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May Highlights

- ***5/3, Sunday, 10:00 am, May Shotsuki Hoyo***
  - ***11:00 am: Japanese Language Service***
  - ***11:00 am: English Language Discussion***
  - ***11:00 am Miroku Dana Project Bake Sale***
  - ***12:00 pm Chicken Teriyaki Pickup***
- ***5/4, Monday, 7:00 pm, Zoom***
  - ***Buddhist Discussion Group***
- ***5/10, Sunday, 8:30 am,***
  - ***Mother's Day Brunch by YBA***
- ***5/10, Sunday, 10:00 am***
  - ***Gotan-e & Mother's Day Service***
- ***5/24, Sunday, 9:30 am,***
  - ***Memorial Day Service at Alta Mesa Cemetery***
  - ***No service at Temple***
- ***5/25, Monday, 9:00 am,***
  - ***Memorial Day Service at Oak Hill Cemetery***

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Let Us Learn The Buddha's Heart of Great Compassion

Although we often say, "We go to the temple," in essence, it means to learn - specifically, to seek guidance on how we should live through the teachings of the Buddha.

When we use the term "learn", it makes us think of school education, but there is a quite difference between what improves one's intelligence and ability to become an able person, and the learning of Buddhism. Rennyo says in his writing, *The Recorded on the Life of Master Rennyo*,

> "No matter how much we learn by the bulk of the scriptures, if we lack a settled, entrusting mind of the other power, this study is useless."

Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Encountering Amida Buddha's tremendous compassion - the vow which grasps and never abandons - we receive the wisdom of entrusting the mind with joy and gratitude. That is, learning about Amida Buddha's heart of great compassion is what it means to go to the temple and study Buddhism.

As you know, in Jodo Shinshu tradition, a statue of Amida Buddha is depicted standing on a lotus throne. Most Buddha statues in the temples of other Buddhist schools are seated. This posture shows the Buddha seated in meditation, representing the enlightenment he attained through his practice. And these Buddhas are depicted calling to all of us, "Try to gain merit through practice, eliminating all afflictions, and enter the world of enlightenment on your own." In other words, the seated statue depicts the Buddha quietly waiting in stillness.

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MVBT President's Message

The Board recently approved funds that the VISION Committee in conjunction with the Facilities Planning Committee (FPC) requested to work to develop conceptual plans for the renovation of Sangha Hall. While this does NOT mean fully executable plans are imminent, it DOES mean that we are continuing to work with our valued architect/construction partners to move forward and begin to develop plans to renovate the MVBT Master Campus. As these plans develop towards a more concrete form, we will have opportunities to share them with the Sangha.

It is a long process and the VISION Committee thanks everyone who had participated in our Focus Groups back in 2021 and 2022, as these ideas and concepts will be folded into an initial idea of what potential renovations may be possible within the confines of the financial projections that the Strategic Financial Planning Committee (SFPC) has been working on.

In particular, I am deeply grateful for the work by everyone involved on the VISION, FPC and SFPC has done and continues to do in order to keep moving forward on Master Campus Planning.

In Appreciation,
Julie Satake Ryu
MVBT President

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**2**
3 Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser **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	**4** **7p-8:30p** Buddhist Discussion Group	**5** Cinco De Mayo **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	**6** **6p-9p** Boy Scouts **7p-9p** Boy Scouts	**7** **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**8** **6p-10p** ABA General Meeting **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**9**
10 Mother's Day **6:30a-11a** YBA Mother's Day Brunch (7 am - 11 am) **10a-12p** Gotan-e and Mother's Day Service & Dharma School **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**11**	**12** **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	**13** **7p-9p** Boy Scouts **7:30p-9:30p** MVBT Board Meeting	**14** **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**15** **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**16** **9a-12p** BWA Meeting
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24 **9:30a-10:30a** Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**25** Memorial Day **9a-10a** Oak Hill Memorial Day Service **7:30p-8:30p** RPC Meeting	**26** **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	**27** **7p-9p** Boy Scouts	**28** **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**29** **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**30**
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"Let us live with Kindness and Gratitude beyond words..."

Religious Planning — May 2026

May 3, 2026, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo

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

May 4, 2026, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group, Zoom Meeting

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

May 10, 2026, Sunday, 10:00 am — Gotan-e & Mother's Day Service,

Gotan-e: Observes the birth of Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu. Born near Kyoto, Japan, on May 21, 1173.
8:30 am Mother's Day Brunch

May 17, 2026, Sunday, 10:00 am, Regular Sunday Service

10:00 am Graduating High School Senior Speeches

May 24, 2026, Sunday, 9:30 am — Service at Alta Mesa Cemetery

NO SERVICE at MVBT
Memorial Day Interfaith Service at Alta Mesa Memorial Cemetery Park

May 25, 2026, Monday, 9:00 am — Service at Oak Hill Cemetery

Memorial Day Interfaith Service at Oak Hill Memorial Cemetery Park

May 31, 2026, Sunday, 10:00 am, Regular Sunday Service

10:00 am Graduating High School Senior Speeches

JOIN US

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

These Services are also Hybrid to allow the Sangha to attend the service 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 the MVBT website & Press the "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:

Karen Tomiko Uyehara	***May 22, 1972***	***March 18, 2026***
Agnes Chiyeko Hirotsu	***May 1, 1931***	***March 23, 2026***
Charles Tsuneo Uyeda	***Feb 20, 1929***	***March 27, 2026***
Herbert Saburo Tamada	***June 27, 1931***	***March 28, 2026***

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

Namo Amida Butsu

Let Us Learn The Buddha's Heart of Great Compassion - Cont'd

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On the other hand, although our central object is "Namo Amida Butsu," when depicted as a statue or a drawing, Amida Buddha is always standing. That is why the statue of a standing Amida Buddha is enshrined beautifully in our main altar.

In Jodo Shinshu, one of the most important principal sutras delivered by Shakyamuni Buddha is called, "The Sutra of Contemplation on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life." And in it, there is an interesting expression: "The Buddha of Immeasurable Life appeared, standing in the air."

Shan-tao, one of the seven Pure Land masters, describes this posture in his writing "Commentaries on the Contemplation Sutra" like this:

> *The reason why Amida Buddha is standing midair is because it expresses his ability to make all sentient beings who have sincere faith and who aspire to be born there, be born immediately in the Pure Land. Amida Buddha is discreet because of his nobility and preciousness. But although Amida Buddha appeared after establishing the Primal Vow, why does Amida Buddha face all sentient beings while standing? Why not sitting?*
>
> *Actually, Amida Buddha has this deep thought: This world is one full of suffering where many evil beings live together tormented by the Eight Sufferings. They are also prone to betraying each other, behaving in a friendly way while hiding their real intentions with a smile. They cannot rid themselves of the Six Bandits (sight, hearing, smell, taste, touch, thought) that plunder the mind. They are on the verge of falling into the hole of flames of the Three Evil Realms: hell, hungry spirits, beasts. If Amida Buddha were not standing, ready to reach all sentient beings quickly, how would they be able to escape from this delusional prison? Amida Buddha has a firm grasp on all sentient beings to be able to take them immediately to the Pure Land. That is why he is always standing and never seated in meditation when facing all sentient being.*

Compared to the many statues of the seated Buddha, Amida Buddha's statue in our sect is standing because of the deep influence by this interpretation of Shan-tao. There is a big difference between Amida Buddha depicted standing while many other Buddhas are shown seated in meditation.

For example, imagine that you are on a picnic with your young child, having lunch by a lake. As you eat, your child begins to wander toward the water. The moment you glance over, they slip into the lake. What would you do in that moment?

Of course, the moment you see your child fall into the lake, you will immediately break into a run. Without a second thought, you will dive into the water to save them. Then you will hold them tightly in your arms and carry them safely to shore. The instinct of a parent - who immediately leaps forward and dives into the water to save their child from drowning - is reflected in the standing posture of Amida Buddha.

And notice also that the standing Amida Buddha leans slightly forward. This demonstrates the ultimate heart of the great compassion that has already come to us and embraced us.

In other words, Amida Buddha rises up as quickly as possible to save us - we who are constantly swept away by our afflictions and struggling as we drown in a boundless world of delusion. This shows the great compassion of Amida Buddha, who comes forth from the Pure Land and without hesitation dives into this world of suffering.

We can find deeper meaning in the posture of the Amida Buddha statue. His right hand is raised, symbolizing infinite wisdom that beckons all sentient beings to the Pure Land. His left hand is lowered to express his infinite compassion, embracing and saving all who suffer. Through the image of Amida Buddha, which embodies the ultimate vow to embrace all sentient beings and never abandon them - we come to understand the heart of *Namo Amida Butsu*, the working of wisdom and compassion.

Because we humans live in a chaotic world where conflicts never cease, it is most important that we rely on the great compassion of Amida Buddha, maintain a spirit of humility within ourselves, and as Nembutsu followers put service to others into practice. This means living each day in gratitude, and seeking to repay the boundless compassion we receive through Amida Buddha's working. May each of us cherish a heart that cares about and supports others and, by respecting one another, strives to expand - even if it is only little by little - a circle of peace and harmony in this world.

In Gassho,

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇二六年五月法話

ー大悲心を学ぶー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

私達は「み仏に参る」という言葉を口にしますが、本来の意味は「学ぶ」という意味で、み仏の教えを通じて、我が身の生き方を尋ねることを、「み仏に参る」といいます。学ぶといえば、学校教育を思い起こしますが、知能技能を磨いて、有為な人材に成ることと仏法の学びとでは全く違います。

蓮如上人は『御一代記聞書』に、「どれほど聖教をよく学び知ったとしても、我が身の他力の安心（信心）をしっかり定めなければ、無意味なことである」とお示し下さっています。

阿弥陀仏の摂取不捨の誓願に遇って、よろこびと感謝の心で信心の智慧をいただく、つまり、阿弥陀仏の大悲心を学ぶことが仏教の学びであり、「仏に参る」ということなのです。

皆さんもご存じのように、浄土真宗の阿弥陀仏は、蓮台の上にお立ちになっておられます。諸宗派の寺院では、多くの仏さまは端座しておられるのがほとんどです。これは座禅を組んでおられるお姿であり、修行によって悟りを開かれたお姿です。そして、衆生に対して、自らの力で修行を積んで、煩悩を断ち、仏の世界へ来なさいと呼びかけておられます。すなわち、座像は座って待っているお姿ともいえます

一方、浄土真宗のご本尊は「南無阿弥陀仏」ですが、お木像やご絵像になると、阿弥陀仏は必ずお立ちになっておられます。ですから、私たちの御宮殿には阿弥陀仏の美しい立像が安置されています。

『観無量寿経』という経典の中の『華座観』に「無量寿仏、空中に住立したまふ」という有名なお言葉があります。このお姿について、七高僧の一人である善導大師は『観経疏』の中で次のように解釈されています。

「阿弥陀仏が空中でお立ちになられているのは、衆生が心を向けて信じ、浄土に生まれようと願うならば、すみやかに往生できることを表している。阿弥陀仏は尊高で軽々しい振る舞いはなさらないはずなのに、その本願にたがわずに姿を現されたのであれば、立ったままではなく、どうしてお座りになって衆生に向かわれないのか。それは、如来には深い思召しがあるからです。娑婆は苦しい世界であって、いろんな悪人が同居し、八苦に苦しめられ、ともすれば互いに背き、心をいつわり親しんで笑みを浮べている。いつも六つの賊（煩悩を引き起こす六根―眼・耳・鼻・舌・身・意）がつき随って、三悪（地獄・餓鬼・畜生）の火の坑にまさに陥ろうとしている。もし阿弥陀仏が足を上げて、急いで衆生を救われなかったら、衆生はどうしてこの迷いの牢獄から免れることができようか。こういうわけで、立ちながら衆生をつまみ撮って行かれ、座って衆生におもむくことをなさらないのである」―と。

多くの仏像が座像であるのに対し、浄土真宗のご本尊が立像であるのは、この善導大師の解釈が深く影響されているからに他なりません。このお姿を、「立撮即行」といいますが、お立ちになった阿弥陀仏と端座されている諸仏との間には大きな違いがあります。

例えば、幼い我が子とピクニックに出かけ、池のほとりでお弁当を食べているとしましょう。その際、幼いこどもが池の方に向かって歩きだします。あなたが子供に目を向けた瞬間、子供は足を滑らせて池の中に転落してしまいます。その時、あなたは一体どういう行動をとるでしょうか。

もちろん、子供が池に落ちた瞬間、足はその方向に動き出しているはずです。そして、ためらうことなく池の中に飛び込んで子供を助けに行くに違いありません。しっかりと我が子を抱き上げながら無事に岸へと渡すでしょう。

池の中へ沈みゆく我が子を助けずにはいられないと、即座に立ち上がって、無我夢中で池の中へ飛び込む―この親の姿こそ正に、阿弥陀仏がお立ちになられた尊いお姿なのです。

更には、阿弥陀仏のお木像は上体が少し前に傾いておられます。これは、もう既に私達のもとへ駆け寄って、抱きかかえて下さっている大悲心の究極の表れなのです。

つまり、阿弥陀仏が、日々煩悩に翻弄されて、底知れない迷いの世界で溺れ苦しんでいる私達をいち早く救おうと立ち上がり、仏自身が浄土からこの娑婆世界に飛びこんでおられるのです。そして、それは必ず悟りの世界、浄土へ生まれさせようとはたらいて下さっている大悲の心を表わしたものなのです。

また、阿弥陀仏の右手は、限りない智慧と衆生を浄土に招いている相を表し、下に下げた左手は、限りない慈悲をもって苦悩する衆生を救う相を示しておられます。全ての衆生を摂め取って捨てずという究極のお心を阿弥陀仏のお姿にいただいて、智慧と慈悲のはたらきである「南無阿弥陀仏」の心を私たちは学ばせていただくのです。

この争いの絶えない混沌とした世の中だからこそ、阿弥陀仏の大悲を依りどころとし、自らには慎みの心を忘れず、他に向かっては奉仕を実践する念仏者としての報恩謝徳の日暮らしを送ることが最も大切なことなのです。どうか、一人ひとりが他人を思いやり、いたわる心を大切にし、互いに尊重し合いながら少しでも安穏の輪が広がっていくよう、努めてまいりましょう。

MVBT's Annual Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser
Sunday May 3, 2026

The 2026 MVBT Chicken Teriyaki Committee would like to thank everyone who supported our fundraising efforts this year! We really appreciate your generosity and support!

Please be on the lookout for volunteer sign-ups in the very near future as we could really use your help for set-up, chicken cleaning, marinating, cooking and clean-up.

In Gassho,
Zones 4 & 8

Putra says
"Volunteer to help for set-up, chicken cleaning, marinating, cooking & clean-up"

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

Miroku News

Monthly Meeting

Miroku held our monthly meeting on April 5, spending the time continuing with our pipe cleaner flowers. We also spent some time working on our Sangha presentation, which we will be displaying on Sunday, April 26.

Like every meeting, we wrapped up our session by checking the AED units on the Temple grounds.

Activities for May

If you are interested in purchasing some yummy snacks, our **Bake Sale** will be held after service on May 3.

Since Mother's Day is also coming up, show your mom that you care by purchasing some **homemade pipe cleaner flowers** (also sold on May 3).

May 3 is also the **Chicken Teriyaki pickup**.

In Gassho,
Kelly Tao
8th Grade Miroku

MIROKU
middle school group

Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Spring Ohigan
Hanamatsuri / Hatsumairi
Gotan-e / Obon

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

Middle School / Miroku Dana Project: Canine Companions

The Middle School Dharma Class and Miroku members voted to select Canine Companions as their 2026 Dana Project. Canine Companions is a leading provider of service dogs for adults, children and veterans with disabilities. They also provide dogs to professionals working in healthcare, criminal justice and educational settings. Their dogs are provided at no cost to clients.

Visited Canine Companions Chapter

We visited the local chapter and participated in puppy training. The dogs were adorable and full of energy! Puppies are trained with volunteers for 1.5 years before going through professional training if they make the grade. Once formal training is completed, dogs "graduate" and are placed.

Donate to Miroku Dana Project

Please support our efforts to raise money for this worthy cause.

- We are having a **bake sale** on Sunday, May 3.
- We are also **selling pipe cleaner flowers** just in time for Mother's Day.

We will accept cash, checks and Venmo on May 3.

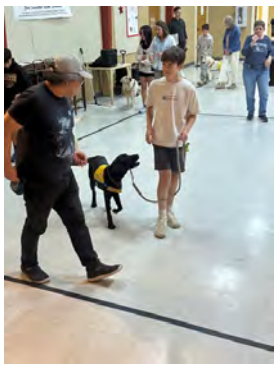
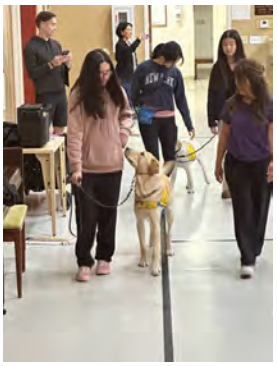
If you can't attend in person, you can make checks payable to "MVBT Dharma School" with a note "Canine Companions" and send it to the Temple office.

You can also get to the Temple donation page at the URL:

https://tinyurl.com/2026CanineCompanion

or, scan the QR code below. Then, select "Miroku/Dharma School Dana Project."

Thank you for your support!
Middle School Dharma Class and Miroku

2026 150 Club News

At the April Board meeting of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, the April winners were announced as Bryce and Weston Tsuchida.

Congratulation to Bryce & Weston!

Thank you to everyone for participating in 150 Club!

Stay Safe!

150 Club Committee

Toban & Echo Schedule

Toban & Echo	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Sent to Sangha
MAY	Zones 12 & 13	N / A	N / A
JUNE	Zones 2 & 3	May 15 (Fri)	May 20 (Wed)
JULY	Zones 4 & 5	June 12 (Fri)	June 17 (Wed)

Please note the 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 .

MVBT Membership Committee News

77% of our Members have Renewed their Membership for 2026

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank to everyone for their continued investment in the Mountain View Buddhist Temple! Without your support we wouldn't be able to continuously provide our Sangha with valuable benefits and actively develop our programs. Put simply, you make what we do possible.

JOIN OR RENEW ONLINE

JOIN or RENEW your Membership TODAY, by going to the MVBT website main page Membership Info.

YOUR MVBT COMMUNITY

Remember, Membership at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple isn't 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.

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

Please email us at membership@mvbuddhisttemple.org with your questions or suggestions.

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

Join Us in Welcoming Our New Members!

Introduced at the April 5 Sunday Service

New members to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple were introduced at April 5 Sunday Service.

Welcome to Our New Members!

We have 18 new members who joined our Sangha since May 2025. Please welcome them as you see them at services or during any of our activities.

New members who joined from May 2025 to April 2026 are as follows.

Zone 4: Casey Fabre
Kathy Mayeda
Aimee Smith

Zone 5: Leemin Chong
Meredith & Randy Iwashita
JoAnn Mow
Kari Murakami
Grace Nishikawa

Zone 8: Jordyn Sato

Zone 10: Tina Chan
Candace Murata

Zone 13: Atsuko Jenks

Zone C: Janie Curtis
Norm Higa
Karolyn Highsmith
Takae Hirano
David Ujita
Hiroyuki Yokoyama

In Gassho,
MVBT Membership Committee

From Left:
Bob Yamanaga (Membership Committee),
Atsuko Jenks & Rev. Mukojima

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MVBT 2026 Obon Festival & Bazaar Coming on July 18 & 19!

This year, Obon is under the combined leadership of Zones 9 and 12.
We are actively in the planning process and are grateful for everyone's help and support in the coming months. We've engaged different leaders within our zones to handle different aspects of planning and execution, but folks can reach out to

Doug Sawamura (doug@sawamura.com) or

Glenn Kitasoe (gkitasoe@gmail.com)

as your main points of contact.

ABOVE PHOTOS: 2025 Obon Festival & Bazaar

ABOVE PHOTOS: Flower Shop at 2025 Obon Festival & Bazaar

WANTED PLANT & FLOWER DONATIONS

The 2026 Obon Festival Flower Shop would welcome any plant or flower donations from our home growers.

If you are able to contribute, please contact Leslie Imai at (650) 303-3001 or leslie.imai@gmail.com.

Please drop the plants off at the Flower Shop on Friday evening, July17, or Saturday morning, July 18.

Thank you

Hatsumairi: Held Sunday, April 12

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple held its Hatsumairi Service combined with our Hanamatsuri Service on April 12. One child was presented in front of the Onaijin to the Amida Buddha.

The child's family, witnessed by many Sangha members, brought their young child before the image of the Buddha to celebrate their new life as Buddha's children.

In Gassho,
Mountain View Buddhist Temple

Family at Hatsumairi Service
From Left: Sensei John, Rev. Mukojima, Ian, Niko, Alyssa, Leslie & Bob

Child	Birthday	Parents
Niko Chase Imai	May 7, 2025	Alyssa Amy Imai & Ian Thomas Chase

Dharma School News

MVBT Dharma School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Dharma School on April 19

There will be no Dharma School classes on Sunday, April 19, due to the Federation of Dharma School Teachers' Leagues (FDSTL) Conference at the Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple. This year, **Curt Fukuda**, **Debby Inenaga**, **Carol Yonemura**, **Joan Aoki** and **Brent Izutsu** will be attending on behalf of Mountain View Buddhist Temple's Dharma School.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Hanamatsuri

Hanamatsuri Service and after service activities were held on Sunday, April 12.

The high school class hosted a trivia game during service, and the younger classes shared a special presentation of "All You Need is Love" by the Beatles and "Happy Birthday To You, Dear Buddha" during the Hanamatsuri luncheon in the Sangha Hall following service.

A special thank you to **Aly Olivera** for coordinating the Dharma School displays, **Cheryl Shay**, **Mari Ueda-Tao** and **Barry Tao** for coordinating the luncheon, and the **BWA** for generously providing the cake for dessert!

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

MVBT Girl Scout Troop 60736

Dharma Talk

On Girl Scout Sunday, March 22, the Scouts gave a Dharma Talk with some history of our troop as well as some reflections on gratitude. This is an excerpt from their talk:

In early 2007, **Auntie Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto** wanted to start a Girl Scout Troop that would be affiliated with the MVBT. And she did just that! Our MVBT Troop 60736 was born with 9 Daisies, 8 Brownies, 2 leaders and lots of helpers.

We were a parent run troop and parents participated in all aspects of running our troop. It was this interdependence between the parents, leaders and girls that made our troop run so smoothly. Today we're much smaller, but we represent almost all levels: we have 1 Daisy, 1 Junior, 2 Cadettes, 1 Senior and 1 Ambassador.

We have always tried to instill some aspects of Buddhism into our Troop activities. At Temple services, we have recited the Golden Chain, the Six Paramitas, the Eightfold Path, and the Daily Creed, which emphasize compassion, gratitude and community service. As Girl Scouts, we have learned the Girl Scout Promise and the Girl Scout Law, which focus on leadership, service and character.

First picture of Girl Scout Troop 60736. September 2007

Girl Scouting and Buddhism share a focus on building character, compassion and ethical behavior. Both emphasize helping others and working for the betterment of the world, and both emphasize women's empowerment and leadership…and gratitude. Some examples include gratitude to Reverend Mukojima, who has always shown such support to our troop, and whose daughter started as a Daisy and will graduate High School and Girl Scouts this year. We share our gratitude to the BWA for being role models to our Scouts and also allowing us to learn about planning and hosting events through our yearly luncheons we throw as a thank you. We share gratitude for our Sangha for supporting our many fundraisers throughout the years. And of course, gratitude to our Auntie Naomi for starting us on this path!

BWA Luncheon

The Girl Scouts hosted their annual luncheon for the BWA. There were 17 members of the BWA, and Reverend Mukojima, in attendance and were treated to a "Tea Party" themed luncheon.

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop 60736

Girl Scouts BWA Luncheon, April 2026

BWA News

Buddhist Women's Association

BWA ACTIVITIES

Passing of BWA Member

Aggie Hirotsu was a long-time member of our BWA. Mrs. Hirotsu will be remembered for her kindness and her exceptional cooking skills. Our heartfelt condolences to the Hirotsu family.

Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

BWA will be making our delicious cabbage tsukemono for the May 3rd Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser.

- Make tsukemono
  Friday, May 1, 8 am – 11 am,
  Sangha Hall
- Pack tsukemono
  Saturday, May 2, 9 am – 10:30 am,
  Sangha Hall

Girl Scout Troup 60736 Afternoon Tea Luncheon for BWA

On Saturday, April 4, seventeen of our BWA members and Sensei Mukojima were Guests of Honors at a luncheon hosted by our Temple Girl Scout Troup 60736. The Girl Scouts (**Kurumi M.**, **Hayden S.**, **Ava Y.**, **Keiko T.**, **Kelly T.** and **Addie H.**) planned and prepared a very special tea luncheon. Supporting them were troop leaders (**Mari Ueda-Tao**, **Jill Nishimoto**, **Debbie Ho**, **Patty Sakuma** and **Joan Aoki**) and their parents.

Even better than high tea at a fancy hotel, the Girl Scouts served us our choice of teas, assorted tea sandwiches, scones with a trio of filling choices, fruit cup and assorted desserts. All attendees received a tea cup favor with tea.

Our BWA ladies enjoyed conversing with the Girl Scouts during lunch. In addition, three lucky attendees with a special dot underneath their tea cup favor received a beautiful mini orchid plant.

Domo arigato gozaimasu to all the Girl Scouts and their leaders for treating our BWA to such a wonderful event and for making us feel so special.

In Gassho,
Shirley Matsumoto
BWA President

MVBT BWA with GS Troop 60736

Keiko, Ava, Kurumi and Hayden
(not pictured Kelly and Addie)

Elegant table setting

Delicious tea sandwiches

MVBT YBA News

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Bay District YBA Conference

YBA attended the Bay District Jr. YBA Conference on March 21. Members got to attend several fun workshops and enjoy dinner and a social at the end of the night.

YBA Cabinet Nominations

We have started collecting nominations for the 2026-2027 YBA cabinet, and we will have elections at our next meeting in May.

COMING UP!

Mother's Day Brunch

YBA is excited to host the Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 10. We are planning days to make corsages that will be handed out at the brunch before service on Mother's Day.

Hawaiian Breakfast

YBA has begun planning our Hawaiian Breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, June 7. More details will be coming soon.

Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

YBA plans on helping the Temple with packing chicken teriyaki on Sunday, May 3.

In Gassho,
Emi Hirabayashi
2025-2026 YBA President

Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) News

Mountain View Buddhist Temple ABA

Life Skills presented by ABA

The Auto Maintenance and Emergency led by **Sterling Makishima** and crew was postponed for April and will be rescheduled in May.

Alta Mesa Cemetery Cleanup

ABA's Annual Alta Mesa Cemetery cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, at 10:00 am. We will meet at the Japanese Section. We will trim, wash and place flowers on the headstones in the Japanese Area of the cemetery of those Temple and community members who have passed on.

We have invited Miroku and Girl Scouts to join us again this year.

Join us as we honor those that have passed on before us.

Join ABA

Interested in joining ABA and being part of a like-minded group.

Feel free to contact **Reiko Tsuchida** or **Mieko Nakano**, or just come to our meeting to see and meet other ABA members.

Save the Date

Our next ABA meeting is Friday, May 8, at 7:30 pm (Hybrid).

Gassho,
Glenn Kitasoe
MVBT Adult Buddhist Association

Pioneers Memorial Monument at Alta Mesa Memorial Park.

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The memorial was built in 1939 to honor those Japanese who died here with no family left to remember them and to manage their graves.

Cleaned Up Japanese Area of Alta Mesa Cemetery in 2025

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May 21: We have planned another fun day of BINGO. A popular demand by our Seniors. Join us to win BINGO prizes and have lunch with your friends. Lunch is served at 11:30 am and BINGO starts at 12:30 pm.

Every is welcome.

Thursday, June 11: Another day of BINGO is planned. Enjoy the day with your friends. Lunch at 11:30 am with BINGO following at 12:30 pm.

Last Day of Senior Activities: Also, June 11 will be our last day of our Thursday Senior Activities program until Thursday, September 10, 2026. Mark this date on your calendar.

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

A light refreshment is provided, also coffee and tea.

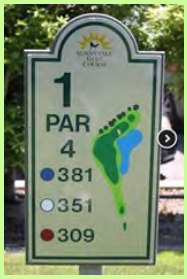
Everyone is welcome.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

Join the MVBT Sangha

- **Seven membership categories — One will fit you**
- **Build & Support your Sangha, so that we can learn & live the teachings of the Dharma**
- **Impermanence & Interdependence — we are in this together**

Sunnyvale Golf



Save the Date

Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament

at

Sunnyvale Golf Course

Saturday, August 22

Fundraiser for Sasaki Memorial Scholarship

May Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

May

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for May to be held on Sunday, May 3

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

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

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

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

E-mail **reverend@mvbuddhisttemple.org**

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

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

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

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 **7p-8:30p** Buddhist Discussion Group	**2** **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	**3** **6p-9p** Boy Scouts **7p-9p** Boy Scouts	**4** **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**5** **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**6**
7 **6:30a-11a** YBA Breakfast Fundraiser (7 am - 11 am) **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	**8**	**9** **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	**10** **7p-9p** Boy Scouts **7:30p-9:30p** MVBT Board Meeting	**11** **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**12** **6p-10p** ABA General Meeting **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**13** **9a-12p** BWA Meeting
14 Flag Day **10a-12p** Graduation Service & Dharma School **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**15**	**16** **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	**17** **7p-9p** Boy Scouts	**18** **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**19** **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**20**
21 Father's Day **10a-11a** Fathers' Day Service **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**22**	**23** **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	**24** **7p-9p** Boy Scouts	**25** **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**26** **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**27**
28 **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**29** **7:30p-8:30p** RPC Meeting	**30** **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				

Upcoming Events

June 14, 2026, Sunday
Graduation Service

June 21, 2026, Sunday
Father's Day Service

July 12, 2026, Sunday
Obon / Urabon-e Service

September 13, 2026, Sunday
Fall Ohigan Service

September 27, 2026, Sunday
Sangha Day Picnic

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Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Spring Ohigan / Hanamatsuri / Gotan-e

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

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

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