

The Choir

The Choir has had another great year in 2009. We are a family of loving, caring, non-professional musicians who enjoy spending some time together each week sharing our voices in song and, from time to time, our joys and concerns. As a general rule, we rehearse an anthem for 2 to 4 weeks prior to the Sunday it will be presented. New anthems take a bit longer – some as much as 8 to 10 weeks before we feel comfortable enough to present them. Some of the new pieces take time to grow on us before we really appreciate them, and a few of those chosen, we set aside for another time. Because new music can be challenging, I like to intersperse it with other pieces that we may not have done for a couple of years or so. Refreshing the memory with “older” anthems helps us to improve them and appreciate what we have been able to do as we struggle with a new piece. This year we purchased 6 new pieces to present and add to our library. We have been very fortunate to have the support, both spiritually and financially, to be able to do this. Over the span of the last 20 years, we have been able to purchase over 130 pieces with 18 to 20 copies of each. This keeps us “legal” and honors the copyrights of the music and lyric writers as well as the publishers so they can keep developing new music for us to consider. We are very thankful for this support.

We continue to enjoy having our summer singers back every May and wish they could stay longer than October 1st. We also enjoy holiday times when past members and others are able to add their talents to ours. While we usually have 8 to 10 in the choir on a Sunday morning, and sometimes as few as 5 or 6, if we all could be present at the same time, we would number over 20.

If you enjoy singing and have some time available, we rehearse Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00. We like to share our time together with everybody and have room for you.

Dick Stephens
Choir Director