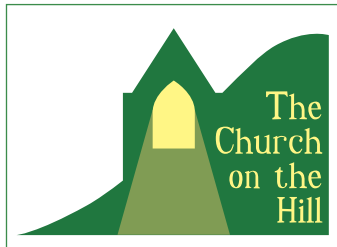


About the Series:

The arts series was launched in 2001 as an opportunity for church members to invite their friends and neighbors to quality artistic events. Over the years the series has featured Bill Mays and the Inventions Trio, Simple Gifts folk duo, Great Valley Chamber Music Society, PSU "Essence of Joy" ensemble, Presbybop Jazz Quartet, organist Mark Laubach and many others.








All arts events will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 300 School Street, Clarks Summit. Concerts are open to the public; a free-will offering will be taken to help defray the costs of the event. We thank the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts Program (administered by the Pocono Arts Council), a Lackawanna County Arts & Cultural Grant and numerous individual donors for their financial support.

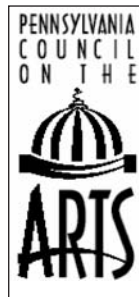
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Hickory Project – NEPA’s Top Bluegrass Band

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What began as a routine experiment has turned into a revolutionary project, henceforth known as **Hickory Project**. Formed in 2001, the band features hard-driving traditional and original acoustic music deeply rooted in bluegrass. Hickory Project is a powerhouse of musical prowess with the expert licks of National Mandolin Champion Anthony Hannigan, banjo phenomenon Mike Beaky, Steve Belcher, Josh Segulia, and Jillian Hannigan. Hickory Project is globally acclaimed. They have captivated audiences throughout Europe and the US, and even as far away as Australia. Hickory Project has now produced one DVD and seven CDs under their own label, Hickory Productions. Whether it is straight-forward traditional or a flare for the new realm in acoustic music, Hickory Project is a tour-de-force.



All-Church Recital with First Presbyterian Church Musical Ensembles

Sunday, November 23, 2014 • 4:00 pm

This concert will feature all the musical ensembles of the First Presbyterian Church – Adult Choir, Teen Choir, Children’s Choir, and Bell Choir. The church’s music program is directed by Dr. Susan Kelly. Susan is the Director of Choirs at Abington Heights High School, the Director of Children’s and Youth Programs of The Choral Society of NEPA, conductor of its Cantare Choir, and a member of the highly-acclaimed eight-voice professional vocal ensemble, The Lyric Consort. She is assisted by Dick Cochrane, who directs the Bell Choir and by Kay Ten

Eyck, the church organist, director of the Children’s Choir, and accompanist for the choirs.

Clarks Summit Ice Festival Activities Saturday-Sunday, February 14-15, 2015

First Presbyterian Church will participate in the Clarks Summit Ice Festival by offering an ice sculpture outside and a variety of activities inside. On Saturday Rev. Carter will lead a **renewal of wedding vows** at 12 noon. There will also be a full range of family fun activities, head-



lined by **juggler Rob Smith**, who has performed the past three years to packed houses. He returns to amaze everyone as he flawlessly juggles balls, clubs, fire torches, and rings, not to mention flying knives with razor-sharp accuracy. **Elaine Tweedy** will organize an exhibit of artwork from local artists and FPC congregation members. **Students of the**

Abington Piano Academy will also entertain. The Art Show will also be open on Sunday morning. And, a special Mardi Gras jazz worship service will be held Sunday morning at 10 am in the Sanctuary. Head up to “The Church on the Hill” to join in the family fun!

Hoffenberg-Laubach Piano-Organ Duo Plus The Marywood Chamber Singers Sunday, March 29, 2015 • 4:00 pm

The first half of this program will include piano-organ duets performed by two virtuosos on their instruments – **Rick Hoffenberg** on piano and **Mark Laubach** on organ. The second half will feature the **Marywood University Chamber Singers**, a select group of vocalists from Marywood University. The ensemble is



directed by Dr. Hoffenberg, an Associate Professor at Marywood University, where he serves as Director of Choral Activities and Coordinator of Vocal and Keyboard Studies. Dr. Hoffenberg has spent the past 15 summers at Chautauqua Opera, where he is a pianist, coach, and assistant conductor on the music staff. The Marywood University Chamber Singers are a select ensemble of

undergraduates from Marywood University. The group’s repertoire encompasses accompanied and a cappella repertoire ranging from masterworks of the Renaissance through world premieres by living composers, as well as vocal jazz. Since January 1986 Mark Laubach has served as Organist and Choirmaster of St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre, where he administers an active liturgical and choral music program, concert series, and Music from St. Stephen’s, a radio broadcast heard weekly on WVIA-FM Public Radio. Since winning first prize in the 1984 American Guild of Organists (AGO) National Competition, Mark has performed in many of the most prominent churches and concert halls in the USA, and in Great Britain and Germany. Canon Laubach teaches organ students privately and at Marywood University in Scranton.

Duo Montagnard (Joseph Murphy, Saxophone & Matthew Slotkin, Guitar) Sunday, April 19, 2015 • 4:00 pm

Duo Montagnard was formed in 2002 and has performed over 250 concerts in more than 45 states and 14 countries. The duo is committed to the creation of a new



repertoire for this unusual grouping of instruments. Duo Montagnard has released four recordings, which include commissioned compositions, new music for saxophone and guitar, and transcriptions of music by Robert Beaser, Astor

Piazzolla and Ralph Towner. **Dr. Slotkin** is an Assistant Professor of Music at Bloomsburg University, where he directs the guitar program. **Dr. Murphy** has been the saxophone professor at Mansfield University of Pennsylvania since 1987, where he has also served as Department Chair and Director of Bands.

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