

MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

January Highlights

- **12/31/15 Thu, 7:00 PM**
Joya-E Service -
New Year's Eve Service
- **1/1/16 Fri, 10:00 AM**
Shusho-E Service -
New Year's Day Service
- **1/3 Sun, 10:00 AM**
Shotsuki Hoyo Service
11:00 AM
Japanese Language Service
- **1/10 Sun, 10:00 AM**
Hoonko Service —
Shinran Memorial
Guest Speaker:
Rev. Carol Himaka
- **1/13 Wed, 7:30 PM**
Temple Board Meeting
- **1/31 Sun, 10:00 AM**
Regular Service with
Temple Installations
11:00 AM
Annual General Meeting

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Other Power Is Amida's Power of the Primal Vow

Happy New Year!

Thank you very much for all that you have done for my family in the past year. Mika and I are really grateful to all the Sangha members for your friendship and continued support. We humbly ask for your kindness and guidance again in the coming year.

We will be observing the Hoonko Service this month. It is held in remembrance of Shinran Shonin, founder of Shin Buddhism, who passed away on January 16, 1263. Hoonko is an important observance that allows us to ex-



By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

press our sincere respect and deep gratitude for his lifelong efforts and virtues. At 29, Shinran

met his lifetime teacher Honen Shonin and carried out the way of Nembutsu of Other Power beyond the ego, entrusting himself completely to the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha until he passed away at 90.



Shinran

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Year-End and New Year's Day Services

JOYA-E

Year-end Service

Thursday, Dec 31 at 7:00 PM

The Sangha is invited to the final service of 2015, the **Joya-E** (year-end) gathering on New Year's Eve.

This service is held to express gratitude for the countless blessings received throughout the year.

The service includes sutra chanting, meditation, a Dharma Message from Sensei and the ring-

ing of the Kansho (bell).



After the service, **Rev. and Mrs. Mukojima** invite everyone to



enjoy traditional **Toshikoshi-soba** (buckwheat noodles) in the YBA Hall.

SHUSHO-E

New Year's Day Service

Friday, Jan 1 at 10:00 AM

The new year is a new beginning. Attend the Shusho-E service to renew your resolution to live with Nembutsu gratitude.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	Office Closed 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	Office Closed 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	Office Closed 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	Office Closed 7pm - Joya-e Service	Office Closed 10am - Shusho-e	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10am - Shotsuki 12pm - Miroku 12pm - Miroku Mtg. 12pm - YBA General 12:15pm - Taiko -	6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7:30pm - Religious	6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 7pm - Shodo Kai	6pm - Boy Scouts - 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	7pm - Fuji Club @ 7:30pm - ABA	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10am - Hoonko 12:15pm - Taiko -	6:30pm - Girl Scouts	6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 7pm - Shodo Kai	6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir 7:30pm - Temple	8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10am - Sunday 12:15pm - Taiko -	11am - Senior Group 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 7pm - Shodo Kai	6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - CD Council 7pm - Temple Choir	8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @		9am - BWA Meeting
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Religious Planning — December 2015

December 31, 2015, Sunday, 7:00 p.m. — Joya-E (New Year’s Eve Service)

Joya-E Service: Express our gratitude for the countless blessings received throughout the year

January 1, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Shusho-E (New Year’s Day Service)

Shusho-E: Renew our resolution to live with Nembutsu gratitude

January 3, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Shotsuki Hoyo

11:00 a.m. Japanese Language Service



January 10, 2016, Sunday — 10:00 a.m. — Hoonko Service - Shinran’s Memorial

Hoonko: Means a gathering to repay the debt of gratitude. This service is in memory of our founder Shinran Shonin.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Carol Himaki



January 17, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.



January 24, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.



January 31, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Temple Installation

Installation of Temple, BVA & ABA Cabinets

11:00 a.m. Temple Annual General Meeting



Shotsuki Hoyo Service




O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM



Adult Discussion—11:00 AM



Dharma School—11:00 AM



MVBT Annual General Meeting

January 31, 2016 @ 11:00 a.m.

In Hondo immediately following the Service
Lunch provided after the meeting

All Temple members are invited and welcome to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple’s Annual Meeting to be held Sunday, January 31, 2015, at 11:00 AM. Hear reports from all Temple organizations about their 2015 activities and 2016 plans. Also, see your Temple’s financial statements for 2015 and the budget for 2016. Find out **what we are, why we are and how we are.**

Other Power Is Amida's Power of the Primal Vow

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Zen Master Dogen, founder of the Soto sect that spreads Zen teachings, said: *"During Sakyamuni Buddha's lifetime, there was not only Shakyamuni Buddha himself, but also many of his superior disciples. Because even those dedicated disciples had to strive fervently to seek the Buddhist way, an inferior, ordinary people like us living today must strive to this practice all the more."*

In contrast, Shinran said: *"I have not a glimmer of truth in my body or mind no matter how hard I search. No matter how sincerely and desperately this version of "me" tries to practice, it is like pouring water into a colander that is full of holes. My efforts are in vain."*

When we compare them, it seems the viewpoints of Dogen and Shinran are at odds though they each seek the same Buddhist way.

Certainly, it is wonderful to have Dogen's spirit, trusting one's own possibility with faith that one's self can overcome all obstacles, no matter how severe the rigors of Self Power are. This makes Self

Power a very attractive path for those of us who must survive in a competitive society. It seems, in order to live with strength, we need to have such a strong spirit.

Yet Shinran clearly rejected this path of Self Power. He deeply deplored the ugly blind passions that were hidden in his heart. For this reason, for 20 years on Mt. Hiei, he had tried with all his might to practice an asceticism that would eliminate these terrible passions. But even using all his Self Power could not eliminate his delusional passions. This eventually brought him to the realization that the tiny blind passion hidden in his heart was actually his true nature and that a large lump of these ugly passions was his true self. Trying to wipe the floor over and over with a muddy mop, the floor would never become clean. That is how Shinran truly became aware that no matter how hard he earned merits by Self Power, even his good deeds stemmed from his passions and desires and, therefore, were empty and in vain.

The reason Shinran quit trying to attain Buddhahood through the practice of Self Power was not

that Self Power is severe and difficult. Had that been the reason, he would surely have led others in taking this path. But he came to realize the way of Self Power is an impossible path for ordinary people who cannot get rid of their blind passions.

Nagarjuna, one of the Seven Pure Land Masters, teaches us that there are two ways to achieve Buddhahood. One of them is the way of the practice of Self Power—as if walking the overland path—and the other is the way of Nembutsu of Other Power—as if to go by boat on the water. He shows that the practice of Self Power is an extremely difficult way for those of us frail beings. Instead he encourages us to take the way of Other Power, like boarding a boat that glides on the water. By showing the difficult way of taking the overland path, Nagarjuna makes us ordinary people see our limitations. Instead he guides us to the way of Other Power, namely, the effortless practice which depends only upon the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

Memorial services allow us to pay homage to loved ones who have passed away. In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, family members hold a service at certain intervals following a relative's death to express gratitude for and acknowledge their continuing influence in our lives. If you wish to schedule a memorial service for a loved one, please call during weekly office hours.

2016 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2015	3rd Year Memorial	2014	7th Year Memorial	2010
13th Year Memorial	2004	17th Year Memorial	2000	25th Year Memorial	1992
27th Year Memorial	1990	33rd Year Memorial	1984	50th Year Memorial	1967

Other Power Is Amida's Power of the Primal Vow

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I think that, in today's society with its competitiveness to get ahead, self-assertion is considered a virtue. Because of this, most people live frantically in order to satisfy their needs and desires. For those who were raised in such an environment, Dogen's trust in the capabilities of the self may sound both familiar and viable. However if they don't have the mind underlying the deep realization that denies the ego and recognize one's limitation, their idea is easily felled like a house of cards and they will lose sight of the meaning of life.

Of course, Dogen also had such self-negation deep within. There is a saying in the "Treasury of the True Dharma Eye" written

by Dogen: "Just set aside your body and mind, forget about them, and throw them into the house of Buddha; then all is done by Buddha. When you follow this, you are free from birth and death and become a Buddha without effort or calculation." We can see through his words that he truly realized that attaining the world of enlightenment is only possible by entrusting Buddha's Power and getting rid of Self Power.

On the surface, a way of life which sets aside Self Power and depends solely upon Amida's Primal Vow may look negative. But, in fact, it leads us to true self reliance on Amida Buddha's guidance.

Therefore, Shinran did not regard his life as worthless and

gave up the way of enlightenment after he rejected the path of Self Power. Instead he chose to rely on the path of Other Power, namely Amida's Power of Primal Vow which compassionately embraces ordinary people, frail beings. Being guided by Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion, Shinran lived a long, full life of 90 years with a strength, hardiness, and joy beyond most of us living today.

While observing the Hoonko Service, let us realize that the Nembutsu teaching of Other Power is the true way which strengthens and confirms our life.

In Gassho,

Dharma School News

BIRTHDAYS

Dharma School celebrated December DS student birthdays for students in grades pre-K thru 6th grade on Sunday, December 6. We will be acknowledging birthdays every month from now on during announcements at the Shotsuki services.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Dharma School concluded its Holiday Food Drive. Thank you to everyone that donated food for this worthy cause. Also thank you to Dharma School parents Lisa Nishimoto and Joni Furumasu for coordinating this event for the Dharma School.

ACTIVITIES

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the Temple Mochi-tsuki on December 13 and Osoji on December 20. Please come on out to help!

Wishing you and your family a very happy holiday season.

DONATIONS

Gratefully acknowledged.

Jeff & Janice Lee
Joey's birthday

Todd & Ashley Uyehara
Trevor's birthday

Tom & Joyce Tamaru
Allyson Itow's birthday

Jon Wakimoto & Karen Bunya
Jenna Wakimoto's birthday

Stuart Ishida
Dylan's & Cassidy's birthdays

In Gassho,
Debby Inenaga
DS Superintendent

マウンテンビュー「仏教会」「回向」 二〇一六年一月法話

― 他力は如来の本願力 ―

たりき によらい ほんがんりき
駐在開教使 向嶋謙史

新年明けましておめでとうございませう。旧年中はご門徒の皆様にご愛お世話になりましたこと、心より御礼申し上げます。本年もよろしくお願い致します。

さて、一月は御正忌感謝講がございませう。報恩講は、一三二三年に入滅された親鸞聖人を偲び、その遺徳を称え、感謝していく浄土真宗で最も大切な法要です。聖人は二十九歳で法然上人に出遇われてから九〇歳で生涯を終るまで阿彌陀仏の本願に全てを任せていく自我を離れた他力念仏の生き方を全うされました。

禅の教えを広められた曹洞宗の開祖・道元禪師は次のように述べられています。「釈尊在世の頃は、釈尊以外に大衆勝れた弟子達が多かつたが、そんな方々でも一生懸命に仏道に励まれたのだから、今日我々のような劣った凡夫はなおさら励んで修行せねばならない」と。

その一方で、親鸞聖人はこうおっしゃっておられます。「私の身も心も、そのどこを探してみても真実のひとかけらも持ち合わせていないのだから、その自分がどれだけ死にもの狂いで修行をしても有漏の行、穴だけのザルに水を入れているようなもので空しいものだよ」と。

こうして見ますと、道元禪師と親鸞聖人の立場は、同じ仏道を励む人でありながら、全く逆の立場であったように見えます。確かに、道元禪師の心意気、自己の可能性を信じ、自力

の道がどんなに険しかろうと、自分の前に立ちほだかる岩壁を打ち破つてみせるという信念、これは人間が強く生きる為には是非とも必要なことだと思えます。競争社会に生きる私達にとって、非常に魅力的な考え方です。

ところが、親鸞聖人は、この魅力のある「自己の力」を完全に否定されました。心の片隅に隠れて存在する醜い煩惱を許すことができなかったのです。聖人は、この煩惱を取り除こうと自己の力のみありつたけをふりしぼって二〇年もの長い間、比叡山で修行されました。そうして、片隅に隠れているちつぽけな煩惱、これこそ自分の本性であつて、実は大きな煩惱の固まりそのものが自分であつたと気づかれました。泥だらけの毛氈で床を掃除しても綺麗にならないように、自分の力でいくら功德を積んでも、それは所詮、煩惱にまみれた善行であり、空しいものだと思つたのです。

自力の行で仏に到ろうとされなかつたのは、その道が決して険しいから、難しいからという理由ではないのです。ただ難しい、険しいからという理由だけなら、親鸞聖人は、きつと、人々の先頭に立つてその道を歩まれたことと思えます。しかし、自力の道は、煩惱をかかえた凡夫にとつて確実に閉ざされた道であつたのです。

七高僧の一人である龍樹菩薩は、仏に到達する為の二つの道があると説かれました。一つは、陸路を歩いていくような自力修行の道で、もう一つが、水上を船で走るといふような他力念仏の道です。そして、先ず自力修行の道は私達のような弱い人間に辿れるような容易な道ではなく、大衆苦しい道である事を示され、もう一つの水上を走る船に乗っていく他力

の道を進むように勧められました。陸路を歩く険しい道を示すことによつて、凡夫の私達に、自己の限界を知らしめ、他力の道、即ち、阿彌陀仏の本願力におまかせする他力易行の道に導いて下さつて居るので、現代社会特に先を制することを目的とする競争社会では、自己主張が美德とされているように思ひます。それ故人々が我欲を満たす為に血眼になつて生きています。そのような環境で育つた人々にとつて、道元禪師の可能性を信じる思想がより身近で生気に溢れているように思われるでしょう。しかし、その根底に、自我を否定し、自己の無力を感じる目覚めがなかつたらとしたり、その思想は砂上の楼閣のように脆くも崩れ去り、誰もが生きての意味を見失つてしまひます。

道元禪師も勿論こうした自己否定を根底にもつておられました。禪師が著された「正法眼蔵」の中で「仏の家に我が身我が心を授け入れて、仏に全てを任せ、仏に導かれてゆくならば、己の力をも入れず、心をも働かさなくして生死を離れることができ、仏になるのである」と自己の力を放れ、仏の力によつて悟りの世界に到ると示されています。自己の力から放れて、全てを阿彌陀仏の本願力に任せていく生き方は、一見消極的な生き方に思えるかもしれませんが、実は阿彌陀仏のおはたらきによつて私達人間を真の自立へと導いて下さつて居るので、親鸞聖人は、自己を否定した上でつまらない人生として全てを諦められたのではなく、無力な凡夫を支える本願力に導かれて今日の私達以上のたくましさで、九〇年の生涯を力強く歩まれたのです。

報恩講を勤めるにあたり、自我を離れた他力念仏の教えこそが、私達の人生を確かなものにして下さる正しい道だと改めて気づかせて頂きます。

YBA Activities

HOLIDAY FUN

On December 18 and 19, the YBA will be having our annual holiday party and sleepover. We are looking forward to a gift exchange and lots of delicious food.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We are all also looking forward to spending the holiday season with our families and taking a break from school to ring in the New Year.

SAVE THE DATE

We have also started planning for our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, which is going to be held on February 13, 2016.



Have a happy holidays!

**In Gassho,
Devon Matsumoto
YBA President**

FPC: Status of Vacant Land Development



On December 9, the executives from Facilities Planning Committee gave an update on the plan for potential development of the vacant land behind the Sangha Hall to the MVBT Board of Directors. At the meeting, the executives outlined the process utilized by the FPC to decide on the final candidate (from the original pool of 9 developer submissions).

If you have any questions regarding the FPC meetings, process and development of the vacant land behind the Sangha Hall, please contact co-chair Mel Inouye at fpc@mvbuddhisttemple.org.

**In Gassho,
Facilities Planning Committee**

**Facilities
Planning
Committee**

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YBA
Spaghetti Dinner
 \$10 per adult
 \$6 per child

BINGO
 \$5.00 per card

YBA Spaghetti Dinner -- Save the Date -- Feb 13, 2016

Save the date for Saturday, **February 13, 2016!**



adult prices are \$10 and kids under the age of 10 are \$6.

Bingo will begin at 6:00 p.m. and go till 8:00 p.m.

Have a happy holidays!

**In Gassho,
 Devon Matsumoto
 YBA President**



We will be having our annual YBA spaghetti dinner! Dinner will be served from 5-7 p.m. Our

We will also be having BINGO that will be \$5 per card.

Donate to the Upcoming Services

*Joya-E, Shusho-E,
 Hoonko, Nirvana Day, Spring Ohigan*

**Use the MVBT online donation "DONATE NOW," or
 send a check to the Temple office**

ABA News

November 15: Keiro Kai

“Keiro Kai” was held at the Temple to honor those over 70 for their hard work. The theme for this year’s Keiro Kai was ‘Succession’ which shows the generations that have come back to the Temple. This event was chaired by ABA member **Russ Nakano**. Thank you to all the ABA members who participated in the dancing of the Hukilau and singing of “Tiny Bubbles.” The

bubble machine was the brain child of **Mieko Nakano**. Way to go Mieko!!!

December 13: Mochitsuki

To all ABA members: Thank you for coming out to help with the final fundraiser of the year! Fellow ABA member **Bob Yamanaga**, who is chair for the fundraiser, also says thank you and appreciates your help and support

BWA Activities

Akemashite Omedeto Go-zaimashita! BWA extends our Best Wishes for a health and happy New Year. We thank the Sangha for the support given us throughout 2015.

On January 23, 2016, the BWA will have a New Year and new member luncheon.

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, January 23, 2016,
9:00 a.m. in YBA Hall



Dues and Donations Committee Update

The Dues and Donations Committee has had Town Hall meetings with all Temple affiliated organizations (Dharma School, ABA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and BWA). The Temple Zones are the next groups to present the General Operations message. These Town Hall meetings we start next year.

During the meeting, you will receive a handout titled "MVBT General Operations Fact Sheet."

One of the FAQs in the handout is:

6) How are membership dues used?

Of your \$250 per member, \$110 goes to the BCA and \$140 goes to support MVBT General Operating Fund. Our continued contributions help the BCA provide resources, direction and support to all affiliated Temples.

If a member does not pay his/her dues, the Temple subsidizes that person in the BCA. MVBT keeps just a little more than one-half of your dues to pay for day-to-day expenses in the General Operating Fund.

Questions? Send email to dana@mvbuddhisttemple.org.

**In Gassho,
Dues & Donations
Committee**

What Can I do?



150 Club News	Toban & Echo Schedule			
<p>Our December winner is Craig Hamasaki and the grand prize winner is Doug Sawamura. Congratulations to Craig and Doug!</p> <p>Mountain View Buddhist Temple is grateful to all those who participated Domo Arigato!</p> <p>Remember to get your 150 Club tickets for 2016.</p>		Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print
	JAN	Zones 6 & 7	N / A	N / A
	FEB	Zones 8 & 9	Jan 15 (Fri)	Jan 20 (Wed)
	MAR	Zones 10 & 11	Feb 12 (Fri)	Feb 17 (Wed)
	<p>Please note the article deadline, printing date and email submission process. This will provide time for layout and production. Thank you.</p>			<p>Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org</p>

The ECHO



MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

BROWNIES AND JUNIORS

The Brownies and Juniors completed their Detective badge and started working towards their Manners badge. The Juniors learned fire safety and how to start a campfire with the guidance of the Cadettes. Several of our girls participated in the flag ceremony at Keiro Kai.



CADETTES

On November 14, the Cadettes and Juniors participated in the Mother/daughter ice skating event along with other troops from the Mountain View Girls Scouts service unit.



Winterfest activity. The girls and their parents worked diligently to make necklaces, soaps, and sugar scrubs and managed to sell-out all products at the Winterfest Arts & Crafts Fair.

Cadettes have spent the past month preparing for and participating in the NorCal Girl Scouts

MVBT Japan Tour in 2017 - Meeting on Sun, January 24



Japan Tour Meeting with Kintetsu on **Sunday, January 24, 2016**, at 1:00 p.m. in the YBA Hall Board Room.

- ◆ Tour Itinerary - Dates & Costs
- ◆ Hongwanji Accession Ceremony
- ◆ Meet with Temple members going on the tour
- ◆ Open discussion
- ◆ Q & A



January Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

The Shotsuki (Monthly Memorial) Services are conducted and sponsored by the Temple in memory of the past members and their family members who have passed away during a given month. It is not meant to be a substitute for families to observe their Family Memorial Service for their loved ones. The **January** Shotsuki loved ones are:



Ronald Asada	Minoru Ishii	John Saito
Tsuyuko Virginia Asada	Tamaye Ishikawa	Doris Sakai
Ichiro Endo	Shirlee Ishimaru	Shinajiro Satake
Shigeko Betty Fujii	Ronald Iyemura	Larry Shimamoto
Tomizo Furuichi	Itsuyo Kato	Tomoye Shimamoto
Yoshiye Furuichi	Katsuko Kochi	Tom Sugimoto
Yasuko Betty Furusho	Joe Matsumoto	Shig Tachibana
Hidemi Furuzawa	Tsuya Nagasaki	Linda Takahashi
Mary Hiramoto	Haruyo Nakano	Shinsaburo Togashi
Kiyoye Hirano	Misao Nakano	Yoshimitsu Tokutomi
Tom Hirano	Yashichi Nakano	Thomas Tsukamoto
Frank Hirohata	Kisaye Nishimoto	Yoshio Yamaguchi
Alan Hoshi	Katsumi Nishimura	Yumi Yoneda
Masaburo Hoshi	June Okino	James Yoshino
Kiyoko Inamori	Brad Okuno	Ben Yoshizumi
Setsuko Sara Ikeuye	Satoru Okuno	Henry Yusa
Grace Ishii	Tsuyako Osaki	



If a name has been inadvertently left off or you would like to add a family member to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple list of Shotsuki names, please contact Rev. Mukojima.

E-mail ymukojima@gmail.com
Phone (Temple office) **(650) 964-9426**



**January
 Monthly
 Memorial
 Service
 Sunday
 January 3,
 2016
 10:00 a.m.**

The **Mountain View Buddhist Temple** would like to express its heartfelt condolence to the families and friends of:

Kanji Omokawa Nov 21, 1921 - Nov 27, 2015

May you find comfort in the embrace of Infinite Light and Life,
 the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha.

Namo Amida Butsu



Seniors Activity Group Activities — Resumes January 7

Senior
Activities
&
Crafts

Senior Activities and Craft will resume on Thursday, January 7, 2016.

SENIOR HOURS Every Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Light refreshment of coffee, tea and desserts are always provided. Everyone is welcome to join in to share new ideas and to make new friends. We want to continue to grow.

BOUTIQUE CRAFT FUND-RAISER HELD

Our Boutique Craft fundraising event was held December 6. The Senior Activities Committee and Craft wishes to thank you all for the support shown during the sales. Special "Thank You" to **Jeanne Ohara, Toshiko Uye-hara** and their committee for taking on this fundraising responsibilities. To the many members and friends, we appreciate your donations, skills, and contribution in help making this fundraiser

a success. Without your help, this Boutique Craft Sale is not possible. **Arigato.**

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES January 21, Thursday: A movie is planned for our scheduled event with lunch. Please plan to join us. Movie to be announced.

April 2016: A day trip is being planned for April. More information in the February Echo.

COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE Only \$18.00

The Senior Cook Book is still available at the Temple office or from any of the committee members.

KNIT WITH DEBBIE 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Debbie Kitani has been very helpful with the Senior Craft Class every Thursday morning, showing the ladies new ways to knit. Whether you are a beginner or an expert in knitting and crocheting, her new ideas and knowledge will

make it enjoyable

LINE DANCING Thursdays, 9:15 AM-10:00 a.m.

Line dancing with **Naomi Ariyama** instructing.

SING ALONG plus EXERCISE 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Join **Kinji Ushiba** with the "Sing Along Group."

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

With the Sing Along, an upper body exercise is included lead by **Julie Ushiba**. What better way to start your day, with a light exercise.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From all our Senior Activities/ Craft friends and Committee members, we wish you a safe and Healthy New Year, 2016.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 10 am - Sunday 10 am - Temple 12:15pm - Taiko -	1 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7:30pm - Religious	2 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	3 6pm - Boy Scouts - 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	4 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	5	6
7 10 am - Scout 12pm - Miroku 12pm - Miroku Mtg. 12pm - YBA General 12:15pm - Taiko -	8 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	9 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	10 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir 7:30pm - Temple	11 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	12 7pm - Fuji Club @ 7:30pm - ABA	13 9am - BWA Meeting 5pm - YBA Spaghetti
14 10 am - Sunday 12:15pm - Taiko -	15 Office Closed Presidents' Day 11am - Senior Group 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	16 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	17 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	18 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	19	20
21 10 am - Nirvana 12:15pm - Taiko -	22 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	23 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	24 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	25 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	26	27
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Happy New Year
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Upcoming Services

February 7, 2016, Sunday

Shotsuki Hoyo

February 17, Sunday

Nirvana Day / Pet Memorial

March 13, Sunday

Shotsuki Hoyo

March 20, Sunday

Spring Ohigan



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