



The Mt. Anthems Newsletter

May 2011

May 8, 2011

Hickory United Presbyterian Church

Hickory, Pennsylvania

We left the building at 7:45 a.m. this morning. It was nice to be able to sleep a little longer than sometimes. :)

Quite a few chorus members are along, and the bus sounds alive and happy with their chatter. :)

Some people had already drifted off to sleep when the bus slowed down and then the driver stepped on the brakes. It turns out a large goose was waddling across the freeway.

The church this morning was large and well-kept. We started out by standing in a semi-circle around the front of the church and singing "Father's House." I loved the spirit of worship and peace. Quite a few positive comments were heard from the audience.

The rest of the first half we sang songs from our new CD.

The trio sang "Mended Wings" during our break. We also sang "How Great Thou Art" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

After lunch we sang our "Thank You" song as normal. As soon as we were finished one lady commented, "Well, that was a new one." I guess she'd heard the old one a few times before.

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Cornerstone Mennonite Church

Eldersville, Pennsylvania

We had only a short distance to our next church. The pastor invited all of us to his home for the afternoon and supper. We had a very enjoyable time sleeping in their bedrooms, taking walks, or reading and relaxing on their front porch. :)

It was a lovely afternoon! Time slipped away quickly and we had to rush to make it back to the church on time.

Mike gave the audience the opportunity to give requests. We did "Boys and Girls for Jesus," "I'm the Lamb," "The Holy Hills," and "Jesus Will Outshine Them All."

Hands were raised in praise when we sang "How Great Thou Art." It's amazing how these old songs bless and encourage people over and over again.

During the service the sun was shining directly into some of the chorus members' eyes, of course making it hard to sing. Someone was kind enough to go outside and prop boards against the window to block the sun.

We were finished singing at 8:00 p.m. and were on the road for home by 8:45 p.m.

May 22, 2011

Somerset Grace Brethren Church

Somerset, Pennsylvania

We left the building at 7:45 a.m. this morning. We sang for both the Sunday School hour and the worship service.

The weather was moderately warm but the building was chilly. Some of us had the shivers.

Mike pulled out a number of older songs this morning, including one I'm not sure I've heard the Mt. Anthems sing before—the "Love Song." "Love is patient and kind, slow to anger, love delights in truth..." That song was a challenge to me.

We also sang "Wondrous Joy," "Jesus is Coming Soon," "Living Water," and "God Leads Us Along."

Neither the quartet nor the trio were able to sing today. Instead, Mike had the ladies sing "Lean on Me" and "Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet."

Mike was telling the audience about the CD/book project. "You'll find all the questions for your answers," he said. I don't think Mike or the audience realized what he said, but some of us in the chorus had to struggle to regain our composure. :)

After we were done singing they fed us a delicious lunch of fried chicken, etc.

May 22, 2011

Grand View Church of God

Smithton, Pennsylvania

We were served a variety of soups and sandwiches for our evening meal.

We started out the service with "Great and Awesome God" and "Why Did my Savior Come to Earth?"

We did our skit for these people tonight. Since there was only one child in the audience, Mike told them

we will have "Senior Citizen's Skit." :)

Mike took requests for the second half. We did "Grace Enough," "God on the Mountain" and "The Holy Hills."

We closed the service by surrounding the audience and singing "Silent Night," also a request.

They sent leftover sandwiches along for us to enjoy on the way home.

We narrowly missed running over a deer on the way home. For some unknown reason, one of the ladies was prompted to pray for the bus' protection from wildlife. About 30 seconds later, the deer ran onto the road in front of us. Thank you, Lord, for Your protection!

We arrived back at the bus shed around 11:00 p.m.