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November Highlights

- ***11/1, Mon, 7:00 pm Buddhist Discussion Group, Online***
- ***11/7 Sun, 10:00 am, November Shotsuki Hoyo, Online***
  * *11:00 am - Japanese Language Service*
  * *11:00 am - English Language Discussion*
- ***11/14, Sun. 10:00 am, Sunday Service, Online***
  * *9:30 am - Gatha Sing Along*
- ***11/21, Sun. 10:00 am, Eitaikyo Service, Online***
  * *9:30 am - Gatha Sing Along*
  * *11:00 - Keiro Kai Activities following service*
- ***11/28, Sun. No Sunday Services***

MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Who Does "An Evil Person" Refer To?

Do you like the TV shows about animals like "Animal Planet"? My family and I like animals and often enjoy watching shows about them. Among us, my daughter especially appreciates animals and her favorite is the fastest land mammal, the cheetah. Unfortunately, the cheetah lives in the wild and seems to be endangered now. Due to poor conditions such as the destruction of its habitat, poaching, low fertility and their natural enemy, the hyena, the probability of cheetah cubs surviving to adulthood is only around five percent.

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Cheetah vs. Impala

Because we watch these TV programs knowing these animals are living under challenging conditions, we are moved when we watch the mother cheetah desperately chasing the impala in order to feed her cubs. The scenes of the cheetah family trying to survive on their own, with the brave mother instinctively fighting to protect her babies, will always make an impression on anyone who watches these documentaries.

On the other hand, when we watch animal programs focused on an impala family, and because the impala with its cute eyes is so calm, the scene of a cheetah chasing after the impala family makes the cheetah looks cruel. And at the moment the cheetah takes down an impala, we might look at the cheetah as if it were evil.

But if we were to watch the same program from the animal's viewpoint, our attachment to its family or group and sympathy for its plight deepens. When we put ourselves in its place, we have a tendency to see the world as the animal does. So if we imagine ourselves in the impala's place, he is "the good guy" and his natural enemy, the cheetah, is "the bad guy." Although there are many examples of this in nature—penguin and seal, seal and killer whale, and so on—how can it be that we can judge good or evil? Each creature has the right to live

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Super Senior Highlights

MVBT's Super Seniors are those members who are over the age of 80 and have been the pillars of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. These valued members of our Sangha have led interesting lives and greatly contributed to the growth and success of our Temple.

With Gassho,
Senior Memories Committee

Toshiko Masaki is the Super Senior for this Echo. Her story starts on Page 6 of this issue.

This photo of Muneo and Toshiko Masaki is from the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's 50th Anniversary album dated October 2012.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 pm Buddhist Virtual Discussion Group 7:30 pm Tech Support	**2** Election Day 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual 7:30 pm VISION LHF Committee Meeting	**3** 10:00 am Sing-A-Long (Zoom)	**4** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual	**5** 5:00 pm Ukelele 7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout	**6**
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14 10:00 am Sunday Virtual Service 12:00 pm YABA General Meeting	**15** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**16** 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	**17** 10:00 am Sing-A-Long (Zoom)	**18** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual	**19** 5:00 pm Ukelele 7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout	**20**
21 10:00 am Eitaikyo Virtual Service & Keiro Kai @ Home	**22** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**23** 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	**24**	**25** Thanksgiving Day	**26** 5:00 pm Ukelele	**27**
28	**29** 7:30 pm RPC Virtual Meeting 7:30 pm Tech Support	**30** 7:00 pm Young Buddhist Discussion 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual				

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While Sunday Services at the Temple are cancelled, Dharma Messages are available at Temple websites.

https://www.mvbuddhisttemple.org or https://tinyurl.com/MVBT-YouTube

Current and Past Dharma Messages are available.

Namo Amida Butsu – "Let us live with Kindness and Gratitude beyond words..."

Religious Planning — November 2021

November 1, 2021, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group, Online

To join, send email request to staff@mvbuddhhisttemple.org

November 7, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, November Shotsuki Hoyo Service, Online

11:00 am: Japanese Language Service., Online
11:00 am: English Language Discussion, Online

November 14, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service, Online

9:30 am: Gatha Sing Along before Service

November 21, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Eitaikyo Service, Online

The Eitaikyo Service is a time when we remember all those whose contributions to our Temple in the past allow us to continue to hear the Dharma today.

9:30 am: Gatha Sing Along before Service
11:00 am: Keiro Kai Activity to follow service, Online

November 28, 2021, Sunday, No Sunday Services

JOIN US

Sunday Dharma Messages by Rev. Mukojima and Minister's Assistants John Arima and Devon Matsumoto are available on the MVBT website.

JOZAI: SUNDAY SERVICE DONATION

Put your Jozai into the Dana Box
Go to MVBT website & Press "DONATE"

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

Study Class

Check Temple Website for latest information about Temple activities

MVBT Ballots for Board of Directors

To All Temple Members,

Please return your Temple ballots where you voted for your 2022 leaders in the 12 Temple Zones. The deadline for submittal is **Friday, November 5, 2021**.

In Gassho,
Mountain View Board of Directors

Return Your Temple Ballots by Fri, Nov 5

Who Does "An Evil Person" Refer To? (cont'd)

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and the right to hunt. When we look at a situation, it is far from easy for us ordinary people to judge whether it is good or bad.

We can say the same about our daily lives. We each have a tendency to judge those around us, thinking, "He is a good person" or "He is a bad person." But I wonder if we can really know the true right and wrong?

Takase Bune

When I was a university student, my teacher told us a meaningful story that I would like to share with you. There used to be a famous novelist in Japan named **Ogai Mori**, who wrote a short story called "*Takase Bune*," which means, "*A Boat on Takase River*." The Takase River is a famous river that flows alongside Kamo River in Kyoto.

During the Edo period, Takase River was the route used to send criminals to Osaka where they would be banished to an island. The story is about a prisoner on the Takase Boat who confides in an officer while going down the Takase River.

This 30-year-old prisoner named **Kisuke** had lived with his younger brother who suffered from a serious illness. One day when Kisuke came home, he found his brother covered with blood. His poor brother had tried to commit suicide by sticking a razor into his own throat to escape the pain of his illness. However, he hadn't succeeded in killing himself and was suffering terribly. So the brother asked Kisuke to pull the razor out of his throat because doing so would allow him to die.

Although Kisuke felt fear at his brother's terrible demand, he resolved to do as he was asked. And thus, his brother died. This was what Kisuke told the officer on the boat which was moving along the dark surface of the water, on the night with a hazy moon.

My teacher then asked us a question: "Can we call Kisuke an evil person?" It is an extremely difficult question. Kisuke couldn't bear to see his brother suffering, so he granted his brother's wish to save him from further pain. However, the fact remains that by doing so, he committed the crime of killing his brother.

There are many situations like this where, from one vantage, an act is accepted as admirable, but from another the same act is seen as wrong. It is possible that in any situation, one's joy is the cause of pain to another person. The action or thing that is bad for us may be good for our neighbor.

This is why it is so problematic for anyone to judge someone or something as good or evil. Even our founder Shinran says, *"I don't know what the two, good and evil, really mean. I could say that I know what good is, if I knew 'good' as thoroughly and completely as Amida Tathagata; and, I could say that I know what evil is, if I knew "bad" as thoroughly and completely as Amida Tathagata."* That is why, as Shinran says, *"We have to sincerely acknowledge that we are just ordinary mortals who can never know what is truly good, right, evil or wrong*."

"An Evil Person"

Then what exactly is "an evil person" in our Jodo Shinshu tradition? Shinran Shonin used this phrase to describe self-centered individuals who make judgments as if they know everything. It is a person who is quick to expose and criticize others, unconsciously making himself a model of good behavior, but who brushes aside his own shortcomings. Then who is this "evil person"? We need to consider this question carefully.

Shinran admonishes such people by saying, "It is extremely difficult for people with wrong views and arrogance to realize Buddha's great compassion and Primal Vow." But at the same time, he also assures us that those people who have both wrong views and arrogance and who seem past saving are the very first people whom Amida Buddha must embrace and save.

Shinran says in his writing, "***Shoshin-Ge"***: *"The Buddha's great compassion is untiring and shines on me constantly."* In other words, Amida Buddha's unconditional compassion and ultimate wish, which cannot help but embrace those who are self-centered, is always directed at and shining on each one of us.

Be Aware of Ourselves As Evil Or Imperfect

In Jodo Shinshu tradition, it is very important for us to be aware of ourselves as evil or imperfect in the true light of Buddha's wisdom. Those who are sincerely grateful for Buddha's Primal Vow and who can truly acknowledge themselves as fools are the ones who will be able to experience the world of awakening where we will see our faults and shortcomings…and apologize to and respect one another so that we can make others' lives shine. In spite of our essential evil nature, this deep awareness is possible because of Amida Buddha's inconceivable power that leads us to a place where we can reflect deeply on our own self-centeredness and rejoice in Buddha's great compassion that will never abandon us.

I sincerely hope that each of us will always remain humble.

In Gassho,

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇二一年十一月法話

ー 悪人とは誰か？ ー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

皆さんは、動物番組は好きでしょうか。私達家族は動物好きで度々親子揃って動物番組を楽しんで見ています。その中でも娘が大の動物好きで、彼女の一番好きな動物は地上最速の動物、チータです。しかし残念ながら、チータは絶滅危機に瀕している野生動物だそうです。環境破壊、低い繁殖能力、密猟、天敵のハイエナの存在といった悪条件が重なって、子供達が生き延びる確率は僅か五パーセント程だと言われてます。

その現状を知ったうえで動物番組を見ていますと、子供達のいのちを繋ぐためにインパラを追う母親の姿は見る人の心を熱くし、厳しい環境下で懸命に生きようとするチータ親子の姿は大きな感動を与えます。

しかし一方で、インパラに焦点を当てた番組を見てしまいますと、性格がおとなしく、何とも可愛らしい目をしたインパラ親子を追い回すチータの姿は残酷に映り、インパラを仕留めた瞬間は正に悪者を見るような目で見てしまうことがあります。

面白いことに、ある動物の視点に立って番組を見てみると、その家族や群れへの愛着、その厳しい生活への同情というものが深まり、その動物の立場になって物事を見てしまいます。ですから、インパラを中心にして考えるとインパラは善で、彼らを襲うチータは悪と見なしてしまいます。ペンギンとアザラシ、アザラシとシャチという、ふうに例えはたくさんありますが、私達は一体どちらの立場になって善と悪を判断しているのでしょうか。言うまでもなく、どちらにも生きる権利があり、どちらにも狩りをする権利があるのです。そう考えますと、物事の善悪は凡夫の私達が決められるような簡単なものではないような気がします。

私達の日常生活においても同じことが言えるのではないでしょうか。日頃から、あの人は善人だ、この人は悪人だと常に線引きしたがります。しかし、先にも述べたように、こんな私達が本当に物事の善悪を見極めることが出来るのでしょうか。

私が大学に在籍していた頃、ある先生から聞かせていただいた大変興味深い話を紹介したいと思います。

日本の小説家に森鴎外という大変有名な方がいるのですが、彼の小説に『高瀬舟』というものがあります。京都の鴨川に沿って流れる高瀬川は江戸時代、罪人を大阪へ廻し遠島にする為に使われていました。その高瀬川を下る罪人が役人に告白する物語がこの『高瀬舟』です。

三十歳ばかりになる喜助というこの罪人は、病気の弟と一緒に暮らしていましたが、ある日、家に帰ってみると弟は病苦から逃れる為に喉に剃刀を突き刺し、血だらけになって苦しんでいました。しかし死にきれず、喉に刺さった剃刀を抜いてくれれば死ねるからと言って、剃刀を抜くよう兄に頼んだのです。兄の喜助は、弟の恐ろしい程の悲痛な懇願に恐怖を感じましたが、意を決して剃刀を抜き、そして遂に弟は息絶えたのでした。これが朧夜の黒い水面を滑っていく高瀬舟の上で、喜助が話した罪の内容です。

その先生は私達に対して、「この喜助を私達は悪人と呼べるでしょうか」と質問されました。大変難しい質問です。主人公は弟が苦しんでいるのを見るに忍びず、その苦しさから弟を救うため彼のいのちを絶ったのです。しかし、弟を殺したという罪は変わりません。このように、一つの行為が一方では善と受け取られ、一方で悪と受け取られる事が多々あります。自分の喜びが、他人の苦しみの種であったりもします。自分にとって悪いことが他人にとっては善いことかもしれません。ですから、私達は、これが善であり、正義であり、又、これが悪であると見極める事ができない存在であるということに気づかなくてはなりません。

それでは、浄土真宗に於ける「悪人」とは一体誰を指しているのでしょうか。親鸞聖人の用いられる「悪人」という言葉は、あれが善、これが悪と物知り顔をする自惚れの強い人々に向けられたものです。常に正義と善人の立場に立って、他人を非難して、裁いている人。それは、一体誰のことでしょうか。私達は自分の胸に手を当ててよくよく考える必要があります。

このような人々に、親鸞聖人は「邪見で、自惚れの強い人は、仏のお慈悲に目覚める事が非常に困難である」と戒められておられます。しかし、この救いようのない邪見で驕慢な人こそ、仏にとって救わなければならない第一の衆生なのだとも教えて下さっています。

『正信偈』の中に「如来は大悲心をもって倦むことなく常に私を照らして下さる」とあるように、自己中心的な考え方しかできない私を救わずにはおれないという、阿弥陀仏の強固な意志、その御力が常に私に向けられているのです。

阿弥陀仏の真実の光に照らされて自らを悪人（不完全な人間）であったと気づかされることは大変有難いことです。なぜなら、阿弥陀仏の本願に目覚め、自らを悪人と深く自覚した者には、己の欠点や過失を見出し、互いに謝り合い、互いに尊重し合い、そして互いのいのちを輝かせ合う究極の世界が待っているからです。己の悪人としての自覚は、「必ず見捨てない」という仏の大慈大悲を喜び、自らの煩悩のありさまを深く懺愧する世界へと導いてくれる阿弥陀仏の本願力に他なりません。常に謙虚でありたいものです。

Super Senior Toshiko Masaki

Written by Jean Shimoguchi

Toshiko Masaki in 1970

Toshiko Masaki has led a full and interesting life that is highlighted by her experiences with the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and its Sangha.

Early Years

Toshiko Hamamoto was born in Loomis, California, in 1924. She was the sixth child in a family of 10 children and the only girl. Her parents were fruit farmers and she remembers their "life was simple and good."

At the age of 17, their family was evacuated. She remembers that "it was so sad leaving the house." They were interned in Heart Mountain where Toshiko helped to teach 1st Grade students and Sunday School. She then worked at a dental office assisting a dentist.

Coming Home from Camp

After the World War II ended, the family returned to Loomis. Toshiko attended a tailoring school in San Francisco and got a job sewing clothes for fashion stores. With her sewing skills, she also repaired parachutes at McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento.

The Family

Toshiko was introduced to Muneo Masaki through mutual family friends who served as "***baishakunins***." The *baishakunins* must have known that Toshiko and Muneo would be a good match because, after only four dates, he proposed! They were married in 1955 and remained a blissful couple for 61 years until Muneo's death in 2016. Their daughter Gayle was born in 1961.

Muneo & Toshiko Masaki were married at the Placer Buddhist Church on December 10, 1955

In 1964, they moved to Redwood City. Muneo worked at the Kitasoe Nursery (Glenn Kitasoe and Phyllis Chan's family's nursery) and Toshiko worked at a gardenia nursery. A few years later, they moved to Sunnyvale and Muneo became a postal carrier. Toshiko worked at Siliconix in Santa Clara for 19 years until retirement.

MVBT Friends & Enjoyment

When Toshiko and Muneo joined the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, Yas Shimoguchi introduced them to many people who became good friends including Misao Tanouye, who has remained a long-time friend. Toshiko Kawamoto welcomed Toshiko with open arms and taught her how to be comfortable with everyone.

Church Conference in June 1991
Left to right: Kenzo Kamei, Sylvia Nara, Miki Nishimoto, Shigeko Kawamoto, Ruth Kamei, Toshiko and Muneo

The MVBT Sangha has played a significant role in Toshiko's life. She fondly remembers attending events with the Fujinkai ladies (now BWA) to Filoli Gardens, Sunset Gardens, conferences, and seeing renown concert pianist, Jon Nakamatsu, perform.

Jon Nakamatsu Concert

From Left: May Shimoguchi, Toshiko & Setsuko Ikeuye

She also enjoyed attending the Thursday Senior Group and participating in arts and crafts, line dancing, and exercise. The Sangha Day Picnics were an annual highlight as she and Muneo liked seeing families and enjoyed the outdoors.

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Super Senior Toshiko Masaki (cont'd)

Okayama Korakuen Gardens

Trip to Japan with the Sangha in 1979

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Muneo spent time with the Wednesday Group working on the Temple grounds and was part of the ECHO staff collating the printed copies.

Toshiko always looked forward to the annual Obon Festival & Bazaar and working in the Unagi Booth with Don Fukuma, Shin and Dolly Sawamura, Iwao and Kyoko Nakao, and Yutaka and Harriet Hamamoto. She praises Don Fukuma for "making the best unagi sauce!"

Sterling Makishima remembers the Masakis as being "close friends with Chuck and the late Sumi Uyeda – both also from the Loomis/Penryn area – and painting craft friend, Barbara Sugimoto (his aunt). They were neighbors of the Ikeuyes in Sunnyvale and Toshiko still talks to their daughter Noreen regularly." He praises Toshiko and Muneo as "true Buddhists who exemplify interconnectedness and interdependence. I know I'll try my best to follow their example."

Following the Golden Chain

Toshiko currently lives at Atria Evergreen Valley, a Senior Assisted Living facility, where she looks forward to exercise classes twice a day, art class, and visiting with friends. Her happiest times are spent with her daughter Gayle and husband Gil, and sharing her artwork with Temple friends and family.

One of the most important lessons that Toshiko learned was "to follow the Golden Chain in everyday life." She says, "I feel so fortunate to be a member of MVBT and I treasure my wonderful, life-long friends that I've made over the years."

And the MVBT Sangha treasures Toshiko and Muneo's commitment and support to the Temple and look forward to the time where we can visit with Toshiko in-person.

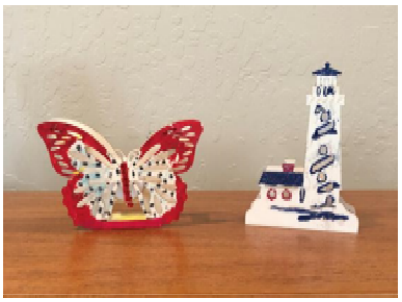
Namo Amida Butsu —

With Kindness and Gratitude beyond words.

Toshiko's Daughter, Gayle and Son-in-law, Gil Alcones

Muneo Masaki with MVBT Maintenance Crew in 2004

Back row (L to R): : Iwao Nakao, Shozo Mayeda, Kenzo Kamei & Dan Iwata
3rd row (L to R): Yosh Umemoto, Kay Ikeuye & John Matsumoto
2nd row (L to R): Richard Endo, **Muneo Masaki**, Ben Horita & George Sato
Front row (L to R): Alan Nara, Aki Nakano, Ruth Kamei, Yasuko Kariya & Rev. Dean Koyamao



Examples of wooden crafts made by Toshiko

Three of Sterling and Joey's grandchildren holding wooden crafts

Keiro-kai @ Home

Sunday, November 21

Bento Pickup at MVBT

from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Dear MVBT Keiro,

On Sunday, November 21, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple will have a Keiro-kai Bento distribution in honor of you and all our members over seventy years young.

Keiro-kai Bento Distribution

Bento pickup at the Temple will be available between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. Delivery of bento will be offered for any Keiro who needs assistance.

With this year's theme of "**Kizuna**," this Bento is our way of showing you how thankful we are for what you've done for our Temple and community. All Keiro Bentos are complimentary. Any non-Keiros are invited to order Bento as supplies last. Bento order forms were mailed to our Keiro members on October 18, 2021. All orders are due on or before Monday, November 1.

Submit Your Photos

We would also like to invite you, our honored Keiro, to submit photos that can be included on the Keiro-kai website that is in the theme of "Kizuna," or ties and bonds that are important to you. Information on how to submit photos are available in Putra's Post, on the Temple website or call the number below.

https://sangha.mvbuddhisttemple.org/keirokai/

In Gassho,
2021 Keiro Kai Committee
Zone 10

Questions? Contact the Keiro Kai Committee by calling 650-964-9426 or email to keirokai2021@mvbuddhisttemple.org

Miroku

New School Year

Miroku started up the 2021-2022 school year with a short meeting to welcome the new members who were able to join via Zoom. We hit the ground running.

- **CD Nembutsu Conference**
  We told the members about a video some Miroku members had put together over the summer. The project was a short video to introduce the Mountain View Buddhist Temple to the attendees at the upcoming Coast District Nembutsu Conference that is scheduled for October 24.
- **Sangha Day Picnic @ Home**
  We also assigned roles for the upcoming Sangha Day @ Home service to be chaired live (online) by Miroku.

Planning More Activities

As we're already into the fall quarter, we're looking at what fun activity we could do, possibly an in-person outdoor activity pending group voting and any necessary Health & Safety Committee approval.

Join Miroku

For any 6th - 8th Grade Dharma School students who might be interested in joining Miroku, or for more information, please see our section on the Temple website:

https://mvbuddhisttemple.org/activities/miroku/

We would love to hear from you!

In Gassho,
Miroku Parent Advisors

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MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

We welcome our girls back for a new year of MVBT Girl Scouts!

New Daisy Scout

Our Junior Girl Scouts kicked off the year with their first remote/ Zoom meeting on Saturday, October 9, 2021. We welcomed our new Daisy Scout into the troop by holding a joint session!

Girl Scout Bronze Award Project

The Junior Girl Scouts unanimously decided to take on the challenge of achieving the Bronze Award. The Girl Scout Bronze Award Project is a leadership adventure where girls imagine what they can accomplish when you team up with others and use your special skills and interests to make a difference in the world!

New Daisy Scout

Outdoor Art Badge

Both the Juniors and Daisy Girl Scouts are working to earn the Outdoor Art Maker Badge (Daisy) and the Outdoor Art Explorer Badge (Juniors). We explored the sounds and colors of nature, and expressed them through watercolor painting. We plan to further expand more on this subject at our next meeting in November.

Fall Sales!

It's time for the Girl Scout Nuts and Magazine sales. Look for articles in Putras Post each week. Or contact us at gscouttroop736@gmail.com for more ordering information!

Want more information? Interested in the Padma Program?

Girl Scouts from any troop are welcome to join our Padma Program. For more information about the program or about our Troop, please don't hesitate to contact any leader, or email us at

gscouttroop736@gmail.com

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

Dharma School News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dharma School Registration Forms Due

If you have not yet completed the online Dharma School student registration form, please use the following link:

https://forms.gle/GSHRjYGvdXjKKpK46

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

MVBT Dharma School

ABA News

FUN HIKE

ABA members went on a fun hike on Sawyer Camp Trail along Crystal Springs Reservoir in September. The weather was great and the scenery was beautiful. After our "strenuous" hike, we had a delicious ramen lunch at a restaurant in downtown San Mateo.

DONATIONS

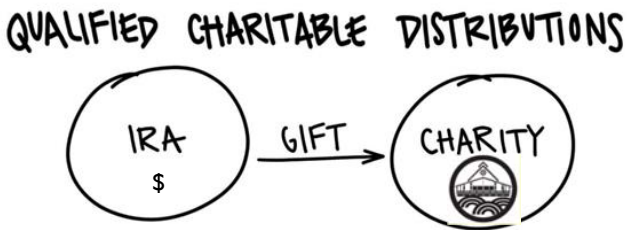
Donations gratefully accepted and acknowledged:

- For the ABA and Bishop's Memorial Service
  - Miyo Takegami
  - Mel and Audrey Inouye
  - Kathy Ushiba
  - Mike and Traci Inouye
  - Joyce Okumura-Lee
  - Charles Uyeda
  - Steve and Reiko Tsuchida
- For San Jose Giants Game
  - Doug and Phyllis Sawamura

In Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

READ ONLY IF YOU'RE OVER 70 ½ YEARS OLD

Donate from Your IRA using a QCD Directly to the Temple and Save on Your Taxes



If you are 70 ½ years or older, you can take advantage of a simple way to benefit the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and receive tax benefits for yourself.

Benefits of an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

- Satisfies part or all of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year
- Reduces your taxable income, even if you are using the standard deduction
- Helps further the work and mission of Mountain View Buddhist Temple

How an IRA Charitable Rollover Gift Works

1. Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to the Temple. Your IRA administrator must make the distribution directly to the Temple.
2. Please note that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions does not qualify for a charitable deduction.

CONTACT US

If you have any questions about an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution, please contact us at treasurer@mvbuddhisttemple.org. We would be happy to assist you and answer any questions you might have.

The above information is not intended as legal or tax advice. Please contact your attorney or tax advisor for further details on making an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

YBA

MVBT YBA NEWS

COAST DISTRICT YOUNG BUDDHIST LEAGUE (CDYBL)

An installation of the 2021-22 CDYBL Cabinet was held on Sunday, September 26, on the outdoor patio at San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin. The installed CDYBL Cabinet is as follows:

- President: Alison Aochi (San Jose)
- Vice President: Emily Nakashima (San Jose)
- Treasurer: Kendall Ho (San Jose)
- Secretary: Kendall Alicaya (San Jose)
- Religious Chairperson: Evan Itow (Mountain View)
- Activities Chairperson: Shannon Ikemiya (Salinas)

CDYBL Cabinet with Rinban Sakamoto

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITY

Our YBA had its Halloween Activity on October 23 at Cuesta Park. This activity was run by our YBA Activities Chair, Jarrett Wong.

In Gassho,
Evan Itow
2021 - 2022 YBA President

Ballots for Board of Directors

To All Temple Members,

Please return your Temple ballots where you vote for your 2022 leaders in the 12 Temple Zones. The deadline for submittal is **Friday, November 5, 2021**.

In Gassho,
Mountain View Board of Directors

Return Your Temple Ballots by Fri, Nov 5

2021 150 Club News

Our winner for month of October is **Alice Ishida**.

Congratulations to Alice!

And, thank you to everyone for participating in 150 Club!

Stay safe!

150 Club Committee

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Mail
NOV	No Toban	N / A	N / A
DEC	No Toban	Nov 12 (Fri)	Nov 22 (Mon)
JAN	No Toban	Dec 10 (Fri)	Dec 20 (Mon)

Please note the article deadline and mailing date. The mailing date has been adjusted to accommodate the Temple's COVID-19 requirements. This will provide time to layout, proof, finalize and print the issue. Thank you. *Domo Arigato.* Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org .

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Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

The Senior Activities and Craft have a few news to report, but wish mostly to stay in touch with all of you. We hope we can once again join into our once-a-week Thursday meeting. For our safety in mind, the Temple has decided not to open the Temple activities until the beginnig of the 2022. In the meantime, stay well and maintain your good health. You are all missed.

Wednesday: Sing Along

Every other Wednesday, we will bring back SING ALONG. Not every week. The next will be on the November 3. Here's the tentative schedule. Please check with Putra's Post for latest dates.

- November 3 and 17
- December 1 and 15

The Zoom link is in Putra's Post. If anything changes, it will also be announced in Putra's Post.

Thank you to **Susan Yuen** for programming this event and your helpers. Mark the dates on your calendar and please join us. A good way to stay in touch.

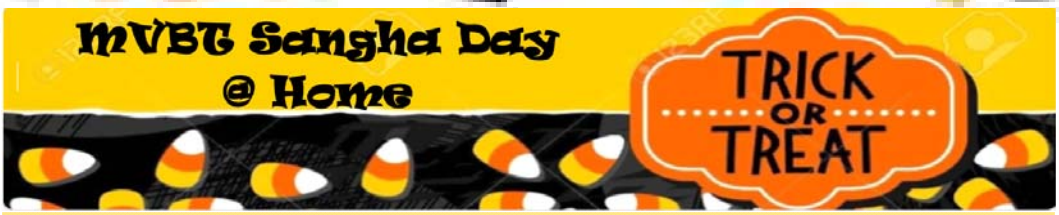
Thursday: Taiko

We will continue the Taiko program every Thursday from 10:00 am to 10:45 am. We thank our instructors, **Susan Yuen** and **Linda Uyechi**, for their patience, in giving our Taiko lesson via Zoom. Please join us for it is never too late to enjoy Taiko. For more information, call **Reiko Tsuchida**.

Cookbook for Sale

The Senior Activities Cook Book is still available and can be purchased at the Temple office or through the Senior Committee members. The sale price is still at $15.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto



Saturday, October 30 & Sunday October 31

Join us on Halloween weekend for our Sangha Day Picnic @ Home events! We have lots of fun activities planned on both Saturday and Sunday.

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Do you have pumpkin carving skills? Display your talent by submitting a photo (carver must be included to be eligible for prizes). Categories are Most Creative, Scariest and Funniest. Go to the link in Putra's Post to upload your photos. **Please submit your photos by Saturday, October 30, 5:00 pm.**

Saturday, October 30 (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)

Come Trick or Treat at the Temple! We will have socially distanced stations for Tricks and Treats (mostly treats!) We will take photos to share with the Sangha on Sunday. If you didn't sign up with the registration packet, contact your Dharma School teachers and let them know you would like to participate. Please note that all adults will need to fill out a Health Attestation Form the day of the event. There is an online form on the MVBT website. Come in costume and bring your goodie bag!

Sunday, October 31 (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)

Join us on Sunday for an action-packed schedule:

- Short service with Sensei
- Presentation by the Vision Committee
- Raffle Drawing
- Pumpkin carving slide show and contest winners announcement
- "Costume Parade" slide show
- Bingo and Escape Room activities (registration in advance required)

In Gassho,
Sangha Day Picnic @ Home Committee
Zone 2

November 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 **November** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Tatsuko Adachi	**Hideo Kato**	**Kanji Omokawa**
Tsutomu Akizuki	**Shigeaki Kihara**	**Amy Osugi**
Tomoye Aoki-Johnson	**Eugene Kono**	**Roy Ozawa**
Takiko Fukushima	**Kinuyo Kunimoto**	**Tom Ozawa**
Frank Furuichi	**Shigeko Masaki**	**Ichiro Sakae**
Fred Furuichi	**Gregory Matsumoto**	**Kosue Sakae**
Rosie Furuichi	**Rose Morimoto**	**Akira Sasaki**
Robert Furusho	**Haruko Nakamura**	**Masako Alice Sato**
Sunao Furusho	**Miyuki Nakano**	**Seikichi Shimoguchi**
Hana Furuto	**Tsuruye Nakano**	**Sei Tachibana**
Eddie Higuchi	**Yutaka Nakano**	**Alice Takagi**
George Hirota	**Ayako Nakashima**	**Masaru Takahashi**
Fred Hoshi	**Teiichi Naritomi**	**Mildred Takegami**
Akira Hoshiko	**Yoshio Nishimoto**	**Kay Tanouye**
Tom Ichikawa	**Nobuo Oda**	**Chieko Umeda**
Keiji Haruta	**Masako Okazaki**	**Kaz Yanaba**
Kiyoko Kay Horita	**Walter Okino**	**Kiyoshi Yoshinaka**
Frank Ikebe	**Nuiko Okuno**	

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**

November

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Service at Temple Cancelled

Virtual Shotsuki Hoyo for November to be held on Sunday, November 7

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See MVBT website or Putra's Post for details

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.

2021 is the Memorial Year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2020	3rd Year Memorial	2019	7th Year Memorial	2015
13th Year Memorial	2009	17th Year Memorial	2005	25th Year Memorial	1997
27th Year Memorial	1995	33rd Year Memorial	1989	50th Year Memorial	1972

Eitaikyo Service on Sunday, November 21, Online

The Eitaikyo Service will be held on Sunday, November 21. Usually a Keiro Kai Luncheon follows this service, but because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the luncheon at the Temple is cancelled. The Keiro Kai Committee is planning an event to honor the Keiros. More information will be available soon.

What is the Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund?

永代読経

The word *Eitaikyo* is a contraction of the more formal term, **Ei-tai dok(u)-kyo (永代読経).**

Ei means eternal. It is composed of the Chinese Characters for a river with many tributaries that flows on and on. ***Tai*** means generations. ***Kyo*** means sutras or the words of the Buddha. ***Doku*** means to read or chant. Thus the meaning of Eitaikyo is to eternally chant the sutras on behalf of our loved ones for generations and generations to come.

The Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund

A special Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund was established to ensure the continuation of the teachings of the Buddha and Nembutsu. It is to be used specifically for religious purposes such as to purchase candles and incense, religious articles, altar enhancements and altar repairs. This fund is established through the donations made in memory of deceased members of the family, relative, and friends. This ensures a perpetual service for the deceased even when there is no one left in the family to observe a Buddhist Service.

Because the purpose of Eitaikyo is to ensure that a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Service be conducted eternally in memory of a loved one, an initial substantial donation is requested to place a loved one's name in the Eitaikyo Registry. An amount of $500 or more is suggested. However, due to circumstances any amount will be considered. Please consult with the resident minister.

The Eitaikyo Registry

After completing the Eitaikyo form and donating to the Eitaikyo fund, the name of your deceased loved one will be entered into a Special Eitaikyo Registry book. This is a calendar type book listing the deceased names on the day of death. This book is kept in the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's altar. Each day, the morning service is dedicated to the names that appear on the page for that particular day. Thus by donating to the Eitaikyo Fund, a sutra will be chanted in memory of your loved one for eternal generations to come. As an expression of appreciation and gratitude for the guidance, leadership and support in the growth of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, automatically entered into this Eitaikyo registry will be:

1. Past Ministers and Ministers' spouses who served the Mountain View Buddhist Temple
2. Past Mountain View Buddhist Temple Presidents who have served two or more years. No donations from the family will be expected in these cases.

The Annual Eitaikyo Service

Every November an Annual Eitaikyo Service will be conducted at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. This service will be dedicated in special memory to those loved ones newly recorded into the Eitaikyo registry within the past year. Those families will be sent an invitation to this service so that they can o-shoko in memory of their loved one during the service.

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EITAIKYO PERPETUAL MEMORIAL FUND DONATION

No. _____

Date: _____

In Memory of

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Japanese Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

Buddhist Name

English: _____ Japanese: _____

Place of Funeral: _____

Name of Donor(s)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Japanese Name: _____

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Amount of Donation: _____ Date of Eitaikyo (Initial) Service: _____

Acknowledgment Forwarded: _____

Remarks: _____

Signature of Minister: _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 am Sing-A-Long (Zoom)	**2** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual	**3** 5:00 pm Ukelele 7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout	**4**
5 10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Virtual Service 1:00 pm YBA Virtual Meeting	**6** 7:00 pm Buddhist Virtual Discussion Group 7:30 pm Tech Support	**7** 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual 7:30 pm VISION LHF Committee Meeting	**8** 7:30 pm MVBT Virtual Board Meeting	**9** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual	**10** 5:00 pm Ukelele 7:30 pm ABA Virtual Meeting	**11**
12 10:00 am Mochitsuki @ Home 12:00 pm YABA General Meeting	**13** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**14** 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	**15** 10:00 am Sing-A-Long (Zoom)	**16** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual	**17** 5:00 pm Ukelele 7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout	**18**
19	**20** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**21** 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	**22**	**23** 10:00 am Senior Taiko	**24** **Christmas Eve**	**25** **Christmas Day**
26	**27** 7:30 pm RPC Virtual Meeting 7:30 pm Tech Support	**28** 7:00 pm Young Buddhist Discussion	**29**	**30** 10:00 am Senior Taiko	**31** **New Year's Eve** 5:00 pm Ukelele 7:00 pm Joya-e Service	

Upcoming Events

December 5, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo Service &
Bodhi Day Observation

December 12, Sunday
Mochi Tsuki @ Home

December 19, Sunday
Osoji (TBD)

Join MVBT Sangha

- **Five membership categories — One will fit you**
- **Build & Support your Sangha, so that we can learn & live the teachings of the Dharma**
- **Impermanence & Interdependence — we are in this together**

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