

What parents, kids and others say about Shine...

- “My son had a wonderful experience at Shine. He was always smiling when I picked him up and full of confidence. He is excited about coming back in the fall.” —AS, parent
- “I am so impressed with the Shine Program. My daughter thoroughly enjoys the various activities. The experiences of working and playing with children of all abilities provides her with experiences she will always carry with her.” —CJ, parent
- “Being a Shine counsellor has allowed me the rare opportunity to work with children including those with special needs. I got to interact with the kids through crafts, music, drama and games. I really enjoyed the whole experience.” —MS, youth leader

- A Poem

Shine is awesome,
Shine is great.
I love going to Shine
And there is no debate.

I love doing art at Shine
And role play.
I love going to Shine
Every Tuesday.

—Shine participant MJ



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A Wesley-Knox Community Children's Program



The Shine Program



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coordinators



Shine Coordinators...



Barbara McGill holds a Music Therapy 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 and summer camps at Wesley-Knox and directs the Cherub and Primary choirs. She, her husband Shawn Spicer, and children Abby and Owen live in Old South London.



Joanne Sutherland has been working on a wide range of children with special needs for over 20 years, as a camp counsellor for deaf and disabled children in her teenage years and later as a Special Education teacher. She has worked with children with autism, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, developmental delay and learning disabilities. She is comfortable with the wide range of communications systems used with these children. She loves both music and art and enjoys sharing her love of the arts with others.



Sandy O'Neill is a music, drama and dance teacher at École St-Jean-de-Brébeuf, a French-first-language elementary school in London. She teaches JK to Grade 6, which keeps her very busy. She particularly enjoys moments when her students find joy in performing for an audience, and when they stand tall and proud when once they were too nervous to do it! She is happy to be helping in the Shine program in the area of drama.

Creating Community and Understanding through the Arts

In addition to its **Children's Community Choir** program, Wesley-Knox United Church is excited to offer **Shine**, a new and innovative creative arts program for children and young people ages 7–12. Participants will explore drama, music, visual arts and movement in a relaxed yet stimulating environment. Activities will focus on community building, friendship and self-expression. Over the twelve weeks of the program, children will explore a variety of themes through role playing, skits, singing, playing musical instruments such as pitched and unpitched percussion, and even messy hands-on visual arts.

This environment is best suited to participants with a keen interest in the creative arts, a willingness to engage in group discussions and an interest in collaborative work and peer interaction.

Program Details

Sessions: 12 weeks long, offered in the fall and again in the spring

Ages: 7–12

Donation: \$80 each 12-week session

Location: Wesley-Knox United Church,
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Note: Exact meeting dates and times available at
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Shine Team Volunteers...