



The Mt. Anthems Newsletter

August 2006

(All the notes taken for this report were written by other chorus members since I was traveling and unable to attend any of the concerts.)

Cornerstone Assembly of God Boynton, PA

SUN. AUG. 6, 2006

This is a local church so it was a refreshing break to be able to sleep to a decent hour on a chorus trip Sunday.

In June, the chorus used Cornerstone's facilities to do our alumni recording. They were most gracious. All the payment they asked for was a concert. We were there today to fulfill that request.

Heartbeat opened the 10:30 a.m. service with "Giver of Life." This was Menno's first time back with the group in what seems like a very long time. It was so good to sing under his direction again. The chorus feels his absences keenly during this time of the recovery of his foot.

We sang a lot of songs about heaven. Menno did "Stand by Me." It was great to sing to such an enthusiastic audience and to people some of us rub shoulders with daily.

The service ended with "Triumphantly the Church will Rise."

-Aimee and Anita Beachy

Chambersburg Mennonite Church Chambersburg, PA

EVENING

The service began at 7 p.m. with a full house and a diverse audience. Mike directed. The spirit of the service was worshipful. We were just praising God for Who He is. We did "Lean on Me," "I'll Have a New Body," and "Where No One Stands Alone," a solo by Mike

Mike shared about his friend who was going through a low time in his life. He had discovered his wife was being unfaithful to him and they divorced. It really tore him up.

At break time, *Heartbeat* did, "Feel Like Flyin.'" "Midnight Cry" was done by the Men's Quartet.

Requests this evening were "Even Winds Whisper His Name," and "God on the Mountain," sung by Marty.

We sang to a full house. Clem and Angie Moyer were in the audience and a lot of us stopped by to say "hi."

-Judith Yoder

Sonlite Chapel Church Maysville, OH

SAT. AUG. 19, 2006

We left at approximately 12:20 p.m. from the building. Melissa Sommers brought her cousin, Karinda Sommers along for the weekend. On the way, we drove through several rain showers. One minute rain pelted the bus, and the next minute we were bathed in sunshine.

Rainwater came through the sun roof, rousing Junior from his attempts to sleep (grunts and comments not recorded :-). Wanda was also dripped on.

As the chorus waited in the vestibule before entering the nearly full auditorium, the congregation joyfully sang "... Christ from the dead hath come; He lives, He lives again." The second song we sang this evening was "We Will Glorify." I thought this was quite fitting, because the audience had just sung about Christ's resurrection. We will glorify Christ because of what He has done for us.

Mike picked songs that centered on the life of Christ. He wanted the congregation to reflect on Him and how His life relates to us in America.

When Marty sang, "I'm the Lamb," the audience seemed to absorb every word. We ended the evening with Loretta doing, "I Found the Lily in My Valley."

Feedback to Menno: "The Mt. Anthems were here but not all. You were missing."

-Dwight Yoder

Bethany Conservative Church Holmesville, OH

SUN. AUG. 20, 2006

We left Sonlite Chapel around 8:15 a.m. It was a cloudy, hazy morning. As we drove along there was a debate going on in the bus: "Which is the right side of bed?" (A weighty matter for a Sunday morning that begged an answer.) Do you stand at the foot of

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the bed, lay in bed on your back, or stand at the headboard to determine right and left? I don't think we came to a decision which was which, but everyone seemed to be in good spirits!

For a short devotional at Bethany, Junior shared from Isaiah 40:28-31.

The service went well. Mike sang Menno's solo, "*Early in the Morning*." Other solos were "*You can have a Song*," by Loretta and "*God on the Mountain*," by Marty.

After the break, as we filed in, we sang "*Boys and Girls for Jesus*." Then the children were invited to come forward for Children's Meeting. At the request of Brock, Gloria told the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den. Then we sang, "*Put a Smile on Your Face*."

Since most of the audience spoke Pennsylvania Dutch, we did, "*Gott ist de Liebe*." They seemed to enjoy that. Some joined in and sang with us.

Kenton introduced the Mt. Anthems Historical Book coming out in November. Then we sang a few songs from the alumni recording.

Lunch was a sumptuous fare. We ate and left at 12:30 for Grace Haven.

-Rose Beachy, Michelle Yoder, Gloria K.

Grace Haven Church Holmesville, OH

AFTERNOON

The sun was shining when we arrived. The group we sang to was very quiet but Kenton did a great job of directing, and we sang well. Part way through the service, something humorous happened. We were between songs and everything was deathly quiet. Suddenly a child up front let out a long, high-pitched scream. Kenton looked down and saw the next song we were to sing, "*I Stand Amazed*." He found the situation very amusing, and when he shared it with us, we smiled, and kept on singing.

We had a request for "*Ivory Palaces*." Loretta sang, "*I Found the Lily in My Valley*" and "*Wish You Were Here*."

In closing, the minister said it was a very enjoyable and fulfilling time. The chorus sang flawlessly ;-)

When the service was over, the guys promptly tore down the sound system so we could leave as

soon as possible. We left around 4 p.m., drove down the road about 10 minutes to Gospel Haven Chapel and did it all over again.

-Monica Yoder

PASTOR JONATHAN YODER SAID "I DON'T THINK A DIRECTOR CAN HAVE ARTHRITIS THE WAY HIS HANDS ARE GOING ALL THE TIME," HE SAID WAVING HIS. "THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN HIS HAND GOES OUT AND SOMEONE ELSE STARTS SINGING." :-)

Faith Haven Church Benton, OH

EVENING

This service was moved to Gospel Haven because it was a larger facility. The auditorium was filled to capacity.

Mike directed. One of the first songs was, "*Stand Still and see His Glory*." He related briefly the story of the Israelites at the Red Sea. When they became trapped they grumbled at Moses. But he said to them "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord . . ." Ex. 14:13. God allowed the Egyptians to go right where He wanted them, then brought deliverance to the Israelites. Then we sang, "*The Lord is My Light*."

Requests were, "*I'm Free*" for the John Byler family, who had fixed the snack for us before the service. A man came to Mike during intermission and requested "Hallelujah Square" for some people in the audience who recently had loved ones in accidents and were hurting. Marty sang, "*I Claim the Blood*." Loretta did, "*Sheltered in the Arms of God*." Our last song the tenors rocked on; "*We'll Be There*." What a triumphant note to end on!

Feed back came later to Menno about this service: "The chorus did very well. I was so blest and enjoyed every minute of it. Very effective."

-Lynnette Yoder, Gloria Kinsinger

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