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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

April Highlights

- **4/2, Sun, 10:00 am, Hybrid**
  April Shotsuki Hoyo
  * 11:00 am Japanese Language Service
  * 11:00 am English Language Discussion
- **4/3, Mon, 7:00 pm, Hybrid**
  Buddhist Discussion Group
  * Everyone welcome
- **4/9, Sun, 10:00 am, Hybrid**
  Hanamatsuri Service with In-Person Hatsumairi
  * Ochigo Procession to begin service
- **4/16, Sun, 10:00 am, Hybrid**
  * Introduction of new MVBT members

What Will Happen to Us at the Moment of Death? – Part I

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

In my Dharma message last month, I took the opportunity to write about receiving ***Shinjin***. Some of you might have managed to understand my message, but there were likely some who were even more confused by it! ***Shinjin*** cannot be fully understood intellectually. It is the awakening that one experiences by living daily with the Nembutsu teaching. As the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha has always been working on each one of us as the Nembutsu, "Namo Amida Butsu," let us awaken to the ***Shinjin*** of the Other Power, while listening to the Nembutsu teaching again and again.

As you know, Jodo Shinshu teaches us that we will be born in the Pure Land and attain Buddhahood not on our own power (Self Power) but by the workings of Amida Buddha (Other Power). In other words, whether we become a Buddha or not depends entirely on the power of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow. That is why our founder, Shinran Shonin, assures us that by simply encountering the teaching of the Primal Vow, our birth in the Pure Land and the attainment of Buddhahood are no longer our problem. And, it means that our calculation (Self Power) is simply not necessary anymore.

On a deeper level, because we are assured birth in the Pure Land thanks to Amida's Primal Vow (Other Power), even the fact that

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UPDATED On Campus Temple Guidelines

MASKS continue to be REQUIRED
* in the Hondo and Temple Office

MASKS are RECOMMENDED
* while preparing food for gatherings
* for indoor gatherings

UPDATED Food guidelines
* food servers no longer required
* individual food servings no longer required
* self serve buffet style food approved

Adopted by MVBT Board of Directors 3/8/23. Full guidelines available at https://mvbuddhisttemple.org

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Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Nirvana Day Service / Pet Memorial / Spring Ohigan

Hanamatsuri / Hatsumairi Gotan-e

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

(1) Use the MVBT online "DONATE" or (2) Send a check to the Temple office

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While Sunday Services at the Temple are Hybrid, 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 — April 2023

April 2, 2023, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo, Hybrid Service

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

11:00 am English Introduction to Buddhism Workshop

April 3, 2023, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group, Hybrid Service

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

April 9, 2023, Sunday, 10:00 am, Hanamatsuri Service with Hatsumairi, Hybrid Service

Hanamatsuri: This service commemorates the birth of Prince Siddhartha, who later became the historical Sakyamuni Buddha

Hatsumairi: In-Person "First Visit Ceremony" at which the parents present their child before the Amida Buddha and the Sangha. Children of all ages are welcome to participate.

10:00 am Ochigo Procession to begin the service

April 16, 2023, Sunday, 10:00 am, Regular Sunday Service, Hybrid Service

April 23, 2023, Sunday, 10:00 am, Regular Sunday Service, Hybrid Service

April 29 - 30, 2023, Saturday - Sunday, Federated Dharma School Teachers League Conference @ Palo Alto Buddhist Temple

April 30, 2023, Sunday, 10:00 am, Regular Sunday Service, Hybrid Service

JOIN US

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

JOZAI: SUNDAY SERVICE DONATION

Put your Jozai into the Dana Box
Go to MVBT website & Press the Donate Button

Shotsuki Hoyo Service **Study Class** **Dharma School - 11:00 am**

Check Temple Website for latest information about Temple activities

What Will Happen to Us at the Moment of Death? – Part 1 (cont'd)

(Continued from page 1)

we must someday die ceases to be a problem. This is because dying means to be born in the Pure Land because of the great working of Amida Buddha. What a great relief! For regardless how long we live, it is without a doubt that we will eventually die. Although nobody wants to die, it is impossible to escape the reality of death. This is life's biggest dilemma.

But Jodo Shinshu teaches us that ***to die*** means ***to be born***. Amida Buddha regards death in the same light as birth. That is why we call Amida Buddha's wisdom, ***Oneness of birth and death***. It is the world of enlightenment, which sees that dying and being born are inseparable.

This means that the moment we are truly born in the Pure Land is the very same moment when life ends. In his writing, "***The True Teaching, Practice, and Realization of the Pure Land Way***," Shinran expresses it this way: "Sentient beings of the Nembutsu transcend and realize great, complete Nirvana on the eve of the moment of death." "***Great, complete Nirvana***" means the greatest Buddha's enlightenment. It is the best enlightenment because nothing is better. "***Transcend and realize***" means to attain greatest enlightenment.

Then, when is it that those who embrace the Nembutsu teaching can attain the great, complete Nirvana? As stated earlier, Shinran clarified that it is "on the eve of the moment of death." And the moment that Shinran refers to is when there is no duration of time. To explain what "there is no duration of time" means, let me ask you to imagine that you are living with your spouse when he or she passes away. From that point, you have to start living a single life. But because you were with your spouse for a long time, you suddenly feel lonely because you are alone. Your life as a couple ends at the moment your partner dies. Certainly your life as a single person does not start after the funeral. In reality, the moment your life with your spouse ends, your single life then starts. There is no duration of time in this truth: one state ends as another begins.

In other words, the moment our lives, full of blind passions, ends, then Buddha's life of enlightenment in the Pure Land begins. Because no measurable amount of time occurs between life and death, when our time comes, we immediately attain great Nirvana. Death is inescapable for all beings. But ,because we have embraced the Nembutsu teaching, we are assured the attainment of enlightenment and birth in the Pure Land the moment we die.

In Buddhism, we call the world we live in the Defiled Land. It is a world full of the blind passions of greed, anger, dishonesty, and so on. At the opposite end is the world of enlightenment, which excludes the blind passions and is called the Pure Land. To exit the Defiled Land means to enter the world of enlightenment, the Pure Land. So the ultimate enlightenment will surely be open to us at life's end. Shinran teaches us that the death that nobody can escape is actually the time to be born in the Pure Land and attain Buddhahood by using the word: "Sentient beings of the Nembutsu transcend and realize great, complete Nirvana on the eve of the moment of death."

I should emphasize that we really don't know the exact point in time when life will end for each of us, but we should know that we will attain Buddhahood with our blind passions intact. In ***Shoshinge***, Shinran says: "Nirvana is attained without severing blind passions. We live and we die with our minds full of blind passions. Yet without severing the blind passions, we are allowed to attain enlightenment."

Although there are so many schools in Buddhism, it is this ultimate teaching that exists only in the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha! I would like to share the rest of my message next month.

In Gassho,

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

Eddy Giro Tsumura ***Nov 16, 1929 - March 4, 2023***

Milton Tetsuya Hamasaki ***May 24, 1927 - March 9, 2023***

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

Namo Amida Butsu

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇二三年四月法話

ー臨終一念の夕（一）ー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

先月の法話で信心をいただくということについて述べましたが、何となく理解された方もいれば、余計混乱してしまった方もおられることと思います。信心は頭で理解しようというものではなく、お念仏を中心とした日常生活の中から体解（体得）していくものだと言われています。阿弥陀仏のご本願はいつも「南無阿弥陀仏」のお念仏となって私達一人ひとりにはたらきかけて下さっておられますから、引き続き聴聞に励みながら共に他力の信心に目覚めてさせていただきましょう。

さて、繰り返しますが、浄土真宗は自らの力（自力）ではなく、全て阿弥陀仏のおはからい（他力）で、私がお浄土に生まれ仏になるという教えです。それはつまり、私が仏になるもならないもこれは阿弥陀仏のおはからい一つなのだということです。ですから、ご本願の教えに遇わせていただくことによって、お浄土に参って仏になるということが、もう私自身の問題ではなくなるのだと親鸞聖人は教えて下さっています。

私の問題でなくなるというのは何かといいますと、私のはからい（自力）がもう必要なくなったということです。更に深く言えば、阿弥陀仏のご本願（他力）によって、私がお浄土に参るわけですから、私が死んでいくという問題が解決したということになります。

なぜならそれは、阿弥陀仏のおはたらきのお陰によって、死ぬということがそのままお浄土に生まれさせていただくからです。これはもう大変な解決です。私達は生きている限り遅かれ早かれ必ず死んでいかなくてはなりません。誰も死にたくありませんが、誰一人として避けることのできない事実です。これこそ私達の人生で抱える大きな問題です。しかし、死んでゆくということが生まれていくことだと教えているのが浄土真宗であり、死ということと生まれるということを一つに見ておられるのが阿弥陀仏なのです。それ故に、私達は阿弥陀仏の智慧を「生死一如」と呼んでいます。それは、死ぬことも生まれることも決して別物ではないと見ていく悟りの世界です。

ですから、私達が本当にお浄土に生まれるのは、このいのちを終える臨終の時なのです。親鸞聖人はこのことについて『教行信証』の中で「臨終一念の夕、大般涅槃を超証す」と示しておられます。大般涅槃というのは、この上ない仏さまの悟りのことを表しています。それは最高の悟りで、これ以上のものはありません。そして「超証す」とは、大般涅槃を悟るということなのです。では、大般涅槃をいつ悟ることができるのかというと、「臨終一念の夕」と親鸞聖人は教えて下さっています。そして親鸞聖人のおっしゃる一念というのは、時間の幅がないことを意味しています。幅のない時間というのは何かといいますと、例えば、皆さんが夫婦で暮らしていて、お連れ合いが亡くなったとします。そうすると一人暮らしが始まります。それまでは長い間夫婦で二人暮らしをしていたのが、急に一人暮らしになって寂しい思いをする。いつ二人暮らしが終わったかといえば相手が亡くなった瞬間です。お葬式が終わってから一人暮らしになりましたなんてことはありません。二人暮らしが終わったということがそのまま一人暮らしが始まったということなのです。ここに時間の幅はありません。終わることがそのまま始まりなのです。

これと同じように、私達の煩悩にまみれた日暮らしが終わったということが、臨終の一念、それがそのままお浄土の仏さまの悟りの日暮らしが始まるということなのです。生と死の間に時間の幅がありませんから、私達は臨終の時に、この上ない仏の悟りを開かせていただくのです。

私達のいのちは必ず終わる時がくるけれども、そのいのちが終わる時が実はお浄土に生まれて悟りをひらく時だというお念仏のみ教えに出遇っているのです。

仏教では、私達がいるこの世界を穢土と呼んでいますが、貪り、怒り、よこしま、偽り、欺き等といった煩悩の心にまみれた穢れの世界という意味です。その一方で、清らかなお悟りの世界を浄土と呼んでいます。ですから、この穢土が終わるということは、そのまま浄土の世界が始まるということです。究極の悟りが私の人生の最後に必ずやってくるのです。誰も避けて通れない死というものが、実はお浄土に生まれて、仏さまのお悟りを開く時なのですよと親鸞聖人は「臨終一念の夕、大般涅槃を超証す」というお言葉で教えて下さっているのです。

そして、ここで一番大切なことは、私達の寿命はいつ尽きるかは分かりませんが、煩悩を抱えたままで仏さまにならせていただくということです。親鸞聖人はそのことを『正信偈』の中で「不断煩悩得涅槃」と表現されておられます。煩悩の心を断ちきらずして、煩悩の心でもって生きて、煩悩の心で死んでいくままで、悟りを開かせていただくのです。これは如何に仏法広しといえども、阿弥陀仏の他力本願の救いでしか説かれない究極の教えです。この続きについては来月の寺報法話でお話しさせていただきます。

LET'S GET READY FOR OBON!

MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

2023 OBON FESTIVAL & BAZAAR

SAT & SUN, JULY 15 & 16

MVBT Obon 2023 is coming on July 15 and 16. Our Temple will be hosting the Obon this year that will be open to the public again.

We will need everyone's help to make it a success. Please save the dates AND please volunteer.

More information to follow in future posts.

Thank You,
Sandy Furuichi & Yuki Hata-Kita
Zone 13

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

ABA News

Condolences

On behalf of the ABA membership, our heartfelt sympathy to the families of Ed Tsumura and Milton Hamasaki, both former ABA members.

Welcome!

We are excited to announce that Scott Hirotsu has joined ABA. We look forward to having more of the "younger" generation follow Scott's lead.

Pickle Ball

Unfortunately, the "Introduction to Pickle Ball" had to be postponed; however, plans are in the works to select another date to resume the activity that has captured the interest of many.

Please contact Sterling Makishima if you are interested in attending this free event.

Alta Mesa Cemetery Cleanup

ABA has scheduled the cleanup for Saturday, April 15, at the Alta Mesa Cemetery beginning at 10:00 am and concluding with a pizza lunch at YBA Hall.

MVBT Chicken Teriyaki

ABA will supply personpower for the Chicken Teriyaki fundraiser scheduled for June 3 - 4 with cooking and rice packing. Russ Nakano is in-charge of member signups.

In Gassho,
Ken Nakano
ABA President

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National Buddhist Committee on Scouting Religious Awards Program

Background

The Padma Award is presented by the Temple to the Buddhist Girl Scout in recognition of her spiritual growth as shown by her fulfilling the award requirements.

There are four levels of the Padma Program: Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior/ Ambassador. There are currently five Temple scouts studying in the 2022-2023 program. This year marks the 13th year of the program at MVBT. Since 2010, 29 Temple Girl Scouts have participated in the program, earning 55 Padma Awards.

The Padma Award is a medal consisting of a pendant, ribbon, and a bar. The pendant is the Lotus Blossom and is a symbol that represents equality and purity of all things. The ribbon is a purple wisteria color and is attached to a crossbar in which is inscribed a Sanskrit word "Padma." Padma, a lotus flower, is a central symbol of Buddha-truth, used by all schools of Buddhism since its birth.

MVBT Padma Recipients

Last month, **Kurumi Mukojima** completed studies for the Cadette level of the Padma program. We wish to recognize Kurumi who is being awarded the **Cadette Girl Scout Padma Award**, which involved 30 hours of supervised Buddhist study. She is receiving a Padma medal in silver, a certificate from BCA and a plaque. Her name is being inscribed on the Temple Padma Cadette Awardee perpetual plaque hanging in Sangha Hall.

We are also pleased to announce that **Kendall Ho** and **Kiera Nishimoto** have completed studies for the Senior/ Ambassador level of the Padma program. We wish to recognize Kendall and Kiera, who are being awarded the **Senior/ Ambassador Girl Scout Padma Award**, which involved 40 hours of supervised Buddhist study. They are receiving a Lotus Pin, a certificate from BCA and a plaque. Their names are being inscribed on the Temple Padma Senior/Ambassador Awardee perpetual plaque hanging in Sangha Hall.

Congratulations!
Kurumi, Kendall & Kiera

Please join us in congratulating Kurumi, Kendall, and Kiera for their achievements.

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

Kurumi Mukojima

Kendall Ho

Kiera Nishimoto

LEFT:

Front: Kiera Nishimoto, Kendall Ho & Kurumi Mukojima

Back: Julie Satake-Ryu, Debbie Ho, Pauline Shinkawa & Rev. Mukojima

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

Girl Scout Month

March is Girl Scout Month and our Scouts are looking forward to helping chair Sunday Services.

The Daisy/Junior/Cadette group (plus one Ambassador who helped out) gave a Dharma Talk on Girl Scout Sunday, March 12, offering their views of what the Six Paramitas means to them.

We would like to express our appreciation to the BWA, who have once again graciously volunteered to chair one of the Sundays in March for us.

Cookie Sales

Cookie season has started! Contact any Scout to order. We sold cookies at the Sunday Service on March 12. The next sales date is April 2; visit our booth before and after service.

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

Next Cookie Sales on Sunday, April 2

LEFT: Girl Scouts on Sunday, March 12

Miroku

MIROKU

middle school group

Dana Project

This month in Miroku, we began the meeting by discussing our Dana Project. Miroku plans to support the Palo Alto Humane Society by raising funds and donations for dog or cat food and toys. Members of Miroku agreed to start the drive by using $400 from our bank account to purchase food and toys. We discussed starting announcements at a Sunday Service in March and continuing the drive through the end of April.

Future Activities

Miroku is tentatively planning to do a joint activity with ABA. It will be the Alta Mesa Cemetery clean up on Saturday, April 15.

We discussed possible social events for the spring.

AED Check, etc

The meeting ended with our monthly AED checks, a snack, and sanitizing of the conference room.

Next Meeting

Miroku's next meeting will be held Sunday, April 2 after Dharma School (approximately 12 noon) in the YBA Conference Room.

In Gassho,
Kiyomi Selaya
7th Grade Miroku Member

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BWA Actiities

MVBT Chicken Teriyaki

BWA has committed to making Otsukemono for the MVBT Chicken Teriyaki in June and for the Obon Bazaar on July 15 and 16.

WBWC

In May 2023, there will be a group of BWA members with Rev. Mukojima attending the World Buddhist Women's Conference (WBWC) in Kyoto, Japan. The event coincides with the celebrations of the 850th birthday of Shinran Shonin and the 800th anniversary of the Hongwanji.

New Member's Welcome Luncheon

We are planning a Welcome Luncheon for our new members on April 1 at China Stix in Santa Clara.

FBWA Conference

We are gearing up with meetings/planning for the Federation of Buddhist Women's Association (FBWA) Conference in San Jose, October 2024, hosted by Coast District Buddhist Women's League (CDBWL). MVBT BWA has many responsibilities as the remaining BWA Chapters remaining in the Coast District are in San Jose, Mountain View and San Luis Obispo.

Membership Dues

$20 membership dues for 2023 are now being accepted.

In Gassho,
Reiko Murakami
BWA President

Buddhist Women's Association

MVBT YBA News

2023 CD Conference:

Our YBA, along with the San Jose and Salinas YBAs, ran the Coast District Conference at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple on March 18. We had over 100 members from YBAs all over the state come to take part in our conference.

We had many workshop leaders who planned workshops that they ran at the conference.

There was also a dinner and dance at the Delta Hotels in Santa Clara.

In Gassho,
Jake Aquino
2022-2023 YBA President

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

YBA

Miroku - Dana Project
Supporting the Humane Society of Palo Alto

Send check to Temple or donate online.
Arigato Gozaimasu!

For Miroku's Dana Project (our Service to the Community), this year we have decided to help animals and the Miroku members chose to donate to the Humane Society of Palo Alto.

Miroku has decided to start the drive by spending $400 of our savings to purchase dog and cat food and toys.

We are asking for the Sangha's support so that we can help more dogs and cats. Ways you can donate:

Bring to Temple

Bring new and unopened dog and cat food or toys to the Temple and leave in the boxes in the back of the Hondo, YBA Hall and Sangha Hall.

Donate food and/or toys

Donate

If you wish to make a donation, Miroku will purchase food and toys. **Send checks** to the Temple office. Make checks payable to "MVBT Miroku."

Make online donations. Go to:

www.Tinyurl.com/MirokuDanaProject

Under "Miscellaneous Contributions," earmark your donations for "Miroku Dana Project."

Thank you for your support!

In Gassho,
MVBT Miroku

2023 150 Club News

Our winner for March is **Richard Fujikawa**.

Congratulations to Richard.

Thank you to everyone for participating in 150 Club!

Stay safe!

150 Club Committee

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Sent to Sangha
APR	Zones 4 & 5	N / A	N / A
MAY	Zones 6 & 7	Apr 14 (Fri)	Apr 19 (Thurs)
JUNE	Zones 8 & 9	May 12 (Fri)	Apr 17 (Thurs)

Please note the article deadline and mailing dates. This will provide time to layout, proof, finalize and print the issue.
Thank you. ***Arigato Gozimasu***. ありがとう ございます。
Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org .

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2020 5th/6th Grade Class DANA Project: Global Brigades at Foothill College

Because of COVID, Completed in August 2022

At the beginning of 2020, the 5th & 6th grade Dharma School class contemplated what would be our DANA project for the year. We decided to partner with **Foothill Community College's Global Brigades Team**, who travel to Honduras every year to provide medical and dental care to people in this under-resourced area. In Honduras, over 800,000 people have no access to improved sanitation facilities, 80% of the population has no access to a dentist, and there is only 1 doctor per 2,688 people.

For their mission, the Foothill College team needed funding to help purchase supplies and donated luggage to help transport the supplies to their destination.

Our 5th & 6th grade students rose to the challenge and did several things:

1) With the Foothill College students, the 2020 5th & 6th grade students gave a Dharma Talk to our Sangha

5th & 6th grade with Foothill College students in 2020

2) They held a "Dharbucks" coffee and beverages fundraiser in 2020 and made $821 to donate to the Global Brigades team.

Dharbucks Coffee sales of drinks in YBA Hall in 2020

3) And, they collected donated luggage from the Sangha to help the Global Brigades team carry their supplies.

Luggage in YBA Hall lobby in 2020

And then.....COVID hit! The Foothill team was devastated, and they were not allowed to travel to Honduras in the summer of 2020 to provide the care they were planning for.

After two years of waiting and with the world finally understanding how to deal with the COVID crisis, the Foothill college team was able to provide a Global Brigades mission this past August 2022.

Here's the report from the Brigades faculty advisor **Karen Erickson**:

> *"We were 13 brigadiers this year (12 students plus me) working in a small community called Palmira (the first time Global Brigades has visited there). We saw 260 patients over 3 days in medical consultation, gynecology, dentistry, vision (distributing 167 pairs of glasses!), and pharmacy. We taught the adult community members about chronic diseases and mental health and distributed hygiene packs with toothbrush/toothpaste/floss/soap/shampoo/lotion/suntan lotion/condoms/feminine products to patients. This is how your support helped us work with this community to bring them needed medical care (especially important after 2 years of limited visits due to COVID)!"*

Here's the team in Palmira:

Global Brigadiers in Honduras in 2022

And the suitcases made it there, too!

Luggage in Honduras in 2022

Thank you to the Sangha for supporting our DANA project and for providing the town of Palmira desperately needed medical and dental care. Your kindness and compassion were felt many, many miles away by those that needed help and you expressed true Dana "I shall give unselfishly to others".

2022-2023 Class

Our current 5th & 6th grade class has chosen to support farmworkers who have been affected by both the flooding and the terrible workplace shooting in Half Moon Bay by donating to the Half Moon Bay organization ALAS (https://www.alasdreams.com/).

More to come on this later. Stay tuned!!

In Gassho,
Carol Yonemura & Debby Inenaga
5th/6th Grade Dharma School Teachers

Dharma School News

Dharma School

Announcements

FDSTL CONFERENCE

The Bay District is hosting the annual Federation of Dharma School Teachers' League (FDSTL) conference at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple on April 29 and 30. All Dharma School teachers – and those interested in becoming teachers – are encouraged to participate.

The registration deadline is March 19. Please let Brent Izutsu know if you are interested!

WE NEED YOU!

Dharma School Cabinet

The Dharma School Cabinet is searching for a **Parent Coordinator** and a **Birthday Book Coordinator**.

The **Parent Coordinator** role is vital to ensuring that our Dharma School activities are fully staffed and the **Birthday Book Coordinator** will

help us restart our tradition of providing our Pre-K through 6th grade students with age-appropriate reading gifts to celebrate their birthdays

Dharma School Teachers

We are also searching for at least ***two new Dharma School teachers*** for our students in the upper grade levels! It is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Buddhism yourself as you also impart important lessons for our students.

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

Upcoming Events

May 7, 2023, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo and
Gotan-e Service

May 8, 2023, Monday
Buddhist Discussion Group

May 14, 2023, Sunday
Mother's Day Service

May 28, 2023, Sunday
Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service

May 29, 2023, Monday
Oak Hill Memorial Day Service

June 4, 2023, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo

June 3 –4, 2023, Sat-Sun
Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

June 5, 2023, Monday
Buddhist Discussion Group

June 10-11, 2023, Sat-Sun
Dharma School Campout

June 11, 2023, Sunday
Graduation Service

June 18, 2023, Sunday
Father's Day Service

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

Senior Activities:.

Wednesday, April 19: We will be taking a day trip to Cache Creek Casino. The price is $44, payable to MVBT Senior.

Meet at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and join together in the YBA Hall to sign in and receive a goody bag and water. Sign up early and don't be left out. Bring a friend. We leave at 7:00 am. If interested, sign up with one of our committee members or call **Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto**.

Thursday, May 18: We will have movie time. **Scott Hirotsu** is in-charge of selecting the movie, so please join in and enjoy the movie with friends.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 am and the movie will start at 12:30 pm.

Thursday, June 8: We have a fun day planned to play BINGO. Lunch will be provided and prizes to be won.

Also, this will be our **last Senior Activities session before the summer break** and will resume in September.

Senior Crafts:

Jeanne Ohara is requesting anyone that may have possibly an old Yukata or Japanese material, for she can use it for an ongoing project. Contact Jeanne or any Committee member.

The craft program starts at 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Instructors are **Jeanne Ohara**, **Toshiko Uyehara** and **Emi Fukushima**.

Cookbook Now $10

Our Senior Cookbooks are still available at the office or can be purchased through any committee member. The price is $10, which makes for a nice gift.

Join Us

Everyone is invited to join our program. Light refreshments are provided with coffee and tea.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

Got SPAM?

We can help you!

We hope it's the good kind, you know, for Spam Musubi and not the kind in your inbox.

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If you believe you have received a SPAM email, just forward the email to

SPAM@MVBuddhistTemple.ORG

We will review it and let you know if it is safe or not. Please do not open any links or files contained within; they could be harmful to your device and data.

In Gassho,
Technology & Website Committee
Alec Matsumoto

Hatsumairi Child Presentation - In-Person
Sunday, April 9, 2023

ATTENTION PARENTS

Hatsumairi ("First Visit Ceremony") is a ceremony at which the parents present their child before the Amida Buddha and the Sangha. This special ceremony will be held during the Hanamatsuri Service to be held on Sunday, April 9, 2023, at 10:00 am.

The last Hatsumairi ceremony held at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple was in April 2019. This year's Hatsumairi will be a combined ceremony for 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. However, children of all ages are welcome to participate in the Hatsumairi ceremony.

During the ceremony, parents present their child before Amida Buddha and the Sangha and welcome him/her to the Dharma. The child is presented in front of the O-naijin (or altar), which symbolizes the truth that is embodied within the human experience.

Please fill out the application below and mail it to the Temple or email it to Rev. Mukojima by Sunday, April 2, 2023.

Rev. Yushi Mukojima
Resident Minister
ymukojima@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 Sunday, April 2, 2023 to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, or email the information to Rev. Mukojima (ymukojima@gmail.com)

All Children are Welcome!

First In-Person Hatsumairi since 2019

April

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for April to be held on Sunday, April 2

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See MVBT website or Putra's Post for details of the Service

April 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 **April** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Fujiko Abe
Harry Fujii
Shigeru Fujii
Ruth Fukuda
Naoye Fukuma
Ichihei Furusho
Juzaburo Furuzawa
Rev. Russell Hamada
Osamu Hirano
Tanejiro Hirano
Dorothy Horino
Robert Hoshida
Hiromichi Hoshino
June Ichikawa
Toshiko Ikebe
Tojiro Ishimaru
Eric Ives
Shizuko Iwata
Toshiko Juda
Yotsuo Juda
Shigehito Kashima
Akira Kato
Hatsuye Kato
Kathleen Miki Kobata
Setsuo Kuboyama
Kazuko Makishima
Tokiyo Maruyama
Ryu Masaki
George Matsuba
Kiwa Matsuba
Ryuichi Miyamoto
Shigeki Mori
Emi Morishima
Fuji Nakano
Haruye Nagatoishi
Jishichiro Nakano
Iwao Nakao
Kenjiro Nakashima
Henry Nishimura
Tomoe Okada
George Okashima
George Omori
Ochiyo Omori
Junpei Ozawa
Henry Ryu
Margaret Sakino
James Sakuragi
Akiko Satake
Hiram Sera
George Shimamoto
John Shimizu
Tom Shimoguchi
John Shinseki
Taichiro Sugimoto
Jeffrey Swartwood
Ko Tachibana
Fumiye Takahashi
Amy Takaki
David Takegami
Toshihiro Tanaka
Heidi Terada
Megan Yang
Koichi Yamashita
Fred Yonemoto
Tsune Yonemoto
Tsuneno Yoshida

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 **reverend@mvbuddhisttemple.org**

Phone (Temple office) **(650) 964-9426**

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.

2023 is the Memorial Year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2022	3rd Year Memorial	2021	7th Year Memorial	2017
13th Year Memorial	2011	17th Year Memorial	2007	25th Year Memorial	1999
27th Year Memorial	1997	33rd Year Memorial	1991	50th Year Memorial	1974

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
30 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm KIDS TAIKO	**1** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm BUDDHIST DISCUSSION GROUP	**2** 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm ADULTS TAIKO 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm UKULELE CLUB	**3**	**4** 8:00 am - 12:00 pm SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS 11:00 am– 11:45 am SENIOR TAIKO	**5**	**6**
7 10:00 am - 11:00 am SHOTSUKI HOYO & GOTAN-E SERVICES 11:45 am - 2:00 pm YBA MEETING 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm KIDS TAIKO	**8**	**9** 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm ADULTS TAIKO 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm UKULELE CLUB	**10** 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm MVBT BOARD MEETING	**11** 8:00 am - 12:00 pm SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS 11:00 am– 11:45 am SENIOR TAIKO	**12** 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm ABA GENERAL MEETING	**13** 10:00 am - 11:30 am BWA CHAPTER MEETING
14 10:00 am - 11:00 am MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm KIDS TAIKO	**15**	**16** 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm ADULTS TAIKO 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm UKULELE CLUB	**17**	**18** 8:00 am - 12:00 pm SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS 11:00 am– 11:45 am SENIOR TAIKO	**19**	**20**
21 10:00 am - 11:00 am SUNDAY SERVICE 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm KIDS TAIKO	**22**	**23** 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm ADULTS TAIKO 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm UKULELE CLUB	**24**	**25** 8:00 am - 12:00 pm SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS 11:00 am– 11:45 am SENIOR TAIKO	**26**	**27**
28 10:00 am - 11:00 am ALTA MESA MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE	**29** 10:00 am - 11:00 am OAK HILL MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm RRP MEETING	**30** 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm ADULTS TAIKO 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm UKULELE CLUB	**31**	**1** 8:00 am - 12:00 pm SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS 11:00 am– 11:45 am SENIOR TAIKO	**2**	**3** DHARMA SCHOOL CA...

Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Nirvana Day Service / Pet Memorial

Hanamatsuri / Hatsumairi / Gotan-e

11:00 am– 11:45 am
SENIOR TAIKO

Spring Ohigan

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

(1) Use the MVBT online "DONATE" or (2) Send a check to the Temple office

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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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