



PRISM

The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

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Information
Sharing
Monthly

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			7:00pm Midweek Worship - zoom only		9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:00am Meeting for Worship- Jim Burkett	3:00pm M&C	10:30am Worship at Kendal	7:00pm Midweek Worship - zoom only 7:00pm Youth Committee			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:00am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Ann Bradley Social Hour		10:30am Worship at Kendal	7:00pm Midweek Worship - zoom only	7:00pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group		9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller Monthly Meeting for Business	7:00pm FSRM M&C Connect Call	10:30am Worship at Kendal 7:30pm Women's Spiritual Nurture	7:00pm Midweek Worship - zoom only	7:00pm Peace and Social Action Committee		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
10:00am Meeting for Worship in the Garden (unprogrammed)		10:30am Worship at Kendal	7:00pm Midweek Worship - zoom only			

Birthdays: 2nd Phineas Temelko-Post; 5th Scott Lockhart; 14th Sigrid Mortensen, Piper Emily Green, Jack Alexander Sullivan; 18th Brenda Rose Simkin; 19th Zachary Nelson; 23rd Ethan Richter; 26th Silas Warren-MacCormick, Jeffrey Layton; 28th Dillwyn Otis; 29th Marilyn Brice; 31st Charles Weld

Weddings: 8th Dillwyn and Sally Otis;

**MINUTES FOR POPLAR RIDGE
MONTHLY MEETING FOR 21 JUNE
2026 MINUTES**

Attending in person: Andy Simkin (clerk), Rob Howard, Charlie Weld, Ruth Ann Bradley, Hannah Richter, Dave Johnson, Dilwyn Otis, Sally Otis, Sigrid Mortenson, Christopher Sammond, Claire Howard

Attending on Zoom: Caroline Burch, Scott and Julie Lockhart;

The meeting started at 11:45 a.m. with a period of silence.

1. M&C Report: Julie Lockhart, clerk, reported. M&C has reviewed our policy on memorial minutes and memorial remembrances. The former is for Friends who had an active role in wider Quaker circles so that Friends beyond the meeting can celebrate the life of the Friend who has died. These will be passed on to Farmington Scipio Regional Meeting, which will then decide whether or not to pass them on to NYYM to be shared there.

Memorial Remembrances are for Friends who are active in PRFM, and are not forwarded on. Both memorial minutes and remembrances will be brought to our meeting for business, published in Prism, and stored in our archive. Ministry and Counsel takes responsibility for seeing that memorial minutes and remembrances will be written and brought to meeting for business.

Karen Epstien's clearness committee (Liz Johnson, Howard Nelson, Julie Lockhart) will be meeting later this month to consider her request for membership.

There will be a memorial for Jack Charles the afternoon of Sunday, September 13th. Meeting approved the use of the meetinghouse for that event.

2. Treasurer's Report: Sigrid Mortenson, Treasurer reported. Our spending is 95% of our budget target, and our contributions are at 44% of our budget target for this point in the year. We have spent \$12, 995 more so far this year beyond what we have taken in. Her report is attached.



3. Nominating Committee, Caroline Burch, reporting. Suzanne O'Hara, after many years of faithfully serving us as Prism editor and the primary anchor of our communications effort, is turning this ministry over to someone new. Nominating will seek out Friends who can pick up this work, and asks the meeting for forbearance during a transition period.

Nominating Committee brought forward A.T. Miller's name to fill the vacant position on M&C for either a three year or five year term, at his discretion, ending in either 2029 or 2031. Meeting approved this nomination.

4. Ruth Ann Bradley brought the suggestion that we send a \$1000

donation to the Rochester Saint Martin Boxing Club in memory of Donald and Nance Simkin, in light of their years of generous service, from the Racial Justice Fund. The Funds Committee has considered this idea, and concurs with this proposal and agrees that this is the best fund from which to draw this donation. Meeting approved.

5. The Clerk asked Hannah Richter to report on FSRM's Spring Gathering. She said that while we only had four Friends from our meeting attending this time, those that were there had a really good time connecting with Friends from around the region. She urged Poplar Ridge Friends to consider going next year.

Respectfully Submitted, Christopher Sammond, Recording clerk

BUSINESS 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
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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNE 19, 2026

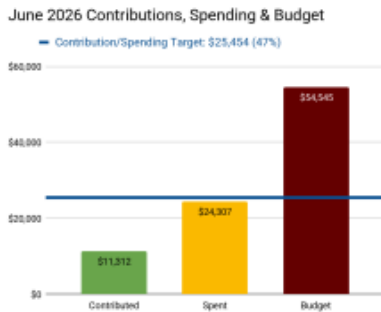
Summary

Our spending is slightly below target for this point in the year (95% of target), with contributions significantly below that target (44%). Contributions are below YTD spending by \$12,995. Our contributions this year are less than half of what they were last year at this point in the year, and less than half of our YTD spending.

Contributions

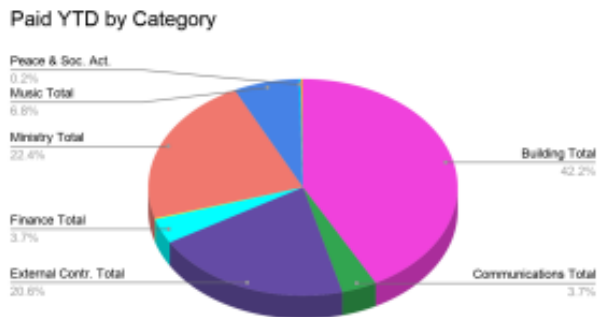
At 47% of our way through 2026, Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting has received contributions of \$11,312 – or 21% – of our 2026 budget of \$54,545, which is 47% of our year-to-date spending. This compares to \$22,747 in contributions by mid-June 2025 (46% of budget) and \$15,492 in 2024 (35% of budget).

The following chart shows our contributions (green) and spending (yellow) relative to the total proposed budget (brown), with the blue horizontal line showing the YTD spending/contribution target.



Spending

We have spent 45% of our 2026 budget (\$24,307). Our largest spending categories are building (42%), external contr. (21%), ministry (22%) and music (7%). The total spent compares to spending of \$18,339 by mid-Jun. 2025 (37% of budget) and \$18,254 in 2024 (41% of budget).



KING FERRY FOOD PANTRY

Note that the Food Pantry will be on Friday, July 3rd rather than Saturday July 4.

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

Summertime!

- ketchup
- baked beans
- Manwich / Sloppy Joe sauce

King Ferry Food Pantry, 2384 State Rt 34B, Aurora (Southern Cayuga High School). Donations may be dropped off at the pantry on the first and third Saturday of the month between 2:15-3:00 or call to schedule a drop off time (315) 497-2049. There is also a food collection box at the Aurora Library

1816 FARMINGTON QUAKER MEETINGHOUSE MUSEUM AWARDED \$18,225 BY THE NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

The 1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse Museum has received a grant totaling \$18,225 from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to help fund architectural drawings and specifications to restore interior framing of the 1816 Meetinghouse.

In 1927, the Meetinghouse was sold to a local farmer, who turned the building into a storage barn for celery and potatoes. As part of that remodeling, he moved the original first floor up to create a second floor, and he modified the galleries on three sides of the building. With help from John G. Waite Associates, nationally known preservation architects, the 1816 Meetinghouse will move the first floor back to its original location and restore framing for the galleries.

"We are so grateful to NYSCA for their support. Restoring framing for the original floor and galleries is our next crucial step. We hope to move forward with construction based on these drawings, so that we can open the Meetinghouse to visitors for the first time in 101 years, with major cultural and economic benefits for our whole region," said Dr. Judith Wellman, executive director of the 1816 Meetinghouse.

The grant is part of a capital project funding announcement by NYSCA, which totals over \$82 million to 132 arts and culture facilities across New York State.

“New York’s powerful arts and culture sector is a formidable asset,” Governor Kathy Hochul said.

“Our continued investments in museums, theaters and art centers generate incredible returns —

sparking innovation, boosting local economies, driving visitors and making us the global epicenter of arts and culture.”

New York State Council on the Arts Executive Director Erika Mallin added, “We know that when the arts flourish, communities follow — bringing energy, creating jobs, expanding accessibility, and increasing tourism. This grant program is a critical investment in our creative sector, empowering our creative community and inspiring innovation. Congratulations to all the grantees, we look forward to seeing these diverse projects develop all throughout the state.”

For more information, visit <https://farmingtonmeetinghouse.org/> or email info@farmingtonmeetinghouse.org.

NEW TEAM FOR PRISM AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

Greetings,
Starting this July there will be a new group handling the PRISM, email, website and distribution list. They will be exploring ways to modernize and simplify how we communicate information.

I am thankful to have been able to serve our meeting. I enjoyed communicating with many of you and learning so much about our community.

Thanks, Suzanne O’Hara



Hazard Library
UNEARTH A STORY™
SUMMER READING 2026

Family Story Time on the Lawn
Tuesdays at 10 AM July 7-August 18
Join Miss Lisa for stories, songs, games, and crafts.
All members of the family are welcome!
Special visit by Captain Jack on Tuesday, August 18!

Science on the Lawn
Thursdays at 10 AM July 9-August 13
Join us for interactive science and art.

- July 9 - Birdwatching on the Opendore Nature Trail with Miss Lisa
- July 16 - Animals Underground with Miss Kathy
- July 23 - Digging It! with Science Heroes
- July 30 - Chemistry and Earthly Eruptions with Teresa Schichler
- August 6 - Cosmic Dust with SPIF
- August 13 - Hyde Park Mastodon with Museum of the Earth

Family Ukulele Camp
Tuesdays at 5:30 PM July 14-August 18
No experience necessary. Instruments provided. All members of the family are welcome! Sponsored by Perform 4 Purpose

HAZARDLIBRARY.ORG OR FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFO 315-364-7978

Story Time and Science Programs sponsored by the Culler Fund for Tompkins County of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County



Howland Stone Store Museum

Sunday, July 12, 2026
4pm at Opendore
2978 Route 34B in Sherwood
Free & Open to the Public

**A Storm Center for Reformers:
Quakers in Southern Cayuga County
1799-1899**

Historian Larry Bell will explore the rich history of the early Quaker movement in Cayuga County. Early Friends in the region were deeply involved in progressive causes including abolition, the Underground Railroad, women’s suffrage, peace advocacy, and temperance. Five Quaker meetings in the immediate area reflected the diversity of Hicksite, Orthodox, and Conservative traditions.

Larry Bell is historian and fundraiser for the Howland Stone Store Museum. He leads tours of the museum’s five exhibit spaces, as well as driving tours of Auburn and southern Cayuga County, and regularly presents on local history.

More info at www.howlandstonestore.org

<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Poplar Ridge Friends Pastoral Care Committee	
	Merrie Elisens	315-515-3776, merrie.elisens@gmail.com
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Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting	
Clerk – Andy Simkin	Ministry & Counsel Clerk – Julie Lockhart
Assistant Clerk – Larry Buffam	Treasurer – Sigrid Mortensen
	Assistant Treasurer - Jeff Turney
Musicians – Claire Howard, Mary Jo Granger, Cathy Mullarney	
<p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">See http://www.quaker.org/poplar/ for more information</p> <p>To change or correct a mailing label please contact Sally Otis at sotis3067@gmail.com or Scott Heinekamp at 315-246-7151. You can request PRISM electronically by emailing pr.prism@gmail.com.</p> <p>To contribute items for PRISM or with any questions ,contact us at pr.prism@gmail.com or Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting: Attn PRISM PO Box 146, Aurora, New York 13026</p>	

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