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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

January Highlights

- ***1/26 Sunday***
  - ***NO SERVICES***
  - ***MVBT General Meeting Rescheduled for Feb 12***

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February Highlights

- ***2/2 Sun, 10:00 am***
  - *Shotsuki Hoyo*
  - *11:00 am - Japanese Language Service*
- ***2/3 Mon, 7:00 pm***
  - *Buddhist Discussion Group*
- ***2/8 Sat, 5:00 pm***
  - *YBA Spaghetti Dinner*
- ***2/9, Sun, 10:00 am***
  - *Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial*
  - ***Guest Speaker: Rev. Jay Shinseki***
- ***2/12 Wed, 7:30 pm***
  - ***MVBT General Meeting** & MVBT Board Meeting*
- ***2/16 Sun, 10:00 am***
  - *Boy Scout Sunday*
  - *Installation of cabinets for Temple, BWA & ABA*

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Entrusting Ourselves Completely

Jodo Shinshu teaches us that Shinjin, or the entrusting mind, is the true cause of birth in the Pure Land. Reciting "Namo Amida Butsu" is an expression of our gratitude for the great gift of Amida Buddha's vow.

We often hear Jodo Shinshu ministers use the phrase, "Receive Shinjin from Amida Buddha." But just what is Shinjin? What state of mind must one have when receiving Shinjin? I think that many of you may have these questions when you recite the Nembutsu. This month, I would like to explain Shinjin, which is the essence of Jodo Shinshu.

Shinran describes Shinjin as the mind that is free of doubt. Doubt is an expression of our calculating mind. Shinran also describes the calculating mind another way: the mind that believes in the compensation of evil and good. It means to be afraid of one's bad deeds and dependent on one's meritorious acts. If you have this idea that good acts cause good effects and that bad acts cause bad effects, you really understand the law of cause and effect that is the essence of Buddhism.

Shinran was highly critical of religious groups that disregarded the law of causality. However, in Jodo Shinshu, we clearly do not

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

believe in the recompense of evil and good such as the belief that those who commit bad deeds will be denied birth in the Pure Land; or that only those who perform meritorious acts will be able to go to the Pure Land.

It is because Jodo Shinshu follows the law of causality through which we can be born in the Pure Land and attain Buddhahood because of Shinjin or the entrusting mind that truly receives the fruit of Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion. And Shinjin, which results in our birth in the Pure Land, is the deep realization that our own power is useless in this regard. And, it is the profound awakening that our birth in the Pure Land is entirely due to the power of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow. That is, Shinjin is to get rid of our own calculation, so we only depend upon the power of Primal Vow. Called the two aspects of Shinjin—entrusting mind and awakening—they are completely different from the belief in the recompense of evil and good that depends on the calculation of self-power.

I think that some of you who reflect on how you conduct your lives each day and are concerned whether you will be able to enter the Pure Land because you believe that those who do something wrong will go to hell. Or, there must be some among you who make efforts to recite the Nembutsu because you believe that coming to the Temple to recite the Nembutsu will bring about your birth in the Pure Land. However, both of these mindsets are misguided because they are the calculations of self-power.

Believing that we will enter the Pure Land simply because of our utterance of the Nembutsu is our calculation. To worry that if we cannot rid ourselves of anger and jealousy, we may not enter the Pure Land, even when we gratefully recite the Nembutsu, is also our calculation. If we have such a state of mind, we cannot say that we have received Shinjin. Are there

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Miroku 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 12:00 pm YBA General Meeting 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**3** 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Buddhist Discussion Group	**4** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**5** 6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Junior Leaders/Parents' Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir 7:30 pm YABA	**6** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (Stanford Dist., PacSky, BSA) 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**7** 6:00 pm YBA Spaghetti Dinner Prep	**8** 12:00 pm YBA Spaghetti Dinner Prep 3:00 pm YBA Spaghetti Dinner (5:00-7:00 Dinner, 6:00-8:00 Bingo)
9 10:00 am Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 12:00 pm YABA General Meeting 1:00 pm Girl Scout Ambassadors Meeting 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**10** 1:00 pm Senior Group	**11** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**12** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir 7:30 pm **Temple General Meeting & Board of Directors Meeting**	**13** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**14** 7:30 pm ABA Meeting	**15** 9:00 am BWA Meeting
16 10:00 am Boy Scout Sunday Service, BWA, ABA, Board Installation & Dharma School 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**17** 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	**18** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**19** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir 7:30 pm VISION Meeting	**20** **BCA National Council Meeting** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**21** **BCA National Council Meeting**	**22** **BCA National Council Meeting**
23 **BCA National Council Meeting** 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 1:00 pm Girl Scout Ambassador's 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**24** 7:30 pm RPC Meeting	**25** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**26** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	**27** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**28** 9:00 am BWA Chirashi Fundraiser	**29** 8:00 am Boy Scouts Junior Leader Training

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Religious Planning — February 2020

Janaury 26, 2020, Sunday, NO SUNDAY SERVICES

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February 2, 2020, Sunday, 10:00 am — Shotsuki Hoyo

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

February 3, 2020, Monday, Buddhist Discussion Group

February 9, 2020, Sunday, 10:00 am — Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial Service

Nirvana Day: Observe the passing of the historical Sakyamuni Buddha into Nirvana

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Jay Shinseki**, resident minister at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple

February 16, 2020, Sunday, 10:00 am — Boy Scout Service

Installation of Temple, BWA & ABA Cabinets

February 23, 2020, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

O-asaji (Morning Chanting) - 9:00 am

Study Class - 7:00 pm

Adult Discussion - 11:00 am

Dharma School - 11:00 am

MVBT Annual General Meeting

All members are welcome to attend

Rescheduled for

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 @ 7:30 pm

To be held in conjunction with the

February MVBT Board Meeting

In the YBA Hall Board Room

Entrusting Ourselves Completely (cont'd)

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any of you who believe that you are all right simply because you recite the Nembutsu? These are not the words of those who have truly received Shinjin.

To receive Shinjin means to rid ourselves of a belief in the compensation of evil and good. Namely, it refers to the world removed of our calculating mind of self-power. We do not need our own calculation to attain Buddhahood because Amida Buddha's calculation enables us to be born in the Pure Land just as we are.

However, it is human nature for each of us to live by our own calculation from birth till we die. We always make excuses and judge others using our own standards. For these reasons, we do not like to deny these calculations. But please consider this: If only those who perform good acts will be saved and enjoy happiness, and those who commit bad acts will have to pay for them, then honestly, none of us will be able to go to the Pure Land! Even when we perform meritorious deeds, we do so out of selfishness. In truth, when based on our judgment, we only do good deeds to receive rewards. Although we are stuck at our most vulnerable point, when we look deeply into our true selves from the viewpoint of the Buddha's true wisdom, our calculation is quite impure and imperfect.

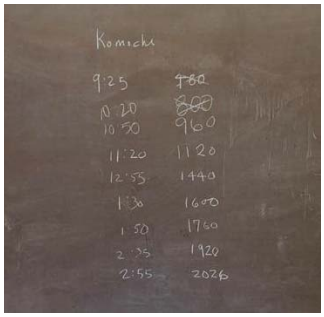
That is why Shinran asks us to throw away the imperfect concept of self-power and rely instead on the other-power of Amida Buddha's Vow so that we can receive true peace of mind.

To receive Shinjin means the freedom of not having to worry about anything because we entrust ourselves completely to Amida's Primal Vow. From this perspective, we are able to reflect deeply on our foolishness. That is, when it will become clear to us that our calculation is actually an obstruction to the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha.

The Primal Vow of Amida Buddha alone will surely lead all sentient beings to the Pure Land because it is completely unaffected by our faith and doubt. We should not believe in Amida Buddha with our unreliable mind. Instead, we should discard both our faith and doubt and, with great peace of mind, entrust ourselves completely to the Vow of Amida Buddha. To receive such a mind is called the Shinjin of other-power. And when such a state of mind is filled with the voice of the Nembutsu, that is the very moment we receive Shinjin.

I sincerely hope that each of us will entrust ourselves completely to the infinite working of Amida Buddha who made a vow: "Rely on me. I will surely lead you to the Pure Land just as you are." Together, let us spend another peaceful year reciting the Nembutsu in gratitude.

In Gassho,



Mochi Tsuki — THANK YOU!

We did it! Over 2,000 pounds of Mochi! Wow!

With all the help of so many, many individuals, Zone 11 was able to successfully complete our 2019 Mochi Tsuki. With such a small zone membership, Zone 11 was pretty worried about being able to complete this job. BUT, as everyone knows, when there is a project to be done, our hard working, cooperative and more than willing to help congregation steps up to the task. Everything, from prepping the back outside area to setting up the equipment early in the week to rolling the mochi balls, was done with complete confidence. Watching the young and "older" smiling and truly enjoying this traditional event was most rewarding. Zone 11 cannot thank everyone enough for all your help! We sincerely appreciate all your support.

For anyone who still would like Mochi or more Mochi, it is still available and can be purchased from the office. The price is reduced to $2.00 a pound.

Again, a huge "high five" of appreciation and thanks to everyone who helped Zone 11.

Domo Arigato.

In Gassho and With Gratitude and Kindness beyond words
Zone 11

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇二〇年二月法話
― 全(すべ)ておまかせ ―

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史(むこうじまゆうし)

親鸞聖人(しらんしょうにん)がお開(ひら)きになられた浄土真宗(じょうどしんしゅう)は、信心(しんじん)を根本(こん ほん)とする「信心正因(しんじんしょういん)・称名報恩(しょうみょうほうおん)」（意訳(いやく)・信心(しんじん)一つが浄土(じょうど)へ生(う)まれて仏(ぶつ)になる正(ただ)しい因(いん)であり、南無阿弥陀仏(なもあみだぶつ)を称(とな)えることは報恩感謝(ほうおんかんしゃ)を表(あらわ)すお念仏(ねんぶつ)である）の教(おし)えであります。

私達(わたしたち)はよく「信心(しんじん)をいただきなさいよ」と聞(き)かされていますが、「どういう心(こころ)の状態(じょうたい)を信心(しんじん)をいただいたというのだろうか？」と、皆(みな)さんの多(おお)くがこの疑問(ぎもん)を抱(いだ)きつつお念仏(ねんぶつ)を称(とな)えておられることと思(おも)います。そこで、今月(こんげつ)は、浄土真宗(じょうどしんしゅう)のみ教(おし)えの要(かなめ)となる信心(しんじん)について皆(みな)さんと共(とも)に少(すこ)し味(あじ)わってまいりたいと思(おも)います。

まず、親鸞聖人(しらんしょうにん)は信心(しんじん)について無疑心(むぎしん)という言(い)い方(かた)をされています。疑(ぎ)というのは私達(わたしたち)の「はからい」を表(あらわ)しているのですが、この「はからい」を別(べつ)の言葉(ことば)で親鸞聖人(しらんしょうにん)は「信罪福心(しんざいふくしん)」とおっしゃっています。信罪福心(しんざいふくしん)というのは、自(みずか)らの罪(つみ)を恐(おそ)れ、自(みずか)らの功徳(くどく)をあてにする心(こころ)をいいます。このような心(こころ)を持(も)つ人(ひと)は、善(よ)い事(こと)をすれば必(かなら)ず善(よ)い結果(けっか)が生(う)まれ、悪(わる)い事(こと)をすれば必(かなら)ず悪(わる)い報(むく)いを受(う)けるという「善因善果・悪因悪果」、つまり、仏教(ぶっきょう)の因果(いんが)の道理(どうり)を熟知(じゅくち)されておられる方(かた)です。

親鸞聖人(しらんしょうにん)も因果(いんが)の法則(ほうそく)を無視(むし)した宗教(しゅうきょう)は偽物(にせもの)でしかないと厳(きび)しく批判(ひはん)されています。ですが、浄土真宗(じょうどしんしゅう)では、信罪福心(しんざいふくしん)のような、悪(あく)を犯(おか)したものは浄土(じょうど)に往生(おうじょう)できないと考(かんが)えたり、善(ぜん)を積(つ)んだから浄土(じょうど)に往生(おうじょう)できるであろうという教(おし)えは否定(ひてい)しています。

なぜなら、浄土真宗(じょうどしんしゅう)は、阿弥陀仏(あみだぶつ)の智慧(ちえ)と慈悲(じひ)の結晶(けっしょう)であるお名号(みょうごう)（南無阿弥陀仏(なもあみだぶつ)）が私達(わたしたち)に至(いた)り届(とど)いた信心(しんじん)という因(いん)によって、私達(わたしたち)は往生成仏(おうじょうじょうぶつ)の果(か)を得(え)ることができるという因果(いんが)の法則(ほうそく)に従(したが)った教(おし)えだからです。そして、往生(おうじょう)の因(いん)である信心(しんじん)とは、自分(じぶん)の力(ちから)が浄土往生(じょうどおうじょう)について何(なん)の役(やく)にも立(た)たないのだと認識(にんしき)することであり、浄土往生(じょうどおうじょう)はひとえに阿弥陀仏(あみだぶつ)の本願力(ほんがんりき)にあると信知(しんち)することです。すなわち、信心(しんじん)とは、自(みずか)らのはからいを捨(す)てさり、阿弥陀仏(あみだぶつ)の本願力(ほんがんりき)に全(すべ)ておまかせするということなのです。これを「一種深信(いっしゅじんしん)」というのですが、自力(じりき)のはからいを持(も)つ信罪福心(しんざいふくしん)とは大(おお)きく異(こと)なります。

皆(みな)さんの中(なか)にも、悪(わる)いことをすると地獄(じごく)に堕(お)ちると思(おも)って、自分(じぶん)の日常生活(にちじょうせいかつ)を省(かえり)みては、本当(ほんとう)にお浄土(じょうど)に行(い)けるのだろうかと心配(しんぱい)されている方(かた)がおられると思(おも)います。また、仏教会(ぶっきょうかい)にお参(まい)りしてお念仏(ねんぶつ)を称(とな)えることがお浄土参(じょうどまい)りをもたらすのだと考(かんが)えて、お念仏(ねんぶつ)に励(はげ)んでおられる方(かた)もいるはずです。しかし、このような心(こころ)を自力(じりき)のはからいというのです。

お念仏(ねんぶつ)しているから、お浄土(じょうど)に生(う)まれることは間違(まちが)いないと思(おも)うこともはからい。感謝(かんしゃ)のお念仏(ねんぶつ)はしているけれども、腹(はら)を立(た)てたり、人(ひと)を妬(ねた)む心(こころ)を捨(す)てられないでいる自分(じぶん)は、ひょっとするとお浄土(じょうど)に行(い)けないのではないかと思(おも)う心(こころ)もはからい。このような心(こころ)の状態(じょうたい)であったら、信心(しんじん)をいただいたとは言(い)わないのです。皆(みな)さんの中(なか)で、「私(わたし)はお念仏(ねんぶつ)しているから大丈夫(だいじょうぶ)」と思(おも)っている人(ひと)はいませんか？これは信心(しんじん)をいただいた人(ひと)の言葉(ことば)ではありませんよ。

信心(しんじん)をいただくということは、信罪福心(しんざいふくしん)がない、つまり、自力(じりき)のはからいのない世界(せかい)をいいます。阿弥陀仏(あみだぶつ)のおはからいでお浄土(じょうど)に参(まい)って、仏(ぶつ)にならせていただくのですから、自(みずか)らのはからいは必要(ひつよう)ありません。

しかし、私達人間(わたしたちにんげん)は生(う)まれてきてから死(し)ぬまでずっと、自(みずか)らのはからいばかりの生活(せいかつ)です。つねに理屈(りくつ)をならべ、自分(じぶん)の限(かぎ)られた物差(ものさ)しだけで物事(ものごと)を見(み)ています。ですから、私達(わたしたち)は自(みずか)らのはからいを否定(ひてい)するのを嫌(いや)がります。しかし、善(よ)いことをする者(もの)が助(たす)かって幸(しあわ)せになり、悪(わる)いことをする者(もの)が悪(わる)い報(むく)いを受(う)けると考(かんが)えるのであれば、正直(しょうじき)言(い)って私達(わたしたち)は誰(だれ)一人(ひとり)としてお浄土(じょうど)には行(い)けないのではないでしょうか。なぜなら、たとえ善(よ)いことをしたとしても、その心(こころ)の奥底(おくそこ)には自己中心(じこちゅうしん)の根(ね)っこがあって、自分(じぶん)の算盤勘定(そろばんかんじょう)をもとに、善(よ)い報(むく)いを得(え)たいという心(こころ)で善(よ)いことをしているのにすぎないからです。痛(いた)いところをついていますが、真(しん)の智慧(ちえ)をそなえた仏(ほとけ)さまから見(み)れば、私達(わたしたち)のはからいは非常(ひじょう)に不純(ふじゅん)で不完全(ふかんぜん)なものなのです。

ですから、親鸞聖人(しらんしょうにん)は、不完全(ふかんぜん)な自力(じりき)のはからいを捨(す)てて、阿弥陀仏(あみだぶつ)のおはからいの中(なか)に身(み)を委(ゆだ)ねて真(しん)の安(やす)らぎを得(え)なさいと教(おし)えて下(くだ)さっているのです。

信心(しんじん)をいただくということは、私(わたし)があれこれ心配(しんぱい)するのではなく、阿弥陀仏(あみだぶつ)のおはからいがあるからと安心(あんしん)しきって全(すべ)てをおまかせすることなのです。むしろ、自分(じぶん)のはからいが、阿弥陀仏(あみだぶつ)のご本願(ほんがん)の邪魔(じゃま)にしかならないのだと自(みずか)らの愚(おろ)かさに反省(はんせい)する世界(せかい)をいいます。

必(かなら)ず浄土(じょうど)へ導(みちび)くという阿弥陀仏(あみだぶつ)のご本願(ほんがん)は私達(わたしたち)の信(しん)じる心(こころ)や疑(うたが)いの心(こころ)によって決(けっ)して影響(えいきょう)されるものではありません。当(あ)てにならない私(わたし)の心(こころ)で阿弥陀仏(あみだぶつ)を信(しん)じるのではなく、私(わたし)の信(しん)じる心(こころ)も、疑(うたが)う心(こころ)も打(う)ち捨(す)て、真(しん)の安(やす)らぎの中(なか)で阿弥陀仏(あみだぶつ)のおはからいに全(すべ)ておまかせするのです。このお心(こころ)をいただく事(こと)を「絶対他力(ぜったいたりき)の信心(しんじん)」というのです。

「まかせよ、そのまま救(すく)う」と誓(ちか)われたご本願(ほんがん)に全(すべ)てを委(ゆだ)ね、報恩感徳(ほうおんかんとく)のお念仏(ねんぶつ)を称(とな)えながら皆(みな)さんと共(とも)に心(こころ)安(やす)らかな一年(ひとねん)を過(す)ごしてまいりたいと切(せつ)に願(ねが)っております。

BWA Activities

SADLY LOST TWO MEMBERS

BWA sadly lost **Toshiko Kawamoto**, "A bedrock of our Group". She served as President of BWA for seven continuous years, as well as other cabinet positions. Toshiko gave many years of dedicated service to the Temple and BWA.

We also lost **Paul Nakagawa**, who was one of the first men to join our BWA when we opened our membership to men. Paul helped us whenever he was able, even in poor health.

Our deep condolences to the Kawamoto and Nakagawa families. We will strive to continue by their example.

ESHINNI-KO / BWA MEMORIAL SERVICE

BWA had our Eshinni-ko/BWA Memorial Service on Sunday, January 19, with **Rev. Don Castro** as our guest minister. Rev. Castro is the Rinban Emeritus of the Seattle Betsuin. He was a wonderful speaker and also held a seminar for us after a bento lunch. We truly enjoyed hosting him.

DANA YOUTH FUND

Thank you, Sangha for your generous donations to our Dana Youth Fund. The Dana Youth Fund is the most important fundraiser for BWA. Because of your generosity, we were able to present the MVBT Youth Groups with our Dana Gifts at our Eshinni-ko/BWA Memorial Service.

COMING EVENTS

March 1 ..... Chirashi Fundraiser Sunday

March 14 ..... Saturday — Cooking demonstration, Sangha Hall Kitchen at 10:00 am. With Chef Mika Mukojima making ***Okonomiyaki***

MEMBERSHIP DUES

$20 membership dues for 2020 are now being accepted.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: Saturday, February 15, 2020, at 9:00 am in the YBA Hall.

Buddhist Women's Association

Donate to the Upcoming Services

Support Your Temple

Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial / Spring O-higan

Hanamatsuri / Gotan-e / Kangi-e (Obon)

Your donations go to the General Fund supporting day-to-day operations

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(1) Use the MVBT online donation "DONATE NOW,"

(2) Send a check to the Temple office, or

(3) Donate at the Service

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MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program

Happy New Year from all of us. Continue to be safe and enjoy good health in 2020 and the many years to come.

RESUMED ACTIVITIES

On January 9, we started another good year joining together with friends at the Senior Activities Program in the Sangha Hall. Please continue to join the group, make new friends and enjoy the morning with the many programs provided for you.

UPCOMING EVENT

Thursday, March 19. We will have **Attorney Mitoshi Fujio-White** speak to us about Estate Planning. She is from San Jose and is happy to help and educate us on Living Trusts, Living Wills and etc. Feel free to ask questions that may help you understand the needs of a trust. We will provide lunch at 11:30 am and the presentation will be at 12:15 pm. Everyone is welcome.

DONATIONS:

Our sincere appreciation for the thoughtful donations received with gratitude. *Arigato*.

Fumi Nakano
Kay Tachibana
Nancy Hironaka

COOKBOOKS

Our Senior cook book will make an ideal gift. The price is $15. You can get it at the Temple office or from a committee member.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Debbie Kitani has been very helpful with the Senior Craft Class every Thursday morning, showing the ladies many new ideas in knitting and different crafts. Please support Debbie with any ideas in craft for our upcoming events.

9:15 am to 10:00 am. Learn line dancing instructed by **Reiko Kameda**, **Reiko Tsuchida** and **Toshiko Uyehara**. A fun thing to do to start your day

10:00 am to 10:45 am. Join **Kinji Ushiba** with the "Sing Along Group."

10:45 am to 11:00 am. Following the Sing Along, a chair exercise as you sing along, led by **Julie Ushiba**. What better way to start your day, with a light chair exercise.

11:15 am to 11:45 am. Taiko Drums. This is great mentally, for timing and rhythm, and also for balance. So much fun doing the Taiko drums with friends. Join the group and enjoy.

SENIOR HOURS

Every Thursday, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. Light refreshment of coffee, tea and desserts are always provided.

Everyone is welcome to join us and make a special friend. We are always looking for new ideas if you can share them with us.

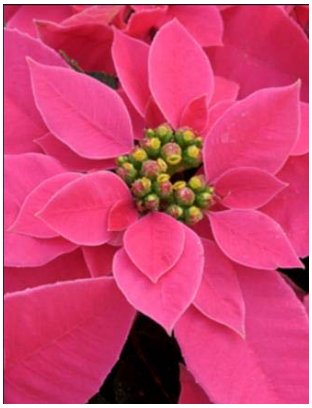
In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

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

Suyeno Imamura	***Mar 28, 1922 - Dec 13, 2019***
Toshiko Kawamoto	***Apri 4, 1927 - Dec 21, 2019***
Paul Nakagawa	***Oct 7, 1953 - Dec 27, 2019***
Richard Endo	***May 29, 1938 - Dec 28, 2019***

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

Namo Amida Butsu



Miroku

MIROKU

middle school group

Miroku started off 2020 with an efficient meeting on Sunday, January 5. Eleven people came! We thank the **Lee family** for the delicious pizza and the **Matsumoto's** for the wonderful idea of a "Fuzzy Feelings" Sock Drive for the homeless.

We will be starting the sock drive on January 19. We will be donating the socks to a homeless shelter and hope to see your donations.

We decided to help the Girl Scouts by chairing a service in March.

We conducted our monthly AED checks.

Overall, this meeting was a wonderful start to 2020. Our next meeting is Sunday, February 2.

In Gassho,
Kendall Inouye
6th Grade Miroku Member

Namo Amida Butsu: *"With kindness and gratitude beyond words."*

Dharma School News

明けましておめでとうございます! Happy 2020 to you all! As we begin the new year, I would like to thank all of you for supporting the Dharma School, especially our teachers who have dedicated many hours to prepare lessons and teach our students about Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, our parents who have served on our Cabinet and volunteered in our various activities, and all of our Temple members who have supported us throughout the year. I appreciate all of your contributions and look forward to your continued support in 2020!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
Mochitsuki and Osoji

Thank you to all of the Dharma School students and parents who helped with Mochitsuki and Osoji! Our shared Temple community is strengthened by everyone's efforts and contributions that make our fundraisers, activities and programs a success, and we definitely need everyone's help.

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

Dharma School

Upcoming Events

March 1, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo

March 15, Sunday
Spring O-higan

March 29, Sunday
Girl Scout Sunday

April 12, Sunday
Hanamatsuri & Hatsumairi

April 24 - 26, Thursday - Sunday
Federated Dharma School Teachers

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

MVBT YBA

SPAGHETTI DINNER

YBA's annual Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo fundraiser is approaching very soon! Please save the date for Saturday, February 8. We hope to see everyone there, and thank you in advance for all of your support! If you have any questions, please contact our Spaghetti Dinner Chair, **Megan Nakagawa**, at megan.nakagawa03@gmail.com.

In Gassho,
Stacey Kawabata
2019-2020 YBA President

MVBT **Y**oung **B**uddhist **A**ssociation

February 8, 2020

Dinner: 5:00-7:00 pm

Bingo: 6:00-8:00 pm

MVBT Sangha Hall

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA (Young Buddhist Association) will be hosting our annual Spaghetti Dinner. The proceeds from our Spaghetti Dinner funds religious and social activities throughout the year that provide opportunities for YBA members to experience the Dharma together. We appreciate any and all support you can give, including donated goods or services and monetary donations. Please come out and enjoy a wonderful evening! (Take-out also available.)

Please pre-order if possible as this allows us to plan and give you the best Spaghetti Dinner possible. If you have any questions please contact Megan Nakagawa at 408-888-1279 or megan.nakagawa03@gmail.com.
Thank you for supporting the Mountain View YBA.

In Gassho,
Megan Nakagawa
Spaghetti Dinner Chairperson

To Pre-Order Dinners **(Deadline February 1, 2020):**
-Fill out the order form below
-Submit payment and pre-order form in the self-addressed envelope or drop off in the MVBT office
*Checks should be made out to the: MVBT YBA
**We follow a ticketless system, so no tickets will be distributed

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Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please Check One: Eat In: [ ] Take Out: [ ]

	Quantity	Total
Adult Dinners:	_____ x $10.00	$_____
Child (10 and under) Dinners:	_____ x $6.00	$_____
Bingo Cards:	_____ x $5.00	$_____
Additional Donation:		$_____
Total Amount Enclosed:		$_____

Register for Hatsumairi by Friday, April 3, 2020

Hatsumairi Infant Presentation — Sunday, April 12, 2020

ATTENTION NEW PARENTS

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple would like to invite you and your child to the annual **Hatsumairi Service** ("First Visit Ceremony") to be held during the Hanamatsuri Service. This special service will be held on **Sunday, April 12, 2020 at 10:00 am.**

During the ceremony, parents present their child before Amida Buddha and the Sangha and welcome him/her to the Dharma. The Naijin (or altar) symbolizes the truth that is embodied within the human experience.

Children of all ages are welcome to participate in the Hatsumairi ceremony

Please fill out the application below and mail it to the Temple or email it to Rev. Mukojima by **Friday, April 3, 2020**.

Rev. Yushi Mukojima
Resident Minister
ymukjima@gmail.com

The ceremony includes a pledge by all parents to raise their child according to the Buddhist Teachings, as the first step in establishing a world of stability and peace of mind for their infant. It is a time to share (with your child) the true hopes and aspirations manifested in your hearts and minds.

Child's Last Name _____

Child's First and Middle Name(s) _____

Child's Gender ___ **Boy** ___ **Girl**

Child's Birth Date _____

Mother's Name _____

Father's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** ___ **ZIP** _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please return this form by Friday, April 3, 2020 to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, or email the information to Rev. Mukojima (ymukjima@gmail.com)

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

BROWNIES

The Brownie girls are earning their Brownie Try-Its and Badges. So far, they've earned the Eco Friend, Outdoor Art Creator and the Sewing badges. They're looking forward to a fun Camping Skills event with our Cadettes.

CADETTES

After two years of hard work, the Cadettes were able to take a weekend trip to San Francisco. They raised funds by working the Father-Daughter Dance, made craft items to sell at the Craftapalooza, held a spam musubi sale at the Midori Kai Arts & Craft Boutique, and participated in the Girl Scout Nuts and Cookie Sales. For this trip, they are going to explore the city's restaurants and shops, and learn how to use public transportation!

Cadettes in Chinatown in San Francisco

Ambassasors at Hamilton musical in San Francisco

SENIORS/AMBASSADORS

The girls made green tea mochi and put them in gift boxes that they decorated. The Ambassadors completed their College Knowledge badge, and took a trip to San Francisco to celebrate finishing their college applications. They are currently planning for their next service project.

TROOP

The troop is preparing for Girl Scout Cookie Sales, which will run from January 25 through March 15. We hope to have our first booth sales soon!

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Adult Buddhist Association

ABA News

DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

Our deepest condolences to the families of Toshiko Kawamoto and Richard Endo. Toshiko and her late husband, Dave, were early members of ABA. Richard and Emilie have been members of ABA for several years. We will miss Toshiko and Richard's commitment to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and guidance to the Sangha.

TEMPLE OSOJI

Thanks to the ABA members who assisted with this year's Osoji (Temple clean-up). They helped to clean and polish parts of the Onaijin, power spray the grounds, wash windows and other activities.

MEMBERSHIP

ABA annual dues are $25. Members can leave their payments in the ABA Mailbox in the Temple office.

DONATIONS

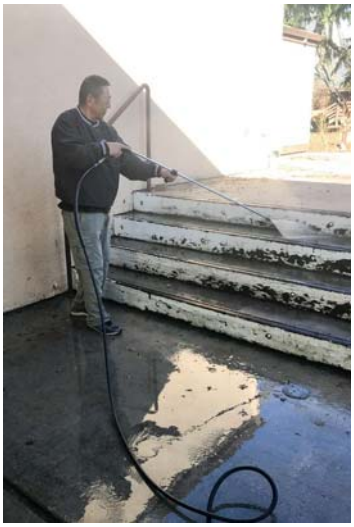
ABA gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

Carolyn Murata
Special

Norm and Adele Sato
Birth of grandson

Alice and Sadao Ishida
Special

With Kindness and Gratitude beyond words,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President



ABA members helping at Temple Osoji

150 Club News

Wishing you the very best for the New Year!

The January winner will be chosen in at the February MVBT Board Meeting.

Thank you for participating in the 150 Club for 2020 !

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print & Mail
FEB	Zones 5 & 6	N / A	N / A
MAR	Zones 7 & 8	Feb 14 (Fri)	Feb 19 (Wed)
APR	Zones 9 & 10	Mar 13 (Fri)	Mar 18 (Wed)

Please note the article deadline and printing dates. This will provide time to layout, proof and finalize the issue. Thank you. *Domo Arigato.*

February 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 **Febraury** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Bill Ichiro Asada	**Tatsuhiko Ikebe**	**Edward Okamura**
Tom Fukuda	**Francis Ikenaga**	**Kimi Okubo**
Hatsugoro Fukushima	**James J. Inokuchi**	**Jane Okumura**
Ben Furuichi	**George Tadashi Ishimaru**	**Frank Sakino**
Thomas Gishi	**Kay Hisako Ishizawa**	**Kiyoshi Sawamura**
Yusaku Haruta	**Jiro Iwata**	**Zensaku Shishido**
Nabei Higa	**Kazuo Kato**	**Mary Somen**
Chiyo Higuchi	**Jack Kawamoto**	**Rodney Togashi**
Tomiuemon Hiramoto	**Chiyeko Matsumoto**	**Ruth Yamatoda**
Chiyoko Hirohata	**Frank Matsumoto**	**Haruo Yamaji**
Jeanette Hirota	**Matsutaro Matsumoto**	**Toshio Yamaji**
Maureen Hojo	**David Toshio Matsuo**	**Mildred Yamanaga**
Shuichi Hori	**Shigeki Murai**	**Tsutomu Yamanaga**
Henry Isamu Hoshi Jr.	**Akiko Nakagawa**	**Kenneth Yasuda**
Henry Hideo Hoshi	**Sally Tokoko Nakayama**	
Clara Hoshida	**Tsuneko Nakayama**	
Matsuyo Idehara	**Niro Nishimoto**	
Rev. Ryumei Iguchi	**Tsuneo Nishimura**	

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**

February

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

February 2, 2020

10:00 am

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.

2020 is the Memorial Year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2019	3rd Year Memorial	2018	7th Year Memorial	2014
13th Year Memorial	2008	17th Year Memorial	2004	25th Year Memorial	1996
27th Year Memorial	1994	33rd Year Memorial	1988	50th Year Memorial	1971

MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE
MAJOR EVENTS AND GATHERINGS FOR THE YEAR 2020

January 1	**New Year's Day/Shusho-e**
January 5	**Shotsuki Hoyo Service**
January 12	**Hoonko Service**
January 19	**BWA Memorial Service**
January 26	**Temple Annual Meeting - Moved to Feb 12**
February 2	**Shotsuki Hoyo Service**
February 8	**YBA Spaghetti Dinner**
February 9	**Nirvana Day/Pet Memorial Service**
February 12	**MVBT Board Meeting with General Meeting**
February 16	**Boy Scout Sunday Service**
	Temple, BWA & ABA Installation
February 20-22	**BCA National Council Meeting**
March 1	**Shotsuki Hoyo**
March 15	**Spring Ohigan Service**
March 29	**Girl Scout Sunday Service**
April 5	**Shotsuki Hoyo Service**
April 12	**Hanamatsuri & Hatsumairi Service**
April 24-26	**FDSTL Conference**
May 3	**Shotsuki Hoyo Service**
May 10	**Gotan-e Service**
May 17	**Chicken Teriyaki**
May 24	**Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service**
June 7	**Shotuski Hoyo Service - June & July**
June 14	**Graduation Service**
July 12	**Kangi-e / Obon Hatsubon Service**
July 18-19	**Obon Bazaar Festival**
July 19	**Obon Odori Service**
August 26	**Sasaki Golf Tournament**
September 13	**Shotsuki Hoyo Service - Aug & Sep**
September 20	**Fall Ohigan Service**
September 27	**Sangha Day Picnic**
September 27	**DS Cabinet & YBA Installation**
October 4	**Shotsuki Hoyo Service**
October 11	**Bishops' Memorial & ABA Memorial Service**
October 18	**CD Nembutsu Family Convention**
November 1	**Shotsuki Hoyo Service**
November 15	**Eitaikyo Service & Keiro Kai Luncheon**
December 6	**Shotsuki Hoyo & Bodhi Day Service**
December 13	**Mochi Tsuki**
December 20	**Osoji (clean-up)**
December 31	**Joya-e Year End Service**

Note: EVENTS & DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE – CHECK ECHO & WEBITE FOR CHANGES

march 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 5:00 am BWA Chirashi Fundraiser 10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Miroku 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 12:00 pm YBA General Meeting 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**2** 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Buddhist Discussion Group	**3** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**4** 6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Junior Leaders/Parents' Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir 7:30 pm YABA	**5** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (Stanford Dist., PacSky, BSA) 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**6**	**7**
8 10:00 am Sunday Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 12:00 pm YABA General Meeting 1:00 pm Girl Scout Ambassadors Meeting	**9** 1:00 pm Senior Group	**10** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**11** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir 7:30 pm Temple Board of Directors Meeting	**12** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**13** 7:30 pm ABA Meeting	**14** 9:00 am BWA Meeting / Cooking Class
15 10:00 am Spring Ohigan & Girl Scout Sunday Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 1:00 pm Ohigan Seminar 2:00 pm CD YBL Meeting 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**16** 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	**17** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**18** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir 7:30 pm VISION Meeting	**19** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**20**	**21**
22 10:00 am Sunday Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 1:00 pm Girl Scout Ambassador's 2:00 pm JD Taiko 3:00 pm Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby	**23**	**24** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**25** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	**26** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**27**	**28**
29 10:00 am Girl Scout Sunday Service & Dharma School 11:45 am Dharma School Teachers' Meeting 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**30** 7:30 pm RPC Meeting	**31** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 7:15 pm Dharma School Cabinet Meeting 8:00 pm JD Taiko				

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