

## **“Choir Corner”**

### Week Two

This week we look at the questions: ***What does it take to be in the choir? Do I have what it takes?***

Our choir is made up of people just like you. While some choir members have formal music training, others might have High School experience, and yet others don't read music at all. Here are some of their reflections:

- “I found out everyone in the choir was open, very welcoming, and it was okay to make a mistake while learning the music. Also, I did not have to be able to read music!”
- “At the first rehearsal I felt totally inadequate: can't read music, can't carry a tune alone. Now, 20-plus years later, I still love to sing, and have learned much about music and voice.”
- “I often wished I could be part of the group but never felt I would be “good enough” to join. When the stewardship card came around one year, I decided to check the box of interest in the choir. It was with great fear and trepidation. What if I had to audition? What if Bill Thomas thought I was crazy for checking the box? What if ...? I was nervous that first night at rehearsal, but Linda, wonderful Linda, leaned over to me and said I had a nice voice and I immediately felt accepted and part of the group. I know I am not the best singer, and I struggle with pitch, but I also know that I have been given a gift of being able to be part of something bigger than me.”
- “Many of us do not read music. No problem.”
- “Although I still don't read music, I have learned so much that I am beginning to feel musical as well as enthusiastic.”

*Next Week: How members have experienced personal and spiritual growth.*