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“Kemble Moves to the Music” Children Will Celebrate Summer Music Camp Success with Encore Performance

Woodbury, NJ—Local residents were greeted with handshakes and warm smiles as children and adults alike packed the pews of Kemble United Methodist Church on Friday, August 11. They were in church to see the closing program of the summer music camp, run by director of music Brett Pardue and his impressive 25 volunteers and presided over by Reverend Dr. Michael Harriott, Lead Pastor.

The performance, which started at 11:00 a.m. featured the 65 students who attended the free music camp, which ran from August 7-11, 2017 from 8:45 a.m. to 12 noon each day, including complimentary lunch for local children aged five through 14. The theme of this year’s camp was “Jesus Moves Me.” The song “Every Move I Make” was the opening number in which all students participated, including jumping up and down and enthusiastic dancing while singing. It was a sanctuary filled with joy.

Kemble United Methodist Church has been an active part of Woodbury for close to 130 years, as Dr. Harriott stated, “it is the church in the heart of the city, and the city is in our hearts.” Visibility in the community is important to the pastor, and he mentioned being delighted that local families entrusted the church “to be a part of the children’s lives” for the week.

“It was so much fun to watch the children grow musically and personally this week,” said Director of Music Brett Pardue during his introduction and before leading the students on their performance of songs and dances lasting almost an hour. The program concluded with a reception for the families in the church’s Raver Dining Hall. Everyone is invited to celebrate again on Saturday, October 7, at the Kemble Memorial Fall Community Showcase, just prior to the Woodbury Fall Festival, from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

New in 2017, the showcase, to be held on the church’s steps (or inside in the event of inclement weather), will include performances by the Children’s Summer Music Camp participants, the church’s Praise Band and choirs, featured Gospel music guest *Spiritual Five* and a headline performance by jazz ensemble *Zoay*. Pastor Mike will serve as the Master of Ceremonies and share the church’s mission and vision at the start and between musical performances.

Church leadership hopes Woodbury residents will come out to hear the performances, enjoy a little food and fellowship while learning about Kemble Memorial UMC and its programs on October 7.

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