

Scottlea Presbyterian Church Music Program.

COMETIC

Community Open Music Education Training In Christ



As God's answer to a long period of prayer, on September 21, 2019, we finally started to offer a music ministry reaching out to children. The music program is named "**COMETIC**" (**C**ommunity **O**pen **M**usic **E**ducation **T**raining **I**n **C**hrist), which our devoted music



coordinator Linda devised. The main purpose of the project is to offer free music lessons to children from low-income families to feed their hunger for music. During the first Session, which ended in December 2019, we were able to offer piano lessons to six children, ukulele lessons to nine, and drum lessons to two. These music students then performed at our 60th anniversary and Christmas concert, even though they had only just started their music lessons. We invited the children in the music program and their parents along to the church for a traditional Christmas pageant which needed a good number of people – an amazing result for such a small congregation. The second session of our music program started January 11, 2020, and God has now brought us more than twenty-three children. Our ukulele teacher, Lauren, generously offers another class for adults. Every Saturday, the church is full of the energy and spirit of learning, teaching, the joys of children's playing, and fellowship of parents of children because of music as God's gift. We pray and hope to raise more funds or obtain music grants so that we can offer violin lessons to other children on our waiting list who are hoping to join our program.

