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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

May Highlights

- ***5/7, Sun, 10:00 am, Hybrid***
  May Shotsuki Hoyo & Gotan-e Servies
  * *11:00 am*
    Japanese Language Service
  * *11:00 am*
    English Language Discussion
- ***5/8, Mon***
  Buddhist Discussion Group
- ***5/14, Sun, 10:00 am, Hybrid***
  Mother's Day Service
- ***5/28, Sun, 9:30 am***
  Memorial Day Service at Alta Mesa Cemetery
- ***5/29, Mon, 10:00 am***
  Memorial Day Service at Oak Hill Park Cemetery

What Will Happen to Us at the Moment of Death? – Part 2

Part 1 is in the April 2023 Echo

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

In my Dharma Talk last month, I wrote that Jodo Shinshu teaches us that dying means to be born in the Pure Land and attain enlightenment with our blind passions intact because of the great working of Amida Buddha. It is the ultimate teaching that exists only in the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha.

Rennyo Shonin, the eighth head priest of Jodo Shinshu, said at the end of his letter, "Attaining the Entrusting Heart":

> *This teaching is unique to our tradition. Therefore, we shouldn't discuss it with followers of other schools so that we don't make others misunderstand it.*

By this he meant that the teaching where one becomes a Buddha without severing the blind passions only exists in the teaching of the Primal Vow of Other Power as handed down by **Shinran**. This teaching, of course, is not taught in the Path of Sages nor even in the other schools of the Path of the Pure Land.

We all live with our blind passions and die embracing them. However, because of the great working of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow, at the very moment of death, we will be born in the Pure Land ***without severing the blind passions***. No matter how hard we look at the many religions throughout the world, the same claim cannot be made by them. But because such an impossibility does happen in Jodo Shinshu, the working of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow is called "Inconceivability."

This means our encounter

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Watsonville Buddhist Temple Flood Relief Fund

GoFundMe Goal: $50,000+

Hours after the Watsonville Buddhist Temple's New Year's Eve Service, flood waters from the nearby Salsipuedes Creek overflowed its banks and flooded portions of Watsonville.

Flood waters lapped at the front door of the Hondo at the Temple, but miraculously did not enter the Hondo. Unfortunately, the Temple storage areas, garage, parsonage and basement area did not fare as well and flood waters submerged and damaged those areas.

The Temple put out a call for help and an army of Temple members and community members answered its call. Sandbagging, sweeping out mud and flood waters, and cleaning took place, but the damage had been done.

Every day, the Temple continues to rebuild, repair and clean; however, we continue to discover new flood damages. **The repair costs are expected to exceed $50,000.**

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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 — May 2023

May 7, 2023, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo & Gotan-e Service, Hybrid Service

Gotan-e: Observes the birth of Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu. Born near Kyoto, Japan on May 21, 1173.

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

11:00 am English Language Discussion

May 8, 2023, Monday, Buddhist Discussion Group

Ken Nakano will lead the discussion group.

Rev. Yushi Muikojima and **MA John Arima** on MVBT Japan Trip.

Joint Celebration for the 850th Anniversary of the Birth of Shinran and the 800th Anniversary of the founding of the Jodo Shinshu Teachings

May 14, 2023, Sunday, 10:00 am, Mother's Day Service, Hybrid Service

The service will be led by Minister's Assistant Devon Matsumoto and the Oasaji Group.

May 21, 2023, Sunday, 10:00 am, Regular Sunday Service, Hybrid Service

The service will be led by Minister's Assistant Devon Matsumoto and the Oasaji Group.

May 28, 2023, Sunday, TBD am, Alta Mesa Memorial Service

No Services at the MVBT

May 29, 2023, Monday, TBD am, Oak Hill Memorial Service

No Services at the MVBT

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 2 (cont'd)

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with the Primal Vow assures us that we are guaranteed birth in the Pure Land, becoming a Buddha at the moment of our death. That's why we recite the Nembutsu as an expression of our deepest feelings of joy and gratitude. I s there any doctrine for which we are filled with more gratitude than this? Ours is not a teaching that says we must wait till death to find out what awaits us. Our lives have already been firmly embraced by Amida Buddha. To encounter the Primal Vow really means to receive a profound sense of security in life. To have the biggest mystery of life—the problem of death—settled for us by Amida Buddha's Supreme Vow—is our greatest security. Nothing is more joyful for us than this.

Human existence means we sometimes have to experience unbearable sadness and hardships as part of this precious life that we have received. But no matter what might happen during our lifetime, because we are guaranteed Buddhahood, we are free to take the great Nembutsu path with strength and try to do our best to live fully for the benefit of others and society each day with joy and gratitude.

The most important thing in the life of a Nembutsu follower is to become fully aware of ourselves who are assured of surely becoming a Buddha thanks to the Primal Vow. And to be born in the Pure Land at the moment of death shows that life is a journey moving towards the Pure Land. That is why we can truthfully say that those who receive true ***Shinjin*** have already been illumined by the light of Pure Land in spite of living in the Defiled Land at present.

The Pure Land is the world of enlightenment without the defilement of the blind passions. It is a world that transcends love and hatred; a world where all life shines, for all life is revealed to be precious. Living daily in a defiled land, we live selfishly, craving only those things that are convenient for us and excluding from our lives those things that are inconvenient. Because we live in such a selfish way, we often hurt others and may even hurt ourselves.

To live with the Pure Land as our destination, Shinran teaches us to live humbly, seriously reflecting on our true selves that are only capable of living in such a foolish way. We are only able to see our own lies and self-delusions when we are illumined by the light of Amida Buddha's wisdom. In other words, a Nembutsu follower who truly sees his ego-nature by receiving ***Shinjin*** has already begun to live in the Pure Land.

As Rennyo said, "Simply listening to the Buddha Dharma ends in ***Shinjin***," which means we are able to only receive Shinjin of Other Power when listening.

I'm sure that many of you who come often to the Temple have noticed that the Hondo is always filled with a sweet fragrance even when incense has not been lit. It is because when incense is burned whenever the services are conducted, its sweet smell naturally permeates the entire Hondo.

In Buddhism, we are taught that, when performing the same action again and again, one can acquire it unknowingly that helps build one's character. It is a teaching called ***kunju***, which means "repeatedly impregnating with a scent." So when listening to the Nembutsu teaching over and over again, even if we cannot get rid of our selfishness, the warm mind of Amida Buddha will naturally color our own minds before we realize it. We call this ***mon-kunju***, which means, "repeatedly impregnated by the Buddha's mind through listening." By repeated listening, when Amida Buddha's mind reaches our own, we become aware that we don't place our hands together by our own will, but are led to recite the Nembutsu through the working of Amida Buddha. This awakening is the actual ***Shinjin*** of Other Power.

For the Nembutsu follower with true Shinjin who firmly received the Amida Buddha's mind by listening, the problem of impending death has already been settled by the working of Amida Buddha. The Nembutsu teaching is the ultimate assurance that we will surely attain Buddhahood at the moment of death. Therefore, as Shinran says,

"The great path of unobstructed freedom opens up in the person of Nembutsu."

No matter what might happen to us each and every day, the true Nembutsu follower is able to take the steady journey to the Pure Land filled with great joy and security, undisturbed, reciting the Nembutsu in gratitude for the guidance of Amida Buddha. How steadfast and joyful we are!

In Gassho,

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇二三年五月法話

ー臨終一念のタ（二）ー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

浄土真宗は、「死ぬということがそのまま浄土に生まれることであり、煩悩を断ちきらずして悟りを開かせていただく」という教えであると先月お話しさせていただきました。これは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。

第八代門主である蓮如上人が記された『信心獲得の章』の最後に「この義は当流一途の所談なるものなり。他流の人に対して、かくのごとく沙汰あるべからざるところなり」（意訳ーこの教えは、浄土真宗を聞く者でないと分かりません。他の宗派の人に偉そうに話して無用な誤解を受けないように注意が必要です）と述べておられます。つまり、煩悩を抱えたままで仏となるという教えは、親鸞聖人が伝えて下さった他力本願でしか絶対言わない教えであり、聖道門は勿論のこと、他の浄土門の教えでさえもありえないということです。

私達は一生涯煩悩のままに生きて、煩悩を抱えたまま死んでいきます。しかし、阿弥陀仏のご本願のおはたらきで煩悩を断ぜずして臨終の一念に私達は悟りを開かせていただきます。世界のどの宗教を探しても、そんなことは決して有り得ません。しかし、そんな有り得ないことが起こるからこそ阿弥陀仏のご本願のおはたらきを「不思議」というのです。

ですから私達がご本願に出遇わせていただいたということは、私達の臨終の時、必ず仏の悟りを開く身にさせていただいたということなのです。そのことを私達はお念仏を称えて喜ばせていただいているのです。これ以上に有難いご法義があるでしょうか。死んでみないと分からないという話ではないのです。もう既に私達のいのちは阿弥陀仏のおはたらきの中に修め取られています。ご本願に出遇わせていただいたということが本当の意味で安心をいただいたということなのです。私達の人生における最大のミステリー、死んでいくことの問題ーその解決が本当の安心なのです。

お念仏は私の死んでいく問題を解決して下さる教えです。私達人間にとってこれほどの喜びはありません。人生に苦しみや悲しみはつきものですが、たとえ私の身に何が起ころうとも、仏さまにならせていただく人生なのだから、今あるいのちを精一杯燃やし尽くして感謝のうちに人のために社会のために生きていこうという力強いお念仏の道を歩むことができるのです。

念仏者の人生において最も大切なことは、本願力によって必ずお浄土に参らせていただく正定聚の身にならせていただいているということを知ることです。臨終の一念にお浄土に往生するということは、私達の人生はお浄土への旅路であり、他力信心をいただいた者の心は穢土を生きながらもつねにお浄土の光に照らされながら生きることができるのです。

浄土とは、煩悩の汚れのない浄らかな悟りの世界のことで、愛憎を超え全てのいのちが、かけがえのない尊いものとして光り輝くすばらしい世界のことです。穢土に生きる私達の日常は、いつも自己中心の心から離れられずに、自分にとって都合のいいものをむさぼり求め、都合の悪いものを排除し、更に他人を傷つけ、自分をも傷つけて生きています。

しかし、親鸞聖人の教える浄土を目指して生きるということは、そのような生き方しかできない真の我が身の姿を真摯に見つめながら謙虚に生きるということです。阿弥陀仏の智慧の光に照らされて初めて自己の嘘、偽りが見えてきます。その意味で、信心をいただいて我執の心が見えている念仏者は、既に自分のはからいを超えた浄土の世界を生きているといえるのです。

そして、蓮如上人が「仏法は聴聞にきわまる」と言われたように、絶対他力の信心はお聴聞によって初めていただくことができます。

仏教会にお参りに来られる皆さんは、本堂でお香を焚いていなくても、本堂全体がいつもお香の甘い匂いで満たされていることをご存じでしょうか。それは各法要ごとに毎回お香を焚いているため、心を癒してくれるお香の香りが自然と本堂内に染み付いているのです。

これと同じように、仏教では何度も同じことを繰り返すことで、自然と物事が身についたり、その人の人格になるという教えを「薫習」といいます。お念仏のみ教えも繰り返し聴聞を重ねますと、たとえ自力のはからいを捨てきれずにいたとしても、いつの間にか阿弥陀仏の温かいお心が自然と私達の心に染み付いて下さいます。これを「聞薫習」というのですが、聴聞によって阿弥陀仏のお心が私の心に至り届いた時、手を合わせている自分が自らのはからいではなく、阿弥陀仏のおはたらきによってお念仏を称える身にならせていただいたのだと気づかさせれます。この目覚めを他力の信心というのです。

お聴聞を通して、阿弥陀仏のお心をしっかりといただいた真実信心の念仏者は、阿弥陀仏のおはたらきによって、死んでいく問題は解決しています。お念仏は、臨終の一念に必ず仏の悟りを開かせていただく究極の教えです。ですから、親鸞聖人が「念仏者は無碍の一道なり」とおっしゃったように、たとえ人生に何が起ころうとも、真の念仏者は、何ものにも妨げられることなく、喜びと安らぎに満ちたお浄土への旅路を報恩感謝のお念仏を称えつつ力強く歩むことができるのです。何とも頼もしく嬉しく思えてなりません。

Watsonville Buddhist Temple Flood Relief Fund (cont'd)

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A GoFundMe account has been established to help cover cost for:

- Replacement of damaged infrastructure including electrical, ducting and gas lines
- Drying out the basement and storage areas to prevent mold and mildew
- Replacement of drywall in damaged areas, and
- Repairs to leaks in the roofs

The GoFundMe link is:

https://bit.ly/WBT-FloodReliefFund

To donate by check, make a check payable to "Watsonville Buddhist Temple" with a Memo Note of "Flood Relief Fund" and send the check to:

Watsonville Buddhist Temple
423 Bridge Street
Watsonville, CA 95076

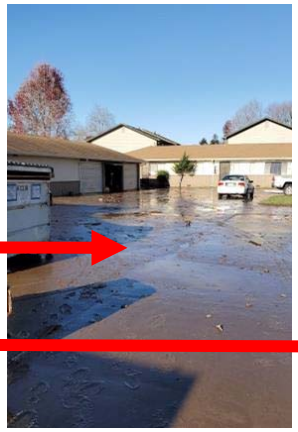
Attn: Flood Relief Fund

The Watsonville Buddhist Temple will continue to be a sanctuary of Buddhist thoughts and teaching where everyone is welcomed regardless of race, faith or beliefs. Our Cultural Events and food festivals continue to unite our community and we hope that you would consider donating to the Temple fundraiser to help repair the damage caused by the flood waters.

I want to take the time to sincerely thank you for your consideration to the Watsonville Buddhist Temple's Flood Relief Fund.

Thank you for your support.

In Gassho,
Perry Yoshida
Board Member of the
Watsonville Buddhist Temple



In Apartment & Garage Area

Front of Parsonage

(From Left) Hondo, Gym & Parsonage

GoFundMe Link: **https://bit.ly/WBT-FloodReliefFund**

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

Find "Miroku Dana Project" to make your donation.

Thank you for your support!

In Gassho,
MVBT Miroku

2023 150 Club News

Our winners for April are **Gail and Tony Lee**.

Congratulations to Gail and Tony!.

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
MAY	Zones 6 & 7	N / A	N / A
JUNE	Zones 8 & 9	May 12 (Fri)	May 18 (Thurs)
JULY	Zones 10 & 11	June 16 (Fri)	June 22 (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 .

2023 5th/6th Grade Class Dana Project: Half Moon Bay Farmworker Aid

Dana Project held after Hanamatsuri Service on April 9

**Earned $1,500 at Bake Sale;
BCA will match for a total of $3,000 for Farmworkers**

The 5th/6th Grade Dharma School class chose helping the farmworkers in Half Moon Bay for our Dana project this year.

We are partnering with the **A**yudando **L**atinos **A** **S**oñar (or ALAS) organization (https://www.alas dreams.com/) to raise funds to purchase much needed Safeway and CVS gift cards, and other household supplies for the farmworkers.

Successful Fundraiser – Thank You, Sangha!

Our fundraiser after Hanamatsuri was a huge success! We are grateful to our parents who helped us with the setup and all during the event. We want to thank everyone who contributed so many delicious baked goods—it was perfect timing for holiday gatherings! Many thanks to our Sangha for your generosity.

Funds Will Help Half Moon Bay Community

We raised almost $1,500 including proceeds from selling the *onenjus* that we made over the past few weeks. The BCA Social Welfare Committee will match our donation. We are very excited that our efforts will help this overlooked community.

We greatly appreciate your support for our project.

In Gassho,
The MVBT 5th/6th Grade Class

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LET'S GET READY FOR OBON!

Maui Dancing in 2019

Odori Dancing in 2019

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

Flower Shop at
2019 Obon Festival & Bazaar

WANTED PLANT & FLOWER DONATIONS

Attention home gardeners. The 2023 Obon Festival Flower Shop will be open, and we would welcome any plants and/or flowers you might be willing to donate.

If you are able to contribute, please contact Leslie Imai at leslie.imai@gmail.com or (650) 303-3001 so that your gift can be properly acknowledged.

We would appreciate it if you could drop the plants off at the Flower Shop on Friday (7/14) evening or Saturday (7/15) morning. If you need your donations to be picked up, please let us know so we can help.

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

Final resting place of many Temple members and friends. Also, Steve Jobs, David Packard & Tennessee Ernie Ford

ABA News

Alta Mesa Cemetery Cleanup: Miroku & ABA

This year four Miroku members and their parents joined ABA with the annual Alta Mesa Cemetery clean up on April 15. The four Miroku members were **Kate Hojo**, **Sophia Eng**, **Jeremy Tao** and **Garrett Tao** along with their parents **Tricia Hojo**, **Kim Tsuchida** and **Janell & Ryan Tao**.

Everyone worked hard with a sense of gratitude by trimming, cleaning and placing flowers at the headstones of many former MVBT members.

Afterwards, 33 ABA and Miroku members enjoyed a pizza lunch arranged by **Judy Nakano** and **Alice Ishida**. Also, **Mel Inouye** was able to receive 100 bunches of donated flowers that were placed on the headstones. Thanks Judy, Alice and Mel!

Pickle Ball

The introduction and demonstration of this game will be rescheduled and the date is to be determined.

If you have any questions, please contact **Sterling Makishima**.

Hondo speakers

ABA will be donating two additional speakers for the Hondo to improve the listening coverage.

In Gassho,
Ken Nakano
ABA President

Miroku and ABA
at Alta Mesa Memorial Park

Asian area after cleaning

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BWA Actiities

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON

BWA had their New Member Luncheon (the first since 2019) on April 1, 2023, at the China Stix Restaurant. It was a delicious 10 course meal.

The 37 in attendance appreciated the "Year of the Rabbit" origami cups with candy made by **Shirley Matsumoto**, **Lorrie Kitasoe** and **Lois Okino**.

The new members were presented with BWA Monto Shikisho's. The boxes were decorated by **Kari, Ray, and Reiko Murakami**.

It was truly a special lunch as many husbands also attended.

Thank you, **Amy, and Eric Arakaki**, for taking pictures at the luncheon.

DONATIONS

Gratefully accepted:

- Toshiko Masaki and Gayle Alcones
- Marilyn and Irving Ozawa
- Joanne and Sterling Makishima

In Gassho,
Reiko Murakami
BWA President

Buddhist Women's Association

BWA New Members (L-R): Sandy Furuichi; Reiko Tsuchida; Judy Nakano; Alice Ishida; Emi Mori; Joanne Makishima; Derek Ives; Teri Hirota; Diane Shinta-Durst; June Oto and Marilyn Ozawa.
(Not pictured) Mieko Nakano.

"Year of the Rabbit" origami cups with candy

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

Senior/Ambassador

Our Senior/Ambassador level girls completed a community service project. They put together packets of feminine hygiene products. They distributed these to three different non-profit organizations that assist women and girls.

Learned to Cook Inari Sushi

After Girl Scout Sunday, our Troop participated in a cooking activity, learning how to make inari sushi and takuan.

Girl Scout Cookies Sales

Cookie season is going strong. Before April 23, contact any Girl Scout to place your order.

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

FBWA Monto Shikisho — Purchase for $30

The Federation of Buddhist Women's Association's (FBWA) "Golden Gate Bridge and California Poppy Design" Monto Shikisho is now on SALE for half price of $30. The proceeds will go to offset the cost of the FBWA Conference in San Jose in 2024, hosted by our Coast District.

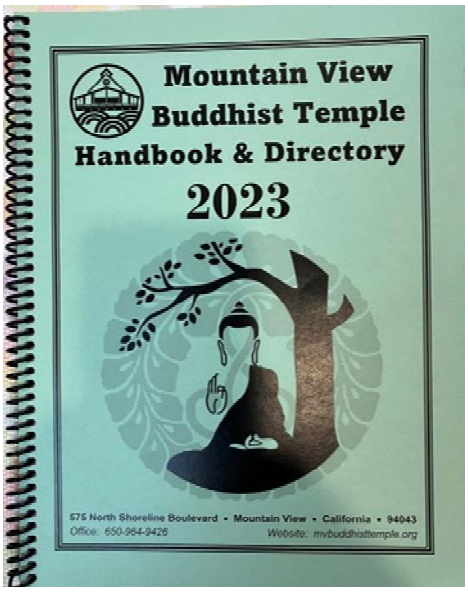
Anyone interested in purchasing the beautiful Monto Shikisho, please contact **Reiko Murakami** at

reikomurakmi@comcast.net.

In Gassho,
Reiko Murakami
BWA President

MVBT Membership Committee News

MVBT 2023 Member Handbook & Directory Now Available



You should have received your 2023 Member Handbook and Directory from your Zone Chair or in the mail. If you haven't received it, please let your Zone Chair or the Membership Committee know.

If you have not renewed or updated your membership, now is a good time. If you have, thank you so much for your support!

Membership at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple is not just about saying you belong to a community. It's about investing in the place you love, a community that feels like home, both physically and spiritually. As a member of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, you are a part of a supportive family, connected group of friends, and vibrant Buddhist community.

JOIN or **RENEW** your Membership **NOW**, by either:

- Mailing in your membership information

or

- Going online to the MVBT website main page and select "Membership Info."

If the cost of membership is difficult for you or your family, we will help you to cover the cost of your membership. Please contact **Reverend Mukojima** at reverend@mvbuddhisttemple.org.

If you have questions, please email us at membership@mvbuddhisttemple.org

In Gassho,
MVBT Membership Committee
Bob, Steve, Jean, Leslie, & Debby

Miroku

At the Miroku meeting in April, we began the meeting by talking about our plans for spring break. Then, we discussed who will be writing the Echo articles for the rest of the year.

Dana Project

We also talked about our ongoing Dana Project: collecting food and toys for cats and dogs and would like to thank everyone who has donated to our project so far. We are planning to end our collection at the end of April and would like to schedule a time to meet with the Palo Alto Humane Society some time at the beginning of May.

We are planning to do a joint activity with ABA, which will be the Alta Mesa Cemetery clean up on Saturday, April 15.

AED Check

Finally, we ended the meeting with our monthly AED checks and snacks.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, May 7, after Dharma School at about 12 pm in the YBA Conference Room.

In Gassho,
Sophia Eng
6th Grade Miroku Member

MIROKU

middle school group

Dharma School News

Dharma School

Announcements

FDSTL CONFERENCE

The Bay District is hosting the annual Federation of Dharma School Teachers' League (FDSTL) conference online on Saturday, April 29. The theme for this year's conference is "Inside Out Buddhism." This year, Mountain View Buddhist Temple will have six attendees.

Acknowledgements

HANAMATSURI

Thank you to the Dharma School students, teachers, and families for making this year's Hanamatsuri so special! The O-chigo Procession was a spectacular way to start our Hanamatsuri service, and the Dharma School's presentation of "In Lumbini's Garden" was a nice treat. The trivia game hosted by the high school class on aspects of Siddhartha Gautama's life was a lot of fun. A special thank you to **Carol Yonemura**, **Joan Aoki**, **Sharon Tsukahara**, **Mika Mukojima**, **Traci Inouye**, and **Mari Ueda-Tao** for all of your hard work on the O-chigo Procession.

5TH/6TH GRADE DHARMA PROJECT

The 5th and 6th Grade Dharma School class hosted a onenju and bake sale after the Hanamatsuri Service to support the Ayudando Latinos A Soñar (or ALAS) organization. With everyone's generosity, they were able to raise $1,435! The Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) Social Welfare Committee is matching the funds, so almost $3,000 will be donated to ALAS to support the farmworkers in Half Moon Bay! Thank you for your support!

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

Upcoming Events

June 4, 2023, Sunday
- Shotsuki Hoyo for June & July

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

June 11, 2023, Sunday
- Graduation Service

June 18, 2023, Sunday
- Father's Day Service

July 9, 2023, Sunday
- Obon / Kangi-e Service
- Hatsubon Service

July 15 - 16, 2023, Sat-Sun
- Obon Festival & Bazaar

August 19, 2023, Saturday
- Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament & Banquet

September 10, 2023, Sunday
- Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September
- Dharma School Resumes

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

Miyo Takegami has been in our committee for over 20 years, the same as **Chuck Uyeda**, and has decided to retire. We will truly miss Miyo for she has worked hard to keep our Senior Activities strong. Thank you again, Miyo.

We want to welcome **Julie Ushiba** for volunteering to be on our committee. Julie will be a great asset to our committee for her dedication and hard work. Thank you, Julie, for joining us.

Senior Activities:.

Thursday, May 18: We will have movie time. **Scott Hirotsu** is in-charge and he has selected a popular old-time movie called "The Geisha." Please join us and enjoy the movie with friends. Lunch to be served at 11:30 am and the movie to start at 12:30 pm.

Thursday, June 8: We have a fun day playing BINGO. Lunch will be provided and prizes can be won. Also, this will be our last Senior Activities session before the summer break and will resume in September.

Weekly Activities

FYI. We can use more Hana (Japanese card) players.

Also, you can join playing the rummy card game, line dancing, sing along, chair exercise, Taiko, or just relax and socialize with friends. This program is for you.

Senior Crafts

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

Cookbook Now $10

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

Join Us

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

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

MVBT YBA News

YBA Campout Planning

The YBA advisors have begun planning for a two-night campout that will be held June 23-25. This will be the first camp out since before the pandemic.

2023 Mountain View AAPI Cultural Festival

Our YBA is planning to run a table and activity at the Mountain View AAPI Cultural Festival in May. This will be our second year taking part in this event.

In Gassho,
Jake Aquino
2022-2023 YBA President

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

YBA

May

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for May to be held on Sunday, May 7

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

May 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 **May** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Robert Ariyama	**June Kusumoto**	**Koji Sakai**
Naka Chikasuye	**Roy Matsumoto**	**George Sato**
Rev. Philipp Eidmann	**Edward Morimoto**	**Shigemi Sato**
Judy Jean Furusho	**Hiromi Mukojima**	**Betty Shidawara**
Ruth Goto	**Hana Nagao**	**Frank Shimizu**
Levan Gray	**Charles Nagatoshi**	**May Shimoguchi**
Isano Hamada	**Minako Nakamoto**	**Kazuko Springer**
Gary Hirotsu	**Clark Nakamura**	**Aiko Taniguchi**
Hironori Honda	**Yoshito Nakamura**	**Mitsuye Togashi**
Dr. Yuta Hongo	**Harry Nakano**	**Fusako Tokuda**
Kay Ikeuye	**Naoko Nakashima**	**Sumiye Tomota**
Robert Imai	**June Naritomi**	**Lucia Towne**
Nancy Ishii	**Chiharu Nishimura**	**George Tsukagawa**
Ishino Ishikawa	**Herbert Nishimura**	**Seiko Tsumura**
Nobukichi Ishikawa	**Hajime Ogata**	**Sumi Uyeda**
Caroline Izumi	**Momoyo Ogino**	**Aleric Uyehara**
Tomoyuki Kanzaki	**Yoshihiro Okasaki**	**Torao Watanabe**
Yasuko Kariya	**Iko Oku**	**John Wittlesey**
Joe Masao Kawaguchi	**Leonard Oku**	**Peggy Yamaguchi**
Makoto Joseph Kawaguchi	**Thomas Oku**	**Frances Yamaji**
Shigeko Kawamoto	**John Okumura**	**John Yamaji**
Kiyono Kawano	**Joe Okuno**	
Hideo M. Kumamaru	**Chizuo Sakae**	

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**

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

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

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

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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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