



MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

December Highlights

- **12/4 Sun, 10:00 AM**
Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Bodhi Day Service
11:00 AM
Japanese Language Service
- **12/11 Sun**
Mochitsuki
No Services
- **12/14 Wed, 7:30 PM**
Temple Board Meeting
- **12/18 Sun, 9:45 AM**
Short Service & Osoji (Temple Clean-up)
- **12/31 Sat, 7:00 PM**
Joya-E Service - New Year's Eve Service
- **1/1/17 Sun, 10:00 AM**
Shusho-E Service - New Year's Day Service

I Am an Inpatient

Last month I wrote about Mountain View Buddhist Temple's 55th Anniversary celebration this past September with Bishop Umezu. We took advantage of this milestone to hold a Kieshiki Sarana Affirmation Ceremony at the Temple.

In this very important Buddhist ceremony, we affirm taking refuge in the Three Treasures of the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha, as we stand before Amida Buddha's image. It is a precious opportunity to receive our Buddhist name, confirming our status as Buddha's disciple so that we may live with the self-knowledge, responsibility and pride of a Nembutsu follower.

When I first encouraged some



By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

members to attend the Kieshiki, most of them refused, saying, "Sensei, I am not dead yet!" Or they told me, "I feel that once I receive my Buddhist name, I will die soon after. So I don't want it yet."

Certainly in some cases, I, and not the Gomonsu (*Head Abbot*) will sometimes present a Buddhist name at a funeral service, but that is only for those who did not earlier have the privilege of participating in the Kieshiki. So it is certainly not the case that I give a Buddhist name only when one has passed away.

Because taking the Buddhist name signifies becoming a disciple of Buddha and accepting the Nembutsu teaching as a way of life, it is an important and longstanding Jodo Shinshu tradition to receive our Buddhist name while we are living.

Anyway, as a result of explain-

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Kieshiki Ceremony
Mountain View Buddhist Temple
September 18, 2016

december 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 10am - Eshinni- 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	28 6pm - Girl Scouts @ 7:30pm - RPC Meeting	29 6:30pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	30 6pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	1 6:30pm - Adult Taiko @	2 9am - BWA Udon Prep	3 8am - Mochitsuki Prep
4 5am - BWA Udon 10am - Shotsuki Hoyo 11am - Senior Group 12pm - Taiko - Kids @ 12pm - YBA General	5 6pm - Girl Scouts @	6 6:30pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	7 6pm - Boy Scouts - 6pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	8 6:30pm - Adult Taiko @	9 7pm - Fuji Club @ YBA 7:30pm - ABA Meeting	10 8am - Mochitsuki Prep 5pm - Fuji Club/Scouts
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Religious Planning — December 2016

December 4, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Shotsuki Hoyo & Bodhi Day Services

Bodhi Day Service: Siddhartha Gautama, as he meditated under the Bodhi Tree, attained Enlightenment and became the Sakyamuni Buddha

11:00 am: Japanese Language Service



December 11, 2016, Sunday — Mochitsuki

No Services

December 18, 2016, Sunday, 9:45 a.m. — Short Service

10:00: Osoji — Temple Cleanup

December 25, 2016 — No Services

No Services

December 31, 2016, 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, 2017, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Shusho-E- New Year's Day Service

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



Shotsuki Hoyo Service



O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM



Adult Discussion—11:00 AM



Dharma School—11:00 AM

Donate to the Upcoming Services

***Bodhi Day, Joya-E Service - New Year's Eve Service,
Shusho-E Service - New Year's Day Service***

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send a check to the Temple office***

I Am an Inpatient (cont'd)

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ing this concept over and over to the Sangha at Sunday Service, 44 members decided to participate in the ceremony and receive their Buddhist name from Bishop Umezu. I will never forget the pure expressions that Sunday of all the people who, each with their precious Buddhist name, made a fresh resolve to take the Nembutsu path.

Several weeks before the Kieshiki, someone visited me in my office and asked me a question about the kanji, the Chinese characters that make up the Buddhist name. To create their Buddhist name, each person was asked to pick a meaningful kanji from a list I provided. Then I, as resident minister, would choose a second kanji for them. This person told me something like, "I only see Chinese characters that have a wonderful meaning on this list. If possible, I would like to use the kanji for 'foolish' or 'evil' to express my shameful mind and heart, just as Shinran called himself 'foolish' and 'stubble-haired.' Is that all right?" As I listened, I was very impressed with his sincerity because he was reflecting deeply on his imperfect self, using the Nembutsu as his mind's mirror and living honestly without denying his human nature.

In considering a Buddhist name, it is natural to choose a kanji which has a good meaning. But this member seemed to want to have one that expressed his own nature because it would make him rejoice in the Nembutsu teaching in deep self-reflection, admonishing himself for his conceited and arrogant mind.

When I heard him express his deep appreciation of the Nembutsu, one kanji instantly came to mind: *kaku*, which means awakening or realization. So for his Buddhist name, I suggested "Shaku Gu -Kaku" which means a true disciple of Buddha who has awakened to the foolishness (*blind passions*) of the true human nature. When the member saw this, he hesitated. "Oh, this Buddhist name is too good for me! I didn't mean to say that I would actually like to use the kanji for 'foolishness.'" But at my strong recommendation, he eventually accepted this Buddhist name. He is a truly humble person who rejoices in the Nembutsu teaching from the bottom of his heart and mind.

After our meeting, I remembered the time about 17 years ago when I went overseas to Brazil as an inexperienced new minister. It was about three months after my arrival when I was getting accustomed to living there and had already had many opportunities to give Dharma talks to the Sangha.

During that period, the Vice Rinban of the San Paulo Betsuin asked me an interesting question. "Amida Buddha is often compared to a doctor," he said. "If so, the members who come to the Temple often would be his outpatients. And those who almost never visit would be healthy members who only come to the hospital for a checkup a few times a year. Given this description, how would you describe yourself, staying at the Temple every day?"

Without hesitation, I answered proudly, "I am a minister who serves Buddha, so I think that I am like a nurse."

The Vice Rinban smiled at me and said, "No, Sensei. You are an inpatient! You have gotten used to life at the Betsuin and now you have a swollen head because you are made much of by the Sangha calling you, 'Sensei, Sensei.' But we ministers are definitely not nurses nor counselors as you said. We must never forget that we are inpatients (*serious cases*) allowed to stay by Amida Buddha's side (*doctor*) in the Temple (*hospital*). It is most important for ministers to fully realize that each one of us has a more serious illness (*burning with the flames of blind passions*) than the Sangha members (*outpatients*) have. This is why we must be more grateful than anybody else for Amida Buddha's Primal Vow, which is always tirelessly working on each of us; and why we must share our joy in the Nembutsu with others (*secure our own entrusting heart to the Primal Vow while guiding others to the same path*)."

The Vice Rinban's unexpected and profound words made a great impact on me as a callow young man. With these words, he had shown me how I should live as a Jodo Shinshu minister.

Some seventeen years later, I am still ashamed of my youthful self declaring, "I am like a nurse," with such confidence. But after my conversation about kanji with a self-aware Sangha member, I was able to make a fresh resolve to carry out my role as your Kaikyoshi minister with a humble and grateful mind, ever reflecting without arrogance on my foolish nature.

In Gassho,



True Disciple of Buddha

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」 二〇一六年十二月法話

私は入院患者

駐在開教使 向嶋謙史

先月の法話でもお伝えしたように、先の九月に、マウンテンビュー仏教会の創立五十五周年を梅津総長をお招きして盛大にお祝した記念式典をご縁にして、帰依式が執り行われました。

帰依式とは、阿彌陀仏の御前で「仏・法・僧」の三宝に帰依することを誓い、今仏者としての自覚と誇りを持って生きる為、に仏弟子の証である「法名」を授かる大変重要な儀式です。

しかし、何人かの二門徒に帰依式の参加を勧めた際、全員決まって「先生、私はまだ死んでませんよ!」とか「法名を頂くと早死にしようで...」と云ってあつけなく断られてしまいました。

確かに、葬儀の際、二門主に代わって法名を授与することが度々ありますが、それは亡くなった方が生前、帰依式にご縁がなく、法名を持っておられなかったからであり、何も亡くなつたから法名を授けているわけではありませぬ。法名というのは、私達の生き方をお念仏のみ教えに問い尋ねてゆく仏弟子としての名告りでありますから、生きていられるうちに授かることがとても大切な事なのです。

そのことを何度も日曜礼拝で説明した結果、有難いことに、四十四名の方が帰依式に参加され、それぞれ総長から法名を授かりました。厳肅な雰囲気の中で、自らの法名と共に、お念仏の道を歩もうと心新たに誓われた参加者全員のですがすがすがしい顔を忘れることができません。

さて、帰依式が行われる数週間前ですが、一人の二門徒が私の事務所を訪ねて来て、帰依式で授かる法名の選子について質問がありました。この帰依式では、法名を決めるために、参加者に好きな漢字一字を選子リストから選んで頂いて、もう一字は、駐在開教使である私が選ぶことになっていました。そこで、その二門徒が言うには、「このリストには素晴らしい漢字しか見当たりません。できれば、愚禿親鸞のように、自分の浅ましい心をあらわす『愚』や『悪』などという字を使いたいのですがよろしいでしょうか?」という質問でした。その話を聞いた時、この二門徒はお念仏を心の鏡として、不完全な自分と眞摯に向き合せて、人間の本性をこまかくことなく正直に生きておられるなあと感心しました。

私を含めて、誰もが自分の法名を考へるとき、素晴らしい意味のある漢字を選ぶのが普通ですが、この二門徒は、自己の本性をあらわした漢字を使う法名で、常に驕り高ぶる自分を戒め、深い反省のうちにお念仏のみ教えを喜びたいという気持ちがあつたようです。そこで私は、この方の法名として人間の持つ根本的な愚かさ(煩惱)に目覚めた真の仏弟子という意味を込めて、「釋愚覺」と名付けさせていたいただきました。これを見た二門徒は、「この法名は自分にはもつたない。そんな意味で愚という字を使いたいの言つたわけではありませぬ」と随分と躊躇されましたが、私の強い勧めで納得していただきました。本当にお念仏を心の底から喜んでおられる謙虚な二門徒でした。

この一件の後、十七年前に新米開教使としてブラジルに渡つたころのことを思い出しました。赴任して、三カ月ぐら経つて、だいぶブラジルの生活に慣れ、二門徒の前で法話をするのも多くなつてい

ころです。当時の伯国別院の副輪番が、ある日私に「阿彌陀さんをお医者さんだとすると、よくお寺のお参りに来られる二門徒は通院患者、ほとんどお参りに来ない」と門徒は、年に数回だけ検診に来る健康な患者。じゃあ、毎日お寺で寝泊まりしている先生は一体何ですか?」と急におもしろい質問をされました。そこで、私は迷わず「医師(阿彌陀)に任せていますから、私は看護師みたいなものでしょうか」と胸を張って答えますと、彼は笑いながら「先生、あなたは入院患者だよ。先生は、別院の生活に慣れ、最近では二門徒方に『先生、先生』ともてはやされて偉くなつたりしているかもしれないが、私達僧侶は君の言うような看護師でもなければ、カウンセラーでもないんだよ。私達僧侶は、お寺(病院)に住み込んで、阿彌陀さま(医師)のそばにおいていたたいしている入院患者(重症)だということを決して忘れてはいけない。二門徒(通院患者)より重い病氣(煩惱)を私一人が持つているということに目覚めることが僧侶として最も大切なこと。だからこそ、四六時中、一瞬たりとも休むことなく、こんな私を付きつきりて看病して下さい。ついている阿彌陀さまのおはたらき(本願)に誰よりも感謝し、この喜びをみんなに伝えて(自信)教人信)いかなければならぬんだよ」と言われました。

副輪番のこの何とも有難いお言葉は、当時、新米開教使だった私の心に大きな衝撃を与え、同時に、その後の私が僧侶として生きるべき道しるべをはつきりとして下さつたのです。

「私は看護師のようなものです」と、浮かれて答えた当時の自分を今更ながら恥すかしく思うと同時に、決して驕り高ぶることなく、常に己の愚かな本性を省みて、謙虚な心と感謝の気持ちで、開教使の本分を全うしたいと改めて心に誓わせていただきました。



SANGHA DAY PICNIC September 25, 2016

On behalf of Zone 9, we would like to thank those who attended the Sangha Day Picnic at Cuesta Park. There were over 250 attendees this year. The weather was sunny and warm and the food abundant and delicious.

Thank you to the following:

- Fuji Club for chairing the service
- Reverend Mukojima for his Dharma talk
- YBA for organizing the children's games
- Boy Scouts for building the Monkey Bridge
- Girl Scouts for organizing the guessing games
- ABA for running the Bingo
- Mike Inouye and children for running the raffle
- Dharma School for providing donuts and juice
- Bob Imai for obtaining the permits

Thank you to all the Temple members who contributed their know-how and muscle in organizing and setting up this event. And last, but not least, a big thank you to the Zone 9 team.

See you next year!

In Gassho,
Bruce Inenaga
Zone 9 Picnic Committee

Year-End and New Year's Day Services

JOYA-E
Year-end Service
Saturday, Dec 31 at 7:00 PM

The Sangha is invited to the final service of 2016, 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
Sunday, 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.

YBA News

CC CONFERENCE

YBA was invited to attend the Central Cal Jr. YBA Conference, "Star Wars: Balance," on November 12 in Fresno. Thirteen members attended the conference.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

YBA had its Halloween party on October 29 in the YBA Hall. Activities included a scary and non-scary movie, escape the room game, and dinner. A special thank you to the advisors for organizing the escape the room game.

YBA THIRD MEETING AND HOLIDAY PARTY

YBA had its third meeting on November 6 and confirmed to have a holiday party on December 16 and 17 in the Sangha Hall. Activities will include a bake off, white elephant, and a sleepover.

KEIRO KAI

YBA will help serve refreshments at Keiro Kai this year as well as perform a song as entertainment.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Please save the date for Saturday, February 11, 2017, as YBA will host its annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. More information is soon to come.

**In Gasho,
Jordyn Sato
2016-2017 YBA President**



YBA Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

**Saturday,
Feb 11, 2017**

Seniors Activity Group — Will Resume Thursday, January 5

Our last Senior gathering for the year was held on Thursday, November 17 because the Holiday Season is approaching. We had fun and free games of Bingo for our Seniors Activities Day. Lunch was provided

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 4: In the Sangha Hall foyer, the Senior Activities Group will have their annual Boutique Sale. From our special Senior ladies, many affordable gifts are prepared with you in mind. The time is from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please come and support our Seniors. This boutique is the same day as the BWA's Udon Fundraiser.

Friday, December 9, 2016 (and every second Friday of each month, rain or shine): Let's get

together for a healthy walk. The meeting place is Denny's restaurant at 311 South Mathilda Ave., Sunnyvale, at 10:00 am. Let us focus on walking with friends to 840 W. Washington Park, Sunnyvale, and complete your walk back to Denny's Restaurant to reward yourself to a nice lunch around 11:00 am. If you choose not to walk, let's meet for lunch at Denny's at 11:00 am, for a nice gathering with your Senior friends. For more information, call **Julie Ushiba**.

Thursday, January 5, 2017: We will resume the Senior Activities program. Mark this date on your calendar.

Thursday, January 19, 2017: Looking ahead, we will have a guest speaker, **Peining Chang**. She will educate us all about Alzheimer. Thank you **Bruce Mori-**

moto for getting our guest speaker. Mark the date on your calendar. We will also provide lunch at 11:30 am. Peining Chang will speak at 12:15 pm. Everyone welcome to join us.

SENIOR HOURS

**Every Thursdays,
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.

**In Gasho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto**

**Senior
Activities
&
Crafts**

The ECHO



MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

JUNIORS

The Juniors are currently working on completing several badges. They also participated in Operation Holiday Cards, which sends homemade cards to Troops overseas.



CADETTES

The Cadettes have been assisting the Seniors with preparing handmade products to sell at the NorCal Girl Scouts Holiday Craftapalooza in December.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all that supported our Girl Scout Nut sales!

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday

DECEMBER 11, 2016

MVBT MOCHI-TSUKI FUNDRAISER

ENJOY THE FUN, BE A VOLUNTEER

Komochi \$4	Okasane \$6	Noshimochi \$16

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday

FEBRUARY 11, 2017

YBA SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER



150 Club News	Toban & Echo Schedule		
Our winner for the month of November is Jean Shimoguchi .	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print
We want to congratulate Jean for winning.	DEC Zones 13 & 1	N/A	N/A
You can also be a future winner. Talk to your Zone Chair for a 2017 150 ticket.	JAN Zones 2 & 3	Dec 16 (Fri)	Dec 21 (Wed)
Thank you to all those who participate in the 150 Club.	FEB Zones 4 & 5	Jan 13 (Fri)	Jan 18 (Wed)
	Please note the revised article deadline, printing dates and email submission process. This will provide time to layout and production. Thank you.		
	Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org		

Dharma School News

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

On Friday, November 4, Dharma School sponsored the Family Fun Night in the Sangha Hall. The event was a revival of a MVBT tradition and the first of three proposed fun nights. The event was well attended and provided an enjoyable opportunity for the MVBT Sangha to get together. Special thanks to **Traci and Mike Inouye** for coordinating the event, and to **Joni Furumasu** and **Marilyn Armistead** for organizing the Dana project as one of the activities. And, a big thank you to everyone who came and made the event a big success.

DHARMA SCHOOL DANA PROJECT

Dharma School Dana Project is making fleece blankets for the Silicon Valley Human Society's

pets. The blankets can be made from 35-inch square pieces of fleece. The project will continue through the rest of November and will possibly be an activity for Dharma School students who attend the Eshinni-ko/Kakushinni-ko service on November 27. For more information, please contact the Dana Project co-chairs: **Joni Furumasu** (jofurumasu@yahoo.com) or **Marilyn Armistead** (marilyna@gmail.com).

KEIRO KAI LUNCHEON

Dharma School will provide placemats decorated by the students for the Keiro Kai Luncheon on November 20. Thank you to **Dana Nakagawa, Debbie Kitani** and **Grace Kosakura** who will organize the serving of coffee, tea and cake as well as coordinate the handing out of raffle items.

NOVEMBER 27 SERVICE: Eshinni-ko / Kakushinni-ko / Lady Ohtani Memorial Service

Will you be around on Sunday, November 27? There is no Dharma School, but there will be a service with guest speaker **Reverend Yuki Sugahara**. Reverend Sugahara is an engaging speaker who delights children and adults alike. He will give two Dharma talks: one for children and one for adults. The children will be dismissed to the YBA Hall after their Dharma talk. There will be snacks and activities.

**In Gassho,
Curt Fukuda
Dharma School Superintendent**



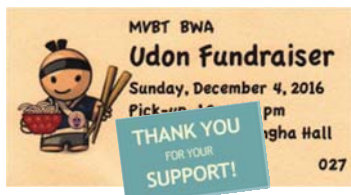
BWA Actiities

DANA FUND

BWA extends our gratitude for the generosity of the Sangha for our Dana Fund. The donations received will go to all of the Temple youth groups.

UDON FUNDRAISER

We also thank everyone for



supporting our Udon Fundraiser on December 4, 2016. The number of tickets sold this year exceeded our expectation. It was the largest BWA Udon Fundraiser to date. **Arigato Gozai Mashita!**

60th ANNIVERSARY DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED:

Dr. and Mrs. Go Sasaki
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hirotsu

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, December 17, 2016, 9:00 am in YBA Hall.



**Buddhist
Women's
Association**

HELP WANTED



OFFICE HELP WANTED

Volunteers to staff the MVBT office on Thursday (every 3rd and 4th week of the month) & Friday (2nd week of the month)

Contact **Peter Matsumoto** at (408)252-9034 or psmatsumoto@att.net if you are interested.

Help Needed – Retirees and Part-time Workers



Please help with yard work at your Temple on Fridays

Men & Women Gardeners: ½ day job.

Trim the trees & plants. Help blow out the parking lot, so it will be clean on Sundays

Any help is appreciated !!!

CONTACT: Jits Higa, (650) 968-2532

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Mochi-Tsuki — Sunday, December 11

Mochi-Tsuki time is here again and we look forward to seeing everyone at this annual get together. Come and have fun helping and participating in the activities that make this cultural event and fundraiser a success.

Tickets have been distributed to each zone and **the final count is due Monday, December 5, 2016**. Tickets are also available at the MVBT office or through your zone chairperson.



Work schedule is as follows:

- SAT, Dec 3 8:00 amPre-preparation, test equipment and hang plastic
- FRI, Dec 9 8:00 amWash barrels & rinse rice
- SAT, Dec 10 8:00 amFinal setup, clean area and move equipment
- SUN, Dec 11 **Mochi-Tsuki Day**
- 5:00 a.m. Start steamers
- 5:30 amStart cooking rice
- 6:00 amStart pounding
- 6:30 amStart shaping mochi
- 11:00 am - 3:00 pmMochi Pickup
- ~ 3:00 pmClean up
- TUES, Dec. 13 8:00 amFinal clean up

If you have any questions, please contact **Rob Shinkawa**, Zone 8 (408) 736-8792.

Mochi Prices

Komochi
\$ 4.00
(1-pound pkg)

Okasane
\$ 6.00
(Kagami)
(1-pound pkg)

Noshimochi
\$ 16.00
(4-pound pkg)

ABA News

MEET & MINGLE EVENING

ABA’s annual “Meet and Mingle” evening was, once again, a huge success. In typical ABA fashion, we ate, drank, chatted, played games and had a great time. Several potential new members brought new energy to the festivities and we hope to see them at future events.

Big thanks to **Ken & Mieko Nakano, Sterling & Joanne Makishima, Dennis Tsukagawa, Judy Nakano, Alice Ishida, Reiko Tsuchida, Lorrie & Glenn Kitasoe, and Phyllis & Russ Chan** for organizing the event.

If you’re interested in joining ABA, please contact **Sterling**

Makishima at smyoshiaki@gmail.com or call him at 408.691.7377.

**In Gassho,
Sterling Makishima
ABA President**

December
Monthly
Memorial
Service

Sunday

December 4,
2016

10:00 am

December 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 **December** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Yoshiko Akizuki	Muriel Izumi	Miyuki Nakano
Ichiro Chikasuye	Shogo Kaku	Shunsuke Nakano
Emiko Fujikawa	David Kawamoto	Leo Nakayama
Mamoru Fukuma	Junso Kawamoto	Frank Okimoto
Emiko Furuta	Tsue Kawamoto	Kelly Sakae
James Furuta	James Ichiro Kawaye	Jiro Sakano
Myrna Hayashi	Tomiko Kosakura	Hatsue Sako
Sato Hiroshige	Alice Koyano	Chiyo Shimoguchi
Dorothy Horiuchi	Tomoe Kumamaru	Yasuki Shinke
June Hoshi	George Kunimoto	Laurie Takasugi
Teruko Ikeda	Yoshio Kusaba	Robert Taniguchi
Amy Imai	Nobuichi Masaki	Florence Tsukagawa
Hana Inouye	Kiyoko Murakami	Hiro Uyehara
Harry Ishii	Jane Nakamura	Edward Yonemura
IJ Iwamoto	Masazo Nakamura	

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.

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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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am - Shusho-e 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	2 6pm - Girl Scouts @	3 6:30pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	4 6pm - Boy Scouts - 6pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	5 8am - Senior Activities 6:30pm - Adult Taiko @	6	7
8 10am - Shotsuki Hoyo 12pm - Taiko - Kids @ 12pm - YBA General	9 6pm - Girl Scouts @	10 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	11 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Board 7:30pm - Temple Choir	12 8am - Senior Activities 6pm - Taiko - Adults @	13 7pm - ABA General 7pm - Fuji Club @ YBA	14 9am - BWA Meeting @
15 10am - Hoonko Service 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	16 11am - Senior Group 6pm - Girl Scouts @	17 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	18 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	19 8am - Senior Activities 6pm - Taiko - Adults @	20	21
22 10am - Sunday Service 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	23 6pm - Girl Scouts @	24 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	25 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	26 8am - Senior Activities 6pm - Taiko - Adults @	27	28
29 10am - Sunday Service 11am - Temple Annual 12pm - Dharma School 12pm - President's 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	30 6pm - Girl Scouts @ 7:30pm - RPC Meeting	31 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	1 6pm - Boy Scouts - 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	2 8am - Senior Activities 6pm - Taiko - Adults @	3	4

Upcoming Events

January 15, 2017, Sunday

Hoonko Service

January 29, 2017, Sunday

Temple, BWA & ABA Installations
Temple General Meeting

February 12, 2017, Sunday

Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial

March 3-5, 2017, Friday—Sunday

BCA National Council Meeting



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