



PRISM

The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

Poplar
Ridge
Information
Sharing
Monthly

August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller	3:00pm M&C	10:30am Worship at Kendal	7:00pm Midweek Worship			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10:00am Meeting for Worship - Howard Nelson 11:15am Social Hour		10:30am Worship at Kendal	7:00pm Midweek Worship 7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting			9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10:00am Meeting for Worship - Ethan McCormick 11:30am 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	7:00pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10:00am Meeting for Worship in the Garden (unprogrammed)		10:30am Worship at Kendal	7:00pm Midweek Worship	September PRISM Content Deadline 7:00pm Peace and Social Action Committee		
30	31					
10:00am Meeting for Worship - River Vooris						

Birthdays: 1st Eric Devin; 2nd Ethan McCormick; 3rd Merrie Elisens; 9th Craig Kukuk; 15th Marlee Harris, Bradley Farrell; 24th Andrew Simkin, Shawn Grube; 27th Isla Sullivan; 28th Connie Mather; 31st Caroline Burch, Karen Menges

Anniversaries: 6th Scott and Julie Lockhart; 7th Tess Nelson and Perry Gorgen; 15th Helen and George Hebben; 16th Sarah Richardson and Aaron Green; 25th Gregory and Janet Otis

MINUTES FOR POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS JULY 19, 2026

Attending in person: Rob Howard, Andy Simkin, Dave Johnson, Hannah Richter, Sigrid Mortensen, Claire Howard, Caroline Burch, Christopher Sammond, Suzanne O'Hara

Attending on Zoom: Ruth Ann Bradley, Mary Ann Nabbin, and John Reed

1. **Nominating Committee Report:**

Caroline Burch presented updated information regarding handling of communications. Heidi Richter will take over the PRISM newsletter, while the Clerk (or Assistant Clerk) is to act as gatekeeper for Prism newsletter content. John Reed will create/handle weekly email announcements and other announcements, and Sigrid Mortensen will manage the PRFM website. These changes were approved.

2. **PRFM Website Update:** Sigrid Mortensen presented a detailed report on the website updates, structure, etc. See attached written report shared by Sigrid.

Request from Sigrid to use a new website maintenance service for the PRFM website which would minimize financial and technical upkeep by Sigrid. The service is free, but incorporates on the site a commercial link ("Powered by Interserver"). Meeting approved

A question was raised as to whether training would be made available on navigating the new website. Sigrid affirmed that she

would find an appropriate time/date to hold such a training.

3. **PRISM Newsletter and Email**

Distribution: Andy Simkin described an updated process for directing suggestions for PRISM announcements (newsletter and PR.PRISM@GMAIL email distribution) and content. The Clerk or Assistant Clerk would review these and then direct them as appropriate to Heidi for incorporation into PRISM or to John for distribution as an email announcement. To meet the standing deadlines for PRISM publication a reminder email will be circulated to notify the community of the impending deadline (Thursday before the last Sunday of the month).



4. **Ministry & Counsel Report:**

Andy Simkin read a copy of the meeting minutes from the July 6 Ministry & Counsel meeting. He noted that the Youth committee topic discussed in those minutes would be discussed further at the August meeting of the Youth committee.

Clearness Committee and Ministry & Counsel recommend Karen Epstein for formal membership.

Meeting approved. The Social Committee will arrange a special social hour in recognition of Karen's membership.

Meeting in the garden and support for online participation was raised as a question. Rob Howard stated that the technology committee is able to accommodate online service support for outdoor garden worship.

Memorial minutes were discussed.

After further deliberation, Ministry and Counsel recommends dropping the distinction between "minutes" and "remembrances". The committee will coordinate Memorial minutes for deceased members and attenders, and will share them with the Farmington-Scipio Regional Meeting and/or New York Yearly Meeting when appropriate.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Sigrid Mortensen (see attached). Contributions continue to lag expenditures (58% year-over-year) but have improved recently.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 18, 2026

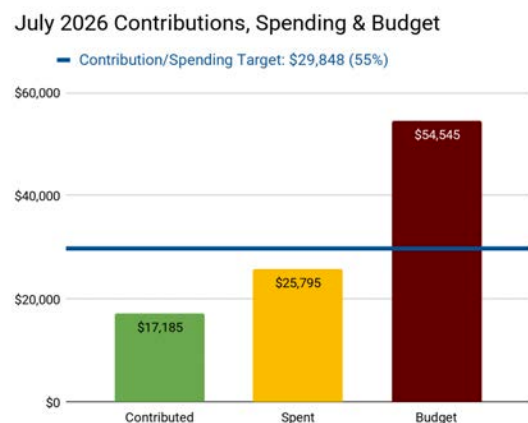
Summary

Our spending is below target for this point in the year (86% of target), with contributions significantly below that target (58%). Contributions are below YTD spending by \$8,610. This is an improvement over the last several months, but still less than the previous two years.

Contributions

At 55% of our way through 2026, Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting has received contributions of \$17,185 – or 32% – of our 2026 budget of \$54,545, which is 67% of our year-to-date spending. This compares to \$24,251 in contributions by mid-July 2025 (49% of budget) and \$19,976 in 2024 (45% of budget).

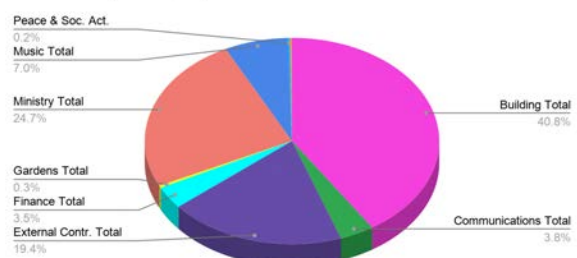
The following chart shows our contributions (green) and spending (yellow) relative to the total proposed budget (brown), with the blue horizontal line showing the YTD spending/contribution target.



Spending

We have spent 47% of our 2026 budget (\$25,795). Our largest spending categories are building (41%), external contr. (19%), ministry (25%) and music (7%). The total spent compares to spending of \$22,901 by mid-Jul. 2025 (46% of budget) and \$19,787 in 2024 (44% of budget).

Paid YTD by Category



KING FERRY FOOD PANTRY

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

Kid's Snacks!

- crackers with cheese
- pudding or Jello cups
- granola or protein bars
- crackers with peanut butter

King Ferry Food Pantry, 2384 State Rt 34B, Aurora (Southern Cayuga High School). Donations may be dropped off at the pantry on August 13th between 1:00-3:00 or call to schedule a drop off time (315) 497-2049. There is also a food collection box at the Aurora Library.

TRIBUTE TO SUZANNE

Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting has its share of unsung heroes, those who do so much to keep the meeting running smoothly, sometimes out in front, but very often quietly behind the scenes.

Enter Suzanne O'Hara.

Suzanne has served in many capacities on the Communications Committee, most notably responsible for producing the monthly PRISM, establishing and maintaining the web site, being the gatekeeper for the meeting's Gmail, setting the paradigm for use of Zoom for virtual and hybrid worship, and coordinating the Google Group. After more than 15 years in that role, she has decided it's time to hand over the reins to someone else. Because she was juggling so many functions, those responsibilities are going to transition to at least three or more others!

In her decade and a half, Suzanne created almost 200 PRISMs.

"I started when we were cutting and pasting paper text to produce PRISM!," she noted. "It's remarkable to see how much has changed, and I'm sure there are even more exciting developments ahead."

The meeting has been strengthened and enlightened by her steadfast commitment to keeping us informed, connected, and feeling included. Her stewardship of Quaker values and her devotion to maintaining thoughtful editorial integrity showed up in every issue, every decision, every conversation.

Our appreciation for Suzanne's years of service, innovative problem solving, and overall contribution to the well being of our community cannot be overstated.

Thank you, Suzanne. You made a difference.

Hazard Library Annual Book Sale 2026

Saturday, July 25 - Saturday, August 8, 2026

(2 FULL WEEKS!)

Poplar Ridge Firehouse (2423 Route 34B, Poplar Ridge)

Sat., July 25 9 AM - 4 PM	Sunday, July 26 Noon - 4 PM	Monday, July 27 10 AM - 7 PM	Tuesday, July 28 10 AM - 7 PM
Wed., July 29 10 AM - 7 PM	Thurs., July 30 10 AM - 7 PM	Friday, July 31 10 AM - 7 PM	Sat., Aug. 1 9 AM - 4 PM
Sunday, Aug. 2 12 PM - 4 PM	Monday, Aug. 3 10 AM - 7 PM	Tuesday, Aug. 4 10 AM - 7 PM	Wed, Aug. 5 10 AM - 7 PM
Thurs., Aug. 6 10 AM - 7 PM	Friday, Aug. 7 10 AM - 7 PM	Sat., Aug. 8 9 AM - 2 PM Bag Sale - \$5/Bag	

Doug's Fish Fry will be there on Tues 7/28 11-6

Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting

Clerk - Andy Simkin

Assistant Clerk - Larry Buffam

Ministry & Counsel Clerk - Julie Lockhart

Treasurer - Sigrid Mortensen

Assistant Treasurer - Jeff Turney

Musicians - Claire Howard, Mary Jo Granger,
Cathy Mullarney

Poplar Ridge Friends meet every Sunday at 10am 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.

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.

To contribute items for PRISM or with any questions, contact us at pr.prism@gmail.com or
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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.