

# the CHI RHO



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## Your Rector's Reflections: The Rhythm of Life

It's summer again. There is a sense of slowing down (maybe because it is too hot to move around too quickly), and "the livin' is easy." Right? These days, most people would disagree.

The only ones who seem to be less busy are the kids, since they're out of school. The older ones know better, because of summer school, summer jobs, summer reading, and summer travel to camps, relatives, and wherever else the parents take (or send) them. The younger ones really aren't quite as busy – but that just puts an added burden on the parents to see that they are taken care of while everybody's at work. People whose jobs don't have a seasonal aspect to them are just as busy as usual. Of course, anybody who has anything to do with tourism, construction, or getting around in Orlando traffic is actually busier than at some other times during the year. In short, the old Southern image of sitting on the front porch drinking mint juleps doesn't seem to apply anymore. Life has a different, faster, more invasive rhythm than we remember from earlier in our lives.

In particular, the face of Sundays has changed dramatically. Every minute spent preparing for church, being at worship, sharing fellowship, and taking part in Sunday School is a minute sought by "the one day to sleep in," "the only family day," "the one day work can get done around the house," or a host of other possible alternatives. We want to do it all, but we know we can't. The answer is simple, but it's not easy. We must ask God (and ourselves) one question. *What is truly important in my life?* The answer to this question will lead to another: *Given that my time is limited, and that each day might be my last, what (other than a fair day's work, if that applies) do I need to put first on my list of priorities today?* Then we act! Whether it's convenient or not, whether we feel like it or not on a given day, we do it – because we've identified it as truly important.

Jesus reveals some hints. Yes, get the work done, but make regular time for worship and prayer, no matter what else is going on; make time for service to others; make time for time nourishing relationships; make time to rest and be refreshed. Once we've put these priorities in place, we get help from those around us – those who love us – in keeping them. We form new habits, see life from a new perspective. It will be difficult. The old ways of thinking and acting, guilt about not trying to do it all, the noise and distractions flood in. But Jesus has said to each of us: "In the world you will have trials; but do not be afraid, because I have already won that battle for you!"

Who can change the rhythm of our lives? We can.

May God bless each of us as we shed the world's expectations of us and seek the will of God – the life of the Spirit, focused on spiritual things, on the needs of others, on healthy habits and balanced priorities – what is truly important.

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Your fellow servant in the Lord Jesus,

*Fr. Steve +*



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# New York, New York!

By: Catherine Clifton



"Okay," says Sandra Snow, conductor of the National Women's Festival Chorus. "Welcome to your sound-check at Carnegie Hall." She pauses for a nervous giggle from the large group of young women on the stage in front of her. "We're only going to sing the first couple notes of our first song." Dr. Snow cues the pianist, and the choir of more than one hundred sings the opening phrase of *Sing Creations Music On* by Stephen Paulus. When the cut-off signal is given, mouths are closed, and, for the first time, the singers hear their voices reverberate through Carnegie Hall in New York City. Every girl bursts into tears.

I was in that choir, I was on that stage, and yes, I was bawling my eyes out with everyone else. Singing on that famous stage has been a dream of mine since I remember dreaming. Only the generous giving of all our sponsors, the devotion of our beloved choir director, and the grace of God could have taken the Chanteurs, Southeast High School's 22-member elite vocal group, to New York City.

Carnegie was only one of the blessings of the trip. We walked all over Central Park, rejoicing in the beauty of nature and the friendships that we had. We went to Serendipity for their famous frozen hot chocolate. We saw La Nozze Di Figaro at the Metropolitan Opera, and The Producers on Broadway. We sang on the Today show for Matt Louer and Katie Couric. We haggled in Chinatown for kimonos and purses, and we ate in Little Italy. Actually, we ate EVERYWHERE!

Easter Sunday was amazing. Our group split up and went to different churches. I attended the Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral with my mom, my best friend, and her family, while my dad went to St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, and my choir director and some other girls went to the Times Square Church. After we all got back to the hotel, we shared our experiences and compared the services. It was nice to have so many people with whom I could talk about the joy of worshiping in different ways.

One of the most powerful moments of the trip was our visit to the site of the Twin Towers. Ground Zero is cleaner now, but there are still piles of building material and other debris. The workers left up two girders that form a cross for all to see; it was a strong testament to how faith has helped us all to recover from the tragedy. Underground, there were several art displays on the walls. They were mostly paintings made by the children of victims, used as therapy. There were stick figures and smiley faces, rainbows and American flags. Some of them had "I miss you, Daddy" or "I love you" on them. My favorite said "Forget the terrorists, God bless America." After the initial touring of the underground, many of us sat down and cried, or prayed, or just talked. The experience brought us all together in a whole new way.

In short, our trip to New York was something that none of us will ever forget. The people, the lights, the sounds...all of these combined to make a beautiful city that none of us wanted to leave, and all of us want to go back to. I would like to thank all the people who sponsored me –and the rest of the choir – by taking part in my fundraisers, or simply donating money. You helped to give every member of the Chanteurs a once in a lifetime chance in the Big Apple. You have truly given us a gift. God bless you.



## Letter to the Editor

Too many times we are quick to criticize and slow to praise. In this case, I would like to praise. I've noticed for some time now that the ushers are really "shining stars". Thank you, Don Harden and Jack Jageler, for taking the reins of this ministry and running with it. Thank you to the new members, (many of the youth), and the long time members for taking part each Sunday in this capacity. It is wonderful to see the organization and structure that has taken place. Again, from a by-stander, I see you every week and appreciate all that you do to keep our worship service moving smoothly and with reverence.

*Thanks,  
Carol King*

## The Senior Warden's Corner

For the last few years I've enjoyed attending a weekend women's retreat in the fall. It's always a time of fellowship and spiritual growth. On one of the weekends, in addition to the usual activities of singing and listening to the speaker, we were told we were going to do a craft. We filed in to the activity room and saw the supplies -- rocks, different colored sand, glue and a 6" x 6" board. Then we received our assignment. We had thirty minutes to create something that represented our walk with the Lord. Yikes! At the conclusion there were some lovely works of art -- from other people!

Although mine wasn't the most beautiful, it was a good spiritual exercise. I started with a twisty line of blue sand. True to life, the line had its ups and downs, with rocks glued at intervals to stand for the rocky spots along the way. Then I made a second line of sand above the first, in a royal purple hue to symbolize Jesus. The two lines of sand exactly paralleled each other, as if walking together. So, was I always walking with the Lord, keeping my eyes on Him? I wish I had been, but He was there for me anyway. There are no dips or rises in life that God isn't there, too. His caring never stops. My purpose in writing this is to encourage all of us to examine the same question posed to us at the retreat. How would you depict your walk with the Lord? We all have our individual stories, which can be our witness. Remember that even when our eyes aren't on Him, He's still walking beside us, ready when we are to have a relationship with us; all we have to do is ask.

## Around the Parish

### TERRIFIC THURSDAYS MOVING TO WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS!

Our Thursday morning activities (Eucharist with Healing Prayers, Bible Study, and 'dutch treat' lunch) will be moving to Wednesday mornings beginning on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The times will stay the same (Eucharist at 10:30, a Bible Study at 11:15, and a leisurely lunch around 12:15). By moving these activities away from a conflict with Trinity Prep's chapel services on Thursdays, the clergy will have more flexibility in scheduling.

### Vestry Notes

#### Vestry to hold Overnight Retreat, August 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>

Your clergy and Vestry value the Lord's invitation to "come apart" for times of visioning, prayer, discernment, and planning. Their next gathering will be held on Friday evening and Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>, at the Family Enrichment Center in Leesburg.

#### Christian Formation Committee Planning 2006-2007 Programs

Parents want the best for their children! This includes their spiritual development. The Christian Formation Committee will be holding a parent gathering later this summer to listen to the ideas of the parents of our school-aged children regarding christian educaion for their children. Learning is a lifelong process of growth and maturation for all christians, and we do not want anyone to miss out.

*From Fr. Steve: Presiding Bishop Elected.*

**26<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop Elected.** The Right Rev'd Katharine Jefferts Schori, Bishop of Nevada, was elected as the 26<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church on June 18<sup>th</sup>. She will be formally seated in an investiture service on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Washington National Cathedral.

Our own Bishop Howe says that the new Presiding Bishop is "an extremely gracious person with a truly brilliant mind," has "promised her [his] support," and has invited her to visit the Diocese of Central Florida "at her earliest convenience."

We will begin to include the Presiding Bishop-elect in the Prayers during our Sunday services. Please pray for your parish leaders as they seek God's will and direction for Christ the King.



## Youth News

**New Youth Lectors!** You may have noticed some different faces at the lectern lately, reading the Old Testament lessons at the 9:30 service on Sundays. We are thankful that the God has raised up **Chris Sullivan, Andy Nutting, and Justin Hunter** for this ministry of proclaiming God's word in our midst.

### **HAPPENING - A Christian Experience**

Is a youth retreat weekend for those who have finished 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades. It is an experience lead by teenagers for teenagers. Most young people have serious questions about Jesus and the Church. Happening is designed to address these questions. Happening show how Christianity can keep pace with the many changes in our lives and in our world.

Fr. Steve and Pastor Sonia believe Happening is one of the most important weekend experiences of a teenager's life. It is their hope and desire that each one of our teens takes the opportunity to attend one of these retreats. The upcoming weekend is August 4-6<sup>th</sup>. Several of our youth are on staff for the August weekend, including Christopher Sullivan, Andy Nutting, Justin Higgley, Ashley Ogle and Pastor Sonia. Applications for those who would like to attend the weekend are available in the brochure holder just inside the north parish hall door.



### **Missionaries Set Out for New York City.**

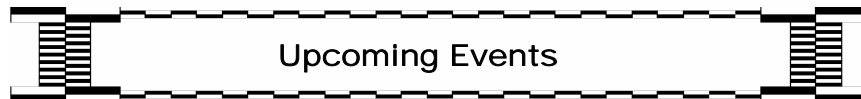
Sixteen folks will represent Christ the King carrying out mission work in urban New York City during the week of July 9<sup>th</sup>. Participants are Ashley Ogle, Robin Druliner, Misty Gurst, Catherine Clifton, Shelby Hunter, Christopher Sullivan, Andy Nutting, Christian Ogle, Justin Hunter, James Taylor, Thomas Richards, Jonathan Delpino, John Schoomaker, Pastor Sonia, Peggy Lang, and Fr. Steve.

The group will be commissioned at the 9:30 a.m. service on July 9<sup>th</sup> and immediately head for the airport to hop on an early afternoon plane. They will transfer by shuttle to the International Youth Hostel where they will get settled in and enjoy dinner. An early evening will allow them to wake up early to meet at the Youth Service Opportunities Program House for breakfast and orientation for the week. The teens will then split into groups and set out to work. During the week they will prepare meals in soup kitchens, work in shelters, sort and hand out clothes and food in boutiques and pantries. In the evenings, they will cook dinner for themselves, worship, and enjoy the sites of the city. The weekend will provide some "reward" time of tourist activities and fellowship. Our missionaries will return on Sunday evening, July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Please keep them in your prayers as they travel, work, worship, and play!

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Breakfast**

There's nothing quite like a Youth Cooked Breakfast and we've missed them the last two months because of other parish events on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays. July 2<sup>nd</sup>, the youth will prepare a wonderful breakfast, so make sure you plan to stay after the 9:30am service to enjoy it (or return about 11:00am). Donations are accepted and all money raised during these breakfasts goes to support our youth in their outreach endeavors on behalf of Chris the King.



### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Interfaith Hospitality Host Week Begins July 23**

We will once again be joining with our Church of God and Methodist neighbors to host transitional families without a home during the **week of July 23<sup>rd</sup>**. At press date, we are unsure of the exact days, but as soon as those become available, a we will post a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the parish hall. **We will need folks to provide dinner for fourteen people at 7:00pm, visit with guests from 7-9pm, spend the night from 9pm-7am, and to help with laundry.** If you can help out in this valuable ministry, please sign up on the sheets posted on the bulletin board.

**Upcoming Events - cont'd**

**Reading Camp at the Church of God**

Our Church of God neighbors are hosting a Reading Camp on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of the weeks of July 16<sup>th</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup>. They have asked that we help by providing volunteers, children and a few snacks. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board as soon as exact details are shown.



**JULY**

- 5th Morgan Delmer
- 11th Jennifer Hunter
- 11th Melanie Walters
- 19th Keith Przeclawski
- 19th Jody Shaw
- 20th Misty Gurst
- 21th Richard Wiederhold
- 28th Junita Gill
- 31th Carol Hamblin

**August**

- 1st Lucy Cotto
- 3rd Phillip Browder
- 4th Mark Roberts
- 4th Kent Roberts
- 5th Jim Hamilton
- 6th Lisa Hines
- 6th Jennifer Hutchinson
- 7th Lilian Gates
- 8th Wanda Collier
- 8th Cindy Druliner
- 9th Gail Przeclawski
- 10th Randall Donaldson
- 16th Jane Parker
- 17th Pat Roberts
- 17th Nell Collins
- 20<sup>th</sup> Jordan Phillips
- 21<sup>st</sup> Joanne Dolan
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Steve Clifton
- 26<sup>th</sup> Bobby Hutchinson

P.O.W will take a break during the summer. Look for a return of this wonderful midweek-week worship on September 6.

**Summertime Sunday School:** During the months of June, July, and the beginning of August, Adult Sunday School classes will continue at the discretion of the teachers. Nursery care will continue to be provided through the Sunday School hour. Movies appropriate for younger children will be shown in the parish hall.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**July**

20th Ed & Lizett Montano

**August**

- 7th Scott & Diane Walters
- 7th Sherri & Ed Wojchick
- 12th Tommy & Melanie Walters
- 17th Alonzo & Ruthel Valentine
- 18th Tom & Sherri Ravenscroft
- 18<sup>th</sup> Russel & Julie Abshire
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Lynn & Anne Browder

**Bible Trivia**

I like to walk and talk with the lord,  
but you may know me better for my  
walking and talking with the animals.  
I may have been the first zookeeper.

Who am I?

Answer to last month's question - Eve  
(Genesis Ch 3).

## Meet our Members

This month I will be featuring two members, Carol Hamblin and John Robbins. We appreciate your membership and welcome to Christ the King.

Who am I? I'm a fifty-four year old woman who was raised in Virginia. I have one son, who is nineteen years old. I'm an educator, working with students with various learning disabilities in elementary school. One way in which my career is rewarding is when I can look back and see the gains my students have made. I feel that I make a difference!

I enjoy scrapbooking, reading, movies and travel. During the summer, I like to combine my love for travel and history by visiting a place with historical significance, as well as visiting with friends and relatives.

I've been coming to Christ the King for twelve years. When I moved to Orlando I was drawn to CTK because my family and friends came here. I entered this church's doors with a wounded spirit and received healing. Here I have experienced the transforming love of Jesus through the people of CTK and it is truly my home.

I'm honored to be your Senior Warden

*Carol Hamblin.*

I have only been attending Christ the King since November 2005. I moved to Orlando from Huntsville, Alabama, in January 2004 when the company I work for won a contract here in Orlando and I volunteered to come run it for them. I attended All Saints Church in Winter Park for a while. My wife had agreed to get more involved in church when we moved down here, but then decided that she did not really want to attend church any more. That was just part of a series of events that led to our divorce in October 2005. That was the second marriage for me and the fourth for her. My first marriage lasted over 30 years, and I have three grown children and one grandchild. After the divorce I found out about CTK on the web site and decided to try it. I knew I was in the right place from the first visit and I hope to have more time in the future to get more involved in the church. Early in my adult church life I read Dennis Bennett's *Nine O'clock in the Morning*. That led me to a spirit-filled Episcopal church (St. Stephen's) in Huntsville where I got involved in Cursillo, Faith Alive, and the Inner Healing ministry where I was fortunate to learn from and work with Dennis and Rita Bennett. I also played guitar in a renewal music group for several years, so I am familiar with much of the music at CTK.

As a little bit of background, I am a former Naval aviator (Vietnam era); got out of the Navy in 1975; and have been a government contractor for over 30 years. I still fly for recreation and travel. At work I have about 120 employees and another 80 subcontractors supporting the U.S. Army in Research Park and at several Army bases, so it keeps me very busy. Since our company was acquired by another company in February, I have been traveling more, so I haven't had much time for flying or other activities.

John Robbins

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**9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist - English**  
**11:00 a.m. – Sunday school**  
**11:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist - Spanish**  
  
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