

Church teaches kids harmony

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The program is called Grace Notes.

And for the last week, its participants at the Trinity United Church of Christ on North Main Street in Akron have been making sweet music.

From singing to dancing to playing instruments, the 18 participants ages 5 to 16 have had hands-on experiences to garner a greater appreciation for music.

But the Rev. Sharon Alberson, the church's music director, said that's not all she hopes the participants walk away with when the music camp concludes after an 11 a.m. performance today at the church.

"We have small kids here who can do great things — a little bit at a time," she said.

Alberson said the ultimate goal is to teach the children lessons for life through music.

"The theme truly is learning to help your neighbors and being thankful," she said.

To view a video of the music camp and additional photos visit Ohio.com.



Sharon Alberson, Minister of Music (left) plays the keyboard on the newly renovated stage where a performance will take place on Friday. (Paul Tople/Akron Beacon Journal)



Keenen Lambert, 9, writes musical notes above his musical score for chimes during Grace Notes, a morning music camp for children 5-13, sponsored by Trinity United Church of Christ this week to inspire children to express themselves through music. (Paul Tople/Akron Beacon Journal)



Michaela Fitch, 10, plays the recorder during Grace Notes, a morning music camp for children 5-13, sponsored by Trinity United Church of Christ this week to inspire children to express themselves through music. (Paul Tople/Akron Beacon Journal)



Janeah Davis, 6, being taught signing for the song "We Are the World" for a performance taking place on Friday. (Paul Tople/Akron Beacon Journal)



Sybil Lambert (left) helps Emma Harrell, 5, write musical notes above her music score during Grace Notes, a morning music camp for children 5-13, sponsored by Trinity United Church of Christ this week to inspire children to express themselves through music. (Paul Tople/Akron Beacon Journal)



Andrew Brown, 12, plays the drums during Grace Notes, a morning music camp for children 5-13, sponsored by Trinity United Church of Christ this week to inspire children to express themselves through music. (Paul Tople/Akron Beacon Journal)