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About the Series:

The concert series started in 2001 as an opportunity for church members to invite their friends and neighbors to quality artistic events. Over the years the series has become a fixture in the community and has featured a host of outstanding soloists and ensembles including Bill Mays and the Inventions Trio, Simple Gifts folk duo, The Hickory Project, PSU "Essence of Joy" ensemble, Presbybop Jazz Quartet, organist Mark Laubach, the Lyric Consort, and others.



All arts events in this series will take place at First Presbyterian Church, 300 School Street, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

These events are offered as a gift to enrich the cultural and artistic life of our community. All people are welcome!

Our facility is used for many other concerts and recitals through the year. Watch for special events. In particular, take note of the Chamber Music concert from the NEPA Philharmonic on **Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm.** Tickets at www.nepaphil.org.



The
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**2019 –2020
 Program Schedule**

- 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
 First Presbyterian Church musicians
- Sunday, January 12, 2020 4:00 pm**
 Bohemian Winter with John M Vaida 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 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

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Sunday, October 20, 2019 4:00 pm
Songs of Unity with The Abraham Jam



A Muslim, a Jew, and a Christian walk into a concert hall . . . and treat the audience to an inspiring afternoon of song, story, and laughter. These three seasoned songwriters, **Dawud Wharnsby, Billy Jonas, and David LaMotte**, have teamed up to make a convincing case that harmony, where we sing different notes that are beautiful together, is even better than unity, where we all sing the same note.

Sunday, November 17, 2019 4:00 pm
All-Church Recital

This event will feature the choirs at First Presbyterian Church, along with the bell choir, soloists, and instrumental ensembles. The centerpiece of the concert will be *Light Shines in the Darkness*, a moving work by Michael John Trotta that explores the reality of loss, the pain of transitions, and the hope and joy of a better place.



First Presbyterian Church Bell Choir

Sunday, January 12, 2020 4:00 pm
Bohemian Winter with the John M. Vaida Trio

We welcome violinist John Michael Vaida, pianist Timothy Burns and cellist Theodore Buchholz, as they present *Cafe Music* by Paul Schoenfield, as well as piano trios by Haydn and Dvořák.



Friday - Sunday, February 14-16, 2020
Clarks Summit Festival of Ice

Join us for a fun weekend that chases away the blues of winter. First Presbyterian Church offers love songs at a Friday night **Valentine Coffee House**, with weekend exhibits of art and a juried photography show. Saturday will feature the popular **Chili Café** to warm up, grab a bite to eat, and enjoy the performances of student musicians.

Sunday, March 15, 2020 4:00 pm
Brahms Sonatas: Sophie Till and Ron Stabinsky

We welcome two world renowned musicians to present the *Brahms Sonatas for Violin and Piano*, which they have released on CD. **Sophie Till** is Associate Professor of Music at Marywood University. Pianist **Ron Stabinsky** has an international reputation. Don't miss this dazzling afternoon of classical music.



Sunday, April 19, 2020 4:00 pm
An Afternoon of Jazz with the 3 Divas



Fiercely swinging, this powerhouse trio plays jazz with boundless musical joy. **Sherrie Maricle, Amy Shook, and Jackie Warren** met at the Cleveland Playhouse while playing in Maurice

Hines' award-winning show *Tappin' Thru Life*. Ever since, they have been kindred-swinging spirits and the resulting musical synergy is fast and fierce. Or as the *New York Times* says, "Blistering Hot!"

Friday, May 15, 2020 7:00 pm
The Potomac Alumni Brass Ensemble

This dynamic ensemble includes five of Washington DC's premiere brass musicians. Their concert offers early Americana, including styles found



in African American spirituals, music of the Civil War, and jazz. The ensemble includes

trumpeters Michael Lowe and Steven Marx, Heidi Brown on French horn, Gregory Freeman on trombone, and Michael Parker on tuba.