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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

June Highlights

- ***6/7, Sunday, 10:00 am, June & July Shotsuki Hoyo***
  - ***Dharma Talks by Graduating HS Seniors***
  - ***11:00 am: Japanese Language Service***
  - ***11:00 am: English Language Discussion***
- ***6/14, Sunday, 10:00 am,***
  - ***Graduation Service***
  - ***Dharma Talks by Graduating HS Seniors***
  - ***After Service, the Mukojima family is serving somen and the BWA is providing graduation cake***
- ***6/21, Sunday, 10:00 am***
  - ***Father's Day Service***
- ***6/28, Sunday, No Service***

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A Letter from My Father

A few weeks ago, while cleaning my room, I came across a letter my father had sent me seventeen years ago, during the New Year season following the birth of our daughter. My father rarely wrote letters, but through his words I could feel his deep care and concern for the three of us and his sincere wish for our family's happiness and our first child's healthy growth.

This month, our daughter will graduate from high school and will begin a new chapter in September as a college student. As we mark this important milestone, I found myself reading my father's letter once again. Doing so vividly brought back the joy my wife and I felt on the day our daughter was born, along with the many precious memories we have shared over the past seventeen years. I felt deep gratitude for our daughter's healthy growth and for the countless smiles and the joy she has brought into our lives. And as I reflected on how my parents, living far away in Japan, have always continued to wish for our family's happiness, my eyes naturally filled with tears.

Rev. Yushi Mukojima

I would like to share this letter from my father, which carries his heartfelt thoughts and wishes for our family:

Happy New Year, Yushi and Mika-*chan*!

I imagine that this New Year, your fourth in the U.S. as husband and wife, has brought even greater hope and joy than ever before. After all, it was the first New Year you welcomed together as a family of three, blessed last summer with the gift of a precious new life.

You named this exceedingly precious new life "Kurumi." Having rather forcefully exercised the special privilege of naming all three children born to your older brother's family, I had secretly been waiting for the chance to claim naming rights for the child born from the love between the two of you as well. However, that hope was quickly and thoroughly crushed by you.

"This is our child, so we will choose the name ourselves," you said. Your mother and I could only smile wryly and remark, "Just like a younger son - full of independence."

And the name you chose was "Kurumi." When I first heard it, feeling a little puzzled, I instinctively responded, "What?" It certainly sounded like a lovely name, but I wondered what hopes and wishes were contained in it.

Then the following morning, while chanting the *Shoshinge*, I came upon a certain passage and suddenly realized its meaning. "Ah, I see now - that was it all along. What a wonderful name, what a precious name. Namo Amida Butsu…" I found myself murmuring.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	**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** **7p-8:30p** Buddhist Discussion Group	**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** **7:30p-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**	**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				

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

Religious Planning — June 2026

June 7, 2026, Sunday, 10:00 am, June & July Shotsuki Hoyo

10:00 am Graduating High School Senior Speeches
11:00 am Japanese Language Service
11:00 am Engliish Language Discussion Group

June 8, 2026, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group, Zoom Meeting

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

June 14, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am — Graduation Service

10:00 am Graduating High School Senior Speeches
After service, the Mukojima family will serve somen & the BWA will provide a graduation cake

June 21, 2026, Sunday, 10:00 am, Father's Day Service

10:00 am No Zoom available

June 28, 2026, Sunday, No Sunday Service or Dharma School

July 12, 2026, Sunday, 10:00 am, Urabon-e Service & Hatsubon Service

Urabon-e: An annual memorial observance in honor of one's ancestors. Urabon-e, the ShinBuddhist Obon tradition, translates to a "Gathering of Joy" indicating we should celebrate the memories of our past ancestors.

Hatsubon: A special observance during the first Urabon-e service following the passingof a loved one.

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Ken Fujimoto**, retired BCA minister

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 I nto the Dana Box
Or
Go to MVBT website & Press the "Donate"

Shotsuki Hoyo Service **Discussion Group** **Dharma School - 11:00 am**

Check Temple Website for latest information about Temple activities

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

A Letter from My Father - Cont'd

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This realization came to me while reciting the twenty-first through the twenty-fourth verses of the *Shoshinge*, which read:

Shakyamuni Tathagata appeared in this world
Solely to teach the ocean-like Primal Vow of Amida.
We, an ocean of beings in an evil age of five defilements,
Should entrust ourselves to the Tathagata's words of truth.

「応信如来如実言」—"Should entrust ourselves to the Tathagata's words of truth."

It was here that I found the meaning of the name "Kurumi" **(来実)**. "The Tathagata's words of truth" refer to the true teaching revealed by Shakyamuni Buddha - the teaching of the Nembutsu of the Primal Vow, through which Amida Buddha vowed never to abandon any living being.

I came to realize that the name "Kurumi" expresses the wisdom (light) and compassion (life) of Amida Buddha. In other words, it reflects the Primal Vow itself.

The name you chose was uniquely beautiful - both charming and deeply meaningful, filled with all the hopes and wishes you held as parents. I once again admire the thought and care you put into choosing that name.

Last October, the two of you returned to Japan with Kurumi, who was not yet three months old. Do you remember the closing words of the *hyobyakumon*, the aspiration I read during the *Hatsumairi* [infant presentation ceremony] on that occasion? They were:

"May the parents realize that planting the seed of the Dharma in their child and nurturing it is the great responsibility of mother and father. May they continually reflect upon themselves and hold the Jodo Shinshu teaching ever more deeply in their hearts as they raise this child of the Buddha."

Now little Kurumi has been born into this rare human life and is surrounded by the love of you two. My deepest hope is that she will grow into someone who truly lives as a human being. And for that to happen, is it not essential that you, as her parents, first strive to live as true human beings yourselves?

Yushi, through immeasurable karmic causes and conditions, you were born into a Jodo Shinshu temple family. And through further karmic ties, you now serve as a BCA minister, sharing the joy of the Dharma with the Sangha members in the U.S. Mika-*chan* chose to walk beside you, fully aware of the life and responsibilities that come with your path. Living and raising a child in a foreign country can hardly be easy. And yet, you have the Nembutsu.

Our founder Shinran said, "Through the Nembutsu, one enters the great path of unobstructed freedom." A life lived in the Nembutsu is itself a path that nothing can obstruct—a steady way of living in which one is neither broken by the waves of hardship nor carried away by moments of happiness. In this way, one walks an unshakable path, embodying what it truly means to live as a human being.

Please raise your precious child in a home filled with the fragrance of the Nembutsu. And may the name "Kurumi" become her very life and guiding presence as she grows. You are parents who are, in a sense, also "zero years old" alongside Kurumi. You all began this journey together from the same starting point. Please remember that there are grandparents - your parents - living far away in Japan who continue to send you endless encouragement and love.

Once again, Happy New Year!

Rereading my father's letter for the first time in seventeen years, what I am feeling once again is a deep sense of gratitude to all the members and Dharma friends of our temple community who have continued to watch over our family with unwavering warmth since my assignment to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. Because of your presence, we have been able to bring our daughter this far. I would like to express my sincere thanks for each and every act of support we have received.

In Gassho,

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇二六年六月法話
ー父からの手紙ー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

先日、部屋の片づけをしていると、父から届いた一通の手紙が出てきました。それは今から十七年前、娘が生まれた翌年の正月に送られてきたものです。父から手紙をもらうことはめったにありませんが、そこには、私たち親子三人を気遣う父の想いが込められており、家族の幸せと成長を願う深い愛情が感じられました。

今月、娘は高校を卒業し、九月から大学生活という新たな一歩を踏み出します。節目を迎え、改めて父の手紙を読み返すと、娘が生まれた日の喜びや、この十七年間のかけがえのない思い出が鮮やかによみがえってきました。娘が元気に成長し、たくさんの笑顔をもたらしてくれたことへの感謝―。そして、遠く日本に暮らす両親が、いつも私たち家族の幸せを願い続けてくれていたことを思うと、自然と目頭が熱くなりました。

そんな父の想いが込められた手紙を、今月は紹介したいと思います。

―新年あけましておめでとう。夫婦となって四回目の元旦を米国で迎えたあなた達にとって、今年は今までにも増して大きな希望に満ちた新年になったことと拝察しています。それは、昨年夏、不思議なご縁によって恵まれた、かけがいのない「いのち」と共に初めて迎える親子三人の新しい年だったからです。

あなたたちはこの極めて得難い「いのち」に、『来実』と名づけました。兄ちゃん夫婦の間に授かった子供三人の名付け親の特権を無理やり行使した私にとって、次はあなたたち夫婦の愛の結晶への命名権もと、手ぐすね引いて待ち受けていたのですが、その望みはお二人によってものの見事に粉砕されました。「僕たちの子供なのだから、僕たちで考える」と。「さすがに次男坊、独立心旺盛」とお母さんと苦笑したことです。

そして決まった名前が『来実』。最初にそれを聞かされたとき、思わず「なに?」と戸惑いました。確かに可愛い名前ではあるけれど、その名前に込められた親の願いは何なのかと。しかし、翌朝、正信偈をお勤めしていたとき、ある個所へ来て、はたと気づかされ、「ああそうなんだ、そうだったのだ。良い名前だ、有難い名前だ。なんまんだぶ」と、思わずつぶやいたことでした。

それは、正信偈の第二十一句目から始まります。

如来所以興出世　唯説弥陀本願海
五濁悪時群生海　応信如来如実言

「釈尊が世に出られたわけは、ただ阿弥陀仏の本願一乗海の教えをお説きになるためでした。五つの濁りに満ちた末法の悪世に住み惑う私たちには釈尊の真実のお言葉こそ、まさに信ずべきものであります」

「応信如来如実言」。ここに来実の名前がありました。「如来如実言」とは、お釈迦さまの説かれた真の教えであり、阿弥陀仏が全ての衆生を救わずにはおかぬと誓われた本願念仏の教えのことです。

『来実』という名前、それは阿弥陀仏の智慧(ひかり)と慈悲(いのち)のお心、すなわち本願そのものであったと気づかされたのです。

親としてのあなたたちの思いの全てがこもった、本当に可愛らしくも内容のある、素晴らしい命名でした。あらためて敬意をはらいましょう。

さて、昨年十月、あなたたちは生後三カ月に満たない来実ちゃんと共に帰国してくれましたが、その際、執り行った初参式で読ませていただいた表白文の最後にこうあったのを覚えているでしょうか。

それは、「希くば今より後、吾子の法種を長養するは、その父母に俟つこと大なるを自覚し、常に自らの行業を省みて、益々当流の教法を伝持しつつ、誓って仏の子を育てまつらん」でしたね。

今、生まれ難い人間に生まれて、あなたたちの愛情をその一身に浴びている来実ちゃんを、人間として本当に生きる人に育ててほしいのです。そのために大切なことは、親であるあなたたちが、まず、本当の人間として生きることではないでしょうか。

裕史、君は計り知れないご縁によって浄土真宗の寺院の子弟として生を受け、さらなるご縁に恵まれて今、北米開教使としてアメリカのご門徒の方々と共にあります。美香ちゃんは、その君の立場を覚悟の上で連れ添ってくれました。異国での生活、子育てが容易でないことは想像に難くありません。しかし、あなたたちにはお念仏があります。

親鸞聖人は「念仏者は無碍の一道なり」と仰せられました。お念仏を申して生きる人生こそ、何ものにも妨げられない一筋の道であり、打ち寄せる苦労にくじけるでもなく、幸せに舞い上がるでもない、着実な歩みをすすめることのできる本当の人間として生きる姿がそこにあるのです。

どうかお念仏の香る家庭で、来実を育んでください。

そして、来実という名前が、彼女自身の「いのち」となり、「はたらき」となっていくように育ててやって下さい。

共にゼロ歳からのスタート台に立った親としてのあなたたちと来実ちゃんに、遠く小浜の地から限りないエールを送り続けている父母、祖父母がいることを忘れないで下さい。―以上、父からの手紙より。

父からの手紙を十七年ぶりに読み返し、今あらためて感じるのは、マウンテンビュー仏教会赴任以来、私たち家族を変わらぬ温かさで見守り続けてくださったご門徒の皆さまへの深い感謝の思いです。その一つひとつのお支えに、心より御礼申し上げます。

Dharma School News

MVBT Dharma School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Speeches

Personal reflections of Temple experiences by our graduating high school seniors have started. On Sunday, May 17, **Rebecca Kunze** and **Jason Lai** shared their recollections and personal connections to the Temple.

Upcoming Speeches:

May 31: **Kaila Matsumoto**, **Emi Hirabayashi** and **Ella Weeks**

June 7: **Dylan Ishida**, **Kiyomi St. John** and **Kendall Inouye**

June 14: **Kurumi Mukojima**, **Jillian Lee** and **Kylie Uyekubo**

FDSTL Conference

This year's Federation of Dharma School Teachers' Leagues (FDSTL) Conference was hosted by the Central California Dharma School Teachers' League (CCDSTL) on Saturday, April 18, and held at the Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple. The theme for this year's conference was "Making the Dharma Come Alive," with presentations by **Bishop Marvin Harada** and **Yasu Ishida**, who is a magician, storyteller and artist.

HIGHLIGHTS

May Birthday

On Sunday, May 3, the Sangha celebrated birthdays of Dharma School students Cobie, Logan and Amy.

May Birthday Celebrations
FROM LEFT: Brent Izutsu, Cobie, Logan, Amy & Rev. Mukojima

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Chicken Teriyaki Cooking Crew Brunch

A BIG MAHALO goes to **Debbie Sato**, **Sharon Tsukahara**, **Betty Hamasaki**, **Pauline Shinkawa**, **Debbie Inenaga, Jordyn Sato** and **Kim Tsuchida** for their assistance with preparing brunch on Saturday, May 2, for the Chicken Teriyaki cooking crew on behalf of Dharma School!

Donations

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

- **Kelsey Nakano and Ricky Chu**
- **Ryan and Janell Tao**
  In Appreciation of the Dharma School Calendars

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

LEFT & ABOVE: Photos at FDSTL Conference

MVBT YBA News

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

Mother's Day Brunch

Our YBA planned the Mother's Day Brunch for the Temple. We hope everyone enjoyed the brunch and the corsages that the YBA provided for the Sangha's moms.

Hawaiian Breakfast

We will have our Hawaiian Breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, June 7. We will provide breakfast before service starting at 8 am; we look forward to seeing you there.

Tickets for adults are $12 and tickets for kids are $10.

YBA Elections / Cabinet for Next Year

At the YBA Meeting in May, we held elections for next year's cabinet. We will be holding a special election for the position of Coast District Representative at the next meeting.

Listed below is the 2026-2027 cabinet for next year, excluding CD Representative

President:..... Jeremy Tao

VP Fundraising: ..... Cassidy Ishida

VP Activities: ..... Kimi Aquino

Treasurer: ..... Tyler Uyekubo

Religious Chair: ..... Odin Vignola

Recording Secretary: ..... Sophia Eng

Corresponding Secretary ..... Garret Tao

CD Representative: ..... TBD

Historian: ..... Ko Hirabayashi

In Gassho,
Emi Hirabayashi
2025-2026 YBA President

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

ABA Cemetary Cleanup

The troop was able to send a few representatives to join in with the ABA annual Alta Mesa Cemetery Cleanup. We're thankful for this opportunity to give back each year.

May Meeting

The Troop gathered for their May meeting and made glass mosaic tile coasters for Mother's Day gifts. They learned the importance of showing appreciation and kindness. Our Daisy earned her Spring Green petal for Consideration and Caring.

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop 60736

FBWA Conference: October 2-4, 2026 in San Diego

The 48th BCA FBWA Conference will be held October 2-4 at the DoubleTree by Hilton San Diego - Mission Valley. This year's theme, "*Kako wo Omoi, Asu wo Hiraku*," meaning "To Remember As We Build for Tomorrow," invites us to reflect on the contributions of those before us while moving forward together in community.

The weekend will feature keynote speakers, **Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi** and **Rev. Yuika Hasebe**; workshops; thoughtful discussions; and opportunities to connect with others in the Sangha.

This conference is open to BWA members and non-BWA members. Registration options include attending all three days or only the Saturday Banquet. The conference website link with more detailed registration information and hotel reservations is at:

https://tinyurl.com/2026-BCA-FBWA-Conference

The conference committee prefers a group registration by temple chapter. Please contact **Shirley Matsumoto** at mvbt.bwa@gmail.com for questions, a hard copy of registration packet or if you are interested in attending the conference. We will submit a group registration at the end of June or July.

In Gassho,
Shirley Matsumoto
BWA President

MVBT YBA Hawaiian Breakfast

Sunday, June 7, 8 am - 10 am

Do you love Asian and Hawaiian flavors in your breakfast? Do you also love supporting your temple and YBA? Join us for the 2026 YBA Hawaiian Breakfast!

Enjoy a delicious morning filled with traditional Hawaiian flavors, great company, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

The event will take place Sunday, June 7, from 8 - 10 am in Sangha Hall. Don't miss this chance to connect, celebrate, and savor an island-style breakfast, while supporting the YBA.

Tickets will be $12 for adults and $10 for kids - mahalo for your support!

Jotform for Hawaiian Breakfast:

https://tinyurl.com/2026-YBA-Hawaiian-Breakfast

Thank you for your support,
YBA Hawaiian Breakfast Committee

Miroku News

MONTHLY MEETING

Middle School / Miroku Dana Project: Canine Companions

Our Bake Sale and Pipe Cleaner Flower Sale to support the Middle School/Miroku Dana Project for Canine Companions was held after Sunday Service on May 3, and it was a great success. The Miroku students had a lot of fun, worked wonderfully together, and did an excellent job throughout the event. We were grateful for the strong turnout and are happy to share that we sold out of everything! We are continuing to gather donations to Canine Companions until the end of May.

Tables with Bake Sale & Pipe Cleaner Flowers

AED Checkup

We wrapped up the day by checking the AED units.

THANK YOU, BWA

We would like to extend our thanks to the BWA for generously donating their leftover tsukemono, as well as to the Temple for providing leftover rice from the Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser - both were a big hit.

THANK YOU, SANGHA

Finally, we would like to express our appreciation to the Sangha for their continued support- whether through donating baked goods, contributing financially, or simply showing up and encouraging the students. We are truly grateful.

In Gassho,
Jadine Yee,
Kelsey Nakano and
Stephanie Mori
Miroku Advisors

MIROKU

middle school group

MVBT Membership Committee News

仏 Buddha
法 Dharma
僧 Sangha

83% 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.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

We have two new members that joined our Sangha in April. Please welcome them as you see them at service or during any of our activities.

Cher Nishimoto	Zone 11
Seiichi Tanaka	Zone 6

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.

NEED HELP WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP

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."

QUESTIONS?

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

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

BWA News

BWA ACTIVITIES

Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

For the Temple's Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser on May 3, our BWA members and friends made our delicious cabbage *tsukemono* that was included in the bentos.

BWA Bake Sale Fundraiser Pictures

Thank you to our Sangha for supporting our very successful Bake Sale following the Hanamatsuri Service. We had a nice assortment of items for sale, and even scrubbies and *takuan*!

In Gassho,
Shirley Matsumoto
BWA President

ABOVE: Making Tsukemono for Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

ABOVE: Getting ready for Bake Sale

Upcoming Major Services

Obon / Hatsubon Service ..... July 13
Fall Ohigan Service ..... Sept 14
Bishops' Memorial & ..... Oct 12
ABA Memorial Service
Eitaikyo Service & ..... Nov 16
Keiro Kai Luncheon
Bodhi Day Service ..... Dec 7
New Year's Eve Service ..... Dec 31

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Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) News

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

ALTA MESA CEMETERY CLEANUP

The annual Alta Mesa Cemetery Cleanup was held on Saturday, April 19. This annual community service project is truly a meaningful gesture, and ABA is thrilled to have members from Miroku and the Girl Scouts join ABA again this year! The cleanup makes the Japanese/Asian area of the cemetery a beautiful place to visit.

While this was a collective effort, ABA gives a shoutout to:

- **Mel Inouye**: For negotiating the flower donation from the San Francisco Flower Market.
- The "Weed Whackers": **David Kariya** (who put in some extra overtime!), **Sterling Makishima**, **Peter Matsumoto**,and **Paul Sakuma** for their early Saturday start.
- **Alice Ishida** & **Judy Nakano**: For coordinating the delicious luncheon that fed our hungry tummies!

Thank you again for your effort and great company. It was wonderful to socialize while giving back to the community

The 87th Anniversary of Community Interfaith Service will be held on Saturday, May 24, from 9:30 am to 10:30 am in front of the Pioneers Memorial Monument that is in the center of the cleanup area.

CHICKEN TERIYAKI FUNDRAISER

For the Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser on May 2 & 3, ABA helped with the 2nd shift of barbecuing and cleanup on Saturday. On Sunday morning, ABA helped with packing of rice into containers for the bentos. Thanks to all the ABA members that volunteered.

MAY ABA MEETING

ABA had its monthly meeting on Friday, May 8. After the meeting, **Jamie Mah** presented an overview of "AI for Seniors." She emphasized AI should be

- Practical,
- Supportive,
- Safe and
- Private and
- Easy to Understand.

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

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.

NEXT MEETING

The next ABA meeting is Hybrid on Friday, June 12, at 7:30 pm.

In Gassho,
Glenn Kitasoe
ABA President

Above: *ABA, Miroku & Girl Scouts* **Below**: *All groups*

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:

Gary Tahara (gary.tahara@gmail.com) or

Doug Sawamura (doug.sawamura@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

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2026 MVBT Obon Festival & Bazaar
Donations & Lanterns Sponsorships

We invite you to join the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's Annual Obon Festival & Bazaar on July 18 and 19, 2026 and participate as a supporter.

Obon is a special time to honor and remember ancestors and loved ones we have lost to show our gratitude for how they have shaped our lives.

Please purchase customized Digital Lanterns and Sponsorship to commemorate the memory of your ancestors and lost loved ones. Digital Lanterns and Sponsor Names will available on the MVBT Obon Website through the end of the year.

Your donations not only help to support the Obon Lantern program, but also help MVBT's operational expenses, educational programs and affiliated organizations.

DONATIONS

You can make a donation on the "Support MVBT Obon" webpage. Go to:

https://obon.mvbuddhisttemple.org/donate/

DEADLINES

Digital Dedication Lanterns and Donations may be made until July 22, 2026.

QUESTIONS?

For the most updated information about this year's Obon Festival & Bazaar, please check the latest edition of Putra's Post or the MVBT website at:

https://obon.mvbuddhisttemple.org

If you have any additional questions, please send an email to obon @mvbuddhisttemple.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

In Gassho,
Zones 9 & 12
Obon Festival and Bazaar Committee

STANDARD LANTERNS

$25 Each. Up to 2 names or 50 characters per digital lantern

BECOME A MVBT OBON FESTIVAL DONOR

If you would like to donate $100 or more, we invite you to join us as an Obon sponsor.
In appreciation for your support, we offer the following additional benefits:

Lotus

$100 to $499

Lotus-decorated lanterns (one per $25 donated)
Recognition on website

Sakura

$500 to $999

Sakura-decorated lanterns (one per $25 donated)
Recognition on website

Wisteria

$1000 to $2500

Wisteria-decorated lanterns (unlimited)
Small logo on website

Chrysanthemum

$2500 and above

Custom photo/logo lanterns (unlimited)
Large logo on website

2026 Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

The 2026 Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser Committee would like to thank everyone who purchased Chicken Teriyaki Bentos and Chicken Salads this year!

We're happy to report that all bentos and chicken salads were sold. Everyone who ordered picked up their orders on time!

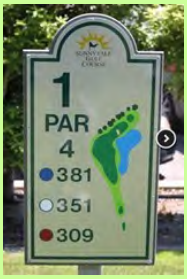
We're also so very grateful for all the help and guidance we received from all the individuals and groups who always step up to pull off a fundraiser of this magnitude. Your time and effort did not go unnoticed and we are humbled by your dana and support.

In Gassho,
2026 Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser Committee
Zones 4 & 8

Putra says, "Thank you to everyone for helping make the Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser very successful."

Sunnyvale Golf

Save the Date



Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament
at
Sunnyvale Golf Course
Saturday, August 22

Fundraiser for Sasaki Memorial Scholarship

SAVE THE DATE
SANGHA DAY PICNIC

DATE: ..... Sunday, September 27

LOCATION: .. Sangha Hall and Patio, MVBT

All Temple members & their families are invited.

COME JOIN THE FUN !!!

Zones 3 & 11

SAVE THE DATE

Keiro Kai Luncheon

Sunday, November 15

Come join us in celebrating and honoring our Seniors

Zones 6 & 7

MOCHI TSUKI
December 13

Komochi

Okasane

Zones 2 & 10

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Thursday, June 11: Another day of BINGO is planned. Enjoy the day with your friends. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am with BINGO following at 12:30 pm. There are prizes to be won.

Also, **June 11 will be our last day of our Senior Activities program before we take a summer break**. We will start up on Thursday, September 10, 2026. Mark this date on your calendar. Have a safe and healthy summer break. You will all be missed. Looking forward to seeing you back in September. Stay well.

Senior Activities Committee

We would like to welcome **David Ujita** to the Senior Activities Committee. He will be a great member and leader in our group.

In the past, **Julie Ushiba** has been leading us in our rhythm exercise every Thursday. She asked David to take charge of her exercise class and asked to relieve her. David agreed and has promoted his exercise class to a popular chair exercise that is a very easy exercise for our Seniors. Even Seniors using their walkers have enjoyed this chair exercise, a simple healthy technique for our Seniors. He keeps reminding us that inhaling and exhaling is very important in maintaining good healthy lungs. We are all enjoying this and staying healthy.

Thank you, David.

Obon Craft Booth

Jeanne Ohara is asking for donations for the Obon Craft Booth. If you have any useful items such as dishes, toys, books, any homemade craft and etc., they are welcome.

On Thursdays through June11, we are in the Sangha Hall and you can drop off from 9 am to 12 noon. Otherwise, you can drop them off at the Temple office and mark it for the Obon Craft Booth. For more information, call Jeanne Ohara.

Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you

SENIOR COOKBOOKS

Senior Cookbook is still available. It can be purchased at the Temple office or through our committee member. The price is $10 per cookbook. It 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

Light refreshment is provided that includes coffee and tea. Everyone is welcome.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

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BUDDHIST CHURCHES OF AMERICA

The BCA is hosting its 9th Annual Summer Youth Retreat. This amazing program is open to all high school age participants. It is an amazing week-long program hosted at Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley. This retreat has ministerial instructors, programs, activities, great food and field trips to broaden your understanding and appreciation of the Buddhist teachings. And each participant will walk away with a new found connection to Buddhism, as well as create new friendships that will last a lifetime.

Please share this information with any high school age youth at your temple. Don't miss this amazing opportunity.

Questions Contact Koichi at bkmizushima@bcahq.org

2026 150 Club News

At the May Board meeting of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, the May winners were announced as Sophia and Sydney Ng.

Congratulation to Sophia and Sydney !

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
JUNE	Zones 2 & 3	N / A	N / A
JULY	Zones 4 & 5	June 12 (Fri)	June 17 (Wed)
SEPT	Zones 6 & 7	Aug 14 (Fri)	Aug 19 (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 .

Mountain View Buddhist Temple's 39th Annual
Rev. and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament

When: **Saturday, August 22, 2026**

Course: **Sunnyvale Golf Course**
605 Macara Lane
Sunnyvale, CA 94085

Entry Deadline: **Wednesday, August 12, 2026.** You may make up your own foursome. Only the first 60 entries will be accepted. First come, first served.

Time: **First tee time at 10:00 am**
All Golfers must check in **45 Minutes Before** your tee time.
Tee times will be emailed to golfers on Monday, August 18.

Fee: **$190 per golfer** (Includes green fees & cart, dinner, prizes & appreciable contributions toward the Sasaki Scholarship Fund)

Carts are included this year.

BBQ Dinner: The dinner is scheduled for 5:00 pm at the MVBT Sangha Hall. Many golf and door prizes will be presented.

Non-golfers are invited to attend the dinner for $25. Dinner reservations must be made by **August 12, 2026**.

To Sign up Online & Pay by Credit Card: Go to https://tinyurl.com/2026-Sasaki-Golf-Signup

Or, Make checks payable to: "Mountain View Buddhist Temple" with Memo "*Sasaki Scholarship*"

Mail entry to: Steve Tsuchida
7618 Hollanderry Place
Cupertino, CA 95014

Questions: Email to mvbt.sasaki.golf@gmail.com or call Steve at 408-316-8319.

---------- Please mail this portion with your check ----------

37th Annual Rev. and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament

NAME	GHIN Number (Enter "0" if none. Callaway Handicap will be assigned)	Email Address
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

Golfers - $190 x number of golfers (includes dinner)	#	$
Dinner Only - $25 x number of people	#	$
Donation	**Thank You**	$
	Total Amount Due	$

Contact Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

e-mail address: _____

June & July

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for June & July to be held on Sunday, June 7

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

June & July 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 **June & July** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Shiro Abe	**Kisa Ruth Kamei**	**Bruce Okuno**
Dorothy Chikasuye	**Kevin Kamimoto**	**Masae Okuno**
Spencer Cowap	**Koyuki Kamimoto**	**Lily Omokawa**
Robyn Delgado	**Yasuto Kamimoto**	**Florence Ozawa**
Kazuo Domoto	**Iris Kawamoto**	**Ryu Ozawa**
Kazuko Eidmann	**Kojuro Kawamoto**	**Yoshio Ozawa**
Frank Fujii	**Yasu Kawamoto**	**Ken Sakamoto**
Kotome Fujii	**Norma Kochi**	**Mishi Sako**
Masakazu Fujii	**Albert Kosakura**	**Nizo Sako**
Nobu Fukuda	**Mitsue Koto**	**Hannah Sato**
George Furuichi	**Tayeko Kurashige**	**Tad Sawamura**
Mike Furusho	**George Akira Makishima**	**Suye Shimamoto**
James Furuta	**Kiyoshi Makishima**	**Mary Shimizu**
Tomoye Goto	**Erin Maruyama**	**Margaret Shinseki**
Shizue Haruta	**George Masuda**	**Ryo Shishido**
Ben Hayamizu	**Jimmy Matsuba**	**Dora Sugimoto**
Masako Hayamizu	**John Matsumoto**	**Trevor Sugimoto**
Grace Hayano	**Frank M. Matsumoto**	**Yuki Taniguchi**
Joe Hayano	**Jimmy Matsumoto**	**Barry Tokunaga**
Bessie Hayashida	**Shizuko Mayeda**	**Ted Tokunaga**
Mae Higaki	**Natsumi Michihira**	**Ito Tsukagawa**
Sidney Hiramoto	**Helen Miyake**	**Toshie Tsukamoto**
Masataka Hirabayashi	**Chizuko Murai**	**Irene Uchiyama**
Asa Hori	**Kazuko Nagatani**	**Kiyoshi Umeda**
Genzo Horino	**Bernice Nakagawa**	**Kazuko Watanabe**
Josephine Hoshiko	**Katsuki Nakagawa**	**Eiko Yamamoto**
Orden Yoshito Ichinaga	**Kuni Nakagawa**	**Ichiji Yanaba**
Akie Idota	**Shigeo Nakanishi**	**Kenji Yamane**
Kou Imai	**Megumi Nakano**	**Naoko Yamashita**
Yukishige Imai	**Tsuyoshi Nakashima**	**Imi Yasuda**
Kiyome Ishii	**Jim Nakayama**	**Goichi Yonemoto**
Takao Ishikawa	**Kiyo Ogata**	
John Ishizaka	**Takara Ogawa**	
Yotsu Iwata	**Mika Okita**	
Kenzo Kamei	**Ichitaro Okumura**	

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**

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Canada Day **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** **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**4** Independence Day
5 **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**	**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** **7:30p-10p** ABA General Meeting **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**11** **9a-12p** BWA Meeting
12 **10a-12p** Urabon-e/Hatsubon Service **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** **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**	**18**
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26 **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**27** **7:30p-8:30p** RPC Meeting	**28** World Hepatitis 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	**29** **7p-9p** Boy Scouts	**30** Int'l. Friendship Day **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**	

Upcoming Events

July 12, 2026, Sunday

- Obon / Urabon-e Service

July 18 - 19, 2026, Saturday & Sunday

- Obon Festival & Bazaar

September 13, 2026, Sunday

- Sunday Service & Dharma School begins
- Shotsuki Hoyo
- Fall Ohigan Service

September 27, 2025, Sunday

- Sangha Day Picnic

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