler!**

Contact Cathy Mullarney by March 20th to reserve your table!
315-730-9039 - cathy.mullarney@gmail.com

Come experience Auburn's March 7, 2025 FIRST FRIDAY

For more information,
contact Auburn Downtown
BID at 315.252.7874

1. SCHWEINFURTH ART CENTER

5 – 7:30PM: Visitors can tour exhibits Both Ends of the Rainbow and Three Lakes Sampler. 6 – 7PM: Enjoy poetry readings from the CNY Branch of the National League of American Pen Women. Light refreshments will be available.

2. CAYUGA MUSEUM

5 – 7:30PM: Join a "March Meadness" NCAA championship-themed tasting with **Combgrown Mead**. Compete as individuals or teams to guess the kind of mead sample, then compete with other teams for the final matchup.

3. OFFICE OF NYS SENATOR RACHEL MAY

5 – 6:30PM: Come celebrate elected women with NYS Sen. Rachel May at her open house.

4. SHEPHERD'S BREWING CO.

7 – 10PM: Watch a 90s tribute performance by the band Basketcase. 9 PM on Saturday, join Brave Brews Karaoke and sing songs by your favorite female performers.

5. MELODY'S COWORKING & EVENT SPACE

10AM – 8PM: Content creators, book space to film or record your vlog, blog or podcast. Snatch a 2-hour day pass for the iconic rose gold wall or a private office at 50% off the regular price.

6. MOONDOG'S LOUNGE

7 – 10PM: Enjoy live music by Bad JuJu and drink specials. Cast of Thousands on Saturday.

7. THE ARMORY @ PRISON CITY PUB & BREWERY

6PM – 8PM: Listen to a jazz piano performance by Larry Campanelli, followed by Connie Fredericks-Malone solo jazz singer in the speakeasy space under the pub.

8. REGENERATIONS

50% off on women's clothing and footwear for the month of March.

9. ROAST & TOAST

5 – 7PM: Save \$14 with purchase of two drinks (cocktail, mocktails, wine, or beer) and a charcuterie board for \$30

10. AUBURN PUBLIC THEATER

7 – 9PM: Attend Open Mic Night with full instrument line-up and sound mixing, \$5 cover.

11. SEWARD HOUSE MUSEUM

5 – 7PM: View an art show by Adinah Fluri, complimentary refreshments, and exhibits open for viewing. On Saturday, join a Brave Brews specialty tour "The Real Housewives of Auburn" at 10AM, 12PM, or 2PM. Tickets are \$18 and include a free drink token for Lunkenheimer Craft Brewing.

12. EVOLVE CBD

11AM – 7PM: View Blotter Art prints by Steve Cerio on display & for sale. Everyone 21+ will receive a free hemp flower, while supplies last.

13. PHOENIX BUILDING

5 – 8PM: Cayuga Climate Action invites you to enjoy refreshments and share your ideas for environmentally-focused work in our community. Get info about CCA's projects, recycling, Cayuga County's Solid Waste Plan, eating local with Silver Tree Forest Farm, and how to get involved with the Auburn Beautification Commission.

14. WILD FLOWER NY

9AM – 8PM: Shop women-owned brands at Auburn's first and finest woman-owned canna dispensary. A percentage of that day's profits will be donated to benefit Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Programs.

15. WILLARD CHAPEL & ARTISTIC IMPRESSIONS

4 – 7PM: Celebrate Women's History Month with refreshments, live music from Flock of Free Range Children, and create a Women's History collage card. Explore the Tiffany Treasure of the Finger Lakes with the new Sunset Tour! Free National Women's History Alliance bookmark with purchase at Artistic Impressions.

16. CELLAR & FOLLY WHISKEY CO.

4 – 10PM: Take \$1 off all whiskey cocktails and receive a free cocktail when you purchase a bottle of whiskey.

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1. NYS Equal Rights Heritage Center

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	
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Clerk – Larry Buffam

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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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