

## What parents say about the choir programs at Wesley-Knox...

- The Wesley-Knox choirs have given our sons a fantastic opportunity to enjoy making music. The experience of singing with such a large and varied group and the wonderful sound they create is something neither they nor we will ever forget.  
—DS, DR, parents of two choristers

- The instruction is top-notch; extremely professional and educational, but also warm and fun. A real sense of community lives there. My daughter has benefited greatly from being a member of the WK choir.—MS

- I particularly appreciate the fun and encouraging environment for my kids, and the warm welcome for the parents.—KP



- My daughter has been singing choir songs all summer and looks forward to returning! Choir has also been a positive experience for my son. It helped increase his self-confidence and renewed his love of singing, even inspiring him to take up the piano!—JS, parent of two choristers

- It really helped my son this year. He made strong ties with other teens and has recognized the importance of vocal training *and* reading music.  
—BW

- The music program adds such joy to our daughter's life. For parents and grandparents, Singing Sundays are not to be missed!—JC

## Why do we teach music?



Not because we expect you to major in music  
Not because we expect you to sing or play all of your life  
Not so you can relax  
Not so you can have fun  
But, so you will be more fully human  
So you will experience beauty  
So you will be sensitive  
So you will be closer to the infinite beyond this world  
So you will have something to cling to  
So you will have more love, compassion, gentleness and goodness  
In short, so you will have more life.  
For of what value will it be to make a prosperous living  
unless you know how to live?  
—Anonymous



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Wesley-Knox Community Choirs

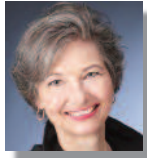


# Children's and Youth Choirs



**Karen Schuessler**  
**Barbara McGill**  
directors

## Program leaders...



**Karen Schuessler** received her formal musical training at Michigan State University, and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor where she received a Master of Music degree in Organ Performance. Since 1992, she has been Director of Music at Wesley-Knox United Church, London. Karen is founder and director of the Karen Schuessler Singers concert choir. She teaches organ, piano and voice, is an examiner for Conservatory Canada, and is much in demand as a choral clinician and music festival adjudicator.



**Barbara McGill** holds a Music degree from Arizona State University and a post-graduate diploma in Montessori Education from the Toronto Montessori Institute. Her studies continued at the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto, where she earned certificates in Kodaly, Orff and Early Childhood Music. Barbara has 20 years experience as an early childhood educator and music teacher. She currently teaches piano, coordinates the Sunday School program at Wesley Knox and supports after-school music programs through London's Southdale Chaplaincy. Barbara, her husband Shawn Spicer, and children Abby and Owen, live in Old South London.



**Mary Bee Haworth** assists Karen and Barbara with administrative aspects of the music program. She loves children and music, and enjoys bringing her energy to the music program. Mary Bee holds degrees in Music Education and in Music Therapy. She has taught and practiced in many school, health-related, and community settings and is a life-long choral singer. Currently, she works for L'Arche London. Mary Bee, husband Tony, and children Miryam, Christian, and Hannah are all Wesley-Knox choristers.

## Music programs for young people of all ages...

The **Cherub and Primary choirs** offer a lively, interactive music program that teaches the basic elements of music through movement, vocal play, singing games, simple rhythm instruments and excellent choral repertoire. The **Junior Choirs** and **Mysterium** further develop vocal techniques and the ability to read music and sing in parts. At Wesley-Knox, we feel that these vocal experiences lay the foundation for future music learning and a lifelong love of music. Children and young people learn to sing and experience singing musically in a choir. Singing several Sundays each season allows them to become an integral part of worship and to develop confidence and performance skills.

**Church membership is not required.** We do ask choir parents to help the church underwrite the cost of the program by choosing one of three levels of support: **\$90, \$60 or \$30 per child per year.** Tax receipts will be provided. For more information or to enrol your child or young person, contact **Mary Bee Haworth, 226.237.4337** (text preferred), [wkchoirs@gmail.com](mailto:wkchoirs@gmail.com), Barb McGill or Karen Schuessler.

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### Cherub Choir

- for children in JK–SK
- gathers every Thursday 4–4:45 p.m.
- develops basic music skills: keeping the beat, singing in tune

### Primary Choir

- for children in Grades 1–3
- rehearses every Thursday 5–6 p.m.
- performs four or five times each year

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### Boys' Junior Choir

- for boys in Grades 4–8
- rehearses every Thursday 4:45–5:30 p.m.
- performs five to eight times each year

### Girls' Junior Choir

- for girls in Grades 4–8
- rehearses every Thursday 5:15–6 p.m.
- performs five to eight times each year

### Mysterium

- for enthusiastic, music-loving teens in Grades 9–12 and beyond
- rehearses every Thursday 6–7 p.m.
- performs five to eight times each year, various venues

