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gets guitar instruction from Patrick Lui at the Music Discovery Camp Wednesday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Music camp brings worlds together

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It takes only three in-
ing young people from
world together.

ending Music Discov-
St. Mary's Episcopal
week are taking lessons
nal musicians in pi-
violin. They range in
8 to 11 and are from
as China, Cuba and

show what they've
performance, open to
Friday.

Students are united by
g musicians.

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to play," Mary Koch
ke the piano the best,

WANT TO GO?

What: Music Discovery Camp
performance

When: 11:30 a.m. Friday

Where: St. Mary's Episcopal Church,
108 W. Farriss Ave.

Admission: Free, open to the public

though, because it is the easiest. The
violin is the hardest and it hurts your
chin."

The camp is an extension of the
church's year-around music academy,
and it serves as an outreach ministry.

The one-week session is free for stu-
dents. Another session will be held at
the end of the month.

Students complete one class daily
in each of the three instruments, get
three meals and attend a concert by
more advanced musicians.

Campers also are invited to per-
form short pieces they have learned
throughout the week at these con-
certs.

"The students are so excited to
learn," Margaret McDonald, pro-
gram leader, said. "Some of them
show up at seven in the morning.
They are so eager to soak up the
learning experience."

Students were recruited for the pro-
gram with the help of the Latino Fam-
ily Center and the Guilford County
Schools' English as a Second Lan-
guage teachers. Recruiters looked for
international students with an inter-
est in music who were unable to af-
ford private lessons.

Volunteers from the church also
provide everything from time to food.
Many of the volunteers are high
school students who help with admin-
istration and assist teachers.

Students will be awarded certifi-
cates and their own copy of the piano
books they have studied. Five stu-
dents will get scholarships to study at
the church's music academy through-
out the year.

"Music, it's said, is the universal
language," McDonald said.

"It's really true, and we prove it
here at the camp.

"The children are from different
backgrounds and schools, but they
can come together for a week and
play cooperatively and there is never
any problem."