The ECHO

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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

March
Highlights

- ***3/1, Sunday, 10:00 am***
  March Shotsuki Hoyo
  * *11:00 am: Japanese Language Service*
  * *11:00 am: English Language Discussion*
- ***3/2, Monday, 7:00 pm on Zoom***
  Buddhist Discussion Group
- ***3/15 Sunday, 10:00 am***
  Spring Ohigan Service
  * ***Guest Speaker:***
    Rev. Kodo Umezu
- ***3/22 Sunday, 10:00 am***
  Girl Scout Sunday Service

Purpose of the Temple

Rennyo's Other Letters (Jogai no Gobunsho)

"I believe that there is not one person here who correctly understands the teaching of Shin Buddhism. Is this not a truly shameful thing? They think that it is important only to say that they are, in name only, first a follower of Shin Buddhism and then a member of someone's temple. They do not at all care about realizing the *shinjin* of entrusting in Amida. They simply think that they need to give donations and that paying money to the temple is the essence of the Shin Buddhist teaching. They think they will attain birth due to the virtues of the money and goods that they have given. This is a great misunderstanding."

Namo Amida Butsu,
Namo Amida Butsu,
Namo Amida Butsu

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Minister's Assistant
John Arima

I'd like to first begin this message with the phrase; thus, I have heard. Not only are **Rennyo Shonin's** words expressed, but the foundation of what I am expressing here is my internalization of what I have heard from **Rev. Takashi Miyaji** of the BCA and the Institute of Buddhist Studies. I hope that my humble attempt to share what I have heard from Miyaji Sensei conveys the intent of his teaching.

Giving = Expression of Graditude & Reflection

The opening passage is from one of the collections of Letters written by Rennyo Shonin. Rennyo is typically in a Nishihongwanji O-naijin to the left of Amida Buddha as you look in from the Gejin. Rennyo became the 8th Gomonshu, or head priest, of Hongwanji in 1457 at the age of 43. The letter that Rennyo wrote was in response to a temple priest who asked him how to help a wealthy and influential temple member who had no *shinjin* awareness, but insisted that the money he gave was proof of his *shinjin*. Rennyo's emphasis is that it is a misunderstanding of the teachings to think that simply giving support is a means to achieve *shinjin*. This form of merit "collecting" was a teaching that **Shinran Shonin** and his teacher **Honen Shonin**

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MVBT President's Message - Peace and Interconnectedness

BCA National Council Meeting

In February 2026, I was honored to represent the Mountain View Buddhist Temple at the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) National Council Meeting held in Renton, Washington, and hosted by the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple.

Joining me to represent MVBT was **Craig Hamasaki** (as the MVBT 1st Vice President and President Elect) and **Rev. Mukojima**, MVBT resident Minister. MVBT was also represented by **Glenn Kitasoe**, who is

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **10a-12p** Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School **11:30a-12:30p** YBA Lunch **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **12p-1p** Miroku Monthly Meeting **12:30p-2p** YBA Meeting **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**2** **7p-8:30p** Buddhist Discussion Group	**3** **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	**4** **6p-9p** Boy Scouts **7p-9p** Boy Scouts	**5** **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**6** **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**7**
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15 **10a-12p** Spring O-higan Service & Dharma School **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**16**	**17** Saint Patrick's Day **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	**18** **7p-9p** Boy Scouts	**19** **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**20** Spring Begins (Northern Hemisphere) **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**21**
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"Let us live with Kindness and Gratitude beyond words..."

Religious Planning — March 2026

March 1, 2026, Sunday, 10:00am, Shotsuki Hoyo

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

March 2, 2026, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group, Online Meeting

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

March 8, 2026, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service

March 15, 2026, Sunday, 10:00 am, Spring Ohigan Service

Spring Ohigan: Higan, meaning Other Shore, is a service conducted in the spring on or about the vernal equinox. The practice of the Six Paramitas is emphasized on this occasion.

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Kodo Umezu**, BCA Minister Emeritus
Will give two Dharma Talks: one for Dharma School students and another for the adults

March 15, 2026, Sunday, 1:00 pm, Spring Ohigan Seminar

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Kodo Umezu**, BCA Minister Emeritus

March 22, 2026, Sunday, 10:00am — Sunday Service & Girl Scout Sunday

March 29, 2026, Sunday, 10:00am — Sunday Service

JOIN US

In-Person Sunday Dharma Messages are presented by Rev. Mukojima and Sensei John Arima

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

JOZAI: SUNDAY SERVICE DONATION

At the Temple. put your Jozai into the Dana Box
Or
Go to MVBT website & Press "Donate"

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

Check Temple Website for latest information about Temple activities

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

Miyo Yamanaga	*April 7, 1942*	*- Jan 7, 2026*
Shin Sawamura	*Feb 6, 1933*	*- Jan 20, 2026*
Jane Toshiko Tokutomi	*March 1,1927*	*- Jan 27, 2026*

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

Namo Amida Butsu

Purpose of the Temple - Cont'd

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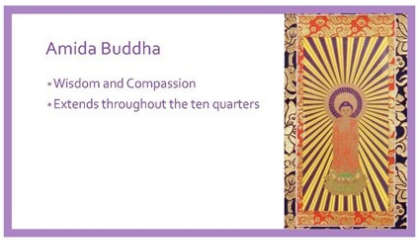
were trying to set aside to help everyone find their path to end suffering. Based on this perspective, we should look at giving, also known as *dana*, as an expression of gratitude and a reflection of a desire to make the path to freedom from suffering continuously available to all.

This is not to say that being a financial supporter and donating to the needs of the temple is not proper and not important; the reality even back in Rennyo's time is that there needs to be financial support to enable places to hear the Dharma be established and continue to be open. Again, the point Rennyo is making is that giving support by itself is not a means to achieve *shinjin*. We should look at it as an expression of gratitude and a reflection of a desire to make the path to freedom from suffering continuously available to all.

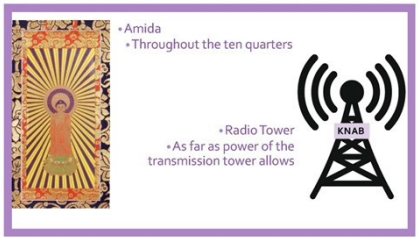
Purpose of a Temple

Because we held our Temple Annual Members Meeting at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple last month, I would like to present my views on the purpose of a temple, specifically a Jodo Shinshu Temple like the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. Here's where I hope that I can interpret Rev. Miyaji's teachings in alignment with his intent.

When we think about how to attain our understanding of Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion, we are told that his wisdom and compassion extend throughout the "ten quarters," which is another way to say that it is everywhere. Unfortunately, we're too distracted by our human nature to be greedy, angry, and ignorant, so we don't pay attention to Amida's wisdom and compassion unless we stop and take the time to be mindful and focus, or to use the term from the Eightfold Path, meditate on Amida's Dharma.



As an example, I was taught to think about how a radio station broadcasts music. We can think of Amida's wisdom and compassion broadcasting everywhere, while the radio station will broadcast as far as the power of its radio tower. We often hear the term "Amida's calling voice," which we can think of as a radio station broadcasting "namo amida butsu" over and over again as far as it can reach.

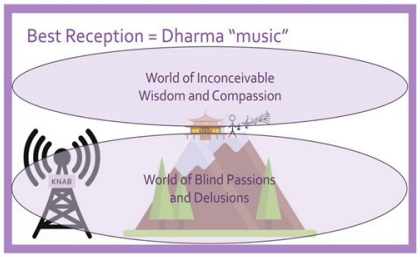


While the radio station is always broadcasting, how do we receive the radio station's music? We buy a transistor radio. Buying a radio is like joining the Temple; now we have a way to hear the music and the Dharma. However, once we have the radio, we still only hear the music when we turn the radio on. Just like once we join the Temple, we only hear the message when we come to services or seminars.

Why Go to Temple?

But if Amida's wisdom and compassion extend everywhere, then why do we need to go to the Temple? The reason is because we don't really hear anything unless we are focused on the Dharma, just like when we don't hear the music until we turn on the radio. But even once you turn on the radio, or go to the Temple, there can be other things that get in the way of hearing the message and the Dharma. Like when a mountain is between your radio and the broadcast tower. You have bad radio reception and no music!

If you can get someplace where the mountain and the distractions are not in the way, then your reception improves and you can hear the music! Now we hear it, but how can we hear it even more clearly? We want to have the clearest music so we can play it as loud as we want with no distortion; we want to hear the Dharma better so we can better understand. How can we get the best reception? We go to where the line of sight to the radio tower has the fewest obstacles in the way. If we go to a high point so nothing is between our radio and the radio tower, we get the clearest and loudest Dharma "music".



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Most Important Purpose of the Temple

The Temple is the place where there are the fewest obstacles between us and our understanding of Amida's wisdom and compassion. This is the most important purpose of the Temple and why it is so important to have a Temple to go to. When we're at the Temple, we have the best experience of listening and learning. When we go to the Temple, we can temporarily step away from the world filled with our blind passions of greed, anger, and ignorance and our delusions that those things define what is important. With the help of Dharma teachers, we are also closer to the world of the inconceivable wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha and our understanding of the true meaning of *shinjin*.

As much as we like the Temple to have great amenities like a fancy new gym and a fancy performance stage, and new kitchens, we should keep a focus on what is the main and most important purpose of the Temple:

> To enable all sentient beings who aspire for freedom from suffering to find their path towards enlightenment.

I urge everyone to seek out the plans your local Temple is planning for the coming months and years. It will give you a view of what the Temple leadership is planning and give you an opportunity to be an engaged Buddhist and voice your opinions as well. The Temple is for all of us and it can be many things in addition to a place for learning the Dharma, but we need to ensure our Temple priorities are aligned to support the main and most important purpose of the Temple. I also encourage everyone to ask your local Temple leaders what is BCA's Strategic Plan. The Mission Statement of the BCA was recently updated and now reads:

> "The mission of BCA is to share the Shin Buddhist teachings of wisdom and compassion to enable all to live a meaningful and fulfilled life of gratitude."

The BCA is tasked to strive towards this mission by supporting local Temples, the BCA Ministers' Association, the Institute for Buddhist Studies, Nishihongwanji (our home Temple organization), and all the committees and organizations associated with BCA at the national level. Your Temple leaders will have attended the most recent BCA Nation Council Meeting and I encourage everyone to ask for their updates and perspectives on what they have heard there.

Say "Namo Amida Butsu"

As I conclude this message, I would again like to acknowledge the teachings I have heard from Miyaji Sensei and hope I was able to express my internalization of his teachings properly. Also, I ask us all to reflect on the following words from another collection of Rennyo's letters. Saying the name, *namo amida butsu*, expresses our gratitude for Amida's compassionate Other Power. As we rejoice in our appreciation, we must remember to support the place and the ways in which the Buddha-Dharma is shared. *Dana* in appreciation of Amida's wisdom and compassion is the true meaning of supporting the temples and the propagation of the true teachings.

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"Keep the matter of *shinjin* of Other Power firmly in your mind; beyond that, you should just say the nembutsu, whether walking, standing, sitting, or lying down, to respond in gratitude for the Buddha's benevolence. If you have this understanding, your birth in the life-to-come will be assured. In your outpouring of joy, you should make your way to the places where your teachers and priests dwell and present them with offerings."

Namo Amida Butsu,
Namo Amida Butsu,
Namo Amida Butsu

Rennyo's Letters I:5 (Gojo no Gobunsho)

Landscape Maintenance Committee

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The **Landscape Maintenance Committee** is accepting volunteers to help tend the grounds at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. We meet on Fridays from 8:00 am to noon. Come out for some fresh air and a little exercise!

For more information, please contact **David Kariya**:

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Email: dtkariya@gmail.com

MVBT President's Message - Peace and Interconnectedness — cont'd

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the BCA Ministers Affairs Committee Chair, and **Kevin Arakaki**, who is the BCA Controller. In addition, **John Arima**, while not able to attend in-person, is in line to become BCA Treasurer.

One of the messages by Bishop Reverend Harada is the 2026 BCA theme of "Realizing our Interconnectedness." This is truly exemplified by this BCA National Council meeting that brings together ministers and Board Presidents and Delegates to engage in the organization's meeting to discuss BCA reports, activities and changes, current and future. Discussions included membership concerns, organizational concerns and reflections on Buddhism in America.

Peace March by Buddhist Monks

If you missed the news item of the "Peace March by Buddhist Monks," it is truly an inspiring story. A group of 24 Buddhist monks from the Hương Đạo Vipassana Bhavana Center in Fort Worth, Texas, walked to Washington DC, approximately 2300 miles. Some chose to walk barefoot.

They began in October 2025 from Fort Worth, Texas, and arrived in February 2026 in Washington DC. Along the way, they gained many supporters, sometimes numbering in the thousands to support them and listen to their daily Dharma messages. They gained almost 5 million followers on Facebook and Instagram. Their intention was to promote peace, compassion and nonviolence.

Dharma Messages and Guidance from Many Places

Whether messages of peace come from Buddhist monks that have walked barefoot for 2300 miles or messages from our own BCA ministry, I am grateful for these Dharma messages and guidance.

In appreciation,
Julie Satake Ryu
2026 President of the MVBT Board of Directors

Dharma School News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dharma School Calendars

A special thank you to **Casey Katayama** for coordinating and assembling the 2026 Dharma School calendar!

Keha Project For Techno Hoyo

Thank you to the Dharma School students who created special *keha* designs to project in the Hondo as part of the Techno Hoyo presentation on Wednesday, February 18.

Dharma School Children's Birthdays

On Sunday, February 1 and Sunday, February 8, the Sangha wished Happy Birthday to Dharma School students who had birthdays in December 2025, January 2026 and February 2026.

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

Birthdays on February 1
From Left: Brent Izutsu, Chasen, Kana, Riley, Cameron, Avery, Ayden and Rev. Mukojima

Birthdays on February 8
From Left: Curt Fukuda, Kenzo, Rev. Mikame & Rev. Mukojima

MVBT Dharma School

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Rev. Etsuko Mikame - Guest Speaker at Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial Services

Rev. Etsuko Miyame

Rev. Etsuko Mikame, a minister at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, was the guest speaker at the Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial Service on Sunday, February 8. She was born in Shimane, Japan, where her family Temple has shared the Nembutsu for over 300 years. She graduated from Waseda University with a degree in English Literature. Her grandmother inspired her to become a Buddhist minister.

Nirvana Day is the day when Shakyamuni Buddha passed away. Many disciples gathered along with many animals like elephants, tigers and snakes because the Buddha cared about all living beings.

Rev. Mikame said that we should continue to support and care for the people we love, including our precious pets.

Rev. Mikame said "Just like we reflect on every life and every special moment at the Nirvana Day and Pet Memorial Service today, we can also think about the precious moments in our own lives."

Rev. Mikame showed the Sangha her iPhone 11, but talked about the old fashion camera that she used on her school trips. She said "Our lives are like the camera." We have special moments with families, friends and many with our precious pets. Those pictures cannot be taken again, so we need to take each picture very carefully. So, try using the camera in your life because it takes special pictures.

Pet Photos at Pet Memorial

She hopes we stay connected as Dharma Friends. When you recite "Namo Amida Butsu," think about today and the connections we made.

Rev. Mikame will be going back to Japan at the end of February. She will get married when she goes back. She will start a new chapter in her in life with her husband in Japan.

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple appreciates the time that Rev. Mikame took to be with the MVBT Sangha on our Nirvana Day and Pet Memorial Service.

In Gassho,
Namo Amida Butsu

Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Nirvana Day Service / Pet Memorial / Spring Ohigan

Hanamatsuri / Hatsumairi / Gotan-e

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

Tribute to the Vision of Mr. Hiroji Kariya and Mochitsuki

By Brad Takasuka

My name is **Brad Takasuka** and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have helped to bring **Mr. Hiroji Kariya's** vision for Mochitsuki to the success it is today.

Much of the success of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple lies in the foundation of a great visionary and thinker: Mr. Hiroji Kariya. This in no way diminishes the many people who have made the event a huge success. I have been given credit for the success of the event, but it was truly inspired by Mr. Kariya's dream for the event.

Some History

I have been fortunate to get involved in Temple's Mochitsuki even before I became a member of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. The long-time members will remember how Mochitsuki got started. I do not have the complete history, but want to share my experience and personal memories of what I can recall of the event.

Around 1980, I had married into the **Kawamoto/Furuichi families**, who were devotees of the Temple at every level. Having been raised as a Methodist, I had very little knowledge of Mochitsuki, but the **Furuichi family** Mochitsuki introduced me to the culture and tradition of the event. During my initial exposure to the Temple, my wife, **Donna**, said we were to pick up mochi at the Temple. That year the mochi grinders were down and we were told there would be a long delay. It turned out that the grinder motors were burned out, so I decided to take a couple of motors from my machine shop and got the grinders going. Little did I know that I was now de-facto in charge of the grinders. For the following year, Yosh Umemoto and I upgraded the grinders that have remained reliable for many years.

The original steaming method to cook the rice involved MVBT nursery members who would bring their diesel fueled steam generators that were originally used to clean and sterilize the greenhouses. Unfortunately, a steam hose would occasionally explode making the cooking area dangerous. The original steamers were traditional wooden ones from Japan that had to be lifted by hand exposing people to the hot steam and heavy lifting. Only a few people were willing to work in the cooking area and Mr, Kariya felt something had to be done.

The Vision

As I observed and admired the operation for a couple of years, at one of the events Mr. Kariya said "We need to fix this." I learned very soon that this was not a suggestion. After some thought, Mr. Kariya followed up with "We need to make this safe, we need to take away all the hard jobs, and we need to make lots of easy jobs." There was only one proper response to the "suggestion," so I obviously said: "Yes, sir".

After experimenting and finally visiting some Dim Sum kitchens, the first trial was ready for the following year. There were three of the original steamer stacks and one of the new versions.

The New Version

The steam generator was replaced by a simple pot with boiling water. The pot featured a side mounted bottle holder eliminating the need to lift the steamer stack to check for adequate water. I recall **Mr Jim Shidawara** and **Mr. Shig Tachibana** running the necessary natural gas line. Mr. Matsumoto and his son, Bob, built custom stands for the high output gas burners used by almost all Chinese restaurants. The original Japanese steamers were replaced by much larger modified four stack Dim Sum type steamers. Hoists eliminated heavy lifting. **Mr. Ikeuye** and **Mr. Masaki** developed the rice cooking procedure by elevating the non-stick rice cloth with an intermediate grid with wooden spacers to insure even steam. Most important was the need to create a center opening in the rice to allow the steam to penetrate to the top steamer. Improvements were implemented to the magnificent mochi pounder the Temple inherited for which credit must be given to Bob Matsumoto.

The Day of Reckoning

At the first Mochitsuki with this new system, Mr. Kariya sat with several Temple elders sipping tea, pointing a lot, and talking among themselves. I cannot remember everyone on the bench because I was quite nervous. I clearly recall the two Okuno brothers talking and finally one of them said "Brad" to which I responded with "Yes, Mr. Okuno." He told me to get rid of all the old stuff and make it all like the new ones. Mr. Kariya smiled and nodded and so it came to be.

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Tribute to the Vision of Mr. Hiroji Kariya and Mochitsuki - Cont'd

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The 2025 Mochitsuki

The latest 2025 MVBT Mochitsuki represents many of the great qualities of the Temple community.

At the recent Keiro Kai event, Mr. Kariya was so happy to hear about the years of success of the event. After again congratulating him on his vision, he proudly and wisely said: "The right vision is the most important thing."

I have great gratitude for the dozens of volunteers who take the time to make the event the huge success it is. The many young people who pound the mochi manually with the ***kine*** and ***usu*** setup to provide great entertainment. It is wonderful to see the many children participating from helping to fill water for the steamers, feeding the rice into the grinder, and helping the many volunteers to cut and shape the mochi into an excellent product.

The Legacy

I am very proud to have helped make Mochitsuki such a success. Among the innumerable wisdom that Sensei has taught, I think **gratitude** is one of the most important. With Mochtsuki as one of my favorite Temple events, I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to participate. I am grateful for the many persons who come to make the event so successful. I am grateful for my family who introduced me to such a wonderful event. I am grateful for the patience of my wife, Donna, for her encouragement. I am especially grateful for the gift of a vision of a great mentor.

Mr. Kariya, as I watch the many people enjoying Mochitsuki, it is obvious that your dream and vision has and will continue to leave a lasting legacy.

With Gratitude
Brad Takasuka
Namo Amida Butsu
Namo Amida Butsu
Namo Amida Butsu

2026 150 Club News

Happy New Year! We start with new 150 Club winners for 2026. At the February Board meeting of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, the January and February winners were selected:

January: **Colleen Kobashigawa**

February: **Marilyn Armistead**

Congratulations to our winners!

Thank you for participating in the 150 Club for 2026.

150 Club Committee

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Sent to Sangha
MAR	Zones 8 & 9	N / A	N / A
APR	Zones 10 & 11	Mar 13 (Fri)	Mar 18 (Wed)
MAY	Zones 12 & 13	Apr 10 (Fri)	Apr 15 (Wed)

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

Buddhist Women's Association

BWA News

BWA ACTIVITIES

CDBWL 2026/2027 Cabinet Installation

Our Coast District Buddhist Women's League cabinet for 2026 and 2027 will be led by many members from our MVBT BWA. Installation was by **Rinban Henry Adams** at the January 29 CD Council meeting.

New Members

New members are welcome at any time. Membership dues are $20.

Contact mvbt.bwa@gmail.com for more information.

In Gassho,
Shirley Matsumoto
2026 BWA President

CDBWL 2026/2027 Cabinet

Co-Presidents .....Joan Aoki and Shirley Matsumoto (MVBT)
Vice President .....Sandy Furuichi (MVBT)
Treasurer .....Sandy Hongo (From the San Luis Obispo Buddhist Temple)
Recording Secretary.....Diane Durst (MVBT)
Corresponding Secretary.....Teri Hirota (MVBT)
Auditor .....Lois Okino (MVBT)
Delegate Representatives.....Joan Aoki and Sandy Furuichi (MVBT)

MVBT's Annual Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser - Sunday, May 3

Putra's Post and Echo

MVBT's annual Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser is around the corner!

Be on the lookout for details in future Echos and Putra's Posts on how to volunteer and when to order.

Thank You In Advance for Your Help

To all the Temple members, affiliated organizations, friends, as well as non-affiliated organizations such as Nakayoshi Gakko and Tri-City, we ask your assistance once again to help make this Temple fundraiser a success.

On behalf of everyone in Zones 4 & 8, we would like to thank the entire Sangha and our many friends for their kind support.

In Gassho,
Zones 4 & 8

Putra says
"Join us for a Chicken Teriyaki Dinner on Sunday, May 3"

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Exercise Session Every Thursday: One of our popular activities has been rhythm exercise for many years lead by **Julie Ushiba**. Recently, taking her place is **David Ujita**, a Temple member, who has graciously volunteered to replace Julie. David finds that chair or seat exercise helps many Seniors while seated, because it helps maintain strong legs, arms and body. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday, March 19: We have our fun day of BINGO with prizes to be won.

Lunch with your friends at 11:30 am and BINGO will start at 12:30 pm.

Everyone is welcome.

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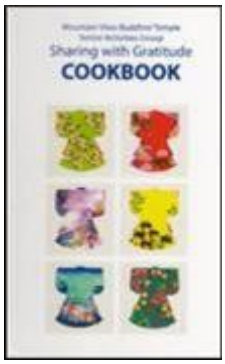
1	27	33	48	75
8	19	45	56	61
3	18	FREE SPACE	49	69
15	26	41	53	66
2	21	37	46	65

Thursday April 16: David Ujita will be our guest speaker enlightening us on home care for Seniors. He will inform us on how to keep Seniors healthy in our home. He can give us much information on home care, cooking and etc., also can be helpful for many that care for Seniors.

Lunch will be provided.

SENIOR COOKBOOKS

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



SENIOR CRAFT and ALL ACTIVITIES

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

DURING SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Light refreshments are provided, that includes coffee and tea.

Everyone is welcome.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

Upcoming Religious Services

May 3, 2025, Sunday
Shotsuki 6oyo

May 10, 2026, Sunday
Gotan-e & Mother's Day Service

May 24, 2026, Sunday
Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service

May 25, 2026, Monday
Oak Hill Memorial Day Service

June 7, 2026, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo

June 14, 2026, Sunday
Graduation Service

June 21, 2026, Sunday
Father's Day Service

July 12, 2026, Sunday
Obon / Kangi-e & Hatsubon Services

Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) News

Mountain View Buddhist Temple ABA

Thank You Ken

Ken Nakano (ABA President 2023 – 2025) created a new vibe in ABA. It's the place to have fun and connect with like-minded people. ABA wants to give Ken our heartfelt appreciation for his leadership and guidance and Glenn still needs Ken to keep him on the Right Path.

New Year's Dinner

We had a wonderful New Year's Dinner organized by **Kathy Fujii** and **Teri Hirota**. The food was excellent at China Stix and being able to socialize and hang out with a group of like-minded people could not be any better. Thank you, Kathy and Teri!

We had 54 attendees plus 7 new members. MVBT ABA is the Best.

Interested in joining ABA?

For membership details or questions, feel free to contact **Reiko Tsuchida**, **Mieko Nakano**, or any of our members.

Save the Date

Our next ABA meeting is Friday, March 13, at 7:30 pm (Hybrid).

In Gassho,
Glenn Kitasoe
2026 MVBT Adult Buddhist Association

YBA News

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

YBA Spaghetti Dinner

This year's Spaghetti Dinner will take place on Saturday, February 28. The fundraiser supports many YBA activities, such as conferences and other activities. Additionally, we will have BINGO and a Lucky Draw during the event.

Our Spaghetti Dinner Chairperson is **Kylie Uyekubo**. With the support of YBA members, parents and advisors, all have been working hard to have a successful Spaghetti Dinner.

Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and flexibility throughout the past few months! We would also like to thank the Sangha for supporting us, and we look forward to seeing everyone!

Bay District Conference

Our YBA will be attending the Bay District Conference on Saturday, March 21 at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple. The theme is ***The Journey Within*** and our members are looking forward to attending!

In Gassho,
Emi Hirabayashi
2025-2026 YBA President

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.

Nakayoshi Gakko is a full day program (8:30 am-3:30 pm). Mornings feature art, literature, social studies, and Japanese language, while afternoons bring hands-on activities like origami, traditional dance (odori), abacus (soroban), cooking, calligraphy (shuji), games, music, and more!

Important Dates & Information

- **2026 Session:**

  June 15 - June 26, 2026

- **Children entering 1st - 8th Grade for the 2026-2027 school year are eligible.**
- **Registration opened in January.**

We are a 501 (c)(3) organization. Co-op Parent participation is required and welcomed!

For details and to secure your spot, visit

www.nakayoshigakko.org

YBA SPAGHETTI DINNER & BINGO FUNDRAISER

Saturday, February 28

Dinner: 5 - 7 pm

BINGO: 6 – 8 pm

Bring the family & have fun!

BINGO Fundraiser

Miroku News

Thank You BWA

Thank you to the BWA for their generous donation to Miroku.

2026 Dana Project

In January 2026, the students voted to support the organization "Canine Companions," which will be the primary focus of this year's Dana project.

Febuary Meeting

Our Miroku meeting took place on February 8. During this meeting, we engaged with the Dharma school class and began making crafts for the Dana project.

To close the meeting, we checked the AED units.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, March 1 with the Dharma school class at 11 am.

Thank you.

In Gassho,
Everett Cary
6th Grade Miroku Student

MIROKU

middle school group

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

Earned Cookie Badge

Our Daisy earned her My First Cookie Business badge by learning about money denominations, how to create a sales pitch, and then practiced on the older Girl Scouts.

Future Activities

Our older Scouts started plans to host a luncheon with the BWA, and then all the scouts made mochi waffles using our Temple Mochi!

Cookies Sales Through March 15

We hosted a Cookie Sales booth before and after service on February 1. Cookie orders will continue through March 15, and we also plan to hold booth sales on March 1 and 22.

Thank you to the Sangha for your support of our sales!

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

Hatsumairi Child Presentation - In-Person
Sunday, April 12, 2026

ATTENTION PARENTS

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple would like to invite you and your child(ren) to the annual **Hatsumairi Service** ("First Visit Ceremony") to be held during the **Hanamatsuri Service** on Sunday, April 12, 2026, at 10:00 am.

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

Children of all ages are welcome to participate in the Hatsumairi ceremony.

Please fill out the application below and mail it to the Temple or email it to Rev. Mukojima by Sunday, April 5, 2026.

Rev. Yushi Mukojima
Resident Minister
ymukojima@gmail.com

The ceremony includes a pledge by all parents to raise their child according to the Buddhist Teachings, as the first step in establishing a world of stability and peace of mind for their infant. It is a time to share (with your child) the true hopes and aspirations manifested in your hearts and minds.

Child's Last Name _____

Child's First and Middle Name(s) _____

Child's Gender ___ **Boy** ___ **Girl**

Child's Birth Date _____

Mother's Name _____

Father's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** ___ **ZIP** _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please return this form by Sunday, April 5, 2026, to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple office or email the information to Rev. Mukojima (ymukojima@gmail.com).

Register for Hatsumairi by Sunday, April 5, 2026

March

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for March to be held on Sunday, March 1

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

March 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 **March** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Theodore Abe	**Shinobu Maruyama**	**Fumio Okayama**
Robert Arima	**Helen Matsumoto**	**Kinuko Sasaki**
Mine Chikasuye	**Shizuko Matsumoto**	**Rev. Sensho Sasaki**
Alice Asaka Fujii	**Tom Matsumoto**	**Rev. LaVerne Senyo Sasaki**
Satoru Fujikawa	**Mary Mayeda**	**Frank Sato**
Kazuo Furusho	**Akira Morishima**	**Kanesuke Sato**
Harriet Hamamoto	**Cynthia Muranaka**	**James Yutaka Shidawara**
Yutaka Hamamoto	**Haruko Muranaka**	**Hideko Dolly Sawamura**
Sekitaro Hananouchi	**Roy Nagatani**	**Brett Sugimoto**
Helen Hamasaki	**Linda Nakagawa**	**Tora Tamaji**
Milton Tetsuya Hamasaki	**Haruyo Nakano**	**Patricia Yukie Togashi**
Masao Hayashi	**Harry Nakano**	**Thomas Takegami**
Itsuyo Hori	**Kenichi Nakano**	**Eddy Gijo Tsumura**
Ronald Hoshiko	**Rokuro Nakano**	**Shimoye Yamaji**
Audrey Akie Inouye	**Hidemi Nakashima**	**Yoshikichi Yamaji**
Koriyu Kariya	**Komao Nara**	**Kazuo Yanase**
Florence Hisano Kato	**Robert Nishimura**	**Torao Yokoyama**
Ruth Kawaguchi	**Shizuko Nishimura**	**Kiriye Yoshida**
Miya Kawamoto	**George Tetsuo Noguchi**	
Hakobu Koyano	**Shigeru Okamoto**	

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.

2026 is the Memorial Year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2025	3rd Year Memorial	2024	7th Year Memorial	2020
13th Year Memorial	2014	17th Year Memorial	2010	25th Year Memorial	2002
27th Year Memorial	2000	33rd Year Memorial	1994	50th Year Memorial	1977

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 **6p-9p** Boy Scouts **7p-9p** Boy Scouts	**2** **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**3** Good Friday **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**4**
5 Easter **10a-12p** Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School **11:30a-12:30p** YBA Lunch **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **12p-1p** Miroku Monthly Meeting **12:30p-2p** YBA Meeting **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**6** **7p-8:30p** Buddhist Discussion Group	**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** **9a-12p** BWA Meeting
12 **10a-12p** Hanamatsuri Service, Hatsumairi Service & Dharma School **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**13**	**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** Tax Day (Taxes Due) **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**
19 **10a-12p** Sunday Service & Dharma School **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**20**	**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** Arbor Day **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**25** World Malaria Day
26 **10a-12p** Sunday Service & Dharma School **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		

Upcoming Events

April 5, 2026, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo

April 12, 2026, Sunday
Hanamatsuri & Hatsumairi

April 18, 2026, Saturday
Federated Dharma School Teachers League Conference in Fresno

May 10, 2026, Sunday
Gotan-e & Mother's Day Service

Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Nirvana Day / Pet Memorial / Spring Ohigan / Hanamatsuri / Hatsumairi / Gotan-e

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

These donations make up one-third of the Fund Income.

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

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