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December & January Highlights

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  New Year's Eve Service
- ***1/1, Wednesday, 10:00 am,***
  Shusho-e Service
  New Year's Day Service
- ***1/5, Sunday, 10:00 am,***
  January Shotsuki Hoyo
  * *11:00 am*
    Japanese Language Service
  * *11:00 am*
    English Intro to Buddhism Workshop
- ***1/11, Saturday, 10:00 am***
  Hoonko Seminar with Guest Speaker:
  Rev. Yuki Sugahara
- ***1/12, Sunday, 10:00 am***
  Hoonko Service with Guest Speaker:
  Rev. Yuki Sugahara
- ***1/19, Sunday, 10:00 am***
  BWA Memorial Service with Guest Speaker:
  Janet Umezu
- ***1/26, Sunday, 10:00 am,***
  Sunday Service
  * *11:00 am*
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New Year's Greeting Monshu Kojun Ohtani

Happy New Year! At the beginning of the New Year, I would like to extend my warm regards to you all.

As in previous years, many people throughout the world have been affected by natural disasters, including earthquakes, floods, and forest fires. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to all who have perished in those calamities. I would also like to express my sympathies to those who are still coping with the dire situations. It is my sincere hope that all who have been affected will soon be able to return to normalcy.

Monshu Kojun Ohtani

In addition to the continuing Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in February 2022, armed conflict in the Middle East since October 2023 has intensified, put-

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The Nembutsu Is the Right Wisdom

Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Happy New Year!

First of all, Mika and I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all the Sangha members and Dharma friends for everything that you have done for us and our family last year. We can't thank you deeply enough for your ongoing generous support. We humbly hope to avail ourselves of your warm friendship again in the coming year.

Our founder Shinran says in his preface to his "Kyogyoshinsho" as follows:

> *The auspicious Name embodying the perfectly fulfilled supreme virtues is true wisdom that transforms our evil into virtue.*

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MVBT President's Message

My term as President will end in January and I want to thank everyone for their support over the past two years – Rev. Mukojima, the Cabinet, Board, Affiliated Organizations and the entire Sangha.

Over the past two years, the

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Jean Shimogubhi
2023 - 2024 MVBT President

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day 10a-11a Shusho-e Service	**2** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**3** 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	**4**
5 10a-12p Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School 11a-2p YBA Lunch & Meeting (Sangha Hall 11 am - 1 pm) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 12p-1p Miroku Monthly Meeting 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**6**	**7** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30p-8:30p MVBT Ukulele Club 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**8** 7p-9p Boy Scouts 7:30p-9:30p MVBT Board Meeting	**9** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**10** 6p-10p ABA General Meeting 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	**11** 10a-1p Hoonko Seminar "The Future of Jodo Shinshu in America"
12 10a-12p Hoonko Service & Dharma School 12p-1p Dharma School Teacher's Meeting 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**13** 1p-3p Senior Activities Committee Meeting	**14** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30p-8:30p MVBT Ukulele Club 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**15** 7p-9p Boy Scouts	**16** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**17** 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	**18** 9a-11:30a BWA Meeting
19 10a-12p BWA Memorial Service & Dharma School 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**20** Martin Luther King	**21** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30p-8:30p MVBT Ukulele Club 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**22** 7p-9p Boy Scouts	**23** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**24** 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	**25**
26 10a-12p Sunday Service & Dharma School and Annual Meeting 11a-12p Temple General Meeting 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**27** 7:30p-8:30p RPC Meeting	**28** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30p-8:30p MVBT Ukulele Club 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**29** 7p-9p Boy Scouts	**30** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**31** 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	

Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Bodhi Day / New Year's Eve / New Year's Day

Hoonko Service / BWA Memorial Service /

Nirvana Day Service / Pet Memorial / Spring Ohigan

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

General Fund donations make up on-third of the Fund Income.

(1) Use the MVBT online "DONATE" or

(2) Send a check to the Temple office

"Let us live with Kindness and Gratitude beyond words..."

Religious Planning — January 2025

December 31, 2024, Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Joya-e / New Year's Eve Service,

Joya-e Service: Express our gratitude for the countless blessings received throughout the year

After the Service: Toshikoshi-soba served by **Rev. & Mika Mukojima**

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January 1, 2025, Wednesday, 10:00 am, , Shusho-e / New Year's Day Service

Shusho-e Service: Renew our resolution to live with Nembutsu gratitude

January 5, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo,

11:00 am: Japanese Language Service

11:00 am: English Language Discussion

January 11, 2025, Saturday, 10:00 am - Noon, Hoonko Seminar

Theme: "The Future of Jodo Shinshu in America – Perspectives from Translation"

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Yuki Sugahara**

Lunch afterwards

January 12, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am, Hoonko Service

Hoonko: Means a gathering to repay the debt of gratitude. This service is in memory of our founder Shinran Shonin.

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Yuki Sugahara**

Temple and ABA Cabinet Installations

January 19, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am, BWA Memorial Service

Memorial Service for Esshinni-ko / Kakushinni-ko, Lady Takeko Kujo, Lady Yoshiko Ohtani and past MVBT BWA Members

Guest Speaker: **Janet Umezu**

BWA Cabinet Installation

January 26, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am, Regular Sunday Service

11:00 am: MVBT Annual General Meeting

Shotsuki Hoyo Service **Study Class**

Dharma School - 11:00 am

Check Temple Website for latest information about Temple activities

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 Donate button

MVBT Annual General Meeting

January 26, 2025 @ 11:00 am

EVERYONE INVITED

In the Hondo immediately following the Service.
Hybrid meeting

New Year's Greeting from Monshu Kojun Ohtani (cont'd)

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ting a toll on civilians. As Buddhists, let us embrace the words of Sakyamuni Buddha that "Everyone fears violence and is scared of death. In consideration of all life, do not kill and do not make others kill."

We, as human beings who have received life in this world, shall have our human rights equally guaranteed regardless of reason, and must never have our lives threatened. However, in reality, conflicts and terrorist attacks have occurred everywhere in the world and for many people, their right to live and exist has been threatened. As Buddhists as well as Nembutsu followers who aspire to achieve peace, we must keep seriously in our hearts the words of Sakyamuni Buddha as well as Shinran Shonin, who aspired for a peaceful world in pursuing our endeavor of contributing toward world peace and security.

Through the Jodo Shinshu teaching, we are guided to appreciate Amida Buddha's working that enables us to become aware of our true self. Being caught up in our self-centered thinking and desires, we are unable to accept the Universal Truth of dependent origination and impermanence, and that is why we constantly suffer from our human desires.

Unable to leave us in such a state, Amida Buddha continuously works to lead us to the Dharma. By regarding each individual as a fellow traveler following the same path being guided and embraced by Amida Buddha, we are enabled to respect and help each other while courageously coping with difficult social issues. Let us continue listening and appreciating Amida Buddha's working as Buddhist followers while cherishing each and every day.

January 1, 2025

OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

MVBT President's Message - (cont'd)

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world has opened up from the pandemic. At the MVBT, we tried - and succeeded – in keeping our Sangha safe and healthy.

While we had some "hiccups" in the last two years, our outlook for the future is encouraging:

- Our annual fundraising events and activities are growing
- Affiliated organizations are hosting several activities
- Attendance at major Dharma Services is rising
- We lost several of our beloved members and send condolences to their family and friends
- We are gaining new members including families with children

Please provide our new President, Julie Satake Ryu, and the cabinet with continued support.

Thanks again and Happy New Year!

With Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
2023 – 2024 MVBT Board President

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Services

JOYA-E

Year-End Service

Tuesday, Dec 31, 2024 at 7:00 pm

The Sangha is invited to the final service of 2024, the ***Joya-E*** (year-end) gathering on New Year's Eve.

This service is held to express gratitude for the countless blessings received throughout the year.

The service includes sutra chanting, meditation, a Dharma message from Sensei and the ringing of the Kansho (bell).

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

SHUSHO-E

New Year's Day Service

Wednesday, Jan 1, 2025 at 10:00 am

The new year is a new beginning. Attend the Shusho-E service to renew your resolution to live with Nembutsu gratitude

Rev. Mukojima looks forward to sharing his first Dharma Talk in 2025 with you,

The Nembutsu Is the Right Wisdom (cont'd)

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"The auspicious Name embodying the perfectly fulfilled supreme virtues" refers to the Nembutsu. To put it simply, it means that the Nembutsu is the true wisdom because no matter what adverse circumstances we are in, the Nembutsu transforms everything into meaning and value in our lives, making us accept all things just as they are. With these words, Shinran teaches us how important it is for us ordinary people to say the Nembutsu.

Speaking of reciting the Nembutsu, there is a wonderful poem written by Saichi Asahara called Myokonin (The Superior Nembutsu Follower), which goes:

When catching a cold, a cough comes out.
Saichi has caught the cold of Buddha Dharma,
and the cough of the Nembutsu comes out again and again.

This poem is really wonderful because the essence of Jodo Shinshu is summarized in it. It is almost as if we can hear the cough of the Nembutsu coming from of the mouth of Saichi who caught the cold of the Dharma.

But how about in our daily lives? Like when you can't stop coughing if you catch a cold, does the voice of the Nembutsu come from your mouth naturally? And when things do not turn out as you would like, instead of reciting the Nembutsu, don't you instead get angry at someone or something as you complain? And don't you only say the Nembutsu, "Namo Amida Butsu" when it is convenient and you are in good mood? Certainly, it is wonderful to say the Nembutsu when you are doing well. But Jodo Shinshu actually teaches us that it is very important to utter the Nembutsu especially when we are in trouble.

My grandfather often said to me, "Say the Nembutsu when you face a problem." He meant that when facing a problem, jump into Amida Buddha's embrace first. The Nembutsu is always working on each of us as "the true wisdom that transforms our evil into virtue." That is why it is fine to say the Nembutsu while feeling angry; and to say the Nembutsu while feeling sad. This is the Nembutsu of Other Power which Shinran teaches us.

I know that there are some of you who think that it is bad to say the Nembutsu when we are angry. I deeply understand your feeling. But if we could only say the Nembutsu when we had peace of mind, it would not be easy to do so, would it?

Also, if you believe that only the Nembutsu recited with a clear mind has virtue but the Nembutsu recited in anger does not, I have to say that is nothing but the Nembutsu of Self Power. It is because you only place importance on your state of mind when you say the Nembutsu. That kind of Nembutsu is not that which is received by Amida Buddha, but instead the Nembutsu of our own creation. If you think that we should say the Nembutsu after ceasing our complaining or calming ourselves down, please realize that this is actually us using Self Power and our own calculation in the first place.

Since my childhood, whenever my dad took a bath, I could always hear him happily saying the Nembutsu. Even when he was using the bathroom, I often heard his cheerful voice uttering the Nembutsu. When I was young, I thought that it was terrible thing to recite the Nembutsu while relieving oneself. So, there were times when I thought of my dad as a minister who was disrespectful to Amida Buddha. But now I fully understand that my dad's Nembutsu is actually the Nembutsu that goes beyond one's own calculation; and that his cough of the Nembutsu meant he had caught the cold of the Dharma.

Although Shinran says that the Nembutsu is the right wisdom, what this actually means is we are allowed to become fully aware of ourselves and our afflictions as well as the great compassion of Amida Buddha. In other words, because the Nembutsu makes us see our true selves whenever we encounter Amida Buddha's Primal Vow, the Nembutsu is called the right wisdom.

That is why it is so important for us to say the Nembutsu like coughing when we have caught a cold. Not only when we are at peace or when we are feeling grateful. But we should say "Namo Amida Butsu" even with a feeling of anger when we become frustrated or irritated when we are complaining.

Even when arguing with your spouse, you should say the Nembutsu. Some examples are: "I am angry, Namo Amida Butsu"…"No matter how I look at it, my wife is wrong, Namo Amida Butsu"… "My husband is always selfish and egotistical, Namo Amida Butsu"…"I am always right, Namo Amida Butsu…" If you do so, you will gradually but surely be able to see yourself saying the Nembutsu repeatedly. "Although I thought that I have already understood well how foolish the ordinary people who are confused by afflictions is through listening to the Dharma, who am I to get angry over the smallest thing? Am I nothing but this foolish being full of selfishness?" In this way, we will begin to become aware of our imperfect selves and feel a sense of self-reflection naturally through the power of the right wisdom.

By saying the Nembutsu even with negative feelings like, "I am always right, Namo Amida Butsu," we will surely begin to see ourselves afflicted with faults and shortcomings because of the bright light of wisdom. And at that moment, our delusional thought, "I am right!" will surely be transformed into the more accurate realization, "How shameful I am!" Unfortunately, it is very difficult to turn our selfish minds into something precious through our own actions. The power of the Nembutsu transforms our troubled mind into a virtue for us.

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The Nembutsu Is the Right Wisdom (cont'd)

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In Jodo Shinshu tradition, we say the Nembutsu by accepting any life's events such as happy, unpleasant or sad occasions just as they are. Whether we are happy or angry - no matter what our state of mind is - the value of the Nembutsu we have received from Amida Buddha will never change. That is the true Nembutsu of Other Power.

By saying the Nembutsu, we are able to see our true selves and encounter the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha. In his infinite wisdom and compassion, Amida Buddha is always calling and assuring us, "I will never abandon you no matter what might happen. I will surely save you." When we hear the calling of Amida Buddha through our utterance of the Nembutsu, a negative feeling like "I am angry, Namo Amida Butsu" will naturally be transformed into a feeling of gratitude: "How grateful I am, Namo Amida Butsu." In this simple way, such a wonderful world of the right wisdom will open to Nembutsu followers.

Let us say the Nembutsu often so that we can make 2025 valuable and precious!

In Gassho,

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

The Girl Scout Brownie and Cadettes continued to work on their new crochet skills.

The Scouts and Scout Leaders had fun helping at the Temple Mochitsuki.

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

"Crooked Tree" in Parking Lot

At its November meeting, the Temple Board approved the placement of a plaque near the "crooked tree" in front of our Temple to commemorate its planting by **Gomonshu Ohtani** and **Lady Ohtani** of the Kyoto Nishi Hongwanji who visited our Temple in 1964. In the 60 years since its planting, the tree has taken firm hold in the ground and the branches have extended high and wide into the sky as if to encourage us to earnestly follow the Nembutsu Path.

It was a wish of the late **Richard Endo** to commemorate the tree so that current and future members know the importance of the tree to our Temple's heritage. If you would like to make a donation towards this commemorative plaque, please visit our Temple Donation page at:

https://tinyurl.com/CrookedTreeMVBT

and look for "Crooked Tree Plaque."

In Gassho,
Family & Friends of Richard Endo

May 15, 1964

April 11, 2022

年頭の辞 — New Year's Greeting from Monshu Kojun Ohtani

新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

昨年も世界各地で地震や洪水、山火事など様々な災害が起こり、多くの方が被災されました。災害によってお亡くなりになられたすべての方々に謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、被災された皆さまに心よりお見舞い申し上げます。皆さまが一日も早く、日常の生活を取り戻されますことを願っております。

また、2022 年 2 月に始まったロシア連邦によるウクライナ侵攻はいまだに続いており、2023 年 10 月以来の中東における武力衝突でも多くの犠牲者が出ています。私たちは仏教徒として、「すべての者は暴力におびえ、すべての者は死をおそれる。己が身にひきくらべて、殺してはならぬ。殺さしめてはならぬ。」（『ダンマパダ』第 129 偈）というお釈迦様のお言葉を大切にいたしましょう。

この世に生を受けた私たちは、いかなる理由があろうとも等しく人権が保障され、命が脅かされるようなことがあってはなりません。しかし、現実には世界各地で紛争やテロが勃発し、また貧困や政治的・宗教的な対立により、生存の権利が脅かされている人々が数多くおられます。平和主義を掲げる仏教徒であり念仏者である私たちは、お釈迦様のお言葉を深く心に刻み、世の安穏を願われた親鸞聖人のお心を体して、国際社会の平和と安全に大きく貢献することが求められています。

浄土真宗のみ教えをいただく私たちは、阿弥陀さまのおはたらきによって、自分自身の真実の姿を知らされます。それは、自身の思いや欲望にとらわれ、お釈迦様が明らかにされた諸行無常や諸法無我といったこの世界の真実を、そのままに受け入れることができずに悩み苦しむ凡夫の姿です。

しかし、そのような私を救いの目当てとして阿弥陀様ははたらき続けて下さっています。私たちは等しく阿弥陀様から願われた者同士、互いに敬い合い助け合って、困難な社会の課題にも果敢に取り組んでいくことができます。本年も、阿弥陀さまのおはたらきを聞き、仏教徒として一日一日を大切に歩んでまいりましょう。

2025 年 1 月 1 日

浄土真宗本願寺派
門主　大谷光淳

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇二五年一月法話

ー念仏は正しい智慧ー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

新年明けましておめでとうございます。本年もどうぞ宜しくお願いいたします。

さて、親鸞聖人が記された『教行信証』の総序の中に「円融至徳の嘉号は、悪を転じて徳を成す正智」という言葉がでてきます。「円融至徳の嘉号」とは念仏のことで、簡単に言いますと、念仏はどんな災いがあろうともそのまま受け入れて、すべてが「よかった」と転じてゆくことのできる正しい智慧なのだという意味です。このお言葉を通して、親鸞聖人は凡夫の私達に念仏を称えることの大切さを説いて下さっています。

念仏を称えると言えば、妙好人・浅原才市に次のような詩があります。「カゼをひけばせきがでる 才市がご法義のカゼをひいた 念仏のせきがでる、でる」。この詩は浄土真宗の神髄が凝縮されていて大変すばらしいものがあります。ご法義の風邪をひいた才市さんの口から溢れてる念仏の声がいまにも聞こえてきそうです。

しかし私達の日常はどうでしょうか。風邪をひいた時の咳のように、私達の口から自然と念仏の声が出てくるでしょうか。物事が思い通りにならなくなると、念仏を称えるどころか人や物に腹を立てて文句を言っていませんか。そして都合のいい時や機嫌の良い時だけ、「南無阿弥陀仏」と念仏していませんか。確かに機嫌の良い時に念仏を称えることは素晴らしいことです。しかし、実は悩んでいる時こそ、念仏に相談させていただくことが大切なのだと浄土真宗は教えています。

私の祖父の口癖は「困った事があったら念仏を称えなさい」というものでした。嫌なことに出遇ったら、まず最初に阿弥陀仏の懐に飛び込みなさいということです。念仏はつねに「悪を転じて徳を成す正しい智慧」として私達一人ひとりの上に働きかけて下さっています。ですから、腹が立ったら腹が立った心のまま、悲しいことがあったら悲しい心のまま念仏申すところに親鸞聖人の説かれる他力念仏があるのです。

皆さんの中に「腹を立てている時に念仏を称えてはダメだ」と思っている人はいませんか。確かにその気持ちは分かります。しかし、清々しい心の状態の時に念仏しようというのであれば、いつまでたっても念仏が称えられないのではないでしょうか。

また、綺麗な気持ちで称えた時の念仏にだけ功徳があって、腹を立てて称えた念仏には功徳がないというのであれば、称える心に価値を置いているので、その念仏は自力の念仏だと言わねばなりません。阿弥陀仏から賜った他力念仏ではなく、私達の心の中で作り出した自力、はからいの念仏です。愚痴を言うのを止めてから、気持ちを落ち着かせてから念仏を称えようという心がそもそも自力のはからいなのです。

私の父は昔から風呂に入ると風呂場からご機嫌な念仏が聞こえてきます。また、トイレに入るとトイレから元気な念仏の声が聞こえてきます。普通、トイレで用を足しながら念仏って阿弥陀仏に失礼、ありえないと思ってた時期もあったのですが、父親の念仏はすべて自力のはからいを超えた念仏、ご法義の風邪をひいた念仏であったんだと改めて気づかされます。

親鸞聖人は「念仏は正しい智慧」とおっしゃっていますが、それは一体どういう事かといいますと、「煩悩具足の凡夫の我が身の姿に気づき、阿弥陀仏のお慈悲の深さをよく知る」ということです。つまり、念仏は、私の本当の姿を知らせ、阿弥陀仏のご本願に出遇わせて下さる「正しい智慧」なのです。

ですから、どのような時でも念仏を称えさせていただくことが大切なのです。心が清々しい時だけではなく、ありがたいと感じている時だけではなく、腹が立ったら腹が立ったまま、悲しいことがあったら悲しい心のまま「南無阿弥陀仏」と称えさせていただくのです。

夫婦でけんかをした時も「腹が立ちます、南無阿弥陀仏」、「どう考えても妻が悪い、南無阿弥陀仏」、「夫はいつもわがままで自己中心、南無阿弥陀仏」、「私が正しい、南無阿弥陀仏」と念仏を称えて下さい。念仏申す中で、次第にそして確実に自分の姿が見えてきます。「仏法を聞いて人間の煩悩の醜さを十分理解していたはずなのに、こんなつまらない事で怒っていた自分こそお粗末な煩悩具足の凡夫であった」と自分の未熟さに気づかされ自ずと反省と自責の念が湧いてきます。

愚痴を言いながら「私がいつも正しい、南無阿弥陀仏」と念仏申す中で、煩悩にまみれた自分の姿が見えてきたら、いつの間にか、「私が正しい」が「何とも恥ずかしい」と転ぜられます。自分で自分の心を転じることのできない私が、念仏によって転ぜられるのです。

浄土真宗は、うれしい事、腹の立つ事、悲しい事、いろんな事をご縁にして、念仏させていただきます。喜んでいても、怒っていても、たとえ私達の気持ちがどうであろうとも、阿弥陀仏からいただく念仏の価値は決して変わりません。これを他力念仏といいます。

念仏申す中で、私が本当の私に出遇い、阿弥陀仏のご本願に遇わせていただきます。そして、阿弥陀仏の「何があろうとも見捨てはしない。必ず救う」というお呼び声を念仏の中から聞かせていただいた時、「腹が立ちます、南無阿弥陀仏」が、「ありがうございます、南無阿弥陀仏」と転ぜられていくのです。念仏者には、このような素晴らしい智慧の世界が開けてくるのです。

Hoonko Seminar & Sunday Service - Guest Speaker Rev. Yuki Sugahara

Rev. Yuki Sugahara will be the Guest Speaker at the Hoonko Service on Sunday, January 12. He will give two Dharma Talks, one to the Dharma School students and the other to the adults. He will also lead a seminar on Saturday, January 11, from 10:00 am to noon. The theme will be "The Future of Jodo Shinshu in America – Perspectives from Translation."

Rev. Sugahara is originally from the Shimane prefecture located north of Hiroshima. He comes from a family of ministers from both his mother's and his father's side in Japan tracing back 15 generations.

Rev. Sugahara received his Bachelor of Art degree in Political Science from Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, a Bachelor of Art degree in Human Science from Musashino University and Master of Art degree in Buddhist Studies from Musashino University Graduate School

From July 2011 until June 2017, Rev. Sugahara served as minister of the Buddhist Church of Florin.

From June 2017 until June 2023, he has served at the Oregon Buddhist Temple in Portland, Oregon.

Since June 2023, he has been serving the Buddhist Church of Sacramento as Rinban.

One of his hobbies is playing bass guitar. He also teaches Chinese Martial Arts (Eagle Claw Kung Fu and Tai-chi).

Join Rev. Sugahara at the Hoonko Seminar and Hoonko Sunday Service.

Miroku

December was a busy month for Miroku!

December Meeting

On December 1, Miroku members chaired the annual Bodhi Day service. After the service, we had our monthly meeting where we voted on organizations for our service project, discussed upcoming events, checked the AEDs and enjoyed some snacks.

Holiday Party

On December 6, we had a fun holiday party with members and our families in the YBA Hall. We celebrated with delicious food, pinatas, as well as a festive white elephant gift exchange.

Mochitsuki

And finally on December 8, Miroku members participated in the Temple's annual Mochitsuki fundraiser.

January Meeting

We look forward to welcoming the new year at our next Miroku meeting on Sunday, January 5, at noon in the YBA Conference Room.

In Gassho,
Darren Iwashita
7th Grade Miroku Member

MIROKU

middle school group

3rd Annual Tri-Temple Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE!

3rd Annual
Tri-Temple Fundraising Event
(Mtn View, Palo Alto & San Mateo)

Saturday, February 1, 2025

NEW THIS YEAR!
Choice of Whole Crab or BBQ Spareribs

- **Take-out from ANY temple from 4:00 pm**
- **Dine together at PABT Dining Room from 5:00 - 8:00pm**

More details coming soon!

BWA News

Buddhist Women's Association

AKEMASHITE OMEDETO GOZAIMASU!
あけまして　おめでと う ございます
Happy New Year!
Our wish is for all to stay Safe and Healthy!

Dana Youth Fund Drive

The Sangha was most generous for our Dana Youth Fund Drive in November and December. We are truly grateful and will present our MVBT Affiliated Youth Groups our gifts at our BWA Memorial Service on Sunday, January 19, 2025. **Our sincere THANK YOU!**

BWA Memorial Service

On Sunday, January 19, 2025, we will have our Eshinni, Kakushinni, Lady Takeko Kujo, Lady Yoshiko Ohtani and BWA Memorial Service. At the service, past BWA members will be honored.

Janet Umezu, the wife of **Rev. Kodo Umezu** (former Bishop of BCA) will be our guest speaker.

BWA New Cabinet for 2025

It is with great pleasure that we will also install our new 2025 BWA Cabinet at our Memorial Service. The younger generation of ladies are truly a hardworking group, and I am very grateful.

MVBT BWA Udon Fundraiser

BWA will have our popular take-out Udon Fundraiser on Sunday, February 2, 2025. Pickup will be at Sangha Hall from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Udon takeout includes noodles, dashi, toppings and a dessert treat.

– Pre-orders only
– Limited quantities
– Cost is $12.50 / each

Order deadline is January 12, 2025. Use the hardcopy order form in this Echo on Page 11 or order online at URL:

https://tinyurl.com/UdonOrderForm

or use the QR code.

Thank you, Sangha, for your support.

Most Sincerely in Gassho,

In Gassho,
Reiko Murakami
BWA President

New BWA Cabinet for 2025

President	**Shirley Matsumoto**
Vice President	**Lorrie Kitasoe**
Recording Secretary	**Phyllis Chan**
Corresponding Sec.	**Teri Hirota**
Treasurer	**Joan Aoki**
Membership	**Sandy Furuichi**
Religious Chair	**Lois Okino**
Historian	**Amy Arakaki**
Delegates	**Joan Aoki & Diane Durst**

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

Akira Nakano ***April 10, 1928 - Nov 14, 2024***

Frances Fumiko Sawamura ***Oct 2, 1932 - Dec 11. 2024***

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

Namo Amida Butsu

2025 MVBT BWA Udon Fundraiser Order Form

Take-Out Only!

Sunday, February 02, 2025

Pickup 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
MVBT Sangha Hall (Pancake Room)
575 N. Shoreline Blvd
Mountain View, CA 94043

$12.50 Udon includes noodles, dashi, toppings and dessert treat

Pre-orders only – Limited Quantity

To Pre-Order Udon (Deadline January 12, 2025)

- Fill out the order form below
- Please drop off your payment with this order form at the MVBT Temple Office, or mail it to
  MVBT BWA – Udon Order
  575 N. Shoreline Blvd
  Mountain View , CA 94043
- Make checks payable to "MVBT BWA" (For credit card payment, please order online)

Name _____ Contact Person _____

Contact Person Phone Number _____

Contact Person Email _____

	Quantity	Total
Udon (includes noodles, dashi, toppings and dessert treat)	_____ x $12.50	$_____
Additional Donation:		$_____
Total Amount Enclosed:		$_____

Your support is greatly appreciated. Questions ? Email mvbt.bwa@gmail.com

With Gratitude

MVBT BWA

QR Code for Online order form and credit Card payments
https://form.jotform.com/242116437476155

2024 MVBT Eitaikyo Service and Keiro Kai Luncheon

Eitaikyo Service

Rev. Ken Fujimoto

The Eitaikyo Service was held on Sunday, November 17, 2024. The guest speaker was **Rev. Ken Fujimoto,** a retired BCA minister. The Eitaikyo Service is a time when we remember all those whose contributions to our Temple in the past that allow us to continue to hear the Dharma today.

Keiro Kai Lunchion

Following the Eitaikyo Service, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple celebrated and thanked all of our 2024 Keiro for their support and guidance over the many years.

Our program included celebrating our Centenarians **Masao Tanouye**, **Sachiyo Sasaki** and **Naomi Higaki** (who could not attend).

This year's entertainment showcased our Dharma School students singing "Mahalo" and "Lion Sleeps Tonight" to our Keiro. Directed by Cheryl Shay. So cute.

A big Thank You to everyone who helped with this year's Keiro-kai Luncheon. We couldn't have done it without you.

Special thanks to:

- **Reverend Mukojima**
  Logo and theme guidance
- **Mike Inouye**
  Master of Ceremony
- **Girl Scouts Troop 60736 & Boy Scout Troop & Pack 87**
  Presenting of the flags
- **YBA and Miroku**
  Serving & Clean-up
- **YABA**
  Check-in
- **Dharma School**
  Entertainment & Placemats
- **Julie Satake Ryu**
  Online JotForm support
- **Tracey Mukoyama**, **Curt Fukuda** & **Mason Inouye**
  Photos
- **Julie Nakatani** & **Steve Tsuchida**
  Mailing support

With Gratitude
The Zone 13 Keiro Kai Committee

ABOVE: Sachiyo Sasaki

BELOW: Masao Tanouye

Tad Horino

Hiroji Kariya

Chuck Uyeda

2024 MVBT Eitaikyo Service and Keiro Kai Luncheon - (cont'd)

Dharma School Students

Helen Sasaki

YBA News

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

YBA dancing at Keiro Kai

ABOVE & BELOW:
YBA making mochi at Mochitsuki

Keiro Kai Luncheon

Our YBA helped out at the annual Keiro Kai luncheon on November 19. Members helped serve tea, bentos, refreshments, and stayed to clean up. We also encouraged and supported our Dharma School students by wearing hats and dancing when they performed

YBA Holiday Party

Our YBA holiday party was organized by our YBA advisors. The party was on December 7th and unlike most of our YBA activities where only members are invited, members' families also attended. We did various activities, ate dinner, built the Hondo out of gingerbread and had a gift exchange.

Mochitsuki

YBA members helped with the Temple's Annual Mochitsuki Fundraiser. Members helped out with a variety of tasks during the day like shaping, take out, pounding, and being a cooling runner.

In Gassho,
Jillian Higa
2024-2025 YBA President

Dharma School News

Dharma School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dharma School Theme

Congratulations to **Keiko Tao** for submitting this year's winning Dharma School theme of:

Kumihimo –
Bringing People Together

A $50 Amazon gift card will be presented to Kelly at the January Shotsuki Hoyo service.

December Birthdays

Happy Birthday to **Kana** and **Chasen**.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mochitsuki And Osoji

Thank you to all of the Dharma School families who helped out at Mochitsuki on December 8. It was so nice to see so many helpers and generations of families working together at the special event.

Thank you to those who were able to help with Osoji on December 15 as well.

Donations

We gratefully acknowledge **Mike and Cheryl Shay** for their donation in celebration of **Carter's Birthday.**

Happy Holiday Season

May you all have a happy holiday season and a healthy and joyous start to 2025!

With Deep Gratitude and Sympathy

It is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to **Frances Sawamura**, who inspired and guided the lives of Dharma School students at Mountain View Buddhist Temple for over sixty years as a Dharma School teacher.

She brought energy and light to our Sangha and touched generations of our youth with her generosity, dedication and compassion. We will forever be grateful to Frances, and may our warm memories of her continue to live on. With bowed heads and hands in Gassho we recite, "*Namo Amida Butsu*." **Thank you, Frances.**

From Left: Curt Fukuda, Kana, Chasen and Rev. Mukojima

Frances Sawamura

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

Join the Fun This Summer at Nakayoshi Gakko!

NAKAYOSHI GAKKO FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL

"Friendship School"

Nakayoshi Gakko, or **"Friendship School"** is a two-week summer program held at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple where children in Grades 1 through 8 learn about Japanese culture and tradition. It is a wonderful opportunity for children and parents to explore the many aspects of the Japanese-American heritage.

Full-Day Program

Nakayoshi Gakko is a full day program (8:30 am - 3:30 pm). Morning sessions include art, literature, social studies and Japanese language. Afternoons continue with specialty subjects such as origami, odori (dance), soroban (abacus), cooking, anime, undokai (P.E.), sumi-e, music, and so much more!

2025 Session: June 16 – 27

The 2025 session is. from June 16 – June 27. Children entering 1st through 8th grade for 2025-2026 school year are eligible.

Senpai opportunities for current High School students are also available.

Please note: There are limited number of spots per grade. We are also a 501(3)(3) organization and co-op. Parent participation is required and welcomed.

More information at the Nakayoshi Website

www.nakayoshigakko.org

Or, scan this QR code

2024 Mochitsuki — Pounded & Made 1,700 lbs

200+ Volunteers Made 1700 lbs of Mochi

Another successful Mochitsuki was held on Sunday, December 8. The host Zones 4 & 8 are so very grateful for everyone's support and guidance to facilitate such a productive event for our Temple community. 200+ volunteers of all ages - with some families having three generations in attendance - pounded and produced close to 1700 pounds of mochi starting at 6:00 am and finished cleaning up by 2:00 pm.

Mochi is a symbol of gratitude at the end of the year and hope for the new year. Zone 4 & 8 are grateful for the Temple members' help and look for good fortunes for 2025.

NBC Bay Area New

The general public at home was treated to highlights of the day by Mike Inouye and his NBC Bay Area TV camera crew with video reports on Sunday and Monday mornings.

National CBS Sunday Morning with Jane Pauley

In addition, our Mochitsuki tradition will be featured in a nationally broadcast segment on "CBS Sunday Morning with Jane Pauley" airing on Sunday, December 29 starting at 7:00 am.

So, set your recorder or get up early and you are likely to see a few people you know!

Mochi – Sold Out

Due to an abundance of pre-orders this year the small amount of left over mochi (less than 50 lbs) has been sold out already. Sorry! Better place your order early next year!

どう もありがとう
ございます

Dōmo Arigatō Gozaimasu!

Happy Holidays!
Zone 4 & 8
Mochitsuki Committee

2024 Mochitsuki — More Mochitsuki Photos

ABA News

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

Annual ABA New Year's Dinner

The annual ABA New Year's Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at the China Stix Restaurant. Thanks to **Teri Hirota** and **Kathy Fujii** who will be coordinating the event.

2024 ABA Cabinet: Thank You

I would like to thank the 2024 ABA cabinet members for their willingness to fulfill their responsibilities that continues to make ABA a supportive organization for the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

The 2024 cabinet members are shown on the right.

Next Meeting

The next ABA meeting will be on Friday, January 10, at 7:30 pm.

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.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

In Gassho,
Ken Nakano
ABA President

2024 ABA CABINET

President	**Ken Nakano**
Vice President	**Russ Nakano**
Treasurer	**Sterling Makishima**
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**
Auditor	**Steve Tsuchida**
Historian	**Toshiko Uyehara**
Asst Historian	**Lois Okino**
Membership Chairperson	**Reiko Tsuchida**
Asst Membership Chairperson	**Mieko Nakano**
Hospitality Chairperson	**Joanne Makishima**
Ministerial Advisor	**Rev Yushi Mukojima**
Advisor	**Jean Shimoguchi**

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

Senior Activities:

As the holiday season is soon approaching us, our Senior Activities Committee wishes to extent to you a Safe and Healthy Holiday Season.

We plan to have some interesting program for next year, 2025. Continue to stay well and enjoy the Holidays.

Senior Activities

January 9, 2025: The Senior Activities program will resume on January 9, 2025. Please mark this date on your calendar. Looking forward to seeing you all another good year.

All Activities program starts at 9:00 am and ends at 12 noon

January 16, 2025: We will have **Christine Takamoto** as our guest speaker. Her topic will be on "Mental Health." She will discuss how mental health practice can improve quality of life, reduce stress and further foster emotional resilience among seniors. Please join us.

Before the presentation, please join us for lunch between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

February 20, 2025: We will have guest speaker **Sharmin Sultana**, a Senior Program Manager of "Breathe California." She will do a presentation about Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). Learn about keeping our lungs healthy.

New Committee Member

We have added a new member to our committee. Welcome **Christine Takamoto** to our committee. We are glad she agreed to join us. She will be a great asset to our program and we welcome her.

Donations

Thank you for generous donation:

- Marilyn Ozawa
- Victor Bedell

Senior Cookbook

The Senior Cookbook is still available. It can be purchased at the Temple office or through our committee member. The price is still $10. Makes a wonderful gift.

Senior Craft and All Activities:

The Craft and all Activities program starts at 9:00 am and ends at 12 noon.

During Senior Activities:

A light refreshment is provided that includes coffee and tea. Everyone is welcome.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

2022 150 Club News

Our December winner is **Nicole Chan**.

And, our Grand Prize winner for 2024 is **Donna and John Weeks**

Congratulations! Nicole and Donna & John!

Thank you all for participating in 150 Club!

The 150 Club tickets for 2025 are available now from your Zone Representative. The cost of each ticket is $150.

Have a Happy New Year!!
150 Club Committee

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Sent to Sangha
JAN	Zones 6 & 7	N / A	N / A
FEB	Zones 8 & 9	Jan 13 (Fri)	Jan 19 (Thurs)
MAR	Zones 10 & 11	Feb 10 (Fri)	Feb 16 (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 .

MVBT Membership Committee News

佛 Buddha
法 Dharma
僧 Sangha

Mountain View Buddhist Temple
2025 Membership Drive

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

First and foremost, we are grateful that you are a part of our Mountain View Buddhist Temple Sangha community and are especially appreciative for your continuing financial support through membership. As you know, your membership comes with specific benefits to you. Your dues are also critical for the long-term sustainability of our Temple, as they support a portion of the rapidly increasing costs of the day-to-day operations and expenses for maintaining the Temple, our programs, and services.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES FOR 2025

To help offset the increase in our expenses, we are increasing Membership Dues 10% this year. Although we have not raised dues for the last three years, our expenses increased 18% in 2022 and 7% in 2023 and are projected to increase an additional 5% in 2024.

Thank you for your understanding, for your continuing membership, and for your ongoing donations (of both time and money) throughout the year, so that we can continue to center the Dharma in our lives together. Above all, thank you for your continued investment in the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

COMING SOON TO YOUR MAILBOX OR EMAIL

- Package with Your Membership Information
- Annual Donation Summary (members only)
- 2025 Forms to JOIN or RENEW your membership

JOIN OR RENEW NOW

Join or Renew NOW at https://mvbuddhisttemple.org/. Select the "Join & Support" tab, then the "Become a Member" tab and "2025 JOIN or RENEW BUTTON".

YOUR MVBT COMMUNITY

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.

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

January

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for January to be held on Sunday, January 5

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

January 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 **January** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Nobuko Akahoshi	**Tamaye Ishikawa**	**Satoru Okuno**
Kiyoshi Aoyagi	**Shirlee Ishimaru**	**Tsuyako Osaki**
Ronald Asada	**Ronald Iyemura**	**Kiyoshi Oto**
Tsuyuko Virginia Asada	**Itsuyo Kato**	**John Saito**
Ichiro Endo	**Eiko Kihara**	**Karen Sakae**
Shigeko Betty Fujii	**Katsuko Kochi**	**Doris Sakai**
Tomizo Furuichi	**Muneo Masaki**	**Shinajiro Satake**
Yoshiye Furuichi	**BettyJane Masukawa**	**Larry Shimamoto**
Yasuko Betty Furusho	**Hiroshi Joe Matsumoto**	**Tomoye Shimamoto**
Hidemi Furuzawa	**Tsuya Nagasaki**	**Tom Sugimoto**
Mary Hiramoto	**George Nakano**	**Shig Tachibana**
Kiyoye Hirano	**Haruyo Nakano**	**Linda Takahashi**
Tom Hirano	**Misao Nakano**	**Shinsaburo Togashi**
Frank Hirohata	**Yashichi Nakano**	**Yoshimitsu Tokutomi**
Alan Hoshi	**Sylvia Nara**	**Thomas Tsukamoto**
Robert Hoshi	**Kisaye Nishimoto**	**Yoshio Yamaguchi**
Masaburo Hoshi	**Katsumi Nishimura**	**Yumi Yoneda**
Kiyoko Inamori	**Kaichi Okazaki**	**James Yoshino**
Setsuko Sara Ikeuye	**June Okino**	**Ben Yoshizumi**
Grace Ishii	**Brad Okuno**	**Henry Yusa**
Minoru Ishii	**Kazuko Okuno**	

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

E-mail **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.

2025 is the Memorial Year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2024	3rd Year Memorial	2023	7th Year Memorial	2019
13th Year Memorial	2013	17th Year Memorial	2009	25th Year Memorial	2001
27th Year Memorial	1999	33rd Year Memorial	1993	50th Year Memorial	1976

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 2p-7p Tri-Temple Crab & BBQ Ribs Fundraiser Take-out (Pickup 5:00 pm)
2 Groundhog Day 6a-2p BWA Udon Fundraiser (Pickup 11 am - 1 pm) 10a-12p Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School 11a-2p Senior Craft Boutique 11:30a-2:30p YBA Lunch & Meeting (YBA Hall 11:30 am - 1 pm) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 12p-1p Miroku Monthly Meeting 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**3** 7p-8:30p Buddhist Discussion Group	**4** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30p-8:30p MVBT Ukulele Club 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**5** 6p-9p Boy Scouts	**6** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**7** 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	**8**
9 10a-12p Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial Service and Dharma School 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**10** 1p-3p Senior Activities Committee Meeting	**11** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30p-8:30p MVBT Ukulele Club 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**12** 7p-9p Boy Scouts 7:30p-9:30p MVBT Board Meeting	**13** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**14** Valentine's Day 6p-10p ABA General Meeting 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	**15** 9a-2p BWA Meeting
16 10a-12p Scout Sunday Service & Dharma School 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**17** Presidents Day	**18** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30p-8:30p MVBT Ukulele Club 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**19** 7p-9p Boy Scouts	**20** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**21** BCA Ministers' Assoc. Meeting 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	**22** BCA NCM Town Hall & Workshops
23 10a-12p Sunday Service & Dharma School 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**24** 7:30p-8:30p RPC Meeting	**25** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30p-8:30p MVBT Ukulele Club 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**26** 7p-9p Boy Scouts	**27** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**28** BCA National Council Meeting	

2025 150 Club News

Thank you all for participating in the 2024 MVBT 150 Club Temple Fundraiser

The 2025 150 Club tickets are now available. Each ticket now costs $150.

Check with you Zone Representative for tickets.

Purchasing more than one ticket is OK.

Good luck!

Namo Amida Butsu – "Let us live with Kindness and Gratitude beyond words"
150 Club Committee

Upcoming Events

February 2, 2025, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo

February 9, 2025, Sunday
Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial

February 16, 2025, Sunday
Boy Scout Sunday

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March 2, 2025, Sunday
BCA Eitaikyo Service

March 16, 2025, Sunday
Spring Ohigan Service

Highlights in January Issue

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