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**STATE HOSPITAL LUNCHEON****Tuesday October 1 at Noon**

Join us for lunch and fellowship with our guests from Clarks Summit State Hospital. There will be a special visitor with us that day.

Men are always welcome too!

Please bring a pair of new socks with you /male or female.

Janet Dobson, Women's Association

**My Brother's Keeper Quilting Group**

We will hold our first work session of the 2019-2020 season at 10 AM, September 10. Our focus will be to prepare quilts to be completed on Worship through Service Sunday, September 22.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

If you are reorganizing, we would be happy to give your sheets, towels, blankets, throws, comforters, sweaters, sweatshirts, socks, gloves a new home. We could also use toiletries, especially toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Thank you for your support.

*The Presbyter*

September 2019

The First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit

**Worship Through Service  
September 21 & 22, 2019**

The Session and Deacons are planning a weekend of volunteer services in our community to put our faith into action. Sign-up forms are in Sunday bulletins, or go to our website, [www.fpccs.org](http://www.fpccs.org), for more info and to sign up.

**Saturday, September 21:**

- Bag groceries at Gerrity's while collecting money to benefit the Dalton Food Pantry.
- Carpool to the Weinberg NE Regional Food Bank in Pittston to pack food boxes for senior citizens in four counties.

**Sunday, September 22:**

- Assist the staff at Clarks Summit State Hospital with a Bingo Activity.
- Join us to have a big group music therapy session at St. Joseph's Center in Scranton.
- Travel to the NEPA Youth Shelter on Wyoming Ave. in Scranton to help get the Shelter ready for students going back to school. This is a family-friendly project.
- Fall clean up of the yard of the Children's Advocacy Center on Wheeler Ave. This is a family friendly project for all ages.
- Sort and pack personal care items and non-perishable food items for Safety Net in Scranton. Bring your donations to the church and place them in the collection boxes in the narthex.
- Immediately following the Worship Service, downstairs in Fellowship Hall, we will be creating sleeping bags to be donated to keep the homeless warm. No previous sewing experience is required.

**Swing with us on Sunday**

Join us on Sunday, September 1 for our annual Jazz Communion at 10:00 a.m. (the music begins at 9:50).

The service features the music of Charlie Parker with special guest Nelson Hill on saxophone, Al Hamme on saxophone, Tony Marino on bass, Tyler Dempsey on drums, and U No Who on piano.



*Nelson Hill, saxophone*

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### Notes from the Session Meeting July 23, 2019.

Session welcomed Lee Carr, our Committee on Ministry representative from the Presbytery, to their meeting. She was given a constructive view of our church work by our Session Members.

Our church is in search of a Nursery Worker. If you know of anyone who is interested in this job, please contact our People in Ministry Chair, Craig Smith or Nancy Owens in our office.

Session chairs are preparing for our Worship through Service Day the weekend of September 21-22. Please remember to sign-up to help on a day your schedule allows.

Beverly Bright, Clerk of Session

#### The Presbyterian deadline for the October issue is September 13

The Presbyter is a monthly newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church, 300 School Street, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

All visitors are welcome to worship with us. **Worship services are held on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** Child care is available. Communion is observed the first Sunday of every month.

If you do not attend a church in this area, we invite you to any and all of the events, programs, and worship services described in this newsletter. Please call the church office to arrange child care. Our sanctuary and Fellowship Hall are both handicapped accessible.

|                                            |                       |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Church Office</b>                       | <b>(570) 586-6306</b> |
| <b>Fax</b>                                 | <b>(570) 587-3784</b> |
| <b>Web Page</b>                            | <b>www.fpccs.org</b>  |
| <b>Pastor</b>                              | William G. Carter     |
| <b>Administrative Assistant</b>            | Nancy Owens           |
| <b>Coordinator of Children &amp; Youth</b> | Jana Schillinger      |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                           | Wayne Griffiths       |
| <b>Editor</b>                              | Amanda Roberts        |
| <b>Clerk of Session</b>                    | Beverly Bright        |
| <b>Director of Music</b>                   | Frank Jones           |
| <b>Director of Bells</b>                   | Richard Cochrane      |
| <b>Director of Chapel Choir</b>            | Kay Ten Eyck          |
| <b>Organist</b>                            | Kay Ten Eyck          |
| <b>Sexton</b>                              | John Conklin          |

#### FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTH ENDING June 30, 2019

##### REVENUE

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Budget          | \$186,755   |
| Actual Received | 175,919     |
| Difference      | (\$ 10,836) |
|                 | =====       |

##### EXPENSES

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Budget          | \$192,026  |
| Actual Expenses | 196,431    |
| Difference      | (\$ 4,405) |
|                 | =====      |

**BUDGET VARIANCE** (\$ 15,240)

##### PLEDGE INCOME

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| Budget     | \$ 162,500 |
| Received   | 156,786    |
| Difference | (\$ 5,714) |
|            | =====      |

At the end of June, contributions for: Per Capita 2019 (which is \$34.50 per member) was \$3,054.

### Board of Deacons

Care Team Ministry **Coordinators are:**

|                                            |                          |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Deacon Meals:                              | Donna Kepler<br>587-2729 |
| Time of Loss:                              | Anne Rich<br>587-2802    |
| Emergency Home Repairs<br>And Maintenance: | Joe Waters<br>586-7233   |

Please let the Board of Deacons Care Team Coordinators or the church office know if anyone is in need of care.

We're here to care for FPC members and friends and we count on all of you to let us know when help is needed. This is our ministry and our Christian privilege to care for you.

| Sunday                                                                                                                | Monday                                                                                                                         | Tuesday                                                                                                                           | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                            | Thursday                                                                                                                          | Friday                                                                                                         | Saturday                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1<br>7am-AA<br>10am-Worship<br>Worship<br>3pm-OA                                                                      | 2<br>7am-AA<br>Church Office is closed.<br> | 3<br>7am-AA<br>10am-PW Exec. Board<br>6pm-OA<br>7pm-Big Book                                                                      | 4<br>7am-AA<br>11am-Prayer/Share<br>7:15-Adult Choir<br>8pm-AIAnon                                                                                                   | 5<br>7am-AA<br>8:30-Men's Breakfast<br>3:30-JC Lessons<br>4:30-Staff<br>7pm-AIAnon<br>7pm-Building & Grounds<br>7pm-Christian Ed. | 6<br>7am-AA                                                                                                    | 7<br>7am-AA                                      |
| 8<br>7am-AA<br>10am-Worship<br>11:30-JC Lessons<br>3pm-OA                                                             | 9<br>7am-AA                                                                                                                    | 10<br>7am-AA<br>10am-MBK Quilts<br>5:30-Choral Soc.<br>6pm-OA<br>7pm-Session<br>7pm-Big Book                                      | 11<br>7am-AA<br>11am-Prayer/Share<br>5pm-The W.A.Y. Light supper<br>5:30-Chapel Ch.<br>6:15-Christian Ed.<br>7:15-Adult Choir<br>8pm-AIAnon<br>8:30-Bell Choir       | 12<br>7am-AA<br>3:30-JC Lessons<br>5:30-Climate Change Panel @Scranton U.<br>7pm-AIAnon                                           | 13<br>7am-AA                                                                                                   | 14<br>7am-AA<br>9am-Earth Care: Highway Clean-up |
| 15<br>7am-AA<br>9am-Adventures in the Bible<br>10am-Worship<br>11:15-Fellowship<br>11:30-JC Lessons<br>3pm-OA         | 16<br>7am-AA                                                                                                                   | 17<br>7am-AA<br>10am-Dorcas & Priscilla Circles<br>5:30-Choral Soc.<br>6pm-OA<br>7PM-Deacons<br>7pm-Eunice Circle<br>7pm-Big Book | 18<br>7am-AA<br>11am-Prayer/Share<br>5pm-The W.A.Y. Light supper<br>5:30-Chapel Ch.<br>6:15-Christian Ed.<br>7:15-Adult Choir<br>8pm-AIAnon<br>8:30-Bell Choir       | 19<br>7am-AA<br>8:30-Men's Breakfast<br>3:30-JC Lessons<br>7pm AIAnon                                                             | 20<br>7am-AA                                                                                                   | 21<br>7am-AA                                     |
| 22<br>7am-AA<br>9am-Adventures in the Bible<br>10am-Worship<br>11:30-JC Lessons<br>3pm-OA<br>WORSHIP THRU SERVICE DAY | 23<br>7am-AA                                                                                                                   | 24<br>7am-AA<br>10am-MBK Quilts<br>5:30-Choral Soc.<br>6pm-OA<br>7pm-Big Book                                                     | 25<br>7am-AA<br>9am-Presbyter<br>11am-Prayer/Share<br>5pm-Light supper<br>5:30-Chapel Ch.<br>6:15-Christian Ed.<br>7:15-Adult Choir<br>8pm-AIAnon<br>8:30-Bell Choir | 26<br>7am-AA<br>3:30-JC Lessons<br>7pm-FPC Book Group<br>7pm-AMPOA<br>7pm-AIAnon                                                  | 27<br>7am-AA                                                                                                   | 28<br>7am-AA                                     |
| 29<br>7am-AA<br>9am-Adventures in the Bible<br>10am-Worship<br>11:30-JC Lessons<br>3pm-OA                             | 30<br>7am-AA                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                   | <br><b>September 2019</b> |                                                  |

Joys

Sorrows

Thank You Notes



- 1 Lorraine Daniels
- 7 Mary O'Brien,  
Frank Garnecki
- 8 Dean Shane
- 11 Judy Cutler,  
Laura Moore
- 12 Sandra Bailey
- 14 Dick Broxton
- 20 Lee Wirth
- 21 Nancy Dennen
- 23 Ann Chamberlin
- 24 Tyler Kusma
- 27 Ethan Flynn,  
Stan Gilbert
- 29 Dick Maurer
- Wendy Wescott
- 30 Andrew Taylor,  
Tinka Zenke



September 19: Jim and Shirley McLaughlin

Communion Servers September 1

David Naehner, Captain  
John Conklin, Meg Hatch, Bill Davis, Lee Wirth,  
Robin Pinches.

Greeters for September

- September 1 John and Myrna Diven
- September 8 Lee and Mick Wirth
- September 15 Lee and Mick Wirth
- September 22 & 29 TBD

Ushers

Bill Farrell

Nancy Alger Ford entered the Church Triumphant on July 4, 2019. Sincere condolences to her family, which include Barbara and Gary Wadsworth and their sons, Phil and Kurt and their families.



Congratulations and best wishes to Christine (Acker) and James Chaukos on the birth of a son, William James Chaukos, on June 17, 2019. As hinted at by her maiden name in parentheses,

Christine is the daughter of Heather and Warren Acker. Congratulations and best wishes to parents and grandparents, and blessings to William.

It was a great joy to celebrate the baptism of three children in June and July!



On June 23, Jocelyn Jean DelPrete was baptized. She is the daughter of Daniel and Jacklyn DelPrete, recent new members of our congregation.

Twin children, Abigail Gloria and Samuel Elwood Rosicki, were baptized on July 21, 2019. Abigail and Samuel Rosiecki are children of Walter and Melissa (Yevitz) Rosiecki.

Blessings and best wishes to all.

Lectionary Readings

September 1

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 8

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philimon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

September 15

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

September 22

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

September 29

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-19; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

From the Pastor

September 2019



September brings renewed excitement. The school buses are running, the nests have emptied out, and the Steelers and Eagles kick off once again.

At the church, we put the fall program into gear. The choirs begin to rehearse, the bells chime out, and the classes begin. All the planning that has been going on since May is now revealed. Our Arts at First Presbyterian series is announced. Committees meet after a summer hiatus. Folks who have spent time at a favorite lake return to the church pews.

This fall, I am offering a sermon series on the letters of First and Second Timothy, called "Guard the Gospel." I look forward to sinking into those two documents from the early church. In them, a seasoned follower of Jesus offers advice and perspective to a younger disciple. The topics are significant and still timely:

- What's the Christian purpose for learning?
- How much can God forgive?
- What does it mean to pray for everybody? (and Paul does say, "everybody")
- What should we expect of our leaders?
- Is there a downside to having a lot of money?
- What do you do when faith runs out of gas?
- How do we handle words that lie, chatter, demean, and abuse?
- What's the primary purpose of the Bible?

These are some of the issues of these "pastoral epistles." We will explore them in our weekly sermons and also in the biweekly Men's Breakfast bible studies on Thursday mornings.

Another timely and significant topic is racism, and that will be a major focus for our church in the coming year. We will begin this fall with an adult series in our Wednesday WAY program. As a congregation that is "mostly monochromatic," we have a Gospel imperative to address the assumptions, biases, and privileges that come with being a visual majority.

As the national demographics change – and I believe that is a primary source of the virulent racism that is breaking out like a pox – we are called to love and welcome all the people God has made. It's easier said than done. This is an emerging frontier of Christian discipleship in America, even though the issues have been with us for four hundred years.

I'm excited about the fall, and I look forward to seeing you in church!

With every good wish,

Rev. Bill Carter



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE BIBLE STUDIES

Do you remember the so-called "Ten Commandments"? We are excited to study for the next nine months "Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments (or Words)" by Eugenia Anne Gamble. She believes this Bible study will help us better understand a "love letter from a loving God to guide us in our moral behavior." In our first lesson we will discuss the first and second Words of Love: I am your God; you shall have no others.



We have a time of light refreshments as we come together to study and keep in touch with others through cards, prayers and actions. You are invited to join us if you have been with us a long time, a short time or your first time. See you soon.

The Dorcas and Priscilla Circles will meet at 10:00 a.m. and the Eunice Circle will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the church on September 17. If you have any questions or need a ride, please call Barbara Pittman at 570-587-2050 or Bonnie Plantholt at 570-212-1566 for 10:00 a.m. and Kate Hopkins at 570-587-2390 or Barbara Mellander at 570-587-5236 for 7:00 p.m.

Our books will be available on September 10 at our PW Potluck Dinner. See details below.

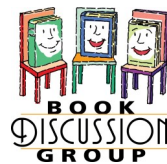
Ladies, please join us as we become better-informed about the Bible and God's love for us.

Presbyterian Women will celebrate an evening of friendship and good food with a Fall covered-dish supper in Fellowship Hall. Set for September 10 at 6:00 p.m., all women of the church are invited.

Just Come. Bring a dish to share. Bring a Friend! All are welcome.

## All are welcome! FPC Book Group September 26, 7:00 p.m. @ Patti Delaney's home

*Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens (496 pages)



Although this is Delia Owens' first novel, she long ago distinguished herself as a gifted writer. In the mid-80s, Owens co-wrote with her husband *Cry of the Kalahari*, which was a best-selling, non-fictional account of traveling and researching Africa's Kalahari Desert. One of the joys of that book was the Owens' description of the natural world, and *Where the Crawdads Sing* is immersed in the natural world as well.

The story is set in the 1950s and revolves around a young woman named Kya Clark, who is from extremely rural North Carolina. Known by others as the Marsh Girl, she lives alone in nature—the draw of other people, and specifically love, brings her into contact with the greater world. This novel has a mystery at its core, but it can be read on a variety of levels. There is great nature writing; there is coming of age; and there is literature. *Crawdads* is a story lovingly told—one that takes its time in developing its characters and setting, and in developing the story. You'll want to relax and take your time as well, and when you're done you will want to talk about it with another reader.

## The W.A.Y. is on the WAY!

Christian Education



It's for life!

Classes for our Wednesday Adults and Youth begin on September 11.

Join us each week for a delicious meal, engaging classes for kids, thought-provoking classes for adults, and uplifting choir rehearsals for all!

See Page 6 for a list of classes



### Bible Presentation

Sunday, September 8

Come celebrate with us as we present Bibles to our children in kindergarten and third grade.

If you have a kindergartener or third grade student, be sure he or she is present to receive a Bible.

## THANK YOU!

We had an amazing week at VBS because of our incredible volunteer staff.

A huge thank you to all those who gave their time this year!



## Calling all teachers!

The Wednesday Adults and Youth Christian Education Program (the WAY), offers classes for all ages every week. Christian Education is an important part of who we are and what we do — and you can be a part of it! Help us all to grow in Christ by volunteering to teach...at any grade level for any amount of time, you can lead our children and adults in learning and growth. Please prayerfully consider helping with this important ministry.

Contact Tabbi Miller-Scandle at (570)562-6118 for more information.

## Helpers Needed!

The W.A.Y. is looking for people to help with our meals. You are welcome to help once in a while, once a month, or whenever you are able!

**You can help by:** Cooking or helping to cook a main dish, providing a salad, providing a dessert, helping with setup, helping with cleanup.

Contact Karen White or Tabbi Miller-Scandle to volunteer!





### Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.

ACROSS  
 2. David's grandfather  
 5. Jacob's grandfather  
 6. Esau's grandmother

DOWN  
 1. Judah's grandmother  
 3. Joseph's grandfather  
 4. Solomon's grandfather  
 7. Jesse's grandmother

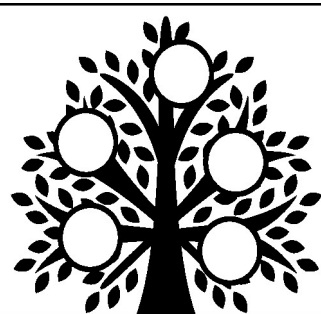
One G \_ N \_ \_ \_ \_ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV

Answers: ACROSS 2. Obed, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah; DOWN: 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth. Generation

Jana and Frank are "scheming" together about **ADVENT!**

"I love it when people plan ahead!"

Bill Carter



### GROWING generations

Honor your grandparents with a gift that all generations can enjoy.

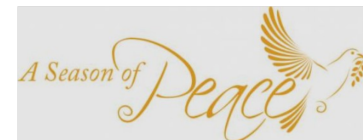
**What you need:**

- Cups (various sizes)
- Pencil
- Family photos
- Scissors
- Colored paper
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Clothespins
- A small potted tree or bush

**What you do:**

1. Use a cup to trace a circle around faces in the photos. Cut out the circles.
2. Cut larger circles out of paper. Glue each photo onto a paper circle.
3. Glue a clothespin to the back of each photo. Clip photos to the branches.
4. Present the gift to your grandparents, and tell them you're glad to be in their family tree.

### MISSION AND JUSTICE



The **Peace and Global Witness Special Offering** begins on Sunday September 1st and runs for five weeks until Sunday October 6th. Please consider giving generously as we promote peacemaking through our offering. This year, we will be donating our 25% congregational portion to the Florence Immigration and Refugee Rights Project that provides free legal services to men, women, and unaccompanied children detained by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) division of the Department of Homeland Security in Arizona.

**Be sure to mark your calendars now:**

Our **Alternative Gift Market** is moved this year to **Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** (instead of November) to fall on World Communion Sunday, after the 10 am service. SERRV, Heifer, Reaching the Pygmies, ASP, and Haitian Art will all be there.

On the following **Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**, we will be holding a **Table Talk**, after the 10 am service, with Maureen Maher-Gray, who will address Homelessness in NEPA, the work of the NEPA youth shelter, and other organizations addressing homelessness in our area.

### Earth Care

**Road Clean-up – Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

The next FPCCS Adopt-a-Highway clean-up of the Morgan Highway stretch from Country Club to Winola Road will take place on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. We meet at the Clarks Summit Methodist Church parking lot at 9 AM and it usually takes about 1 hour. Youth and adults are welcome. Contact Donna Porter at [porterhouse@epix.net](mailto:porterhouse@epix.net) for more information.

**Earth Care Task Force Group**

Do you have an interest in the environment and environmental justice? Did you know that FPCCS was one of the first 5 churches in PA to be certified as an Earth Care Congregation? The Earth Care Task Force is beginning plans for the year and we would welcome any interested individuals to participate in identifying congregational goals and setting up action plans. Please contact Donna Porter at [porterhouse@epix.net](mailto:porterhouse@epix.net) if you are interested or want to share ideas.

**Panel on Climate Change-Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 – 7:30 PM**

Scranton Interdependence and United Way are joining forces to offer a panel discussion on Climate Change. It will take place in the Rose Room of Brennan Hall at the University of Scranton. Please reserve a space by September 9<sup>th</sup> by emailing Linda Walsh at [linda.walsh@scranton.edu](mailto:linda.walsh@scranton.edu).

### Thank You

Meg Hatch, Donna Porter, and Diane Scheuer would like to thank Session for supporting our participation in the Presbyterians for Earthcare Conference at Stony Point August 6-9. We enjoyed worship, workshops, and fellowship with others who are concerned about the Earth. We look forward to sharing with Session and the congregation ways we can reduce our impact on the planet and help move towards a better world for human and non-human creation in the coming year.





## Music at First Presbyterian is back in swing!

We are always looking for members to join our multiple choirs!

Our youngest choir, Chapel Choir, sings once a month at our services along with participating in Music in the Parks at the end of the school year. This choir is conducted by Kay Ten Eyck. They rehearse from 5:30-6:10.



The Alleluia Choir has participants from 6-12 grade who sing duets and have been experimenting with other musical instruments. Typically, they will sing with the Alleluia Choir and perform pieces on their own. We are always looking for strong singers and anyone who has musical skills. The choir rehearses from 5:30-6:10 p.m.

The Adult choir sings weekly for the congregation. Pieces vary from simple to classics that most people have heard. This fall we will be working on a new piece that was released in 2018 in anticipation for the November concert. All skill levels are encouraged! Adult choir begins at 7:15-8:30 p.m.

The Bell Choir rings once a month with rehearsals beginning at 8:30 after the adult choir. All skill levels are accepted. The bell choir is a great asset to our church and isn't typically seen throughout the area.

All rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings at the church.

Frank Jones, Director of Music  
[fjones217@gmail.com](mailto:fjones217@gmail.com)



**Arts at First Presbyterian** is thrilled to feature a number of exciting performing groups in our 2019-2020 concert season. Please mark these dates on your calendar:

|                                     |                                                                            |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, October 20, 2019, 4:00 pm   | Songs of Unity with the Abraham Jam                                        |
| Sunday, November 17, 2019, 4:00 pm  | "Light Shines in the Darkness" with<br>First Presbyterian Church musicians |
| Sunday, January 12, 2020, 4:00 pm   | Bohemian Winter with John M Vaida Piano Trio                               |
| Friday-Sunday, February 14-16, 2020 | Clarks Summit Festival of Ice - Art, music, and fun for all                |
| Sunday, March 15, 2020, 4:00 pm     | Sophie Till and Ron Stabinsky- Brahms Sonatas for<br>Violin and Piano      |
| Sunday, April 19, 2020, 4:00 pm     | The 3 Divas Jazz Trio                                                      |
| Friday, May 15, 2020, 7:00 pm       | Potomac Brass Quintet                                                      |

All concerts and events will be held at the church. They are open to the public, free of charge, but a free-will offering is taken to help defray the costs of the events. We receive some financial support from state and county grants, but rely heavily on the support of individual donors to produce the series. This is a very ambitious year for us, and we will need much congregational support to meet our budget. Thanks to all who have supported us in the past, and to those who will make contributions this year.

Donations may be made payable to First Presbyterian Church, with "Arts Series" in the memo block. Donors will be recognized in the concert programs.

Thanks for your outstanding support of the series!  
 John Weiss, Chair

Christian Education



It's for life!

**THE W.A.Y.**

The Wednesday Aadults and Youth Christian Education

"I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE"

Supper 5:00 Classes 6:15

## The W.A.Y. begins Wednesday, September 11!

### Classes For Children and Youth:

**Spark Nursery (up to age 4):** A nurturing class for our youngest learners, our nursery class will hear Bible stories, sing songs, play, and participate in activities appropriate to their age.

**Grace & Faith (4 years old - Grade 5)** experience Bible stories through our curriculum *Growing in Grace & Gratitude*. This fall is all about action verbs — God is at work in the world, and children will learn about the amazing things He has done. In September, we will learn how God Makes a Promise, God Blesses Ishmael and Isaac, and God Gives Joseph Dreams.

**We Believe (Grades 6 and up):** This fall, students will go back to the beginning by exploring the Old Testament. We'll start in Genesis, discovering the history and richness of the Bible as we discuss, ask questions, and dig deeper into familiar stories.

### Classes for Adults

John Lawlor will lead **Archaeology of the Bible: From Oral Word to Written Text**. This two-part study will first pursue the questions: "How did the Bible come into existence and what is the history of the English text?" Part two will be a follow-up case study using the Hebrew Psalter [The Psalms]. How did the "book" of Psalms emerge from individual oral poems, songs, prayers into an organized [five books] written collection? In Room 206.

**Let's Talk About Race** is an honest conversation about an important topic that is tearing apart our nation -- and has been tearing it apart for 400 years. In 1619, a Dutch ship landed in Jamestown with twenty African slaves. Ever since, some American immigrants have felt entitled to subjugate others who do not look like them. Where does hatred come from? Are there true differences between the races? What are the consequences of racial injustice? And most important, what could be done to heal deep wounds? Through presentations, conversations, and film, we will find ways to address these issues. In Room 210.

### Wednesday Evening Schedule

5:00-6:10 pm Light supper \*

5:30-6:10 Chapel Choir Rehearsal

6:15-7:10 Christian Education classes for All Ages

7:15-8:25 Adult Choir

8:30-9:15 Bell Choir

\*Please make a reservation for supper by filling out a slip found in the church office, the kitchen, or in pews and returning it in the offering plate or in the basket near the phone in the kitchen. You may also call the church office to make a reservation. Suggested donation \$3 per person.