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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

February Highlights

- ***2/4, Sunday, 10:00 am, Hybrid***
  Shotsuki Hoyo
  * *11:00 am: Japanese Language Service*
  * *11:00 am: English Language Discussion*
- ***2/11, Sunday, 10:00 am, Hybrid***
  Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial Service with Guest Speaker:
  Rev. Michael Endo
- ***2/18, Sunday, 10:00 am, Hybrid***
  Boy Scout Sunday Service
- ***2/25, Sunday, 10:00 am, Online ONLY***
  BCA Eitaikyo Service at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento Betsuin
  * *Watch Party in MVBT Hondo*

Thank You to the MVBT Sangha

My Deepest Appreciate and Gratitude

To be completely honest, I am having a really difficult time writing this article. As I reflect on the Tokudo Shurai and my experience, I am finding it to be nearly impossible to describe in words what went on there and the emotions I felt as I moved through the 11 days. Similarly, as I have tried to express my appreciation and gratitude in my article, I feel as if I am coming up short and that no amount of words can truly articulate how thankful I am for our Mountain View Buddhist Temple Sangha.

I have sat in front of my laptop all week typing and deleting phrases, words, ideas, gratitudes and have been at a loss for words. I thought that writing this would be a lot easier since there was so much that happened during the training. I felt I could fill a book with all that went on. And of course, having grown up at the Temple, I thought it would be even easier to say thank you to all of the Aunties, Uncles, Jiichans, Baachans, moms, dads, Dharma school teachers, friends, family, and Sensei. Still, anything I write down comes up short and I feel not enough to those so deserving of something much more than I can offer.

Rev. Devon Matsumoto

Say Namo Amida Butsu

It's in moments like these, when human words feel inadequate that I remember the meaning of Namo Amida Butsu. When I went through the YAC (Youth Advocacy Committee) program, Rev. Bob Oshita gave us his interpretation of Namo Amida Butsu. He explained to us that there will be moments in our lives when we may be at a loss

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YBA SPAGHETTI DINNER & BINGO FUNDRAISER

Saturday, February 10

Dinner: 5 - 7 pm

BINGO: 6 - 8 pm

Bring the family & have fun!

**** Order form on Page 8 ****

BINGO Fundraiser

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February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**2** Groundhog Day 6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**3**
4 Super Bowl 10a-12p Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School (Hybrid) 11:45a-2p YBA Meeting (YBA Hall\; Kitchen/Main Hall / Education Bldg.\; 2/3) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 12p-1p Miroku Meeting (YBA Hall\; Conference Room)	**5** 7p-8:30p Buddhist Discussion Group (Zoom)	**6** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio) 7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/Hybrid) 8:30p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room/Hybrid)	**7** 6p-9p Boy Scouts (Pancake Room/Kitchen)	**8** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**9** 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom) 7:30p-9p ABA General Meeting (YBA Hall\; Board Room/ Main Hall/Kitchen)	**10** YBA Spaghetti Dinner (5:00-7:00 Dinner, 6:00-8:00 Bingo) 10a-12p BWA Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall / Kitchen)
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"Let us live with Kindness and Gratitude beyond words..."

Religious Planning — February 2024

February 4, 2024, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo, Hybrid Service

11:00 am Japanese Languare Service
11:00 am Engliish Language Discussion Group

February 5, 2024, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group, Online Meeting

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

February 11, 2024, Sunday, 10:00 am — Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial Service, Hybrid Service

Nirvana Day: Observe the passing of the historical Sakyamuni Buddha into Nirvana
Pet Memorial: Express our gratitude and gratefully remember the pets who provided us with love and companionship
Guest Speaker: **Rev. Michael Endo,** Executive Assistant to the BCA Bishop

February 18, 2024, Sunday, 10:00 am, Boy Scout Sunday Service, Hybrid Service

Observe the contributions of the Cub & Boy Scouts to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple

February 25, 2024, Sunday, 10:00am — BCA Eitaikyo Service at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento Betsuin, Online Service

Eitaikyo: Means "perpetual chanting sutras." A memorial service that honors our family and friends who have lived before us. Without them, we would not exist.

Watch Party of livestreamed service in MVBT Hondo

JOIN US

Sunday Services are on Zoom. These Hybrid Services allow the Sangha to attend the service in person or on Zoom.
The Link to the Zoom Livestream can be found on Putra's Post that is emailed before the service.

JOZAI: SUNDAY SERVICE DONATION

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

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

Check Temple Website for latest information about Temple activities

MVBT Annual General Meeting

January 28, 2024 @ 11:00 am

EVERYONE IS INVITED

In the Hondo immediately following the Service.

Hybrid meeting

Congratulation, Devon! — cont'd

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for words. It could be during moments of great sorrow like the death of a loved one or during moments of great joy like the birth of a new born baby. In these moments, our human language can only go so far to express our true emotions and we become limited in our ability to articulate something we assume would be so easy. During these times, we entrust ourselves to the Nembutsu and rely on Namo Amida Butsu. Rev. Bob explained to us that we should recite Namo Amida Butsu when the words thank you are not enough.

Emotions Beyond Human Comprehension

When we recite Namo Amida Butsu, we are able to encounter the true wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha, who vowed to liberate all sentient beings from suffering. When we encounter true wisdom and compassion, we become embraced by Amida Buddha's Primal Vow, which in turn enables us the opportunity to experience emotions beyond human comprehension. Simply put, Amida Buddha has given us Namo Amida Butsu. precisely for moments like these where I have been struggling to put into words my deepest appreciate and gratitude for the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Sangha for all that you have done to love and support me over all of these years.

I often hear from other people that there is something unique about the MVBT Sangha and that we create a welcoming culture that many temples want to emulate. As a kid I know that there were times where I did not embody this, where I was mean to my classmates, gave attitude back to some elders, or sassy to our sensei's over the years. Despite this, I have always felt loved and supported by everyone at the Temple that has encouraged me to be a better person and do my best to be a part of that MVBT culture that is so welcoming. To me, this is all encompasses Namo Amida Butsu. I wish I could articulate everything I want to say in gratitude to our Sangha, but all I can say is Namo Amida Butsu.

Namo Amida Butsu

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MVBT President's Message

To All MVBT Sangha Members and Friends:

Arigato!! Thanks to all of the MVBT Sangha Members and Friends for your financial support and volunteering in 2023. It has been great seeing everyone in-person at our various events.

If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to send me an email at:

jean.shimoguchi@yahoo.com

I look forward to seeing everyone as we continue our activities in 2024.

With Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
MVBT Board President

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

YBA Spaghetti Dinner & BINGO Fundraiser

YBA Spaghetti Dinner

Our YBA Spaghetti Dinner chair, Jillian Higa is currently planning this year's YBA fundraiser that will take place on Saturday, February 10. Along with the dinner, we will also have BINGO and a Raffle.

Paper and online order forms are currently available.

The committees have been working hard on their respective parts for the past couple months. We are excited to put on this fundraiser.

Mountain View Coast District Winter Activity

Our CD Activity took place on Saturday, January 20 at MVBT. Members from San Jose, Salinas, and Mountain View got to know each other via a fun icebreaker.

The main activity involved a cooking activity where members were able to cook their own food.

Thank you to our CD Activity planners: Emi Hirabayashi, Mason Inouye and Connor Sato for planning and organizing the whole activity.

In Gassho,
Allyson Itow
2023-2024 YBA President

Seattle Betsuin Arson Fire

Arson at Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple

Unfortunately, another BCA Temple has had physical damage. The latest is an arson case at the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple. Here are the details:

> On the evening of December 31, 2023, an intruder broke into the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple and sought refuge in the basement. Shortly after, the individual committed arson, resulting in considerable fire and water damage to the basement area. The smoke and water damage extended throughout the entire Temple, prompting its closure to all.
>
> Fortunately, no one was injured.

Donate to Help Seatle Betsuin

Donations can be made to the Arson Restoration Fund online or by mailing a check.

1. Go to the following link and make your online donaton: http://tinyurl.com/SeattleRestorationFund

Or, use QR Code

2. Write a check made payable to "Seattle Buddhist Church" and include "Arson Restoration Fund" in the memo line.

   Send to Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple, 1427 S. Main Street, Seattle, WA 98144.

Thank you for supporting a BCA Temple in need.

In Gassho,
The Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

Seattle Betsuin with Annex on left

Seattle Betsuin, Front of Hondo

Firefighters at Annex Door

Damge to Basement

Fire Engine in front of Seattle Betsuin

MVBT Caregiver News

MVBT Caregivers Mission

Provide a forum for our members and friends to gather for the purposes of sharing and learning more about caregiving.

Background

Many of us have cared for a friend or relative in the past or maybe you are caring for someone right now. If you have not yet, you will likely be in a position sometime in the future when you will be faced with a situation where someone you know will need assistance — they may need assistance for a long time.

It is an honorable position to be in to be able to care for someone you love, but we must remember to take care of ourselves too.

This group is being formed to give caregivers past, present and future an opportunity to share experiences, learn something new, and network with and assist others in similar situations. You are not alone!

FAQ:

- Who can attend the meetings?

  MVBT members, its affiliated organizations members, their families and friends.

- Who is managing this group?

  A small group of MVBT Board Members is starting this group.

- Where will the meetings take place?

  Currently via Zoom, but maybe in person in the future.

- How often are the meetings held?

  We are trying to meet once a month on a weekday night.

- Questions?

  Pease email:

  caregivers@mvbuddhisttemple.org

Next Neeting via Zoom:

Wednesday, January 24 at 7:30 pm

Please email:

caregivers@mvbuddhisttemple.org

for Zoom login information

In Gassho,
MVBT Caregivers

Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) News

2024 ABA CABINET

President	**Ken Nakano**
Vice President	**Russ Nakano**
Treasurer	**TBD**
Auditor	**Steve Tsuchida**
Recording Secretary	**Lois Okino**
Asst Recording Secretary	**Shirley Matsumoto**
Corresponding Secretary	**Joyce Okumura-Lee**
Asst Corresponding Secretary:	**Marilyn Ozawa**
Co-Social Chairperson	**Alice Ishida**
Co-Social Chairperson	**Judy Nakano**
Historian	**Toshiko Uyehara**
Asst Historian	**Lois Okino**
Membership Chairperson	**Reiko Tsuchida**
Asst Membership Chairperson	**Mieko Nakano**
Hospitality Chairperson	**Joanne Makishima**
Advisor	**Jean Shimoguchi**
Ministerial Advisor	**Rev. Yushi Mukojima**

Life Skills

ABA continued the Life Skills joint activity with the YBA by demonstrating button sewing techniques by **Shirley Matsumoto**, **Lois Okino**, **Teri Hirota**. They were assisted by **Mieko Nakano** and **Joanne Makishima**.

Upcoming Activities

- **ABA New Year's Dinner**
  Saturday, January 27, 2024
  at 5:30 pm
  China Stix Restaurant,
  Santa Clara

- **Golden State Warriors vs. Denver Nuggets**
  Sunday, February 25, 2024
  at 4:00 pm
  Chase Center, San Francisco

To Join ABA

If you are interested in joining ABA or have any questions, please contact **Reiko Tsuchida** (Membership Chairperson), **Mieko Nakano** (Assistant Membership Chairperson) or any ABA member.

Next Meeting

The next ABA is Friday, February 9, 7:30 pm (Hybrid)

In Gassho,
Ken Nakano
ABA President

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MVBT Membership Committee News

It's Time for the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Membership Drive

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

First and foremost, the MVBT Membership Committee wants to thank everyone for their continued investment in the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. Without your support, the Temple would not be able to continuously provide the Sangha with valuable benefits and actively develop its programs. Put simply, you make what we do possible.

Mountain View Buddhist Temple member dues support the maintenance of the Temple, our minister, office staff, facilities, organizations, and all the wonderful programs that benefit the MVBT Sangha.

COMING SOON TO YOUR MAILBOX

- Package with Your Membership Information
- MVBT Join or Renew forms
- Your Annual MVBT Donation Summary (members only)

JOIN OR RENEW ONLINE

Join or **Renew** online at

https://www.mvbuddhisttemple.org

and, under the "Membership Info" box, select "Join or Renew."

When you join or renew your membership, be sure to let us know of any changes to your contact information if it has changed. Also, please fill out a **"Volunteer Talents & Skills"** survey to help us provide meaningful ways for you to get involved.

If you have questions, please email us at:

membership@mvbuddhisttemple.org

YOUR MVBT COMMUNITY

Membership at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple is not just about saying you belong to a community. It is 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.

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

Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Hoonko Service / BWA Memorial Service /
Nirvana Day Service / Pet Memorial / Spring Ohigan

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

2024 150 Club News

Wishing you the very best for the New Year!

The January and February winners will be chosen at the February MVBT Board Meeting.

Thank you for participating in the 150 Club for 2024!

Everyone, please stay safe and healthy!

Have a Happy New Year!!!
150 Club Committee

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Sent in Mail
FEB	Zones 10 & 11	N / A	N / A
MAR	Zones 12 & 13	Feb 16 (Fri)	Feb 22 (Wed)
APR	Zones 2 & 3	Feb 15 (Fri)	Feb 21 (Wed)

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

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

YBA Spaghetti Dinner & BINGO Fundraiser

Hello Everyone,
The YBA Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser is on Saturday, February 10, from 5 pm to 8 pm. We will also have BINGO and a Raffle.

ORDER FORMS

Please find the link to the online order form in Putra's Post, paper forms are also in the back of the Hondo. You can also print the form below and send it to the Temple.

DEADLINE TO ORDER

The deadline to submit your order is Saturday, February 3.

Please come out and support our YBA at this year's Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.

In Gassho,
Jillian Higa
YBA Spaghetti Dinner Chair

MVBT Young Buddhist Association

Saturday, February 10, 2024

Dinner: 5:00-7:00 pm
BINGO: 6:00-8:00 pm
MVBT Sangha Hall

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA (Young Buddhist Association) will be hosting our annual Spaghetti Dinner. The proceeds from our Spaghetti Dinner funds religious and social activities throughout the year that provide opportunities for YBA members to experience the Dharma together. We appreciate any and all support you can give, including donated goods or services and monetary donations. Please come out and enjoy a wonderful evening!
(Take-out is also available.)
Please pre-order if possible as this allows us to plan and give you the best Spaghetti Dinner possible. If you have any questions, please contact Jillian Higa at 408 921 8015 or jillian_higa@yahoo.com.
Thank you for supporting the Mountain View YBA.

In Gassho,
Jillian Higa, Spaghetti Dinner Chairperson

To Pre-Order Dinners **(Deadline February 3, 2024):**
Fill out the order form below
Mail your payment and order form to the Temple office addressed to "MVBT YBA" or drop them off at the Temple office
*Checks should be made out to: MVBT YBA
**We follow a ticketless system, so no tickets will be distributed

✂ **********

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

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

	Quantity	Total
Adult Dinners:	_____ x $15.00	$_____
Adult Vegetarian Dinner	_____ x $15.00	$_____
Child (10 and under) Dinners:	_____ x $10.00	$_____
Child Vegetarian Dinner	_____ x $10.00	$_____
BINGO Cards:	_____ x $5.00	$_____
Additional Donation:		$_____
Total Amount Enclosed:		$_____

Joya-e / New Year's Eve Service

The last service of 2023 was held on Sunday, December 31, 2023 at 7:00 pm. This Joya-E service had more than 108 Temple members and friends gathering on New Year's Eve. This service expresses the gratitude for the countless blessings received throughout the year.

The service included sutra chanting, meditation, a Dharma messages from Rev. Mukojima, Minister's Assistant John Arima and Rev. Devon Matsumoto.

After the service, everyone in attendance lined up and rang the Kansho (bell) at least 108 times. By striking the kansho, we symbolically "ring out" our passions and delusions and aspire to become free of them in the new year.

But why 108 (6 x 3 x 2 x 3)? The "6" represents our six senses of sight, touch, sound, taste, smell, and consciousness. The "3" indicates the different ways those sensations are experienced: good, bad, or neutral. The "2" is for the dimension of attachment to pleasure: attached or unattached. The final "3" represents past, present, and future.

Multiply the numbers together and you get 108.

In Gassho,

Toshikoshi-soba After Joya-e Service

After the service, Rev. and Mrs. Mukojima, Kurumi and Oji invited everyone to enjoy traditional Toshikoshi-soba (buckwheat noodles) in the Sangha Hall.

In Gassho,

Shusho-e / New Year's Day Service

The first service of 2024 was held on Monday, January 1, 2024 at 10 am. The new year is a new beginning. The Shusho-E service to renew our resolutions to live with Nembutsu gratitude. The service included sutra chanting, meditation and the firt Dharma Talks for 2024 by Rev. Mukojima, Minister's Assistant John Arima and Rev. Devon Matsumoto. After the service sake was served to adults and sparkling cider to children.

In Gassho,

Dharma School News

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
明けまして　おめでとう　ございます!

I would like to start the year with deep gratitude for the Mountain View Buddhist Temple community:

- The teachers who have dedicated many hours to prepare lessons and share Jodo Shinshu Buddhism with our students,
- The parents who have served on our Cabinet and volunteered in our various activities, and
- All of you, our Temple members, who continue to support our Dharma School.

It does take a community to maintain our program, and I appreciate all of your contributions and look forward to 2024!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mochi Tsuki and Osoji

Thank you to all of the Dharma School students and parents who came and helped with Mochi Tsuki and Osoji! It was so nice to see so many people come together to share in our Temple's traditions and ensure that they are kept alive.

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

MVBT Dharma School

Dharma School helping at Mochi Tsuki

Students helping at Osoji

Join us for MVBT PICKLEBALL FRIDAYS!!

MVBT is starting up a regular Pickleball schedule Fridays from 6-8PM at Sangha Hall.
Whether you are NEW to the game or an EXPERIENCED player, we welcome you to join us.
Pickleball nets, balls and paddles are available or bring your own paddle.
Cost is $5/player/session and we will have a signup once we get into a regular schedule of play.
Look out for announcements in Putra's Post!

For Q, email smyoshiaki@gmail.com or j.satake.ryu@gmail.com

Miroku

This month in Miroku, we started by discussing old business, including the success of our Bake Sale and Button Sale in December, Keirokai, and Mochitsuki.

Miroku Activities

T-Shirts. We looked at design ideas for this years' Miroku T-shirts (thanks to Mrs. Christine Hirabayashi for designing it!) and brainstormed color ideas for our T-shirts (or hats).

Other Activities. We also came up with ideas for future activities including a service project, activity with another Temple group, and a possible field trip.

Buttons & Cards. We made more buttons and cards that Mrs. Debby Inenaga will personally bring to Maui.

AED Check: Finally, we went around Temple grounds to complete the AED checks.

Next Meeting

Our next Miroku meeting will be held Sunday, February 4, after Dharma School (approximately 12 pm) in the YBA Conference Room.

See you there!

In Gassho,
Kainoa Matsumoto
6th Grade Miroku student

MIROKU

middle school group

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

BROWNIE-CADETTE

Sewing & Embroidery

The Brownie and Cadette Scouts learned some basic sewing skills, such as threading a needle and sewing on a button. They then learned how to do some simple embroidery stitches.

Crayon Initiative

They also continued with their Crayon Initiative service project. Don't forget to bring in your used crayons to our donation boxes.

Mochi Tsuki

Several of our Scouts had a good time helping at Mochi Tsuki

Girl Scout Cookies

Cookie sales will start on January 29! See any Girl Scout or leader for more information.

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

Learned Sewing & Embroidery techniques

Boxes to collect crayons

Scouts at Mochi Tsuki

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Happy New Year and hope you all enjoyed the holiday season.

Thursday, February 15: **Jeff Sato**, one of our active Temple members, will share his expertise on Safety, mainly to focus on CPR. If we are to help someone in distress, it will be comforting to know that you can help with current and up-to-date practice.

Lunch will be provided at 11:30 am and Jeff's presentation will begin at 12:30 pm. Don't miss this valuable information. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday, March 27: We have a day trip planned to Sky River Casino. We will be taking sign up in January and can be done by any Committee member. More information will be provided. Don't be left out.

SENIOR COOKBOOKS

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

SENIOR CRAFTS:

The Craft program starts at 9:00 am and ends at 12:00 pm.

MVBT SENIOR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS

"Keeping our Senior Activities Strong"

Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto	Reiko Tsuchida
Colleen Choy	Scott Hirotsu
Kimi Nishimura	Kay Tachibana
Alice Ishida	Julie Ushiba

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

Wanted: Old iPads - Donate Your Old iPads to the MVBT Obon / Bazaar

MVBT Obon Festival & Bazaar Looking for Unwanted iPads

The Obon Festival and Bazaar Committee is looking for iPads (2019 or newer). If you have one of these iPads that you don't need anymore, consider donating it to the Temple. If you are considering upgrading your current iPad, you can donate your old one to the Temple.

We can use the iPads to do credit card and cash transactions in the food booths and other major booths. It's a great way to sell more and reduce the need for cash.

Questions. Please send them to:

Treasurer @mvbuddhisttemple.org

Thank you
Treasurer
MVBT Obon Festival & Bazaar

Wanted iPads - 2019 or newer

Upcoming Events

March 3, 2024, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo

March 17, 2024, Sunday
Spring O-higan

March 24, 2024, Sunday
Girl Scout Sunday Service

April 7, 2024, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo

April 14, 2024, Sunday
Hanamatsuri Service

April 27 - 28, 2024, Sunday
Federated Dharma School Teacher's League Conference

February

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for February to be held on Sunday, February 4

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

February Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

The Shotsuki (Monthly Memorial) Services are conducted and sponsored by the Temple in memory of the past members and their family members who have passed away during a given month. It is not meant to be a substitute for families to observe their Family Memorial Service for their loved ones. The **February** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Bill Ichiro Asada	**James J. Inokuchi**	**Edward Okamura**
Tom Fukuda	**George Tadashi Ishimaru**	**Kimi Okubo**
Hatsugoro Fukushima	**Kay Hisako Ishizawa**	**Jane Okumura**
Ben Furuichi	**Jiro Iwata**	**Frank Sakino**
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Chiyoko Hirohata	**Matsutaro Matsumoto**	**Ruth Yamatoda**
Jeanette Hirota	**David Toshio Matsuo**	**Haruo Yamaji**
Maureen Hojo	**Yosuke Mizuhara**	**Toshio Yamaji**
Shuichi Hori	**Richard Miyashiro**	**Tracy Takeichi Yamamoto**
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Matsuyo Idehara	**Sally Tokiko Nakayama**	
Rev. Ryumei Iguchi	**Tsuneko Nakayama**	
Tatsuhiko Ikebe	**Niro Nishimoto**	
Francis Ikenaga	**Tsuneo Nishimura**	

If a name has been inadvertently left off or you would like to add a family member to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple list of Shotsuki names, please contact Rev. Mukojima.

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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.

2024 is the Memorial Year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2023	3rd Year Memorial	2022	7th Year Memorial	2018
13th Year Memorial	2012	17th Year Memorial	2008	25th Year Memorial	2000
27th Year Memorial	1998	33rd Year Memorial	1992	50th Year Memorial	1975

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**2**
3 10a-12p Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School (Hybrid) 11:45a-2p YBA Meeting (YBA Hall\; Kitchen/Main Hall / Education Bldg.\; 2/3) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 12p-1p Miroku Meeting (YBA Hall\; Conference Room)	**4** 7p-8:30p Buddhist Discussion Group (Zoom)	**5** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio) 7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/Hybrid) 8:30p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room/Hybrid)	**6** 6p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**7** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**8** Int'l. Women's Day 6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom) 7:30p-9p ABA General Meeting (YBA Hall\; Board Room/Main Hall/ Kitchen)	**9** 10a-12p BWA Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall / Kitchen)
10 Daylight Saving Begins 10a-12p Sunday Service & Dharma School (Hybrid Service) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 2p-3p CD YBL Meeting (YBA Hall\; Board Room)	**11**	**12** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio) 7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/Hybrid) 8:30p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room/Hybrid)	**13** 7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All) 7:30p-9:30p MVBT Board Meeting (YBA Hall\; Board Room/ Main Hall/Kitchen)	**14** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**15** 6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**16**
17 Saint Patrick's Day 10a-12p Spring Ohigan Service & Dharma School (Hybrid Service) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 2p-3p CD YBL Meeting (YBA Hall\; Board Room)	**18**	**19** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio) 7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/Hybrid) 8:30p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room/Hybrid)	**20** Spring Begins (Northern Hemisphere) 7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**21** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**22** 6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**23**
24 World Tuberculosis Day 10a-12p Girl Scout Sunday Service & Dharma School (Hybrid Service) 11:45a-2p Dharma School Teachers Meeting (Education Building\; Classrooms 2 and 3) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym)	**25** 1p-2p Senior Activities Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall) 7:30p-9p RPC Virtual Meeting	**26** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio) 7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/Hybrid) 8:30p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room/Hybrid)	**27** 7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**28** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**29** Good Friday 6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**30**
31 Easter 10a-12p Sunday Service & Dharma School 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym)						

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