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## **THE PASSAGE**

### **May - June 2011**

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Friends in Christ,

Sometimes when I am praying, I find myself in awe and wonder that I am permitted to minister with you. You are a delightful congregation: bright, committed, caring, respectful, faithful, hard working, rich in heritage, introspective, good humored, playful, eager to learn, attentive to God. You are willing to serve God's people in need. I have witnessed commitment to worship, heartfelt prayer, your very faithful choir and music leadership, readers who brought scripture to life, donations and arrangement of coffee and tea and flowers, volunteers who care for and teach your children and youth, committed work by church staff, insightful leadership by your council, prayerful Bible study, the preparation and sale of Udon and baked goods, donations of a new computer and printer for the church office, preparation of stewardship opportunities and the rummage sale, participation and donations for Japan fundraisers, daily caretaking of family members and others, people who have alerted me to special needs so I could visit and pray – and more. Then there is the work that is so carefully woven into the life of Tri-C that I am not even aware it exists. You have been blessed with resources that allow you even more possibilities in your future. I thank God for you.

I even thank God for your challenges. Every time you wonder if you have enough, every time you have visions that you cannot fulfill, every time you face the need to do things differently, God is speaking to you. God is inviting you to grow in your understanding of who you are and whose you are. When you know you need to change, you can be more responsive to the

needs of God's ever-changing world.

That is the truth of our Christian faith. We are not just called to be Christians when the work is clear and programs come easily. We are called to be attentive to God's activity in the world around us. We notice broken hearts and shattered possibilities. We see those who are dead inside and offer our very lives. We see injustice around us, and refuse to stay silent. We reach out even when we don't know how. We break ourselves open, so there may be love in the world.

Friends, we are Easter people. We know the brutality of the world around us, but we know that is not God's final word. We proclaim that love is stronger than hate, hope is stronger than fear, dignity is stronger than domination, life is stronger than death. As we practice the truth we proclaim, resurrection grows.

This season, let nothing stand in the way of living God's love. Because God will be among us – and we just might see miracles.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Brenda Burned Jameson".

Brenda

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### GUATEMALA

You may notice my conspicuous absence in the week and a half following the Rummage Sale. It won't be because you have worn me out (though I am certain you will try). I am headed to Guatemala with my family.

As many of you know, our son is spending a year volunteering there through the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Young Adult Volunteer program. As soon as our daughter completes college in May, we will go down to be with him. We will be joined by my parents, my sister's family and another niece. By the grace of God, we'll have a chance to volunteer ourselves: building houses with Habitat for Humanity.

Please keep us in your prayer during our absence.

Brenda

**(Reprinted from Weekly E-News)**

**WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR PASTOR DISAPPOINTS**

**YOU:** (and as long as we pastors remain human, that will always be a “when,” not an “if”):

1. Please be sure that I am the first person to hear about it. Remember, you are not being generous when you withhold your observations and deny me the chance to grow and reconcile. I need to hear from you. No matter is too small or too big to talk about.
2. Please speak for yourself. When others have concerns, please encourage them to speak for themselves, too.
3. Make sure I understand your concern. If not, please try me again, or please tell another member who is willing to help you talk with me.
4. Please pray for me while you give me a chance to make amends. Perhaps God is also offering you a chance to grow as you also learn to adjust and forgive.
5. If it seems we are going around in circles, please remember to seek the wisdom and support of others. We have a whole church full of people who care about how we get along. And we have the resources of a whole denomination to help us resolve problems that are too big for us alone.

REMEMBER, God needs the wisdom and cooperation of all of us as we grow to be the body of Christ!

**WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR PASTOR DISAPPOINTS  
SOMEONE ELSE:**

When someone tells you a concern they have with me, you are in an awkward position. You want to honor your friend's confidence in you, and you may or may not agree with them. But as long as it stays a secret, they are not growing in their ability to speak directly, I am deprived of the wisdom of their perspective, and you are caught in the middle.

Instead, please ask them three questions:

1. Have you told Brenda about it?
2. Would you like me to go with you as you tell her about it?
3. Would you like me to tell her for you?

If they say "no" all three times, you can say, "Then I guess this isn't bothering you much," and you can let the subject drop.

**IMPORTANT CHRIST CHURCH DATES**

**Pancake Breakfast - May 1, 2011 at 11:45 am**

**Christian Family Luncheon - May 8, 2011 at 11:45**

**Annual Budget Meeting - June 5, 2011, immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. All church members are encouraged to attend, so we may all have a clear understanding of our current financial situation.**

**Women's Fellowship Meeting and Luncheon - June 12, 2011 at 11:45 am**

**Annual Meeting - June 19, 2011, immediately following the service.**

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**CHRIST CHURCH OF CHICAGO OFFICIAL NOTICE**

**The Annual Meeting of Christ Church of Chicago, IL. will take place on Sunday, June 19th, 2011, following the worship service.**

**A quorum necessary for the meeting is 50 members, including proxies. The church budget requires approval at this meeting.**

**Please make every effort to attend. If for some reason, you are unable to attend, please submit a signed proxy (see below) to the church office or to the clerk before the meeting.**

**Lois Shikami  
Church Council Clerk**

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**Because I cannot attend the Annual Meeting of Christ Church of Chicago on June 19th, 2011, I appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to cast my vote on my behalf.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Signed)**

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2011**

The stewardship theme for 2011 is “The Day of Resurrection: A Path to Life.” As we prepare for Easter this year, we find ourselves on a journey, searching for a new minister who will help us construct a path to meet the goals and aspirations of our church.

On May 1st, plan to share or hear about a moment in time when you or a church friend felt their faith in God reaffirmed or resurrected. It is through moments such as these that we find the faith to move forward down our path to seek a new minister. Following the service on May 1, there will be a pancake breakfast.

Please plan to bring your pledges to church during the service on May 8, Consecration Sunday.

Stewardship Committee  
Gary Fujiwara, Sharon Hidaka, Brenda Jamieson, Sue Takaki

**Please, mail in the pledge card below or bring it to church on May 8th, which will be the Sunday we will consecrate our tithes, pledges and offerings.**



**My 2011 Financial Pledge**

**In thanksgiving for God’s love and in recognition of God’s gifts, I/ We pledge to give the following dollar amount to support the ministries and mission of Christ Church of Chicago:**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ each week                      Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

\$\_\_\_\_\_ each month                      Signed\_\_\_\_\_

\$\_\_\_\_\_ each quarter                      Date\_\_\_\_\_

\$\_\_\_\_\_ annually

This information will be kept confidential

Cut along the dotted line and mail it back to:

Christ Church of Chicago  
**Attn: Stewardship**  
6047 N. Rockwell Street  
Chicago, IL 60659

## RUMMAGE SALE - MAY 21, 2011



Christ Church's Rummage Sale is approaching fast. We need your help to turn this event into an even more successful outreach to the community surrounding the church.

You may bring in your donations beginning **May 8th** and no later than **May 20th**. If you need to bring them earlier, please contact Mary about a place to store them at Church. If it is a large item and you want to bring it the day of the sale, please contact Mary Mantel by May 18th, so we can save a space for it. Please let us know as soon as possible.

- ◆ Pack similar items together and label them. If clothing, group them by sex and age and identify them on your bag or box.
- ◆ Furniture will be sold outdoors. If you need us to pick it up, we'll have a truck **May 21st**. Please contact Mary Mantel as soon as possible.
- ◆ All items should be clean and in good working order.
- ◆ All small appliances should be clean & in good working order
- ◆ Needed items: Plastic bags, paper bags, and sturdy boxes.

Success depends on your help with contributing a wide variety of items and advertising to everyone. Please sign up to help! If you have any questions, call Mary Mantel

Thank you for your cooperation!

### **THE RAVENSWOOD COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

The Ravenswood Community Food Pantry truly appreciates our food donations every month. When asked if they needed anything in particular, they requested non-perishable foods, but there is a need for:

- Pop-top cans: chicken, tuna, soup, chili, fruit, ravioli, spaghetti's
  - Ramen noodle soup
  - Crackers
  - Plastic bottle drinks
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### **STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING**

Strengthen the Church is one of the special mission offerings within the United Church of Christ (UCC). The money raised helps our denomination invest in the life of thousands of UCC congregations. When you give to this mission initiative, you help your church do the following:

- ◆ Fund new church starts and invigorate existing congregations
- ◆ Nurture lay and pastoral leadership
- ◆ Build youth and young adult ministries
- ◆ Support the "God is Still Speaking" Ministry.

This offering will be received on **June 12th**. Give generously!

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### **MUSIC MINISTRY**



On Mother's Day, **May 8th**, the Alleluia and Chancel Choirs will sing a gorgeous arrangement of the Ave Maria by Dan Kantor and Rob Glover. Clara Pedtke will be singing a solo for the Mother's Day service. Mom's, bring your handkerchiefs and wear waterproof mascara) that morning!

The Christian Family Luncheon will follow the Mother's Day Service. There will be special music by our youth and other activities at the Luncheon.

## **PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**

The Church Council asks for your prayers as a Pastoral Search Committee is being formed. It is our goal for form a group that is representative of our church membership. If you are approached, we hope that you will prayerfully consider this important commitment.

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## **CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL EVENTS**

The Chicago Nisei Post 1183 would like to contact every Japanese American World War II veteran to provide information regarding upcoming events honoring them for service to our country. If the event the veteran is deceased, please provide the contact information for a family member to represent this veteran.

- Those who served in the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service during WWII will be honored at a Congressional Gold Medal ceremony to be held in Washington, D.C. in the late summer or early fall of 2011. Invitations will only be sent to those who have registered. The easiest way to register is online. You may go to the National Veterans Network website at [www.nationalveteransnetwork.com](http://www.nationalveteransnetwork.com). On the home page, click on the "Ceremony" bar at the top of the page. On the "Ceremony" page, go down to "Eligibility and Veteran Registration" and click on "register". That will take you directly into the registration page.
- The local Japanese American community would also like to acknowledge all Japanese American WWII veterans at an event to be held in the Chicago area in early 2012.

Please complete the form on the next page and send the information to Howard Hieshima, 5618 N. Richmond Street, Chicago, IL 60659-4825; email:[hhieshima@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hhieshima@sbcglobal.net); phone 773.814.8095. If you have any questions, please contact Howard Hieshima or Kolly Takaki at [jktakaki@gmail.com](mailto:jktakaki@gmail.com); phone 773.477.9491.

Please complete the appropriate section below. For family member that is completing this form for a deceased veteran, please fill out the section titled FAMILY REPRESENTATIVE.

**MIS**

Name of MIS Veteran: \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, name of family member who will be the contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Language School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

**100th and 442nd**

Name of 100th / 442nd Veteran: \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, name of family member who will be the contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Battalion: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER WWII VETERANS**

Name of Veteran: \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, name of family member who will be the contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY REPRESENTATIVE**

Name of Deceased Veteran: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Veteran: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send the information to: Howard Hieshima, 5610 N. Richmond St., Chicago, IL 60659-4625; E-mail: [hhieshima@ebcglobal.net](mailto:hhieshima@ebcglobal.net); Phone: 773/814-8095.

## **YOUR CHEEK COULD SAVE CHRIS AND OTHERS!**

Chris Ishida, a Glenview, IL native, is a nineteen year-old freshman at Pitzer College in Claremont, CA with interests in Asia, Media and Art. He rock climbs and works part-time for the Development Department.

Over his December 2010 winter break, Chris was suddenly diagnosed with Severe Aplastic Anemia. This failure to produce key blood components is fatal without a bone marrow transplant. Chances of a marrow match are complicated because Chris is bi-racial. No match could be found in his family. While genetic matches can be made from different races, *Chris' chances for a successful match will most likely come from an 18-30 year-old male who is of mixed Caucasian and Japanese race.*

Chris knows the fight for his life is worth it because he has supported his mother defy the odds through a six-year battle with melanoma ... often times due to some amazing inspired science, incredible community support and sheer determination.

Chris believes this disease is just a rough boulder he must climb now. He knows he has much to live for, including college, a chance to study in Japan and helping his fellow volunteers at the annual Chicago Ginza festival. You could help save Chris and others by getting a simple **cheek swab**. When one individual registers online with the National Bone Marrow Registry, transplant patients benefit worldwide. If registering is not an option, financial contributions to the Registry can also help.

Please visit: [www.marrows.org](http://www.marrows.org) (see the "Join Registry" tab at top left) to start the registration process today.

If you have questions or would like to follow Chris' progress please email: [marrowforchrisishida@gmail.com](mailto:marrowforchrisishida@gmail.com)

## DONATIONS

Thank you to all the Friends and Members of Christ Church of Chicago for your generous donations during the months of February and March.

Jeanne and Art Cuneo	Matching Donation
Rev. Paulo Franca	In Memory of Bob Imon
Joy and Gary Fujiwara	Japan Relief
Joy and Gary Fujiwara	Matching Donation
Mak Fukuda	Matching Donation
Genki Walking Group	Matching Donation
Diane Teshima Hicks	In Memory of Toshi Tanouye
Sharon and Jeff Hidaka	Building Fund
Robin Hirano	
Margaret and Frank Hiratsuka	In Memory of Bob Imon
George Ito	In Memory of Dorothy Ito
Harriet Ito	Matching Donation
Rev. Brenda Jamieson	
Fay and Ken Kadowaki	
Amy Kato	Matching Donation
Yurie Kushino	In Memory of Bob Imon
Marcia Kushino	In Memory of Bob Imon
Mary Mantel	Matching Donation
Gen. and Mrs. James Mukoyama	In Honor of Martha Hikawa's 90th Birthday
Miyeko Nakao	Altar Flowers
Donna and Scott Nitahara	In Memory of Carole Yamagiwa
Bess Ozawa	In Memory of Bob Imon
Peterson Karate Club	
Peggy and Yosh Sakai	In Memory of Hattie Walker
Peggy and Yosh Sakai	Matching Donation
Lois and Jim Shikami	Matching Donation
Tracey and Jon Shimabukuro	In Memory of Bob Imon
Iku Shimizu	In Memory of Mito Shimizu
Josie and Mark Sugai	Matching Donation
Sachi Suzuki	Matching Donation

**Donations** (continued)

Nancy and Robert Takagi	Matching Donation
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Frank Taniguchi	Matching Donation
Paula Tsurutani	
Lily and Pedro Ulate (4)	
Juana and Willie Wong	Matching Donation
Ayako Yamada	

By, Scott Nitahara

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**UDON/BAKED GOODS SALE**



Thank you to all who came to our annual Udon/Baked Goods Sale held on March 20th despite the rainy weather!! Also, much thanks to the Karate group for setting up the tables. The udon sale was a huge success due to our wonderful chefs - Jon Shimabukuro, Gary Yamagiwa and their great crew. Gross profit was \$2,416.00.



Our Baked Goods Sale was chaired by Barbara Kurokawa, Sachi Suzuki and Iku Shimizu. They would like to thank all of the talented bakers and cooks for their wonderful pies, cakes, cookies, ohagi, mochigashi, kurimanju and other delectable goodies. With generous donations from our members and friends, we were able to have a successful baked goods section which made a gross profit of \$1,454.00.

Thank you to all who worked so hard organizing, pricing and selling.

Women's Fellowship and Baked Goods Co-Chairpersons

## **COOKIE RECIPES WANTED**



We would like to make a small collection of favorite cookie recipes to sell in booklet form at our next Bazaar.

Please share your recipe(s) with us. They may be handed to Karen Nakagawa at church or mailed to Diane Furuta at 1438 W. Balmoral, Chicago, IL 60640, or emailed to sakfuru@yahoo.com

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## **OUT-OF-THE-HOUSE**

TRI-C's Out-of-the-House ("Tomodachi") is currently accepting new participants who want to stay active physically, mentally and emotionally. Exercise, special activities, fellowship, rides, and a delicious bento lunch are offered every Wednesday. Interested or know someone who might be? Call the church office at 773-338-8170 or email: christchurchchicago@comcast.net.

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## **JAPANESE AMERICAN SERVICE COMMITTEE RELIEF FUND**

The Japanese American Service Committee has established a Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Relief Fund. People can also donate through the United Church of Christ Global Ministries: [http://www.ucc.org/news/ucc-global-ministries.html?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+UnitedchurchOfChrist+%28United+Church+%28United+Church+of+Christ%29](http://www.ucc.org/news/ucc-global-ministries.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+UnitedchurchOfChrist+%28United+Church+%28United+Church+of+Christ%29).

For either of these organizations, people may either donate directly on their own, or make their offerings and place them in the church offering plate on Sunday.

## **THANK YOU**

Christ Church would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Yamamoto-Yoshida Family for their generous donation of a brand new computer and monitor for the church office. Thank you very much!

Our Matching Gift Donation Drive has come to an end. We want to thank everyone who contributed.

Hiro Toyama for preparing his delicious soup for Maundy Thursday's Agape Supper.

The wonderful cooks who prepared our Easter Breakfast.

Joy Fujiwara, who took care of the ordering and delivery of the beautiful Easter Lilies.

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## **REVEREND BRENDA BARNES JAMIESON**

Reverend Brenda Barnes Jamieson will be gone on Sunday, May 22nd and May 29th. Reverend Scott Paeth will be preaching on May 22nd.

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## **ANYONE NEED A RIDE?**



If you need a ride to church on Sunday morning or know of anyone that needs a ride, you may call the church office, Russell Katahira or Elaine Kaneshiro and we will be glad to arrange transportation.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Happy Birthday to all of those celebrating in May and June!

May - Harriet Ito and Yosh Sakai

June - Jane Kaihatsu, Bill Kato, George Ozawa, Frances Sugai, Sue Takaki, Kirsten Takaki, Mae Watanabe and Alyce Yamanaka

Please accept our apologies if we omitted anyone! If your birthday is not listed here, chances are that we do not have your updated information. Please contact the church office. and request a membership update form.

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## **PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**



Prayers of healing for George Ozawa, Ikue Itami, Paul Kimura, Tracey Shimabukuro, Kiyo Tamanaha, Aiko Amino, Sandy Parsons and Judy Scheller.

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## **PASSAGE DEADLINE**



The deadline for July - August Passage is June 8, 2011.


# May 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30 am Worship/ Communion 11:45 am Pancake Breakfast	2	3	4 10:00 am-1:30 pm Tomodachi 6:00-8:30 pm Karate Class	5 7:30-9:00 pm Karate Class	6	7 8:00-9:30 am Wellness Group 11:00 am-2:00 pm Karate Class
8 10:30 am Worship/ Sunday School Mother's Day Christian Family Luncheon	9 10:00 am-4:00 pm Rummage Sale Prep	10 1:00-8:00 pm Rummage Sale Prep	11 10:00 am-4:00 pm Rummage Sale Prep	12 1:00-8:00 pm Rummage Sale Prep	13 1:00-8:00 pm Rummage Sale Prep	14 9:00 am-4:00 pm Rummage Sale Prep
15 10:30 am Worship/ Sunday School	16 10:00 am-4:00 pm Rummage Sale Prep 7:30 pm Council Meeting	17 1:00 - 8:00 pm Rummage Sale Prep	18 10:00 am-4:00 pm Rummage Sale Prep	19 1:00 - 8:00 pm Rummage Sale Prep	20 10:00 am-4:00 pm Rummage Sale Prep	21 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Rummage Sale
22 10:30 am Worship/ Sunday School Rev. Brenda gone	23	24	25 10:00 am-1:30 pm Tomodachi 6:00-8:30 pm Karate Class	26 7:30-9:00 pm Karate Class	27	28 8:00-9:30 am Wellness Group 11:00 am-2:00 pm Karate Class
29 10:30 am Worship/ Sunday School	30 Memorial Day Office Closed	31	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 200px;">The office is closed on Fridays.</div>			

# June 2011



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5 10:30 am Worship/ Communion 11:45 am Women's Fellowship Meeting	6 Annual Report Deadline	7	8 10:00 am-1:30 pm Tomodachi 6:00-8:30 pm Karate Class Passage Deadline	9 7:30-9:00 pm Karate Class	10	11 8:00-9:30 am Wellness Group 11:00 am-2:00 pm Karate Class
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19 10:30 am Worship/ Sunday School 11:45 am Annual Meeting	20	21 9:30 am Community Project	22 10:00 am-1:30 pm Tomodachi 6:00-8:30 pm Karate Class	23 7:30-9:00 pm Karate Class	24	25 8:00-9:30 am Wellness Group 11:00 am-2:00 pm Karate Class
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