

**9:30 am Worship  
in the Chapel**

July 7 - September 1

**All are Welcome!**



We invite everyone to worship on Sunday, August 25 at 9:30 am in the First Presbyterian Church chapel. Please join us in worship and fellowship led by our Interim Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Lisa Ruth Mays and liturgist, Deacon George Thompson.

Hebrews 12:18-29 will be the scripture focus for this week's sermon, "A Tale of Two Mountains". Guest Organist, Gayle Olsen will provide music on the piano, Pastor Lisa will offer a solo and the A Peeling Sound Bell Choir will play.

Please join us before worship for coffee and fellowship in the New Narthex area. (Bring your own travel coffee mug if possible!) All are welcome to worship and fellowship!

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**A Calendar of Prayer for our Presbytery**

**August**

- 4 Central Delaware Trinity Covenant, Connie Stone, Pastor  
DeLancey United  
Hamden  
West Delhi United
- 11 Smithville Flats 1st
- 18 Lordville
- 25 Delhi 1st Lisa Ruth Mays, Interim Pastor

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**Staff News:**

**Prayers:**

Prayers for Pastor Bruce Gillette, who has been diagnosed with acute leukemia.

Pastor's Health Update: I am grateful for last Saturday Picnic participants' wave along with the many prayers, cards and emails from our church family. They have been great sources of comfort as I have gone through the weeks of chemo at the University of Rochester's Wilmot Cancer Center. Today I got the news that no cancer cells were found in my bone marrow or spine! We await the in-depth report from Johns Hopkins but this is very good news. I also had a test on my heart that showed no damage to it from the chemo. I am currently dealing with some fluid on my lungs, but it is decreasing daily. I may be able to come home this weekend. I will continue chemo as an outpatient, but am very grateful for the progress that I have made and that my overall prognosis is good. Thank you for all of your love and support. I look forward to serving with you as we seek together to further the love of God and the love neighbor in years to come.

Pastor Bruce Gillette and Parish Associate Pastor Carolyn Gillette  
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**Joys:**

Please welcome Magdalena Evette Schindler (proud parents Garrett and Marena Schindler) she arrived on August 15th @ 5:20pm. She weighed 7lbs 12oz and was 19.5” long. Of course, Marena had to dress her as her favorite animal, the peacock, which is a symbol of welcome. So, welcome Magdalena Evette.



Please contact Committee on Ministry co-chairs, Marsha Muller and Lisa Ruth Mays if you have a pastoral care concern or need.

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**Other News**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL ELDERS IN THE PRESBYTERY**

A workshop on the Gospel of Matthew, led by Rev. Allen Presby, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9th at Sky Lake Camp & Conference Center, Windsor, NY.

Originally planned only for Lay Preachers and Lay Pastors, the Committee on Lay Preaching is opening the workshop to any elder in the Presbytery who would like to broaden and deepen their understanding of Matthew's gospel.

Time: 1:00 - 3:00. There will be a Communion Service at 3:00 for all participants.

Cost to elders: \$15.00, payable by cash or check (made out to the Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley), at Sky Lake.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. REGISTRATION FORMS will appear in subsequent Thursday Thoughts or at the next Presbytery Assembly.

Further information: Barbara Renton, Chair, Committee on Lay Preaching  
email: [therentons1@gmail.com](mailto:therentons1@gmail.com) or call: 607-967-4819.

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This month's **Compassion, Peace & Justice** Focus looks at the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, which has been very active in recent months with initiatives showing us how to live peaceably with one another across cultures and beliefs. Read on for opportunities to travel, host visitors and interact online with Peacemaking efforts.

[Click Here](#)

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**Susquehanna Valley Presbytery Harassment Seminar**

Our churches in our Presbytery are cordially invited to the above seminar to be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 from 5:30 to 7:00 at Northminster Presbyterian Church at 711 Farm-to-Market Road in Endwell, NY. This will take place in our Fellowship Hall (located off the Hooper Road parking lot).

Refreshments will be served. A local law firm, Coughlin and Gerhart will do a presentation on this Important subject for about an hour and if you have questions, we have provided time for that. This seminar is offered due to New York State mandating that church members be trained on sexual harassment especially if they are working with children/youth. This training must be completed by October 9, 2019.

Space is limited and a \$15/person donation is requested for each person attending. To register, go to Northminster's website – [northminsterpresbyterian.org](http://northminsterpresbyterian.org).

1. Go to the bottom of the home page and click on Susquehanna Valley Presbytery Harassment Seminar Registration Form
2. Complete the form filling in all required fields and submit your registration form
3. Submit payment of \$15 person to your church office or pastor – after payment, each church will receive a certificate for each of their members who attended
4. Please submit your registration form on or before Tuesday, August 20, 2019
5. If you have any questions, please e-mail Lynn Frehsee at [lynnfre@aol.com](mailto:lynnfre@aol.com)
6. Northminster's phone number is 607-754-0746, in case it is needed.

We hope you will find this a worthwhile seminar and hope to see you on September 3 rd..

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**Presbyterian Women Synod of the Northeast Fall Gathering  
Theme: WOMEN MOVE MOUNTAINS - Matthew 17:20**



If you have faith as small as a mustard seed you can say to this mountain “move from here to there” and it will be done.

OCTOBER 18-19 at Stony Point Conference Center (NY) Coordinating Team to meet early at 2, business meeting 3-4 Fri, ends 3 pm Sat

Triennial 2020 Planning Team to meet after Gathering Community building with Workshops and Worship for ALL women at any level PWSNE covers room costs for Presbytery Moderators, Coordinating Team and Presenters ALL PAY registration: early by 10/4 \$25, regular \$45; registration deadline Oct 11 shared \$150 each (will assign roommate if none requested) solo room \$ 210 Commuters- registration fee (no meals), plus (1/2 day & 1 meal) \$32.50, both days \$45

[Registration Form](#)

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***Classical Music for Virtuosoic & Intimate Pleasure -***

**THE 27th ANNIVERSARY OF SUMMERMUSIC 2019**

**featuring The MILLENNIUM STRINGS presented by MAGIC MOUNTAIN MUSIC FARM OF MORRIS, NY in its Twenty-Seventh Anniversary Collaboration with THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN GILBERTSVILLE**

**WHERE:** The First Presbyterian Church, 19 Marion Avenue, Gilbertsville, NY

**WHEN:** Friday, August 30th, at 7:30 PM & Saturday, August 31st, at 7:30 PM & Sunday *Matinee*, September 1st, at 2 PM

The MILLENNIUM STRINGS will feature works by J.S. Bach, Bartok, Beethoven, Brahms, Clark, Debussy, Herl, Mozart, Piazzolla, Prokofiev, Sarasate & Wieniawski

**THE CONCERTS ARE FREE TO THE PUBLIC**

The performers are:

**Erika Atchley**, Violinist, North Carolina Symphony

**Anita Felix**, Violinist, Sacramento Philharmonic

**Barbara Fitzgerald**, Double Bassist, National Philharmonic

**Sigrid Gullickson**, Violinist, , String Faculty, Wisconsin Conservatory of Music

**Emily Kalish**, Violinist, Binghamton Philharmonic

**Stacy Lesartre**, Concertmaster, Fort Collins Symphony

**Amy Likar**, Flutist, Oakland Symphony, CA

**Lisa Nielsen**, Violinist, Omaha Symphony

**Janet Pasila**, Violinist, Faculty, Brantford Suzuki String School

**Noralee Walker**, Violist, Aryaloka String Quartet

This is the seventeenth consecutive summer where we are pleased to welcome the extraordinary pianist, **Cullan Bryant** as guest artist. **Cullan Bryant** is among the most active chamber and collaborative pianists in New York City, maintaining a schedule of over 50 recitals a year. He has performed with such artists as Emanuel Borok, David Geber, Oleh Krysa, Midori, Sviatoslav Moroz, Peter Rejto, and Peter Winograd. He has also appeared in recitals with members of the New York Philharmonic, Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, the Orchestra of St. Luke's, New York City Ballet Orchestra, New Jersey Symphony, Boston Symphony and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in such venues as Weill Recital Hall, Merkin Hall, Alice Tully Hall, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Detroit's Orchestra Hall. Mr. Bryant made his Carnegie Hall debut in 1992 in recital with violinist Patmore Lewis.

Mr. Bryant has performed throughout Michigan, California, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, New York, Tennessee and Wisconsin. Festival appearances have included the Serenades de Platja d'Aro and the Porta Ferrada festivals in Spain, the Chateau de la Napoule in France, Lake Winnepesaukee Music Festival in New Hampshire, Palm Beach Invitational Series in Florida and the Shandeelee Piano Festival in New York among many others. Mr. Bryant has been on the faculty of the Academy of Music Summer Festival in New Jersey since 1999.

Cullan began playing the piano at age two, giving his first public recital at age six. At eleven he toured campuses in his native Arkansas and in Texas including several televised recitals. His prizes and awards include the Leschetizky International Competition, the National Arts Club of New York, the Memphis Beethoven Competition, Miami Arts Competition and a certificate of outstanding citizenship from Arkansas Governor Frank White. His college studies were with Robert Goldsand and Artur Balsam at the Manhattan School of Music. In July of 2002 he toured Japan in recitals with violinist Midori.

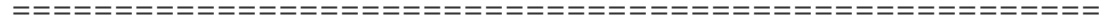
- ***Classical Music for Virtuosoic & Intimate Pleasure...***

**Summermusic 2019** is the culmination of two weeks of intensive preparation at Magic Mountain Music Farm in Morris, New York. In the creative haven of The Farm, The Millennium Strings practice in an idyllic, distraction free environment, deepening their relation to their art and exploring new techniques for tapping their creative energies. Magic Mountain Music Farm, developed by Burton Kaplan, Professor of Violin & Viola at The Manhattan School of Music and The Aaron Copland School of Music of Queens College, is now celebrating its Thirty-Fourth Anniversary Season. This is the Twenty-Seventh Anniversary of the collaboration of The First Presbyterian Church of Gilbertsville and Magic Mountain Music Farm to produce public concerts.

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**Summermusic 2019** is a Decentralization Program which is made possible, in part, with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts/Chenango County

Council of the Arts and The Hoyt Foundation. This event is also made possible with funds from voluntary offerings by the audience each night.



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